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BLE 109 - English Language

Instructions to the Candidates

- 01) Answer all the questions on the paper itself.
- 02) Marks will be deducted for wrong spellings and grammar.
- 03) This paper consists of **Six (06)** questions and **Five (05)** pages.
- 04) Time allocated for the examination is **three (03)** hours.
- 05) If a page or a part of this question paper is not printed properly, please
Inform the supervisor immediately.
- 06) Write your index number on all pages of the answer script.

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

Having a hobby that we enjoy brings us joy and enriches our lives. It gives us something enjoyable to do during our leisure time and affords us the opportunity to learn new skills. We are very fortunate to have so many different options out there today. In fact, there are entire websites devoted to hobbies and interests. The best way to *cultivate* a new hobby is to try something new. The world is full of wonderful, exciting activities that we can explore and adopt as our own. Of course, all of us are unique and, therefore, our interests and hobbies vary. But once we find a hobby that we truly enjoy and are passionate about, we get really interested in it. It becomes part of our lives and captivates us in a very personal way.

There are many *reasons* why all of us should have at least one hobby, but here are the main advantages. It makes you more interesting. People who have hobbies have experiences and stories that they can share with others. They also have specialized knowledge that they can teach to anyone who also has an interest in the same topics as they do. And also it helps to relieve stress by keeping you engaged in something you enjoy. Hobbies give you a way to take your mind off the stresses of everyday life. They let you relax and seek pleasure in activities that aren't associated with work, chores or other responsibilities.

In the same *maner* hobbies help you become more patient. In order to develop a new hobby, you have to learn how to do something that is brand new to you. The odds are there will be a learning curve, and you will need to be patient in order to build your skills. Having a hobby can help your social life and create a bond with others. A hobby is something that you can frequently enjoy with other people. Whether you join a club, play in a league or just gift others with the fruits of your labor, a hobby is a *gerate* way to meet and get closer to people who have the same interests as you do. However, some people think that having a bobby is a waste of time that they have to use for something else. But this concept should be *eradicaded* from the society since hobbies are helping people in different ways.

1. What is the main idea of the text?

(01 mark)

2. According to the text mention some sources that people can search for hobbies.

(01 mark)

3. What is the best way to have a hobby?

(01 mark)

4. As you think why should all of us have at least one hobby?

(02 marks)

5. How do hobbies make people patient?

(01 mark)

6. Mention some advantages of having a hobby.

(03 marks)

7. Give the meaning of the following words.

i. Fortunate:

ii. Different:

iii. Explore:

iv. Create:

v. Concept:

(05 marks)

8. Provide a suitable title for the text.

(01 mark)

9. There are some words with wrong spelling. Find the words and write in the given space.

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(02 marks)

10. Write down a brief summary about the above text without exceeding 125 words.

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(03 marks)

2. Select the correct words from the brackets and fill the blanks. (20 marks)

1. They were tired but(happiest, being happy, happy, happiness)
2. The doctor (examine, examined, examining, will examine) the patient this morning.
3. The country is not (stableness, stable, stabilize, stabilizing)
4. It was very difficult for the pilot to (driven, drove, drive, driver)
5. The government will be..... (reformation, reformatory, reformed, reforming) by the new president.
6. It is the (responsible, responsibility, responsive, response) of the human beings to save the earth from pollution.
7. She(lay, laid, laying, have been laid) the baby down gently on the bed.
8. He was (conscript, conscripted, conscripting, will conscript) into the army in 2009.
9. I don't think they need help, but I think I should (offered, offering, offers, offer).
10. What was that noise? I should go and (invest, investigate, investigating, investigative)
11. They are looking into ways of (invigorate, invigoration, invigorating, invigorative) the department.

12. The remarks of the Head (nettled, nettle, will nettle, nettling) her in the last meeting.
13. During the battle Nelson was (bad, badly, biding, blandly) wounded.
14. He angrily accused the investigator of(slander, slandering, slanderous, slang) both him and his family.
15. He spoke clearly and (concise, conciseness, concisely, would concise)
16. The old people often tried to.....(economy, economical, economic, economize) on heating, thus endangering their health.
17. They tried to(mend, mending, will mend, mended) their differences.
18. A herd of elephants (roaming, roam, roamed, will be roam) around the tank to drink water in the evening.
19. The organization helped the(affect, affecting, affected, would affect) people by giving dry rations.
20. She is receiving(treating, treated, treatment, will treat) for her skin complaint.

3. Select the suitable word or phrase and fill the blanks with the number of the correct answer. (10 marks)

1. If Nimali prepares the salad, Kamani..... the house.
(1) decorated (2) will decorate (3) would decorate (4) decoration
2. If I the game well, they would select me for the grand final.
(1) playing (2) will play (3) played (4) would have played
3. If he had dropped the vase, it
(1) broken (2) might break (3) break (4) could have broken
4. If you me this letter now, I will receive it tomorrow.
(1) sent (2) can send (3) send (4) should send
5. If we had a yacht, we would the seven seas.
(1) will sail (2) may sail (3) sailed (4) sail
6. If you had asked from me, Iyou.

(1) will help (2) should help (3) helped (4) could have helped

7. Janethe sitting room, if her brothers arrange the furniture.

(1) will clean (2) is cleaning (3) cleaning (4) might clean

8. Wegrand parties, if my friends came to my island.

(1) could have (2) had (3) are having (4) shall have

9. The gamegreat, if the trainers took that decision.

(1) becoming (2) become (3) would become (4) will become

10. Nimalito London next week, if she takes a cheap flight

(1) went (2) should go (3) will go (4) is going

4. Write a letter to the coordinator of student affairs division asking to issue a new ID card since your ID is damaged and you are unable to mark your attendance in the university. Mention the necessary details including full name, student number and email address. (20 marks)

5. Write down an essay about any of the following topics in about 300 words. (30 marks)

a. Sri Lankan educational system and the career opportunities.

b. The biggest loss you have experienced.

c. Importance of English.

d. If you could live in a different country.....

Or

6. Employment of Direct Sinhala expressions and Sri Lankan idioms have become very significant in Lakdasa Wickramasingha's writings. Explain this notion by giving examples from the poem *From the life of the folk poet Ysinno*.