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SRI LANKA INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATIONFirst Efficiency Bar Examination for Officers in **Sri Lanka Administrative Service**

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Three hours

(07) English

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 breath) 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.

(10 marks)

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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2.7 in newspapers/ are published/ government tenders.

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

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

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

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(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 quiteIndia.

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 start07:30.

3.9 Government employees sixty cannot remain in service.

3.10 In some countries, there was heavy flooding continuous rain

(10 marks)

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.

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4.2 The applicant filled the application form.

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

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4.4 The passenger brought only one box.

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4.5 The Receptionist is issuing the forms today.

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(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 traveleasy.
- 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 becomecongested 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.

5 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.

10 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 15 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.

20 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 25 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

30 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.

35 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 40 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 45 better than none.

Fingerlings were introduced into selected reservoirs, once or annually. The records of the numbers introduced, the frequency and 50 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 55 to this sphere.

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

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

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

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

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

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7.3. What do the following mean? 2 ½ 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? 2 ½ 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

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This is the end of the question paper. Check your answers and get ready to hand in the paper.