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SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

YEAR END TEST - 2016

GRADE 09

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Time : 2 1/2 hours

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF.

Test 1

Select the correct word from the box and fill in the column A. The first one is done for you.

messenger musician architect athlete cartoonist hero

A

B

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|----------------------|---|
| 1. <u>cartoonist</u> | a person who draws cartoons to give a message to the people |
| 2. | a person who makes music for others to enjoy |
| 3. | a person who designs buildings |
| 4. | a person who trains for sports and physical exercises |
| 5. | a person carrying a message |
| 6. | a person who is admired for bravery |

(01 x 5 = 05 marks)

Test 2.

Select the correct opposite from the box for the following words. The first one is done for you.

mild	light	wet	infront of
wide	unpleasant	weak	<u>discourage</u>
hate	unfortunate	generous	

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| 1. encourage | <u>discourage</u> |
| 2. narrow | |
| 3. behind | |
| 4. dry | |
| 5. heavy | |
| 6. fortunate | |
| 7. strong | |
| 8. selfish | |
| 9. severe | |
| 10. pleasant | |

(01 x 10 = 10 marks)

Test 3

Use a suitable word from the box to fill in the blanks. One has been done for you.

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I longed (i) the August holidays as it gave me a chance (ii) visiting some historical places (iii) Sri Lanka. When I first went (iv) Anuradhapura, I could see some old ruins which had been built (v) some (vi) our ancient kings. I was amazed watching all those places for the first time of my life.

(01 x 5 = 05 marks)

Test 4

Read the following notice and answer the questions given below.

Notice

The Thewawa ceremony of god Kataragama will be held on Tuesday at 6.00 a.m. at the main Devalaya. All the devotees are requested to line up on the right side of "Devalaya" to pay homage to the god. All devotees should be dressed in white

Date: 27 November 2016

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Secretary
Buddhist Society.

1. What is this notice about?

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2. When will the "Thewawa Ceremony" be held?

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3. Where should the devotees line up?

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4. How should the devotees be dressed ?

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5. Who has put up this notice?

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(01 x 5 = 05 marks)

Test 10

Read the following letter that you found in the pen pal corner of a newspaper. Write a letter to him giving information about you.

No 15A - 1-1
Gilbert Street Avenue,
Nottinghamshire,
London.

Dear friends,

I'm David Fernandez. My country is England.

I'm still a student studying at George Wellington High School in London. I'm in the 8th standard. I'm 14 years old, and I do cycling with my friends down the valleys in the country side. I really enjoy cycling, and listening to pop music. Also I read story books whenever I find some free time. I have two brothers and one sister. They are studying too. Both my parents are working. My father is a technician, and my mother is a nursing officer at a provincial hospital. I like to have a pen friend from Sri Lanka.

So please write to me soon giving me some information about yourself.

Best wishes.

yours sincerely,

David.

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(10 marks)

Test 11

Read the description of the journey made by Kasun and write about the journey made by Ruwani.

Name	went to	went with	No, of days	visited	Bought	stayed at	Returned on
Kasun	Kandy	family members	two	Ambekke, Gadaladeniya	handicrafts	At a pilgrims' rest in Kandy	Sunday
Ruwani	Nuwara Eliya	Staff members	four	Gregory Lake, Haggla Gardens	flowers	At a temple in Nuwara Eliya	Tuesday

Kasun went to Kandy with his family members. He stayed there for two days. He visited Ambekke and Gadaladeniya. He bought some handicrafts and stayed at a Pilgrims' rest in Kandy. He returned home on Sunday.

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(10 marks)

Test 12

Write an essay on a trip you have made during the last school vacation. (150 words) Use the following points:

- who you went on the trip with e.g. your family members, friends, relations etc.
- number of days you spent on the trip and where you stayed for the night e.g. family friends' / relatives' places etc.
- interesting places you have visited, and how you enjoyed the trip e.g. taking photographs, singing, playing music etc.
- unforgettable incidents happened on the way e.g. due to bad weather, heavy traffic etc.

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Test 5

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below it.

