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(07) ENGLISH

Three hours

There are nine (9) questions in this paper.

Answer All the questions on this paper itself.

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Question 01 Use the correct form of the verb given in brackets to complete the sentences below. 10 items 10 marks

E.g Every citizen ..... (to have) to prove their identity when transacting business.  
Every citizen has to prove their identity when transacting business.

- 1.1 Farmers ..... (to receive) fertilizer subsidies from the government.
- 1.2 Loans .....(to grant) only if there is sufficient security.
- 1.3 Coconut plantations in the South of Sri Lanka .....(to attack)by a pest in May 2010.
- 1.4 A Samurdhi beneficiary .....(to get) food stamps as relief.
- 1.5 The Colombo Stock Exchange .....(to be) not open everyday.
- 1.6 National Heroes Day .....(to be) on 18 June 2010.
- 1.7 Huge crowds .....(to be) present in Anuradhapura on June 25 2010.
- 1.8 H.E. The President of Sri Lanka ..... (to visit) Ukraine in June 2010.
- 1.9 A citizen can .....(to have) only one National Identity Card.
- 1.10 The Commissioner of Elections will .....(to hold) elections when required to do so.

Question 02 Make meaningful sentences with the words and phrases given. 10 items for 10 marks

E.g. to bring down/ have / the cost of living/ the Economic Centres/ been able  
*The Economic Centres have been able to bring down the cost of living.*

2.1 in a year/ gather/ in some areas/ farmers/ two paddy harvests

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2.2 under/ is/ the elephant/ in Sri Lanka/ population/ threat/ serious

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2.3 has gone on/ for many years/ continued encroachment/ of state land

2.4 flooding/ unauthorized/ of low lying land/ has caused/ severe/ filling

2.5 there are/ are badly inconvenienced/ delays/ Senior Citizens/ when/ in Pension payments

2.6 rapidly/ is found/ the economy/ oil/ if/ in the Gulf of Mannar/ will grow

2.7 which/ compete for/ advertised/ many/ are/ business houses/ tenders

2.8 to avoid/ in/ is recovered/ installments/ a commuted pension/ inconvenience

2.9 to help/ are given/ kinds of loans/ the government/ different/ by/ to employees/ them

2.10 to help/ some countries/ has been/ age/ retirement/ in/ raised/ citizens

**Question 03 Complete the text with prepositions.**

**10 items 5 marks**

The first blank has been completed as an example.

Advertisements make their appeal (1) in a large number of ways. Some use sex (e.g. a scantily dressed girl who has nothing to do (2)..... the product being advertised). Photographs and art work play a large part (3) ..... the world (4)..... advertising and their appeal. They attract consumers (5)..... the product. Celebrity advertising is another popular form. (6) .....the product depends (7) .....what a well known person says (8) .....the product. Parents are made to buy products which are (9) .....times harmful. Concerned people have been arguing (10) .....this for a very long time. However, there is no hard evidence the advertising industry will deviate (11) ..... the present practices.

**Question 04 Change the Direct Speech into Indirect/Reported Speech. 5 items 10 marks**

E.g. The injured man asked, "Where's the closest hospital?"

*The injured man asked where the closest hospital was.*

4.1 The Divisional Secretary said, "The applications close on the 10<sup>th</sup> August."

4.2 The applicant asked, "Don't you accept late applications?"

4.3 The Security officer asked, "Could I see your NIC?"

4.4 The visitor said, "I'm sorry I don't have it with me."

4.5 The Receptionist said, "The Director is away from the office for two days."

**Question 05 Join the following pairs of sentences with the words given in the box. One word should be used only once. 5 items 10 marks**

E.g. Data is supplied by various Ministries.

The data is used to prepare the annual budget.

The data which is supplied by various Ministries is used to prepare the annual budget.

that, who, which, when, where

5.1 The special One Day service is used by some applicants.

These applicants get their NICC in one day.

5.2 All public sector drivers are expected to maintain a mileage log.

These logs are examined regularly by the relevant officer/s.

5.3 There are discrepancies in balances.

These balances are examined again.

5.4 Residents are advised to leave certain areas.

There are threats of landslides.

5.5 Complaints are made at Police Stations.  
The complaints are investigated.

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**Question 06 Use adverbs to extend the meaning of the actions underlined in the following sentences. One adverb should be used only once. 5 items for 5 marks**  
E.g. The Government .....denied that bigger taxes will be imposed on motor vehicles.  
The Government strongly denied that bigger taxes will be imposed on motor vehicles.

