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Answer all questions. Use separate sheets if necessary.

(01) Join the following pairs of sentences together using 'and' or 'but'.

a) The girl gave the boy a flower. He didn't like it.

b) The bird distracted the hunter. The hair gnawed through the net.

c) I wanted to open the gate. I was frightened of the dog.

d) The moon is full today. The sky is very clean.

e) It is raining very hard. I must go to my class.

f) I spent the money to buy apples. I don't have enough money to buy grapes.

g) I got up early today. I can get the first bus to the office.

h) We did the homework completely. We spent twenty minutes to check our answers.

i) The child has a new ball. It is playing alone.

j) He missed his usual bus to the office. He came to office on time.

(10 marks)

(02) Fill in the blanks with the most suitable prepositions.

Early in the 16th century men were trying (1) _____ reach Asia (2) _____ traveling west (3) _____ Europe. In order to find Asia they had (4) _____ find a way past South

America. The man who eventually found the way (5) _____ the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific was Ferdinand Magellan.

Magellan sailed from Seville (6) _____ August 1519 (7) _____ five ships and about 280 men. Fourteen months later, after spending the severe winter (8) _____ the coast of Patagonia, he discovered the channel which is now called Magellan's Straits. (9) _____ November 1520, after many months of dangers from rocks and storms, the three remaining ships entered the oceans (10) _____ the other side of South America.

(5 marks)

(03) Select the correct word or phrase from the list given below to fill in the blanks in the passage.

In many countries long ago, if you were born a girl, you 1) _____ to school. You stayed at home and 2) _____ to cook, sew and look after babies. While your brother was studying for 3) _____ occupation, you 4) _____ to become 5) _____ housewife and mother. If you were lucky, you 6) _____ a tutor to give you 7) _____ education at home. But even if you were much 8) _____ than your brother 9) _____ was the one who had a chance to go to the university. For you, the road to the university had a 'No Entry' sign in 10) _____ letters.

Nowadays, girls and boys 11) _____ equal opportunities to study. A girl who does as 12) _____ as a boy knows that her chance to study further is as 13) _____ as 14) _____. When they get their degrees, they 15) _____ for jobs fairly. So today, if you are a hardworking schoolgirl, you need not worry. You 16) _____ your career soon and you 17) _____ a chance to attain your ambition. This 18) _____ that you will be a 19) _____ housewife and mother. You 20) _____ able to handle both your career and your home.

1.
A do not go
B does not go
C did not go
D did not went

- 2
A learn
B learnt
C learning
D were learning

- 3
A a
B the
C an
D -

- 4
A preparing
B prepared
C was preparing
D were preparing

5.
A a
B an
C -
D the

- 6
A have
B has
C had
D were having

- 7
A less
B least
C little
D a little

- 8
A clever
B more clever
C cleverer
D cleverest

9.
A she
B him
C his
D he

- 10
A large, red
B large red
C red large
D red and large

- 11
A have
B are having
C had
D has

- 12
A good
B better
C best
D well

e) Unless you work harder than ever, you have not passed the test successfully

(10 marks)

(05) This is what Rifkan wrote about Faslan. There are ten mistakes in the description below. Correct them and rewrite them in the space given below.

Faslan is one of my good friend .He also my classmate. We go to school together but we play cricket together. We live together. We even share bedroom. We also share our food. I think we are going to friends for a long time. We will certainly be friends for long time.

Faslan is twenty five year old. He is about 5 feet and 9 inches tall. His face is long and narrow. He smiles a lot and usually have a friendly look on her face. His build is average. He doesn't looks very Sri Lankan.

(10 marks)

(06) Translate the passage into English.

ஒரு ஏழைக் குடியானவனுக்கு நான்கு குமாரர்கள் இருந்தனர். அவருக்குப் போதுமான வருமானம் இல்லாததால் அவர்களைக் காப்பாற்ற முடியவில்லை. அதனால் அவர்களை ஏதேனும் தொழில் செய்து சம்பாதித்து வர அருகிலுள்ள ஊர்களுக்கு அனுப்பினார். அவர்கள் நால்வரும் பல ஊர்களிலும் சுற்றி இறுதியில் ஒரு கிராமத்தை அடைந்தனர். அங்கு ஒரு வயோதிபரை சந்தித்தனர். அவரிடம் வேலை கேட்டனர்.

