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BLE 109 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Instructions to the Candidates

- 1) This paper consists two (02) Parts (**Part I and Part II**), seven(07) pages and Twelve (12) questions
- 2) Answer **all the questions on this paper itself**
- 3) Time allocated for the examination is three (03) hours.
- 4) Enter your index number on all pages of the answer script
- 5) If a page or a part of this question paper is not printed properly, please inform the Supervisor immediately.

PART 1

(1). Underline the correct form (tense) of the verbs given within brackets.

- 1) She usually phones me on Sundays, but she (did not phone/ does not phone/ will not phone) me last Sunday.
- 2) Listen! What's that big noise? What (happened/ happens/ is happening) there?
- 3) A: Have you been to England?
B: No, never, but I (go/ went/ will go) to France two years ago.
- 4) A: (Do you watch/ Did you watch/ Are you watching) TV?
B: 'No, you can switch it off.'
- 5) They (live /are living/ have been living) in the USA for six years.
- 6) Mr. Perera usually (read/reads/is reading) two English newspapers on internet from 5.30 to 6.00 in the mornings
- 7) Shall we go now? It (does not rain / is not raining/ did not rain) now.
- 8) I was very busy, so I (did not have/ do not have/ does not have) time to phone you.
- 9) Hi! How are you? What (are you doing/ do you do/ were you doing) these days?
- 10) I tried to contact you several times yesterday. (Did you/ was you/ were you) at home yesterday?
(01 x 10=10 Marks)

(2). Underline the correct form of the Tag Question

E.g. You are very early today, aren't you?

- 1) You are tired (aren't you / don't you/ are you)?
- 2) You are not angry with me (are you/ haven't you/ aren't you)?
- 3) I asked you not to put your purse in your back pocket (haven't I/ didn't I/ did I)?
- 4) She is terribly worried about it (is she/ isn't she/ wasn't she)?
- 5) You don't smoke (don't you/ do you/ haven't you)?

(01x05=05 marks)

(3). Write questions so as to get the underlined words/phrases as answers

E.g. A: Where..did you go.. yesterday? B: I went to Matara yesterday.

- 1) A: Why.....?
B: I went there to see my younger sister
- 2) A: Have.....?
B: No, I haven't got any brothers.
- 3) A: How often.....?
B: I go there once a month
- 4) A:?
B: It takes one and half hours to go to Matara from Kottawa.
- 5) A:?
B: Matara is 133 kilometers away from Kottawa

(01x05=05 marks)

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The night seems fade, but the moonlight lingers

There are wonders everyone, Yeah

The stars shine so bright, but they're fading dawn

There is magic Kingston Town.

(Source-Kingston Town by UB 40)

(01x05=05 marks)

(5) A. **Underline the correct form of the word given within brackets.**

- 1) A balanced diet and physical activity will go a long way to enhance (**perform/ performance/ performs**) of the students at examination
- 2) Studies have shown that academic stress is as high as 48 percent due to the very (**competition/ competitive/ compete**) exam oriented school system.
- 3) I want to be a (success/ succeed/ successful) entrepreneur one day.
- 4) Political (**stable/ instability/ stability**) is a vital factor for the development of the country.
- 5) Even though we got independence 66 years ago still we meet some people who cannot get rid of the slavish (**mentality/ mental/ mentally**).

B. **Complete the following sentences by forming a new word from the word given within brackets**

- 6) There is a (short) of rice in the market these days.
- 7) A language Teacher's task is not to talk non-stop, but to (facility) the learning process
- 8) He is not supposed to be a good (employ). He treats his workers badly.
- 9) Everybody likes to live in a (comfort) house.
- 10) I can personally vouch for his (honest) and integrity.

(01x10=10 Marks)

(6). **Match the following language functions in column A with suitable statements/ questions in column B and write the correct number in the box provided**

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| 1. Expressing ability | <input type="text"/> | I can swim very well |
| 2. Asking for permission | <input type="text"/> | Why don't you call a staff meeting immediately? |
| 3. Making a suggestion | <input type="text"/> | You should go to the doctor |
| 4. Expressing necessity | <input type="text"/> | May I go home a bit early today? |

(7). Turn the following into negative.

e.g. I watch TV News last night.
I did not watch TV News last night.

- 1) I sent the letter by registered post
- 2) They know it very well
- 3) He likes 'Rock Music' very much
- 4) I will do my Master's as soon as I complete my degree
- 5) She has been working here for ten years

(01x05=05 marks)

(8). Turn the following into Indirect Speech

e.g. Perera: "I have to attend a board meeting"
Perera said that he had to attend a board meeting.

