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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF.

O Test 1

Match the following pictures of cameras with their correct usages/descriptions given below. Write the letter of the most suitable picture in the box given against each description. *The first one is done for you.*

					
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)

- Used for high-end professional cinema production and filmmaking.
- Prints physical photos immediately right after capturing a photo.
- Captures high-definition smooth handheld video while easily fitting in a pocket.
- Installed on premises and buildings to continuously monitor security and safety.
- Used for everyday smart photography, mobile recording, and instant social sharing.
- Flies high in the air to capture scenic aerial photo shots and landscape videos.

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O Test 2

Read the following podcast transcript and fill in the blanks using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct answer in each blank. *The first one is done for you.*

Podcast Interview: Tyla Talking About Her Hit Song "Jump"

(a) energetic (b) featuring (c) rhythm (d) culture (e) popular (f) viral

Host: Welcome back! Today we are talking to Tyla about her smash-hit single "Jump" (1) b Gunna and Skillibeng. Tyla, this track has become extremely (2) _____ all over the world!

Tyla: Thank you! We really wanted to create something with high energy and a heavy (3) _____ that makes everyone want to dance instantly.

Host: The official video went completely (4) _____ on social media within hours of its release. What was the vision behind it?

Tyla: We wanted to showcase our vibrant (5) _____ and blend our local roots with modern global music styles.

Host: It definitely worked! The dynamic choreography makes it such an (6) _____ track to listen to on repeat.

■ Test 3

Study the picture and fill in the blanks in the paragraph using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the blank. *The first one is done for you.*

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- (a) queue
- (b) vendor
- (c) fresh
- (d) shelves
- (e) canteen
- (f) juices
- (g) enjoying
- (h) delicious
- (i) display
- (j) snacks
- (k) counter

This picture shows the interior of a school (1) e during interval time. Several students are standing in a long (2) _____ waiting patiently to order their food. A friendly (3) _____ is standing behind the main (4) _____, ready to serve them. Above the counter, glass (5) _____ are filled with various baked items and (6) _____ like rolls, buns, and patties. A prominent food (7) _____ unit showcases a selection of (8) _____ fruits alongside cool fruit (9) _____. Meanwhile, one student is (10) _____ a hot drink, while others enjoy their (11) _____ meals at nearby tables.

■ Test 4

Read the following text about veteran singer Nanda Malani and fill in each blank with the correct form of the word given in brackets. *The first one is done for you.*

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Dr. Nanda Malani, who passed away recently, was widely regarded as one of the (1) most influential (*influential, more influential, most influential*) vocalists in Sri Lankan music history. Beginning her journey during the (2) _____ (*early, earlier, earliest*) era of Radio Ceylon, her career blossomed rapidly. She gained a (3) _____ (*large, larger, largest*) audience than many of her contemporaries due to her versatile voice. As her career progressed, her classical compositions resonated (4) _____ (*deep, deeper, deepest*) with listeners than standard pop songs, earning her national acclaim. Her passing brought immense grief to the country, marking the end of one of the (5) _____ (*profound, more profound, most profound*) musical legacies, yet she remains one of the (6) _____ (*great, greater, greatest*) cultural icons the nation has ever known.

○ **Test 5**

Read the following text and complete the table given below. *The first one is done for you.*

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MKBHD: The Tech Creator

Marques Brownlee, widely known as MKBHD, is a prominent American technology reviewer and YouTuber. He launched his YouTube channel in 2008 while still a high school student, creating simple hardware reviews. Over the years, his channel has grown rapidly, earning a reputation for sleek production quality and honest technical analysis. In addition to creating video content, Brownlee is an avid ultimate frisbee player, competing professionally for the New York Empire. He has interviewed major tech figures such as Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg, and was named the best technology reviewer on the planet by former Google CEO Eric Schmidt.

(1) Full name of MKBHD	Marques Brownlee
(2) Year YouTube channel was launched	
(3) Professional sport played	
(4) Professional ultimate frisbee team	
(5) One prominent tech figure interviewed	
(6) Former Google CEO who praised him	

○ **Test 6**

Imagine you are the secretary of the Toastmasters Club in your school. Write a notice inviting students to participate in a Poster Design Competition on the topic "The Dengue Menace". Use about 40 – 50 words.

