

Second Term Test - Grade 10 - 2019
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* Answer all questions on this paper itself.

Test 09 - Fill in the blanks using correct form of the word given in the bracket. (5 marks)

Flying kites is a fascinating (1) activity (act, activity, action) for those who have an interest in it. But, I admit that it is a (2) (waste / wasting / wasted) of time for many. However, we should be thankful to the 1st (3) (create, creation, creator) who gave an (4)..... (amazing / amaze / amazement) experience to both children and adults. Kites (5) (differ / different / difference). in colours, shapes and sizes. Some countries (6) (holding / hold / held) kite festivals annually.

Test 10 - Select a word from the box which has a similar meaning to the phrases given within brackets and write in the space given. (5 marks)

concern, crisis, atmosphere, implies, disaster, encompasses

Global warming or climate changes has become a worldwide (1) (*the expression of solicitude and anxiety towards a thing or a person*). It is gradually developing into an unprecedented environmental (2) (*a crucial or decisive situation*) evident in melting glaciers, changing weather patterns, rising sea levels, floods, cyclones and droughts. Global warming (3) (*suggests*) an increase in the average temperature of the earth due to entrapment of greenhouse gases in the earth's (4) (*the mixture of gasses that surround the earth.*)

There is a crying need to raise awareness about global warming if we have to save the world from this (5) (*an unexpected natural or man-made catastrophe*)

Test 11 - Read the following passage and fill in the blanks using correct form of passive voice. (5 marks)

How to make a cake

It is very easy to make a cake at home. Very few ingredients (1) (use) to make a cake. Flour, butter, sugar, eggs, baking powder. milk and some vanilla.

First, that sugar and butter (2) (beat) together. Then, the eggs (3) (add) one at a time.

After that, the batter (4) (mix) with the dry ingredients. Then, a bit of milk (5) (pour) into the batter and it is mixed well.

Finally, the cake (6) (bake) in a moderate oven for 45 minutes.

Test 12 - Fill in the blanks with the words given.

(For, hour, the, know, animals, adult, certainly, about, only, live, Asian, usually, lands, million)

(7 marks)

Perhaps they aren't the most beautiful (1)in the world. But in the hot (2)of North Africa and in (3) Middle East they are (4) one of the most useful. But how much do you (5) about camels?

Camels normally (6) for about 40 years but they (7) stop working when they are about 25 years.

Camels don't normally like running - It's too hot - but when they need to, they can run at 20 kilometres an (8),The dromedary, or Arabian camel, has one hump. The Bactrian, or (9) camel, has longer hair and has got two humps. There are about 14 (10) camels in the world, and most of them are dromedaries.

An (11)camel is about 2.1 metres tall and weigh (12)500 kilograms. Camels can walk (13)..... more than 600 kilometers without drinking water. They (14) need to drink water every six or eight days. When there is water, they can drink up to 90 litres.

Test 13 - Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

(5 marks)

The Sweeper

I know I'm just a humble man
Who works from eight to four.
I rise and eat and work and sweep
And do my best, though poor.

The only colours in my life
Are dusty brown and grey
Yet I know I must be content
To work for honest pay.

Some pray for money, some for fame,
Some for a great man's smile,
But all I ask for is chance
To shine a little while,

Just once before I leave this life
I'd like to pay a part,
And show that, though little man,
I have a lion's heart.

1. Who is the speaker of this poem?

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2. How many stanzas are there?

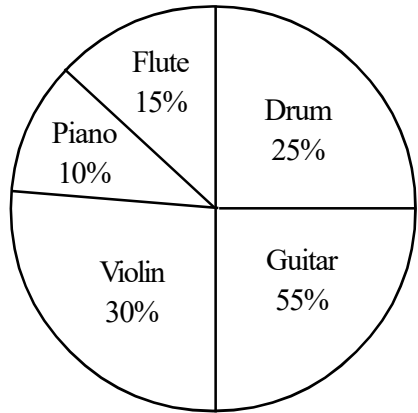
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3. Write the line that says that speaker is very brave.
4. Find rhyming words for the following.
 1. grey -.....
 2. part -.....
5. Write two things that people pray for.
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 2.

