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Efficiency Bar Examination and Second Language Test for Officers in Sri Lanka  
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Sri Lanka Architects' Service – 2012 (April/May)

English (15)

Two hours

Answer all the questions.

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Question 01 Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the verb forms given in brackets . Study the example.

Citizens ..... (visiting, visits, visit, visited) government offices on Wednesday.  
Completed sentence, Citizens ...*visit*.....government offices on Wednesday.

1.1 Some students ..... (to fail, fails, fail, failing) to complete higher education.

1.2 Some unemployed people do not ..... (likes/liking/liked/like) to work far away from home.

1.3 Heavy rain ..... (falls/fall/fell/to fall) in Sri Lanka in 2008.

1.4 Uncontrolled sand mining ..... (will damage/damages/to damage/damaged) the environment in the future.

1.5 The environment police ..... (checking/is checking/checked/to check) the streets for polluters.

1.6 Job applicants ..... (required/require/are required/is required) to submit proof of identity.

1.7 An applicant ..... (have to/has to/had to/having to) appear at an interview to be considered for employment.

1.8 Citizens ..... (looks/are looking/ look/to look) for ways of getting higher rates of interest.

1.9 More express ways ..... (to be completed/will be completed/complete/completing) in Sri Lanka during the next few years.

1.10 Incomes in a few countries ..... (are rising/to rise/rose/rising) at present.

(10 marks)

Question 02 Complete the following sentences with words in the box. Each word should be used only ONCE. Study the example.

<p>on, in, at, above, across, along, under, for, from, against, among.</p>
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We are advised to walk .....the right hand side of the road.

Completed sentence, We are advised to walk .....*along*.....the right hand side of the road.

- 2.1 Walking .....the road at busy junctions is very dangerous.
- 2.2 When we fly .....an aircraft we are closer to the clouds.
- 2.3 Several roads pass ..... the new southern expressway.
- 2.4 There are traffic lights .....big road junctions.
- 2.5 Sri Lanka's Independence Day celebrations are held ..... February 4 every year.
- 2.6 Many countries are big in size but are .....the developing countries.
- 2.7 The sun shines ..... the entire planet earth.
- 2.8. In February and March 2012 Sri Lanka played several cricket matches ..... India.
- 2.9 Many thousands work ..... the government of Sri Lanka.
- 2.10 Some years back the capital of Sri Lanka moved away..... the city of Colombo.

(10 marks)

**Question 03 Join the word groups to produce meaningful sentences. Study the example.**

Word groups: harvests/depend on/cultivators/rain/to produce.

Sentence, Cultivators depend on rain to produce harvests.

3.1 all accounts/by the Accountant/in an office/are checked.

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3.2 government offices/citizens/on Wednesday/visit.

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3.3 fuel prices/when/increase/go up/of consumer goods/prices.

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3.4 difficulties/interest rates/face/low/are/because/pensioners.

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3.5 because of/are caused/rain/floods /most.

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(10 marks)

**Question 04 Join the following pairs of sentences with the words in the box to produce meaningful sentences. One word should be used only ONCE. Study the example.**

but, however, so, or, and.

Pair of sentences, Disciplinary inquiries are held.

Evidence is called.

Joined sentence: Disciplinary inquiries are held and evidence is called.

4.1 A/L students study hard.

All the students are not successful.

4.2 Money cannot be wasted on projects.

Feasibility reports are required.

4.3 Paddy is grown in many parts of the country.

The climate in some parts is better for paddy cultivation.

4.4 Farmers can use organic fertilizer.

They can use inorganic fertilizer.

4.5 India exports tea to many countries.

Sri Lanka exports tea to many countries.

(10 marks)

Question 05 Use suitable words from the box to add meaning to the sentences. One word should be used only ONCE. Study the example.

rarely, occasionally, regularly, often, frequently,  
unexpectedly.

Sentence, Heavy traffic filled the roads.

Sentence with added meaning: Heavy traffic *unexpectedly* filled the roads.

5.1 Peacocks are seen when travelling on the southern expressway.

5.2 In some parts of the world, earthquakes happen.

5.3 Bad driving causes traffic congestion.

5.4 Wild elephants wander into villages near some jungles.

5.5 Severe tsunamis happen.

(10 marks)

Question 06 Rewrite the following sentences with words that describe the underlined word. One word should be used only ONCE. Study the example.

Life is harder for some human beings.

Life is harder for some *poor* human beings.

6.1 Rich people import cars for themselves.

6.2 The Grade Five Scholarship exam provides educational opportunities for some students.

6.3 Investment in Sri Lanka helps the economy to grow.

6.4 Flooding can cause much damage to life and property.

6.5 The results of the exam disappointed many students.

(10 marks)

Question 07 Read the text and answer the following questions.

Adapted from an article in the Indian newspaper the Hindu

A one inch long piece of material in space travels at 7.5 kilometers per second. That is, at thirty times the speed of a jumbo jet. A small piece like that can easily destroy a big satellite. A smaller piece of about one centimeter can damage a satellite. Now, there are supposed to be more than 22,000 pieces of such debris (=pieces) or junk.

10 This collection of debris in space has been growing during the last fifty years. It is expected to become three times bigger in a further twenty years. Some researchers have warned that this has reached a critical stage.

15 The pieces that are floating around space are pieces of old, broken satellites and empty fuel rockets. Collisions between satellites also produce debris. For example, in 2009, a Russian and a US satellite

20 collided. This produced more than 1,700 pieces of waste material.

Attempts have been planned, and made, in some cases, to clean up space. Because of the nature of the problem, it is going to be a very expensive and difficult task. In addition, there are problems connected with law. One nation cannot remove debris belonging to another nation. This law applies on earth as well as in space. Therefore, one urgent necessity is to develop a law that would help solve the problem.

35 The environment in space is becoming extremely hazardous to astronauts and spacecraft. Most space travel to date has been military or science oriented. But civilians too are expected to undertake space travel not very much later. To ensure their safety and of all others, it is necessary to take action immediately to find a solution.

7.1

You may write short answers. Do not copy complete sentences from the text.

7.1.1 What does 7.5 km refer to? 2 marks

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7.1.2 Which is a bigger threat to satellites? 2 marks

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7.1.3 How long ago did the space junk begin to collect? 2 marks

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7.1.4 What will happen twenty years later? 2 marks

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7.1.5 What is the origin of the debris? 2 marks

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(10 marks)

7.2

Explain the meanings of the following words in a short sentence or a phrase.

7.2.1 Collision in line 17. ....

7.2.2 waste in line 21. ....

7.2.3 applies in line 30. ....

7.2.4 hazardous in line 36. ....

7.2.5 ensure in line 40. ....

(5 marks)

7.3

What do the following words refer to?

7.3.1 It in line 11. ....

7.3.2 this in line 14. ....

7.3.3 This in line 20. ....

7.3.4 This in line 29. ....

7.3.5 their in line 41. ....

(5 marks)