Include the following details:

- Purpose of the competition
- Submission deadline & place/person to hand over posters

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○ **Test 7**

Read the text and underline the most suitable answer for the questions given below.

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Nimal and Kusal were two visually impaired students who shared a deep friendship at school. Though neither could see, they often spent their afternoons imagining the world through their senses. One sunny day, they sat near the garden discussing colours. "I think red must feel like warm sunshine on a cold morning," said Nimal, smiling. Kusal nodded softly and added, "And green must taste like the fresh, crisp mint leaves in the garden." For them, blue was the gentle breeze from the ocean, and yellow was the sweet aroma of ripe mangoes. Through their rich imagination and shared feelings, they created a world far more beautiful and colourful than words could ever describe.

(1) Nimal and Kusal were two students who were

- (a) hard of hearing (b) visually impaired (c) physically disabled

(2) According to Nimal, the colour red felt like

- (a) a gentle breeze (b) warm sunshine (c) sweet mangoes

(3) Kusal imagined green as the taste of

- (a) crisp mint leaves (b) fresh ripe apples (c) cool ocean water

(4) What represented the sweet aroma of ripe mangoes to the two friends?

- (a) blue (b) green (c) yellow

(5) The word "**impaired**" in the text means

- (a) damaged or weakened (b) highly skilled (c) bright and colorful

○ **Test 8**

Write a paragraph on any **one** of the following topics. Use about **50 – 60 words**.

(a) The importance of helping others

(b) My favourite place

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o Test 9

Read the text and underline the most suitable word given within each bracket.

Language plays a vital role in human interaction and cultural expression. Linguistic studies enable researchers to analyze speech patterns and (1) _____

((a) decipher, (b) discard, (c) divide) complex grammatical structures across various dialects. In addition, promoting multilingual education helps to (2) _____

((a) expand, (b) diminish, (c) demolish) communication barriers among diverse social groups. Unfortunately, rapid globalization and social shifts have led to a severe (3) _____ ((a) decline, (b) declined, (c) declining)

in native speaker populations for many endangered tongues. To overcome this problem, academic institutions must take active (4) _____ ((a) initiatives, (b) initiations, (c) initiating) to record and preserve rare languages.

Protecting our global linguistic heritage is not only a cultural priority but also a (5) _____ ((a) vital, (b) vitally, (c) vitality) responsibility for future scholars.

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o Test 10

Read the following text and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given within brackets.

While Amara (1) (**read**) her book, her phone suddenly (2) (**ring**). She (3) (**decide**) to ignore it and continued reading. After finishing the chapter, she (4) (**realise**) that she (5) (**forget**) to call her mother.

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o Test 11

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

enzymes, insulin, blood, digestive, organ, healthy, carbohydrate, sugar, essential, produced, system,
released, cells, balance, energy

The pancreas is a vital (1) located in the abdomen. It plays a dual role in both the (2) system and the endocrine system. As part of digestion, it secretes special (3) that break down proteins, fats, and carbohydrates in food. In addition, it plays an (4) role in regulating blood glucose levels. The pancreas contains specialized (5) that produce hormones like (6) and glucagon. When (7) levels rise after a meal, insulin is (8) into the bloodstream to help cells absorb glucose for (9) If the pancreas fails to produce enough insulin, it can lead to high blood (10) levels and conditions like diabetes. Maintaining a (11) diet and exercising regularly can support pancreatic health. This ensures the body maintains a proper metabolic (12) Proper nutrition helps the body process each (13) effectively, preventing metabolic overload. Ultimately, the hormones (14) by the pancreas are crucial for overall health and well-being.

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○ **Test 12**

Fill in the blanks using the correct word from the box. There is **one extra word**.

nevertheless | meanwhile | thus | consequently | moreover | whereas

Crochet bag making is a rewarding craft that combines creativity with practical skill. To begin, gather your yarn and a matching hook; **(1)**, choose a simple pattern to follow if you are a beginner. First, make a slip knot and create a foundation chain of the required length. **(2)**, continue working single or double crochet stitches across the rows to build the body of the bag. Crafting a sturdy base can be slightly challenging for newcomers; **(3)**, with steady practice, achieving even tension becomes much easier. **(4)**, your crocheted panel will take shape into a durable structure suitable for daily use. Finally, stitch the sides together and attach handles to complete your project. **(5)**, you can sew in a fabric lining to add extra support and professional finishing.

