There are eight (8) questions in this question paper. Answer ALL the questions on this paper itself.

Question 01 Use the correct form of the verb given in brackets to complete the sentences meaningfully. Study the example.

All plants and living beings on land ...................... (breathing/breathes/breathe/to breathe) oxygen.

Correct answer: All plants and animals on land breathe oxygen.

1.1 Public sector employees ...................... (had/has/to have/have) fixed salaries and salary increments.

1.2 Usually, Sri Lanka ...................... (to get/getting/gets/got) heavy rains twice a year.

1.3 Tea plantations in the low country ...................... (earned/earning/earns/earn) higher incomes some time ago.

1.4 A Samurdhi beneficiary ...................... (are/is/am/to be) not a high income earner.

1.5 Citizens who pay higher taxes ...................... (are/is/am/to be) high income earners.

1.6 National Heroes Day ...................... (falls/to fall/falling/fell/) on 18 June every year.

1.7 A very large number of students ...................... (sat/sit/to sit/sitting) the GCE O/L exam every year.

1.8 H.E. The President ...................... (to present/will present/presenting/presented) this year's budget in October 2012.

1.9 A driver ...................... (could/must/may/might) always be careful not to injure other road users.

1.10 If we lose our National Identity Card we ...................... (will/might/can/dare) apply for a new one.
Question 02 Make meaningful sentences with the words/phrases given. Study the example.

Words/phrases: vegetables/use/vegetable growers/to transport/plastic crates.
Correct answer: Vegetable growers use plastic crates to transport vegetables.

2.1 two harvests/ in some parts/ paddy cultivators/ get/ of the country.

2.2 elephants/ every week/ die/ human activity/ because of.

2.3 nature/ human beings/ the weather/ because/ respect/ do not/ has changed.

2.4 disasters/ avoid/ good planning/ manmade/ can.

2.5 helpful/ in government offices/ public days/ to citizens/ are.

2.6 for gem mining/ land/ recently/ suitable/ was sold.

2.7 in newspapers/ are published/ government tenders.

2.8 warmer than in/ Kandy/ is/ Anuradhapura/ the climate.

2.9 to use/ carefully/ developing countries/ resources/ need.

2.10 to a good school/ every parent/ to admit/ tries/ children/ their.

(10 marks)

Question 03 Complete the following text with suitable words from those in the box
One word should be used only ONCE. Study the example.

in, on, at, under, with, over,
before, after, without, near, from.
In school, children learn to ................... with a pen.
Completed answer: *in school, children learn to write with a pen.*

3.1 Children ..................... the age of five cannot go for primary education.
3.2 .................... a National Identity Card we cannot do business.
3.3 Sri Lanka is quite ................... India.

3.4 Government offices hold public day .................. Wednesday.
3.5 Every newspaper has many advertisements ........... it.
3.6 Owners of jak trees must get permits ................ cutting them.
3.7 H.E. The President has meetings .............. his Ministers from time to time.
3.8 Most schools in Sri Lanka start ................... 07:30.
3.9 Government employees .............. sixty cannot remain in service.
3.10 In some countries, there was heavy flooding .................. continuous rain

**Question 04 Rewrite the following in the Passive voice. Study the example.**

They are clearing the road after the accident.
Passive sentence *The road is being cleared (by them) after the accident.*

4.1 The Divisional Secretary signed the permit.

4.2 The applicant filled the application form.

4.3 The Security officer checks all the bags at the gate.

4.4 The passenger brought only one box.

4.5 The Receptionist is issuing the forms today.

(10 Marks)
Question 05 Join the following pairs of sentences with the words given in the box. One word should be used only once. Study the example.

[that, who, which, when, where]

Qualified students apply to join University.
They give proof of their qualifications.
Joined sentences: **Qualified students who apply to join University give proof of their qualifications.**

5.1 Some government offices have one day services.
These services save the citizens' time.

5.2 Drugs are imported.
All the drugs are checked for quality.

5.3 Some high earners fail to submit returns.
They are taken to court.

5.4 Reservoirs over flow after heavy rains.
The reservoir gates are opened.

5.5 Accidents happen often in some places.
There are special warning signs at these places.

(10 Marks)

Question 06 Use the words in the box to expand the meanings of the sentences. One word should be used only ONCE. Study the example.