Reflection

In the oval mirror
I see my face reflected

'Hullo,' I say to the mirror
'You're wearing a fine suit.

You're wearing a nice wrist watch
And shoes that are well polished.

Where are you going today?
Can I come with you?

- Ian Smith

1. Where does the poet see his face?
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2. What does he say 'Hullo' to?
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3. Write two things that the poet is wearing.
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4. Fill in the blank in the following line selecting the correct word
'And that are well polished'
 - a. mirror
 - b. wristwatch
 - c. shoes
5. Find the adjectives for the following words in the poem
 - a. wristwatch -
 - b. shoes -

(10 marks)

Test 6

Fill in the blanks in the following text using the words given in the box. *The first is done for you.*

mind	our	take	developed	with	that
spent	short	Reading	is	us	

Many people all around the world like the hobby, reading. People read books, newspapers, novels, 1. short stories, magazines and so on. Reading relaxes a tired 2. Literacy Day is celebrated on September 8. Reading improves 3. language skills and character. Like a magic world, interesting storybooks 4. us to a fantastic world. While power is strength, knowledge too 5. strength for our mind. Day by day, the world is getting 6. and so our knowledge too has to be developed. 7. is a pleasant way to spend our leisure time. Reading helps. 8. to make the world brighter. Leisure time can be 9. usefully with the company of books. Therefore, please remember 10. reading is a passport for your success, and it cannot be explained 11. words. The golden words, 'Reading maketh a full man' are enough to say that reading will complete any man's success.

(10 marks)

Test 7

Join the sentences using the conjunctions given within brackets. Follow the example.

Example:

1. Reading is a good habit. It helps to develop our reading skill. (not only....but also)
Reading is **not only** a good habit **but also** it helps to develops our reading skill.
2. I don't drink coffee. I don't drink tea. (neither.....nor...)
I drink **neither** coffee **nor** tea.

1. The football team played well. They won the game. (not only..... but also)
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2. They don't speak French. They don't speak German. (neither nor)
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3. She learns well. She does her home work on time. (not only but also)
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4. My pet dog is timid. It is easily frightened by our visitors. (not only but also)
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5. Roshan is not punctual. He is not hard working. (neither nor)
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(2 x 5 = 10 marks)

Test 8

Read the following text and answer the questions given below it.

Trees are valuable things created by nature for the use of the human being. Most of all living beings need trees for their living. They give shade to both man and animals. They preserve water in the soil and prevent soil erosion. They give food for us, and give medicines and timber to make furniture. They also give us fuel for our vehicles and factories too. Not only that, they add beauty to our environment. They also make the air clean and fresh.

But people do not seem to understand all these uses and importance of trees. They do a lot of harm and destruction to the trees. They cut down trees and clear the land for agriculture purposes, making houses and other buildings. As a result, forests are getting smaller and animals are getting homeless. Eventually, they will have no food to eat and will not have fresh air to breathe.

Therefore, as a very intelligent and responsible living being, it is our duty to plant more and more trees to make this world a more interesting and healthier place for all of us to live happily.

1. Name one of the valuable things created by nature.
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2. Write two things that trees give us.

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II.

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3. Fill in the blank in the following sentence. Select the correct word.

Trees add to our environment.

- a. shape
b. beauty
c. ugliness

4. Write two things that the animals will not have as a result of cutting down trees.

- a.
b.

5. Say whether the following sentences are true or false. Put T or F in the cage

- a. Trees make the air polluted and dirty
b. people seem to understand well the uses of trees.

(2 x 5 = 10 marks)

Test 9

Use a suitable prefix or a suffix given in the box for the underlined word and rewrite them.

The first one is done for you.

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- i) It is not suitable to wear colour suits for this religious ceremony.

It is unsuitable to wear colour suits for this religious ceremony.

- (ii) It is not possible to get there in time.

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- (iii) I am not sure that Thejan will join our trip

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- (iv) What they are doing is considered not honest.

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- (v) Koshala is not careful about washing her hands before eating.

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- (vi) Previous applicants for the post need not apply again.

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(1 x 5 = 05 marks)