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○ **Test 13**

Match the school athletic events with the correct rule or instruction given below. Write the letter of the rule in the box. There is **one extra rule**.

Letter	Rule / Instruction
A	Athletes must clear the horizontal bar without knocking it down, using a single-foot takeoff.
B	Competitors must throw the heavy metal sphere from within a marked circle without stepping over the front boundary line.
C	If the baton is dropped during a transition, the runner who dropped it must retrieve it before continuing.
D	Swimmers must touch the wall with both hands simultaneously when turning or finishing the breaststroke lap.
E	Jumpers must take off behind the foul line and land in the sand pit for their distance to be measured from the nearest break in the sand.
F	Athletes must stay strictly within their assigned lanes throughout the entire sprint from start to finish.

(i)	Relay Race	☐
(ii)	100m Sprint	☐
(iii)	Long Jump	☐
(iv)	Shot Put	☐
(v)	High Jump	☐

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Write on **only one** of the following. Use the space provided.

(a)

As the Secretary of the English Literary Association of your school, write a formal letter to the Ministry of Education inquiring why the Cursive Handwriting event has been removed recently from the Annual English Day Competition. Use about **100 words**.

Include the following:

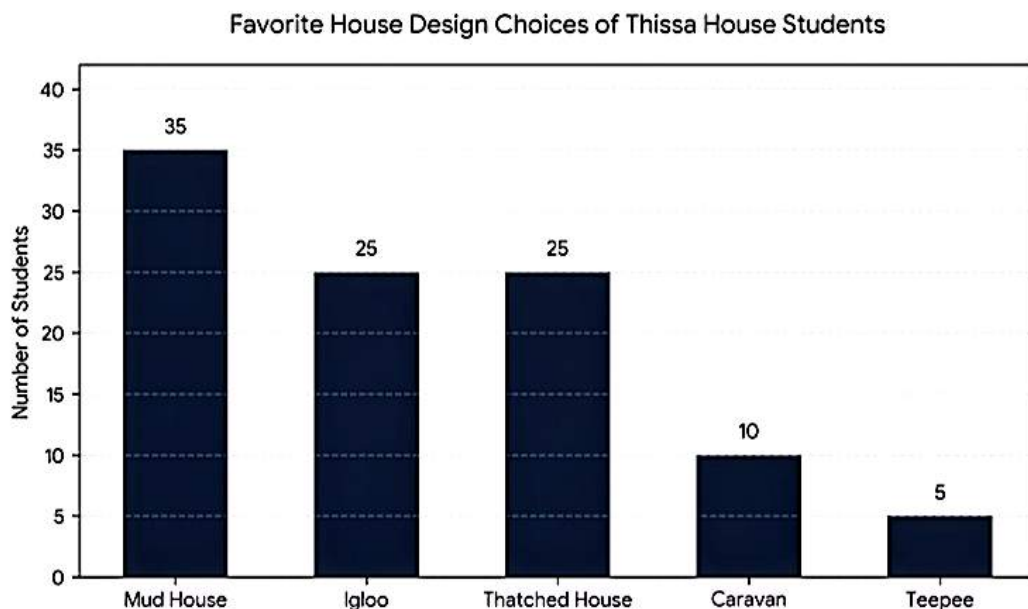
- State the purpose of writing and refer to the recent change in competition rules.
- Express the disappointment felt by the students who prepared for the event.
- Explain the importance of cursive handwriting for students' fine motor skills and artistic writing.
- Request a clarification or reconsideration to reinstate the event for upcoming competitions.

OR

(b)

The following bar chart shows the favorite house design choices among students of **Thissa House** for their school sports meet decor. Write a description about the students' preferences based on the bar chart. Use about **100 words**.

highest / lowest / more than / equal / less than / majority / most popular



o Test 15

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

La Niña is a complex weather pattern that occurs as part of the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) cycle. It is characterized by unusually cold ocean temperatures in the Equatorial Pacific, which significantly affects global weather patterns. Strong trade winds push warm surface water westward toward Asia and Australia, allowing cold, nutrient-rich water to rise to the surface along the Pacific coast of South America in a process known as upwelling.

