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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF.

• **Test 9**

Read the following conversation between two friends and **underline the most suitable word** within each set of brackets. The first one is done for you.

Ravindu: Did you read the article about road (1) [safe / safety / safely] in yesterday's newspaper?

Imasha: Yes, I did. It said that most accidents happen because drivers are (2) [care / careless / carelessly].

Ravindu: That is true. Some motorcyclists ride very (3) [dangerous / danger / dangerously] on wet roads.

Imasha: The writer suggested that the police should take strict (4) [act / action / active] against those who break road rules.

Ravindu: I think (5) [educate / education / educational] programmes in schools can also help to reduce accidents.

Imasha: You are right. Our club can make a short film to (6) [encouragement / encourage / encouraging] students to use pedestrian crossings.

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• **Test 10**

Complete the following passage using the correct form of the verb given within brackets. The first one is done for you.

Last year, a new computer laboratory (1) ...*was opened*... (open) in our school by the Zonal Director of Education. At the ceremony, twenty new computers (2) (give) to the school by a private company. While the chief guest (3) (speak), the lights suddenly went out.

Fortunately, our science teacher (4) (bring) a small generator to the school the day before. Since then, every student in Grade 10 (5) (use) the laboratory at least twice a week. Next month, our principal plans (6) (start) free evening classes for parents as well.

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• **Test 11**

Fill in the blanks of the following passage with the words given in the box. Use each word only once. **There is one extra word.**

enough | light | help | important | away | because | stores | drink
attention | dream | difficult | time | about | repairs | what

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Sleep is as (1) to the human body as food and water. While we sleep, the brain (2) the lessons we have learnt during the day, and the body (3) tired muscles. Doctors say that teenagers need (4) eight to nine hours of sleep every night. However, many students stay awake until midnight (5) they watch television or use mobile phones. The bright (6) from a screen tells the brain that it is still daytime, so it becomes (7) to fall asleep.

A student who does not sleep (8) feels tired and angry the next morning. Such a student cannot pay (9) in the classroom and often forgets (10) the teacher explains. To sleep well, go to bed at the same (11) every night and keep your phone (12) from your pillow. A warm (13) of milk and a few pages of a storybook will also (14) you to relax.

• **Test 12**

Underline the correct answer from the options provided below each statement.

(1) If I enough money, I would buy a new dictionary.

- (a) have (b) had (c) will have

(2) The girl won the all-island essay competition is my cousin.

- (a) who (b) which (c) whose

(3) The letters by the postman every morning before nine o'clock.

- (a) deliver (b) are delivering (c) are delivered

(4) When we reached the station, the train

- (a) has already left (b) had already left (c) already leaves

(5) "I am preparing for the term test," said Malini.

Reported Speech: Malini said that she for the term test.

- (a) is preparing (b) was preparing (c) has prepared

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• **Test 13**

Read the following five extracts taken from educational books and magazines. Match each extract with the most suitable heading given below. Write the corresponding letter (A–E) in the box provided.

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HEADINGS:

- [A] A Festival that Brings the Whole Island Together
 [B] Small Insects, Great Service
 [C] From Leaf to Cup: A Journey that Begins in the Hills
 [D] A Game Played with the Mind, Not the Muscles
 [E] Hidden Highways Beneath the Waves

Extract	Heading Letter
(1) Two players sit in complete silence, yet a fierce battle is being fought on the sixty-four squares between them. Each move must be planned several steps ahead, because one careless decision can lose the game. Teachers say that children who play it regularly learn patience and sharpen their memory.	[]
(2) Almost all the international telephone calls and internet data we use travel not through satellites but through cables laid on the seabed. These cables, hardly thicker than a garden hose, connect continents across thousands of kilometres. When a ship's anchor damages one, a whole country can lose its connection for days.	[]
(3) Before dawn, pluckers climb the steep slopes of Nuwara Eliya with baskets on their backs, picking only two tender leaves and a bud from each shoot. In the factory, the leaves are withered, rolled, dried and sorted before they are packed. Weeks later, they are poured as a golden drink in homes thousands of kilometres away.	[]
(4) In April, when the sun moves from Pisces to Aries, families light the hearth at the same auspicious moment. Milk is boiled until it overflows, sweetmeats are shared with neighbours, and children worship their elders with sheaves of betel. For a few days, quarrels are forgotten and every village celebrates as one.	[]
(5) Without these tiny winged workers, many of the fruits and vegetables on our plates would simply disappear. As they fly from flower to flower collecting nectar, they carry the pollen that allows plants to produce seeds. Scientists warn that the overuse of pesticides is killing them in large numbers.	[]

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• Test 14

Write only **ONE** of the following tasks. Use about **100 words**.

(a) Formal Letter:

Imagine you are the Secretary of the Environment Society of your school. People have been **dumping garbage on the roadside near your school gate**. Write a formal letter to the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha of your area requesting a solution.

Include: (i) Who you are and why you are writing (ii) The problems caused by the garbage (iii) What you request the Pradeshiya Sabha to do (iv) How your society is willing to help.

