Grade – 12    
General English – Paper ll

Name: ……………………………………………….                                         Time:  2 1/5hrs   
  
   
Part A- Vocabulary (25 marks)  
  
1. Choose the word which best completes each sentence. (05 marks)  
  
1.      A bed on board a ship is called a …………………… (sleeper/cabin/bunk/dormitory)   
  
2.      I have no brothers or sisters. I am …………………. child. (an only/unique/a sole/a single)    
  
3.      I’m terribly sorry. I seem to have ………………… my book at home. (lost/forgotten/ left/ hidden)  
  
4.      My sisters and I are always quarrelling. We just don’t seem to ………………… (get off/get together/get on/ get by)  
  
5.      Most of children find it difficult to ………………….. (grow up/faster/develop/bring up) their children nowadays.    
  
2.  Form nouns from the following verbs.  (05 marks)  
  
Verb                      Noun  
  
Admire  
  
Divide  
  
Please  
  
Exist  
  
Treat   
  
3. Underline the correct word ending selecting from those given in brackets. (05 marks)  
  
      1. Mrs. Ranjith is liked by everyone for her kind…………… (lines/ly/ness)  
  
      2. Many specta…………….(cular/cle/tor) feats were performed at the circus.   
  
      3. Mr. Shaft was able to identi…………(ty/fication/fy) the thief.  
  
      4. Our Principal is a good disciple………….. (nary/ ne/narian)  
  
      5. The building was complet…………..(ely/ion/ed) destroyed by the fire.       
  
4. Use five of the following words in sentences that bring out their meanings. (10 marks)  
  
 Curiosity, Flee, Litter, Abuse, Phantoms, Grin, Ablaze, Scurry, Numerous.  
  
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Part  B- Dialogues (25 marks)   
  
1.      Fill in the missing parts of the following dialogues appropriately. (15 marks)  
  
At School.  
  
Nimal – Hello Ranjan can I borrow your chemistry book please?  
  
Ranjan- (1) ……………………………………………………………………………………  
  
Nimal - Oh dear! When is he returning it?  
  
Ranjan – (2) ……………………………………………………………………………………  
  
Nimal – Can I borrow it then?  
  
Ranjan- (3) ……………………………………………………………………………………  
  
Nimal – Of  course I’ll return it soon.  
  
At a shoe shop     
  
Salesman - Good morning. Can I help you?  
  
You - (4) ………………………………………………………………………………………  
  
Salesman – What colour do you prefer?  
  
You – Black please.   
  
Salesman- (5) …………………………………………………………………………………  
  
You – Size 9 I think.   
  
At a dispensary   
  
Doctor – Good morning. How can I help you?  
  
Rami – (6) ………………………………………………………………………………………  
  
Doctor- How did it happen?   
  
Rami- (7) ………………………………………………………………………………………  
  
Doctor – Oh! You fell on it?  
  
Rami – (8) ………………………………………………………………………………………  
  
Doctor – Ok, let me have a look at it. Yes it is rather swollen. Does it hurt?  
  
Rami – (9) ………………………………………………………………………………………  
  
Doctor- In that case my advice is that you go to the hospital and get it x-rayed. I think it could be broken.   
  
 Rami – (10) ……………………………………………………………………………………  
  
2.      Imagine you have to call someone regarding a job you have applied for. Imagine that your friend has been called for the interview, but you haven’t received a letter about the interview. Write out the dialogue between you and your friend. (Remember to use contractions and the interrogative form) (10 marks)  
  
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Part C – Comprehension (30 marks)  
  
Read the following comprehension and answer the questions given bellow.  
  
The modern epoch opened as an era of globalization. Most of the critics portray this term as a world with permeable borders. Furthermore globalization is a widespread concept with a considerable degree of ambiguity. This ambiguity does not mean that it remains unclear or ill defined. Globalization has been viewed from different perspectives and dimensions particularly in relation to different interests, subject areas and scope. One perspective attempts to define it as a process of strengthening and extension of the international instability of commerce, capitals, technology and labor force. Another perspective refers to institutional changes, which are brought about in the society by the increase of these flows and the development of the transnational corporations. In this point of view, it stressed the weakening of the regulating function of the national states. In its stronger version, globalization can be implied as disappearance of the state in its economic dimensions. Yet another perspective refers to the growing homogenization of certain processes and behaviors like the introduction of global standards in the production of goods.   
  
In other words, what it means is the transformation of the state, the emergence of a new kind of global politics in which the state is one actor among many. Accordingly the obvious fact is that globalization results by having a world with permeable borders.   
  
 Today money, goods, and services readily cross national boundaries. Instantaneous messages and enormous libraries of information flash across the Internet. Television, telephones, and wireless communications connect people in everywhere. In another viewpoint globalization can be interpreted as an integration and democratization of the world’s culture, economy, and infrastructure through transnational investment, rapid proliferation of communication and information technologies, and the impacts of free-market forces on local, regional and national economies. Hence it has been difficult adopting a standard definition and under different perspective and spheres it gives slightly different viewpoints, globalization can be interpreted as a combination of all the above mentioned factors.  
  
The concept of globalization is not a new concept. Deluxe Encyclopedia 2004 conveys the roots of globalization as follows. According to it the most important globalizing process was the migration of human beings from the birthplace of the species to other continents. Soon after people settled down to work the land, they began to trade with other societies, nearby and far away. Then there came numerous inventions of the world like wheel and sailing vessels. Silk Road carried goods and ideas between China and the Roman Empire. Not only goods it carried information, clothing and cooking styles, techniques of metalwork, decoration and religions too. Then the concepts like imperialism, colonization took place and exploration of countries caused for exploitation. Though these conflicts were terribly destructive, they were part of the process of globalization that has brought about modern society.    
  
Therefore it is evident the fact that globalization is not a new concept. It is an existed concept from the past.  
  
Questions.  
  
1.      What is the passage about? (1 mark)  
  
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2.      According to the passage how can the process of globalization becomes “a concept with a considerable degree of ambiguity”? (2 marks)  
  
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3.      Write three definitions for globalization given in the passage. (6 marks)   
  
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4.      What are the new developments that cross the national boundaries? (3 marks)  
  
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5.      According to Deluxe Encyclopedia 2004, what was the most important globalizing process? (2 marks)  
  
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6.      According to the passage what are the new concepts that emerged with globalization?    (4 marks)  
  
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7.      Describe the meanings of the following words. (12 marks)  
  
Permeable - ……………………………………………………………………………  
  
Ambiguity - ………………………...............................................................................  
  
Dimension - …………………………………………………………………………..  
  
Disappearance - ………………………………………………………………………  
  
Transformation -………………………………………………………………………  
  
Homogenization -……………………………………………………………………..  
  
Part D – Writing (20 marks)  
  
1.      Write a short description about “The most interesting character in your school” Give a few interesting facts about him/her. (50- 60 words)  (05 marks)  
  
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2.      COMPOSITION – (15 marks)  
  
1.      Importance of Non- Verbal Communication.   
  
2.      Role of newspapers in a democratic country.  
  
3.      Globalization and the modern era.