These atmospheric and oceanic changes trigger widespread environmental impacts across the world. Regions in Southeast Asia, Australia, and parts of Southern Africa typically experience increased rainfall and severe flooding, while areas such as the southwestern United States and coastal South America face prolonged droughts and reduced agricultural yields. Global climate agencies monitor these sea surface temperature anomalies closely to provide early warnings for agriculture, water resource management, and disaster preparedness.

To mitigate the severe disruptions caused by La Niña, international organizations and national governments are increasingly investing in climate-resilient infrastructure and early warning systems. Farmers are encouraged to adopt drought-resistant crop varieties in arid zones, while flood-prone regions strengthen embankment structures and drainage systems. Furthermore, global collaborative research is expanding predictive satellite modeling to forecast ENSO transitions more accurately, helping vulnerable communities minimize economic losses and safeguard livelihoods.

(1) State whether the following statements are True or False. Put a tick (✓) in the relevant cage.

Statement	True	False
(a) Strong trade winds move warm ocean water westward during La Niña.		
(b) Southwestern parts of the United States usually face severe flooding during La Niña.		
(c) Farmers in dry regions are advised to cultivate drought-resistant crops.		
(d) Advanced satellite modeling helps predict ENSO cycle changes more accurately.		

(½ × 4 = 02 marks)

Underline the correct answer.

(2) The upwelling process near South America brings

- (a) warm surface water to the shore. (b) cold, nutrient-rich water to the surface.
(c) heavy rainfall to coastal towns. (d) tropical air currents from Australia.

(01 mark)

(3) What measures are being taken in flood-prone areas to mitigate La Niña impacts?

- (a) Planting drought-resistant crops. (b) Expanding trade routes across the ocean.
(c) Strengthening embankments and drainage systems. (d) Reducing sea surface monitoring activities.

(01 mark)

(4) Global collaborative research uses predictive satellite modeling mainly to

- (a) control weather patterns directly. (b) stop trade winds from shifting.
(c) forecast ENSO transitions and protect livelihoods. (d) stop ocean temperatures from dropping.

(01 mark)

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(5) What does the word 'these' in paragraph 2 (line 4) refer to?

Answer:

(01 mark)

(6) Underline the phrase/word that is closest in meaning to the following:

(a) 'mitigate'

(i) to make less severe

(ii) to completely avoid

(iii) to increase rapidly

(iv) to observe carefully

(b) 'safeguard'

(i) destroy

(ii) protect

(iii) measure

(iv) replace

(01 mark)

o Test 16

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

(a) Write an article to a school magazine on 'Say No to Single-Use Plastics'.

Include the following:

- The environmental threat of single-use plastic waste on land and ocean ecosystems.
- Harm caused to wildlife, marine life, and human health.
- Eco-friendly alternatives (cloth bags, glass bottles, metal straws).
- Actionable steps students and schools can take to reduce plastic waste.

(b) Write an essay on 'The Importance of Good Driving Ethics'.

Include the following:

- What constitutes good driving ethics (respecting traffic rules, discipline, patience).
- Major causes of road accidents due to poor driving behavior.
- Impact of road accidents on families, society, and public resources.
- How promoting driving ethics and strict enforcement can make roads safer.

(c) Imagine you are giving a speech at the morning assembly on 'Dancing: A Fun Way to Stay Healthy'.

Write the speech.

Include the following:

- Introduction to physical fitness and healthy living.
- Physical and mental benefits of dancing (cardio exercise, stress relief, flexibility).
- Why dancing is an enjoyable alternative to standard workouts.
- Encouraging fellow students to incorporate dance into their daily routines.

(d) Complete the following dialogue between Senali and Oneli about participating in the school dancing competition.

Senali: Hi Oneli! I heard that our school is going to hold a dancing competition next month.

Oneli: Yes, Senali. Are you planning to take part in it?

(See page twelve)