- 1) David said, "I have visited twenty five countries"
- 2) Nadee said, "My parents are very well."
- 3) Madhusanka said, "I was studying hard for the exam."
- 4) Sajani said, "I am enjoying my new job very much"
- 5) Ruwan said, "I want to go for a holiday"

(02x05=10 Marks)

(9). Underline the correct answer given within brackets.

- 1) I didn't know you were in hospital. If I (**have known/ has known/ had known**) I would have visited you
- 2) If I find her phone number I (**will invite/ would invite/ will be invited**) her for the party.
- 3) If you (**attend/ attended/ had attended**) classes regularly you could have got a first class degree.
- 4) If I (**learn/ learnt/ had learnt**) five new words a day, I would have had a very rich vocabulary by now.
- 5) If I were you, I (**will not marry /would not marry/ would not have married**) him.

(01x05=05 marks)

(10). Turn the following active voice sentences into passive voice sentences

e.g. They hold the International Book Fair annually during the literary month of September.

The International Book Fair is held annually during the Literary month of September.

1) They opened the Book Fair on the 10th of September.

2) They were giving 20 percent discount to each book.

3) They should sell the books recommended for examinations.

4) They have brought a special set of books from Malaysia for children.

5) They had sold a large number of books on educational subjects on the first day.

e.g. Ananda Samarakoon composed our National Anthem.

Our National Anthem was composed by Ananda Samarakoon

6) Nobody told me that he has been hospitalized.

7) Somebody is following us.

8) Somebody might have taken my umbrella by mistake.

9) Reckless driving causes many accidents.

10) They have reported around 12,000 road accidents countrywide due to road accidents during the past eight months.

PART II**READING AND COMPREHENSION**

(11). Read the following passage and write short answers to the questions given below

Towards a knowledge economy in Sri Lanka by 2020

The Ministry of Technology, Research and Atomic Energy has prepared a draft of a five-year plan to make Sri Lanka a 'knowledge economy' by 2020.

The plan has identified ten main technological fields such as water, food, health, shelter, energy, textile industry, mineral resources, knowledge services, basic services and environment.

The investment in Research and Development (R&D) is critically important for the socioeconomic development of Sri Lanka in the current context of knowledge-driven global economic setup. The total expenditure for R & D remains low at less than 0.2 percent of GDP in Sri Lanka. In comparison, the ratio is nearly 4 percent of GDP in South Korea, and over 2 percent in Singapore. High priority needs to be given by both the government and the business sector to raise R&D investment in Sri Lanka from its present low levels. Having recognised the strategic significance of R&D in Sri Lanka's socioeconomic development, the Ministry of Technology and Research has formulated a 5-year R&D Investment Plan for Sri Lanka.

The main objective of this R&D investment plan is to promote 'smart' technology and innovation solutions.

Economic, Social and Environmental Sustainability (ESES)

In the 1980s, labour was the major source of economic growth and thus, the economy was in the 'factor-driven phase' with growth contributions largely originated from low-skilled and low-cost labour and natural resource endowments.'

In applying technology and innovation for high economic growth, precautions must be taken to deal with the resulting adverse social repercussions. In this regard, reduction of income inequality should be a major concern.

The poor households encounter a variety of problems including malnutrition, ill-health, poor housing conditions, and lack of access to basic amenities including safe-drinking water, education, transport and electricity. These social problems need to be addressed by devising technology and innovation to enable the poor to generate income.'

Sri Lanka should not blindly imitate fast growing countries such as Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan, but lessons should be learnt from them to conserve and construct new eco-systems.

(Source: The Sunday Observer July 06 2014)

(A)

1) What has the Ministry of Technology Research and Atomic energy prepared?

2) When will they make Sri Lanka a Knowledge Economy?

3) What is essential for the socioeconomic development of Sri Lanka?

4) Give a sentence from the passage to show that Sri Lanka does not spend adequate money on

- 5) What is the primary aim of R&D Investment plan?
- 6) What do the letters ESES stand for?
- 7) What was the major source of economic growth in 1980's?
- 8) How do they solve problems like malnutrition, ill-health etc.?
- 9) Why does the writer mention Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan?
- 10) The writer does not say that we should follow fast developing countries blindly. Then what does he advocate?

(01x10=10 Marks)

(B). Find the words which mean the same from the above passage and write them in the space provided

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| 1) A place to live in | - | |
| 2) Amount of money spent on something | - | |
| 3) To help something to develop | - | |
| 4) Facilities | - | |
| 5) Copy someone or something. | - | |

(01x05=05 marks)

(12). Write a composition in about 150 words on any ONE of the following

- 1) Learning English is not as difficult as many people think. Express your views on how to learn English quickly.
- 2) An interesting trip that you went on recently.
- 3) Making best use of modern technology in the field of education
- 4) A religious or cultural festival that you have celebrated recently

(15 marks)