- 6.1 The heavy rains that continued for many days in April and May .....  
reduced production in tea plantations.
- 6.2 The Opposition in Parliament has ..... objected to the constitutional reforms that have been proposed.
- 6.3 The bigger entrepreneurs watch the Share Market ..... as they wish to buy or sell shares daily.
- 6.4 Participants in exit polls are ..... selected to ensure more accuracy.
- 6.5 Some critics say that CEPA will ..... affect Sri Lanka if it is implemented.

**Question 07 Answer the following questions based on the reading text, " World Malaria". 20 marks**

1 Are the following True or False? Write T or F in the space at the end of the statements.  
5 items for 5 marks

- 7.1.1 Lake Kwania has beaches similar to those in the other African Great Lakes. ....
- 7.1.2 The Kwania creeks are ideal for the parasites to breed. ....
- 7.1.3 The parasites live only on human blood. ....
- 7.1.4 The first man was talking to a man the writer could see. ....
- 7.1.5 The streets of Apac were reinforced. ....

2 Answer the following questions. 10 marks

- 7.2.1 Why is Lake Kwania different from other Great Lakes of Africa? 1 mark  
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- 7.2.2 What word/s tell you that Anopheles funestus likes the conditions in Kwania? 1 mark  
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- 7.2.3 Why is Anopheles funestus a special subspecies? 1 mark  
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- 7.2.4 Write three words to describe Lake Kwania. 1 ½ marks

7.2.5 Name three things that grow in Lake Kwania. 1½ marks

7.2.6 What do you think is the worst condition resulting from Malaria? 1½ marks

7.2.7 How many characters, other than the writer, are there in the text? 1 mark

7.2.8 What is the most dangerous age to contract malaria? 1½ marks

3 Explain the following words as they appear in the text. 5 items for 5 marks

7.3.1 most malarial in line 1,

7.3.2 choked in line 10,

7.3.3 creeks in line 13,

7.3.4 slender in line 34,

7.3.5 crumbling in line 43,

4 What do the following words refer to? 5 items for 5 marks

7.4.1 he in line 28 refers to .....

7.4.2 He in line 33 refers to .....

7.4.3 his in line 36 refers to .....

7.4.4 it in line 52 refers to .....

7.4.5 that in line 55 refers to .....

**World Malaria**

**By**

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To reach the most malarial town on earth, head north from Kampala, cross the Victoria Nile and, just before you come to the refugee camps that mark the southern edge of Uganda's twenty year civil war, turn east to Lake Kwania. Other Great Lakes in Africa are known for freshwater beaches and cool evenings, but Kwania is

more of a giant swamp: shallow, full of crocodiles and choked with lily, papyrus and hyacinth. The malaria parasite loves it here.

Kwania's creeks, looking like a million fish bones from the air, are perfect for a deadly subspecies of mosquito, Anopheles

funestus, which feeds almost exclusively on humans with an appetite to shame a vampire. The nearby town of Apac is packed with a living blood bank of people. The average funestus bites human flesh 190 times a night. The average resident is bitten tens of thousands times a year, including 1,586 bites – four a day – that carry malaria.

Driving into Apac late on an August day last year, I saw a naked man lumbering towards me. Tall and thin, he was gray with dust, and his hair bristled with twigs and grass. He was talking to someone only he could see. I was surprised by another naked figure lurching out of a side street. He had the same cracked skin stretched over the same slender frame. Ahead, a third naked figure sat by the side of the road, his head in his hands. I felt as if I had arrived in a town of zombies.

Apac's empty streets reinforced that impression. The town seemed to exist only for sickness and death: on one road I counted 12 medical centres, 10 drugstores, and a crumbling windowless nursing school. Soon, I found a building that belonged to the Ministry of Health. I pulled in, entered and followed a dark corridor to a door marked "District Health Officer". I knocked. Behind two sets of fly screens and under a ceiling fan, Dr Matthew Emer sat at his desk. I explained I was following a new campaign to rid the world of malaria and was in Apac to see what it was up against. Who were the naked men?, I asked. "Brain damage," Dr Matthew replied. "Severe malaria can do that to a baby. You never recover."

(382 words)

**Question 8** You have been invited to speak to the Citizens' Action Committee in your area on "Self Help". Write a speech of not less than 300 words to explain why everyone should help one another. The speech should not be more 300 words plus 5%. 15 marks

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**Question 9** Write a letter to the Editor of your favorite newspaper to draw the attention of the readers to the problem of Street Children. Your letter should be not less than 300 words and not more than 300 words plus 5%. 15 marks

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*This is the end of your question paper.*