[heavily, extremely, conveniently, faithfully, absolutely,]

Government employees serve the country .....................
Completed sentence: *Government employees serve the country faithfully.*

6.1 The new expressway to the south has made travel .......................................... easy.
6.2 When OPDs in hospital are open 24 hours, patients can get treatment ..........................
6.3 Some of the roads in Colombo and the suburbs become ....................................... congested at peak hours.
6.4 Most religious people follow their religions ......................................................
6.5 Some news reports are ................................. untrue.

(10 marks)

**Question 07 Answer the following questions based on the reading text.**

**Reading Text**

This is developed from articles written by C.H. Fernando and W.B. Ellepola and other Anonymous writers.

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<th>The dry zone of Sri Lanka has many village tanks. Even though the term ‘tank’ is used to describe these, the technically correct name would be ‘reservoir’. According to one source, there are about ten thousand of these reservoirs in the country. The majority are small. These small ones are used for many purposes.</th>
<th>not deemed compulsory. Hence, certain aspects had been overlooked, for example, the availability of ice to deal with bigger harvests. Later, it became possible to provide some of the requirements for the successful operation of the projects.</th>
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<td>They not only provide drinking water but also water for bathing of men and animals. Sites close were used as toilets because of easy access to water. Most reservoirs hold water only during a part of the year; they go dry at times. Others have small areas of water or mud when there is no rain for long periods.</td>
<td>Most reservoirs are in rural areas. From the time that civilization shifted from the dry zone to the wet zone, roads were not a priority. To some smaller tanks, there were only foot paths. But the tanks themselves were suitable for the breeding of edible fish. Local authorities played a role in improving access to the water bodies that did not have proper roads. Even a rudimentary road was better than none.</td>
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<td>Over the years, attempts have been made to breed edible fish in some of the reservoirs in the dry zone and in some in the wet zone too. These efforts have been successful to a great extent and those earning a living through inland fishing have been able to improve their economic conditions even in a small way. At the time that some of the projects were begun, feasibility studies were</td>
<td>Fingerlings were introduced into selected reservoirs, once or annually. The records of the numbers introduced, the frequency and the harvests credited are not easy to find. But overall, the attempt at increasing protein consumption in rural areas through inland fish breeding has been a success. It should encourage us to pay more attention to this sphere.</td>
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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 There are more small tanks than big ones.
7.1.2 The reservoirs help the community in one particular way.
7.1.3 All reservoirs have water all the year.
7.1.4 Feasibility studies were not necessarily required.
7.1.5 Roads were well maintained at all times.

2 Answer the following questions. 10 marks for 5 items
7.2.1 What are names used to describe the bodies of water referred to? 2 marks

7.2.2 How many of these bodies of water are there in the country? 2 marks

7.2.3 Why is there only mud and a little water at certain times? 2 marks

7.2.4 Where will you find the majority of the reservoirs? 2 marks

7.2.5 Who or what made the road, or road conditions, better? 2 marks

7.3. What do the following mean? 2½ marks for 5 items
7.3.1 these in line 4.
7.3.2 ones in line 8.
7.3.3 they in line 15.
7.3.4 some in line 22.
7.3.5 their in line 26.

7.4 What do the following words refer to? 2½ marks for 5 items
7.4.1 access in line 14
7.4.2 edible in 21.
7.4.3 role in line 42.
7.4.4 rudimentary in line 44.
7.4.5 Fingerlings in line 46.

20 marks
Question 08 Write a letter with the following information. Using any format you like.  

20 marks

Information: Anura Rice Millers Ltd of No. 36, Kaduruwela Road, Polonnaruwa, are the regular suppliers of rice to your canteen at the Community Services Centre at "Jana Setha" Kandy Road, Kurunegala. Supplies were delayed twice during February 2012. Extra funds were used to buy rice at higher prices at the local market. Write to the Sales Manager Anura Rice Millers: if there are any more delays, the contract will be cancelled. You are the Manager, Jana Setha, Ms Neelamani Rajasekeran
This is the end of the question paper. Check your answers and get ready to hand in the paper.