Test 14 - (a) The following pie - chart shows the percentage of favourite musical instruments of grade 10 children of Rahula college, Kandy.

Study the chart and write a description using the given words. Use about 100 words. (10 marks)

less, least, many, more, most, equal



Or

(b) As the secretary of Young Men's Society in your area, write a letter to the Head Quarters Inspector of Police, informing about a threat of robbers emerged in your area very recently.

You may include;

- the nature of the problem.
- the future plans of yours regarding the matter.
- the assistance of police that you need.

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Test 15 - Read the given text and answer the questions given below.

Titanic

In 1912, an American shipping company launched a new ship called “Titanic.” **It** was the largest and the most luxurious ocean liner of that time. It weighed 46 000 tons. Experts called it unsinkable.

On April 14th 1912, the Titanic sailed on her maiden voyage. It was going across the Atlantic from England to New York. It was carrying 2224 passengers - men, women and children. It was a very special occasion and the passengers were celebrating it. There was much rejoicing on board. Celebrations went on all the evening.

Suddenly, just before midnight, the ship struck on an iceberg. It was a terrible collision. The iceberg tore a great hole in the ship’s hull and the “unsinkable” Titanic began to sink.

There was much excitement on board. The Titanic was sinking. The alarm bells rang out. Everyone rushed to the lifeboats, but there wasn’t enough room for them all. There was room for only 1178 passengers. The lifeboats took mostly women and children. It was a terrible scene. Wives were weeping because **they** had to leave their husbands to drown, children were crying because they had to say goodbye to their fathers; then men had to remain on the ship. The Titanic signalled for help, but no help came. Another ship. the “Californian “ was just 20 miles away, but her radio operator was asleep and did not hear the distress signals.

At 2.20 in the early hours of the morning. The Titanic sank while her band was playing bravely on deck. Twenty minutes later, another liner, the “Carpathia” arrived on the scene and helped to rescue people.

(1) Find whether the following statements are true or false.

- (i) The ship Titanic sank on her first voyage. ()
- (ii) There were enough life boats in the ships. ()
- (iii) Experts thought that it could be sinkable. ()
- (iv) Everyone in the ship was celebrating the maiden voyage. ()

- (2) What was the destination of the ship Titanic?
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- (3) How many passengers were on board?
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- (4) Why were the wives in the ship weeping?
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- (5) (i) Find a suitable similar words from the text.
 (a) Comfortable -
- (ii) Find a suitable opposite word from the text.
 (b) timidly -
- (6) What do the underlined words refer to?
 (i) It -(1st paragraph)
 (ii) They -(4th paragraph)

(8 marks)

Test 16 - Write on one of the following. Use about 200 words.

(15 marks)

1. Imagine that you are the Head Prefect of your school. You have noticed that many students get fainted in the morning assembly.
You are asked by the principal to make a speech at the assembly on 'The importance of having breakfast'
- What is a healthy diet?
 - defects made on students due to not having the breakfast.
2. The English club of your school has organized an English Essay Competition for grade 10 students. Write an essay on the following topic using the given guide lines.
"The internet as a popular source of information."
- What is 'internet'?
 - The advantages of using internet.
 - The harmful effects of internet.
 - How should you use it as the best source of getting information.
3. You're the president of English Literary Association of your school. You are asked to write an article to a weekend newspaper on one of the tourist attractions in Sri Lanka.
Include
- The location and the importance of the place.
 - The best time of the year to visit the place.
 - What you can see or do there.
4. Your mother has been hospitalized due to bad fever. You are at home alone and feel very lonely. You get a telephone call to your best friend expressing your feelings. Write a dialogue between you and your friend at the moment.
- You : Hello, Is that Amanda?
Friend: Yes, Amanda is here. You seem to be sad. Why?
You : My mother has been hospitalized. So, I feel very sad.

