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**BEN 1.11 – BASIC ENGLISH - I**

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**Answer all questions on this paper itself.**

**(1) Write a suitable answer to each of the following questions in the conversation.  
Your answers should be in complete sentences with as much information as possible.**

A: Are you English?

B: .....

A: How old are you?

B: .....

A: Who is that over there?

B: .....

A: Is she Japanese?

B: .....

A: When did you arrive in Sri Lanka?

B: .....

A: Did you have a good journey?

B: .....

A: Do you have any children?

B: .....

A: Who is older, your son or daughter?

B: .....

A: Have you been to Sri Lanka before?

B: .....

A: Where do you stay in Sri Lanka?

B: .....

(10 marks)

**(2) Write an appropriate question in column 'A' against each of the responses given in column 'B'.**

A	B
.....	Tonight
.....	Yes, I am.
.....	My friend
.....	Next to the chief guest
.....	Sorry, he's not in the office.
.....	Opposite the bank
.....	At the weekend
.....	On the table
.....	No, I don't.
.....	Yes I did.
.....	It's mine.

(10 marks)

**(3) Complete the sentences with a suitable verb.**

- a. Susan and I ..... good friends.
- b. Now, they ..... in London.
- c. My father ..... to India many times.
- d. When you ..... to my office, I was at a meeting.
- e. By this time yesterday, I ..... on the phone with my brother.

(5 marks)

**(4) Match the beginnings in Column 'A' with the endings in Column 'B'. Put the number of the beginnings against each of the endings. One has been done for you.**

A	B
1. I'd love to pay .....	<u>10</u> your passport, please.
2. Do you accept .....	..... just round the corner.
3. How much .....	..... some traveler's cheques, please?
4. Could you give me change .....	..... do these ties cost?
5. Could I have .....	..... my bill, please.
6. Is there .....	..... a receipt, please?
7. Where do I .....	..... these two, please?
8. Can I cash .....	..... sign them?
9. I'll have .....	..... credit cards?
10. Let me see .....	..... for this Rs. 100 note?
11. There's one	..... a bank near here?

(10 marks)

**(5) Correct the grammatical mistake in each sentence.**

**A:** What we are going to do tonight?

**B:** I'm tired; I'm not go out.

**A:** Where's the children?

**B:** There are playing in the garden.

**A:** Am I look nice today?

**B:** Yes, you don't.

**A:** How does your mother now?

**B:** She is being all right now.

**A:** Didn't the servant came in the evening.

**B:** No, she did.

(10 marks)



(6) Insert the words in column 'B' in the correct place in the sentences against each word in column 'A'. Use the symbol (A) to show where you have inserted the words. The first one has been done for you.

Column A	Column B
Tim works for a <sup>company</sup> in Sacramento, California.	<b>company</b>
He's a service representative.	<b>customer</b>
He gets up at six o'clock each.	<b>workday</b>
He drives to work and begins his at eight o'clock.	<b>work</b>
He speaks to people on the telephone to help them with their problems.	<b>banking</b>
People telephone the bank to ask about their accounts.	<b>questions</b>
He doesn't give about accounts until people answer a few questions.	<b>information</b>
Tim asks their birth date, the last four digits of their social security number and their address.	<b>callers</b>
If a person gives incorrect information, Tim asks him to call back the correct information.	<b>with</b>
Tim is polite and friendly with.	<b>everyone</b>
He returns at five o'clock in the evening.	<b>home</b>

(10 marks)

**(7) Read the passage and choose the correct answer to the questions below.**

Mary has a lot of hobbies and interests. She usually gets up early so she can run before work. She doesn't often have time to ski, but she occasionally goes on Saturdays during the winter. Mary often rides a horse at a stable near her home. She sometimes goes after work, but she usually goes horseback riding on Sundays. She loves music. She always goes to choir practice on Wednesday evenings and sings in church on Sundays. She doesn't have much extra money, so she rarely goes to concerts in the city. She seldom watches TV because she likes doing things outside. She usually goes to the gym if it's raining outside. She isn't often alone because she has a lot of friends. She occasionally does something alone, but she usually does her activities with one of her friends. She's a happy woman!

1. Why does she usually get up early?

- a. She gets up early to run before work.
- b. She gets up early to go to work.
- c. She gets up early to have breakfast.

2. How often does she ski?

- a. She often skis.
- b. She occasionally skis in winter.
- c. She rarely skis in winter.

3. How often does she ride a horse?

- a. She rides a horse every day.
- b. She often rides a horse.
- c. She never rides a horse.

4. When does she usually go horseback riding?

- a. She usually goes horseback riding after work.
- b. She usually goes horseback riding on Saturdays.
- c. She usually goes horseback riding on Sundays.

5. What kind of music does she like doing?

- a. Playing the violin
- b. Singing
- c. Playing the piano

6. How often does she go to concerts in the city?

- a. Every Sunday
- b. Rarely
- c. Never

7. How often does she watch TV?

- a. She usually watches TV every night.
- b. She seldom watches TV.
- c. She never watches TV.

8- What does she usually do if it's raining?

- a. She goes outside.
- b. She goes to the gym.
- c. She calls friends.

9. How often is she alone?

- a. She is often alone.
- b. She isn't often alone.
- c. She is usually alone.

10. How often does she do something alone?

- a. She never does something alone.
- b. She occasionally does something alone.
- c. She always does something alone.



(8) Imagine you are one of the three persons on the first row in the picture. Describe the picture in 10 sentences.

(15 marks)



1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....
6. ....
7. ....
8. ....
9. ....
10. ....