(10 marks)

(10) Read the passage and answer the questions below.

Rabies is caused by a virus which affects the brain. It can affect all warm-blooded animals, and can be passed to humans through a bite by an infected animal.

At first, victims experience pain on swallowing; later, they become terrified of water, the very sight of which can cause paralysis. The patient eventually dies in a coma.

Most countries in the world have rabies, and in some countries it is a serious problem. In Thailand, 100,000 people a year need treatment after animal bites. One country with no rabies is Briton, which has strict controls on the entry of animals from other countries. There are fears that a rabid animal could enter Britain through the Channel Tunnel.

People (and their pets) can be vaccinated against rabies, and there have been attempts to vaccinate wild animals by putting out food containing the vaccine.

Once rabies has developed, there is no cure, but there is a treatment for people who have just been bitten. This is very unpleasant and involves a course of 17 injections in the stomach wall.

1. Four paragraphs need titles. Select the most suitable sub-title from **a. b. c.** and **d.** and write it in appropriate blanks.

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| a. Prevention and cure | c. Symptoms. |
| b. What causes rabies? | d. How widespread is it? |

2. What is the main reason for rabies?

3. How can rabies be transmitted?

4. Rabies is a fatal disease. Do you agree?

5. Why does the writer quote 100,000 people in the passage?

6. Find words in the passage to mean the following.

- A. Contaminated ----- B. Ultimately -----

(10 marks)

(11) Read the passage and answer the questions.

Chief Minister Mufti Mohamed Sayeed's home town is famous for one particular item over which India's mastery is rather uncertain these days-the cricket bat. If the Indian batsmen are beleaguered in South Africa these days, units making bats in this south Kashmir town also face a grim future. For even as supply orders are pouring in from Meerut and Jalandar-based sports goods manufacturers, delivery dates are iffy because many units have been earmarked for demolition as part of Mufti's jehad against encroachments.

"My hands are full of orders. My unit's turnover could cross the Rs. 40 lakh mark," says Salroo Sports group's Nazir Ahmad. "But I'm now busy looking around for an alternative workplace as the authorities have marked part of my unit as illegal." This comes at a time when the multicore complex for sports goods built by Sheikh Abdullah in 1982 is still occupied by troops who were billeted there in 1991.

Last week, Gulam Hasan Sairo, president, Kashmir Sports Manufacturers Association led a delegation to the DC, Anantang to request that the complex be vacated. Spread over around 7 hectares, this facility for manufacturing bats had a seasoning plant for fresh willow clefts and could accommodate 32 units. But in 1982 only a few moved in, so the troops occupied the near-empty complex in 1991.

Later, Dr Farooq Abdullah decided to build another such complex in neighboring Halmul-the oldest manufacturing place for bats-as well as make the main complex functional, but he lost office before that could be done. Now the DC Anantang has promised that the troops will vacate the complex.

"We must have some place to work. After a long wait we have got something to do. We are panicky," said Gulam Mohamad of Sangam Sports. Against the orders for just 19,000 bats last year, this time he's booked 1,00,000.

Of the 129 bat-making units registered with the Industries Department, almost two-thirds are doing well, this year thanks to the World Cup hype. A similar trend has been seen in Jammu

There occurs in nature a phenomenon called “ball lightning.” Air that is charged with great quantities of electricity can sometimes gather into a ball. The glowing ball that forms can travel across fields, into people’s houses, or along electrical lines. If you were to witness “ball lightning” on the move, you might think that you had seen UFO.

1. What was the phenomenon that he described about?

2. How was the unidentified object called?

3. Which sentence tells you Arnold was the first man reported about unidentified objects?

4. What does the phrase “every now and then” mean?

5. What do the letters “UFO” and “IFO” stand for?

6. Where did people report once they saw a flying object?

7. Give two things which could also appear as flying objects.

8. How does the “ball lightning” occur?

(10 marks)

(10) Assume that you have found a purse on your way home and there are valuable things in it including Rs.5000 Sri Lankan money and a national identity card. You want to return it to the owner of it because you believe it will make the rest of the day unrest for you. Write a suitable letter to him or her including 160 words.

(10 marks)

(11) The External Degree students of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka have decided to form an association to build up and maintain their friendship for ever. Assume you have been nominated as a secretary to initiate the task and asked to write a memo to circulate among your colleagues. Write a suitable memo. Include not more than 150 words.

(10 marks)