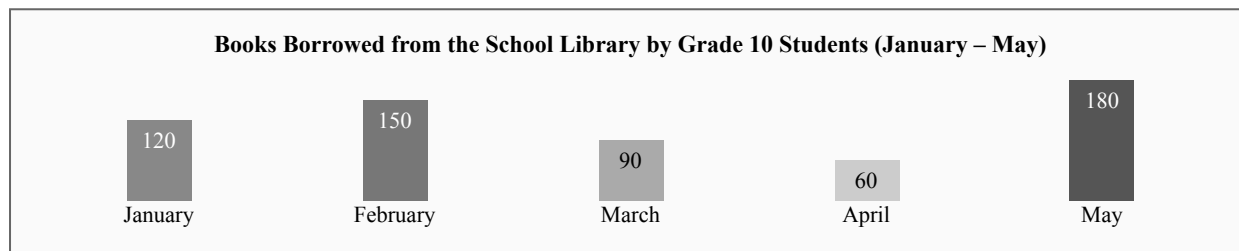
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OR

(b) Bar Chart Description:

The bar chart below shows the **number of books borrowed from the school library** by the Grade 10 students of Sri Sumangala Vidyalaya during **the first five months of the year**. Write a paragraph describing and analyzing the information. Use about 100 words.

Helpful words: highest, lowest, rose, increased, dropped, fell further, sharply, compared to, overall.



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• Test 15

Read the following text and answer the questions that follow on page 10.

The Heaviest Bag

[I] For thirty-two years, Siripala was the only postman in Galkanda, a farming village hidden among the hills of the Kegalle District. Every morning he tied a canvas bag to his old bicycle and rode along narrow gravel paths, crossing two streams and a paddy field to reach the farthest houses. He knew every family by name. However, there was something about his work that made him sad. Most of the elderly villagers could not read the letters he brought them.

[II] In those days, many young people from Galkanda worked in distant towns or in foreign countries. They wrote long letters to their parents, but the parents had to wait until a schoolchild or a neighbour had time to read them aloud. Private news became public news. One afternoon, an old woman named Ran Menike handed a letter back to Siripala and whispered, "Son, please read it to me quietly. I do not want the whole village to know my daughter's troubles." That evening, Siripala could not forget her words.

[III] The following Sunday, he borrowed a blackboard from the village school and hung it on the wall of the small post office. He invited five elderly villagers to come after the morning's work. At first they were reluctant, for they believed that they were too old to learn. Siripala began with the letters of their own names and the names of their children. Within a few weeks, the five learners had become twenty, and the lessons had to be moved to the preaching hall of the temple.

[IV] Teaching adults was not easy. Their eyes were weak, and their fingers, hardened by years of farm work, could hardly hold a pencil. Some of them stopped coming during the harvesting season. Siripala never scolded them. Instead, he wrote short letters to the absent learners and delivered them himself, so that **they** had to return to the class to find out what the letters said. He also persuaded the village shopkeeper to donate exercise books and a pair of reading glasses, which the learners shared.

[V] Two years later, Ran Menike wrote her first letter to her daughter in her own shaky handwriting. It had only four lines, yet her daughter kept it in a frame. By the time Siripala retired, more than sixty adults in Galkanda had learnt to read and write. At his farewell, the villagers did not give him a gold ring or a wall clock. Instead, each learner wrote him a letter of thanks. Siripala said that the canvas bag he carried home that day was the heaviest, and the most precious, of his life.

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• Questions for Test 15:

(1) State whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) by putting a tick (✓) in the correct column: (½ × 4 = 2 Marks)

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Statement	True	False
(a) Siripala delivered letters in Galkanda for more than thirty years.		
(b) Ran Menike wanted everybody in the village to hear her daughter's letter.		
(c) The very first lessons were held in the preaching hall of the temple.		
(d) The village shopkeeper gave exercise books for the learners.		

(2) Write **TWO** reasons given in Paragraph IV to show that teaching adults was not easy: (1 Mark)

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(3) What does the pronoun "**they**" in bold print in Paragraph IV refer to? (1 Mark)

.....

(4) Find **ONE word** in Paragraph III which means "*unwilling; not eager to do something*": (1 Mark)

.....

(5) According to Paragraph II, why did private news become public news in Galkanda? (1 Mark)

.....

(6) Underline the most suitable title for this passage: (1 Mark)

- (a) The Hard Life of a Village Farmer
- (b) The Postman Who Taught a Village to Read
- (c) Letters from Foreign Countries
- (d) How to Build a Village Post Office

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• Test 16

Write on **ONE** of the following topics. Use about **200 words**.

(a) An Article for Your School Magazine:

"Protecting Our Rivers and Streams"

Write an article explaining why our rivers are in danger and what can be done to protect them.

Include the following:

- Why rivers and streams are important to people, farmers and animals
- How rivers are being polluted (e.g., garbage, factory waste, illegal sand mining)
- The harmful results of river pollution
- What students, villagers and the government can do to protect rivers

(b) An Essay:

"Mobile Phones: A Blessing or a Curse for Students?"

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of students using mobile phones.

Include the following:

- How mobile phones can help students in their studies
- The dangers of using mobile phones too much (wasting time, unsuitable content)
- The effects on health, sleep and family relationships
- How students can use mobile phones wisely

(c) A Speech at the Annual Sports Meet:

"The Value of Sports in School Life"

Imagine you are the Sports Captain of your school. Address the students and parents gathered at the sports meet.

Include the following:

- How sports keep students physically fit and healthy
- The qualities students learn through sports (discipline, teamwork, leadership)
- How to balance studies and sports
- An invitation to every student to take part in at least one sport

(d) Complete the Story:

Write a story that begins with the following sentence:

"When the bus disappeared round the bend, Kamal realised that the bag in his hand was not his own..."

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