

03. Underline the correct word from those given within brackets to fill in the blanks in the following text. (10 marks)

Half an hour before daybreak three boys assembled, as (1) (they, them, he) agreed, near the old bridge. The fourth (2) (a, the, an) boy by the name of Tolly, had not turned up. Others knew (3) (that, but, if) his mother didn't want him to come on this expedition into the forest. Charles (4) (whose, who, which) was the oldest waded downstream to the place where the boat was tied up in the shelter of (5) (some, any, much) bushes. Then he rowed back to the shallow water (6) (on, near, in) bridge.

Dawn was just breaking as they climbed into their boat and pushed off from the bank. A swift current carried (7) (they, their, them) down stream. So there was no need (8) (to, of, for) row. Three hours later they entered the forest (9) (what, where, when) they intended to spend next (10) (few, many, little) days.

04. Underline the correct word from those given within brackets. (05 marks)

1. I want to (learn, follow, study) a course in Business English in your institute.
2. He (performed, conducted, made) a lecture on Dengue menace.
3. Mr. Rajendran (said, talked, expressed) his views clearly.
4. We are extremely sorry for the inconvenience (made, done, caused) by us.
5. Namal (did, made, gave) an apology to the teacher for his bad behaviour.

05. Underline the correct word ending, selecting from those given within brackets. (05 marks)

Cinnamon is mainly used as a flavour. However (1) scien (ce, tific, tifical) evidence proved the (2) medi (cal, cine, cally) value of cinnamon.

There is intense (3) compe (tition, titive, tion) for Sri lankan cinnamon from cassia, a very close substitute. Cassia is produced a large (4) quanti (ty, ties, tties). The (5) botan..... (y, ical, ically) name of cinnamon is Cinnamomum Zellanicum Blume.

Part B – Reading and Writing (25 marks)

06. Underline the option that best expresses the meaning of each of the sentences given below.

(05 marks)

1. We couldn't have cooked lunch if there had been a power cut.
 - a. There is a power cut but we were able to cook lunch.
 - b. There was a power cut so we couldn't cook lunch.
 - c. There was no power cut so were able to cook lunch.
 - d. Although there was a power cut we were able to cook lunch.

2. We enjoyed the picnic despite the bad weather.
 - a. We enjoyed the picnic although the weather was bad.
 - b. We enjoyed the picnic because the weather was bad.
 - c. We enjoyed the picnic because the weather was fine.
 - d. Both the picnic and the weather were enjoyable.

3. This is a matter of no small importance.
 - a. This matter is not important.
 - b. This is a very important matter.
 - c. This is not a matter of importance.
 - d. There is a small importance in this matter.

4. He is lucky to be alive.
 - a. He narrowly escaped from death.
 - b. He is a lucky man.
 - c. He lives happily.
 - d. He is the luckiest man alive.

5. Not all the information in the report is correct.
 - a. All the information is incorrect.
 - b. All the information is not given.
 - c. All the information is correct.
 - d. Some of the information is correct.

07. Read the following text and do the activities that follow it.

(10 marks)

- (1) Efforts to protect endangered African elephants from the threat of extinction are becoming difficult due to a smuggling network run by Asian crime gangs.

Ivory trading has been outlawed since 1987, following a reduction in the African elephant population from 1.3 million in 1979 to first 300,000 by 1998. A new report by a wildlife monitoring network warns that large-scale ivory smuggling to Asian countries including China and Japan is hindering conservation efforts. It also says that around 20,000 elephants are estimated to be poached every year. It is said that on e-Bay, an auction website, nearly 2200, ivory items have been listed for sale, breaching international laws on wildlife trading.

Kenya, where wildlife tourism is a key source of income, has been battling to control rising levels of animal poaching within its national parks.

