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BEN 1.11– BASIC ENGLISH - I

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Duration: 3 hours

Answer all questions. Part I should be answered on the paper itself.

Part I

(01) Write a or an in the spaces given.

1. _____ unreasonable decision
2. _____ unit of work
3. _____ funny girl
4. _____ classroom
5. _____ eagle
6. _____ X-ray
7. _____ T-shirt
8. _____ hour period
9. _____ interesting story
10. _____ anti-aircraft

(5 marks)

(02) Fill in the blanks with “from, at, in, on, with,”

1. Dad is not here. He is _____ the office. He usually leaves home _____ 7.30 am.
2. Kumary is my friend. She lives _____ 34, Main Street, Baticaloa. Puspa is her sister. She lives _____ the house next to her.
3. This fruit has fallen _____ the tree in our garden. Will you please cut it _____ a knife?
4. They are my classmates. They like to read _____ the garden. Sometimes they sit _____ the branch of a tree and read.
5. My father bought beautiful curtain _____ paintings of peacocks. The painting shows peacocks resting _____ the field.

(5 marks)

(03) Read the passage and change it into past. One has been done for you.

I get up at six o'clock. Then I go to the garden to see the birds. I enjoy bird watching. Parrots, sparrow, magpie, pigeon and robin are frequent visitors. They invite each other and fly from branch to branch. It is an eye-catching scene. Mariya usually gets up at about nine o'clock. . She goes out for a walk. Then she always has a bath.

You may start as follows

I got up at six o'clock. -----

(10 marks)

(04) Rearrange the words to form correct sentences.

- A. you /your/thank/ letter / very/ much for.

- B. in/good/you/ it/ very/ English/ written/ have

- C. no/ you/ made/ mistakes/ at/ have/ all.

- D. we/ to/ Negambo/ and / Mihilar / saw/ went/

- E. your/some/ he/ photographs/ showed /of/ and// family you.

(10 marks)

(05) Translate the following sentences into English

1. எனக்கு என்ன செய்வதென்று தெரியும்.

2. நீங்கள் எங்கு இருந்து வருகிறீர்கள்?

3. உன்மை பேசுவது அனைவருக்கும் சிறந்தது.

4. நீங்கள் விரும்பினால் போகலாம்.

5. உங்களில் எத்தனை பேருக்கு இது தெரியும்?

(10 marks)

(06) Read the letter and answer the questions given below.

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5 March 2008

Ref: Your enquiry dated February 26, 2008

Dear Mr. Saxena

Details of Management Course

Thank you for your letter of February 26, 2008

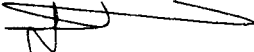
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Yours Sincerely



1. What is this letter about?

2. Who is this letter from?

3. Where is this institute situated?

4. When was the letter written on?

5. What does the word **PGCDCM** stand for?

6. Who is entitled to apply this course?

7. What do the following words or phrase could be best replaced with?

- a) Distinguished _____
- b) Partnership _____
- c) Overseas _____
- d) Regulation _____
- e) Be uncertain _____

8. Explain the phrase "*one-year full-time residential program*".

9. "*Duly filled in application forms need to be submitted on or before April 4, 2008*"
What do you understand? Explain the meanings of this in your own words.

(15 marks)

(07) Read the passage and answer the questions.

Do you know how animals are caught for the zoo? I often think this must be one of the most interesting, though certainly one of the most difficult, jobs in the world. Hunting animals is fairly easy, but catching them alive and bringing them safe and healthy to a distant zoo is both difficult and dangerous. An animal collector is a hunter and an

adventurer, but at the same time he is a scientist. He must be an expert Zoologist who knows where to find the animals, birds, reptiles, or insects that he wants, and who knows how to feed them and look after them when he has caught them.

There are many different ways of hunting and catching animals. Traps are usually built for flesh-eating animals. A trap can be very simple, perhaps just a large hole covered lightly with branches and earth; or it can be a kind of cage with a door that shuts as soon as the animal touches the meat inside it. Grass eating animals must be hunted on horseback. Several people skillfully drive animals like deer, antelope, or buffaloes into traps or strong, large nylon nets. Sometimes the horsemen can capture animals by throwing ropes round them. Ostriches and zebras are often caught in this way.

Some animals cannot be easily transported when they are full-grown. An elephant is often too heavy to lift and a giraffe, six meters high, is difficult to take under bridges if it has to be transported by road or train. Small snakes and lizards can be caught with nets or sharp, forked sticks; but a large snake, like the 10-meter long boa, must be captured when it is sleepy after swallowing some animal whole. It sleeps for several days while it is digesting this huge meal.

Each different animal is a special problem for the collector. He may need ladders for climbing trees, spades for digging, ropes for getting to eagle's nests or even boats for hunting crocodiles in the steaming jungle or polar bears in the ice of freezing northern seas.

His troubles do not end with catching animals he is looking for. They have to be kept, perhaps for several weeks, in a temporary zoo. Here they slowly recover from the shock of being caught. The animals must learn to like new food, because their natural food may not be found in a zoo in London or New York. Some animals soon become ill if they cannot eat their normal food. The tree that giraffe likes do not grow outside Africa and it would be impossible to find a daily supply of ants for an ant-eater. Many animals hate changing their natural food, and a collector must be very patient if he wants to persuade his animals to eat things that can be found in other climates. If he is not successful in this, he must let the animal go, or send it to a zoo which can easily find the right food.

The final problem, transport, is often the hardest. Nowadays a few small animals can be packed in baskets and can travel by air. Snakes can be put in small cotton bags which are hung on nails round the inside of a large box. Lizards can travel together in boxes full of leaves and branches. Fish are usually put in large plastic bags filled half with water and half with oxygen. Most animals however are transported by ship. Feeding and looking after hundred cages of all kinds of animals on a long voyage in a stormy weather is not at all easy, and the collector is always thankful when the journey is over and he can look forward to having a few weeks' rest before starting his next collecting-trip.

1. Give a suitable title for this article.

2. Which word or phrase could be best replaced with the following?

- Take care of -----
- Roasting -----
- Get better -----
- Plead with -----
- Expedition -----

3. Why does the writer say catching animal is not as easy as hunting?

4. Why does the writer say "Animal collectors are Zoologists" ?

5. For what kind of animal do they use a trap?

6. In what manner are zebras usually caught?

7. Write the names of two animals which cannot be easily transported? Why?

8. Fill in the blanks.

Objects	Used for
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Ladder	-----
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Spades	-----
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Ropes	-----
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Boats	-----
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9. Which sentence tells that the adaptation to new food is quite difficult?

10. Why do animals get sick when they are caught?

11. Complete the missing parts.

Animals	Mode of transport
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-----	put in cotton bags and hung on nails of a large box
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Lizards	-----
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Fish	-----
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12. List the tasks of animal collectors.

(15 marks)

(08) Imagine you are the director of a company and you are talking (over the phone) to a candidate who has applied for the post of a customer service assistant in your organization. Give details about the interview. Include at least twelve utterances.

- Place: Hotel Thabraben
- Time: 1400 hrs
- Date: 1st of April
- Documents to bring: Original certificates
- Dress: Formal

(10 marks)

(09) You are an English teacher and willing to write a few things on one should do and should not to keep the environment clean. Write ten instructions to put it in the classroom.

(10 marks)

(10) There are a number of problems associated with the rise of English as a world language. Outline some of the problems, explain how they arose, offer some solutions and evaluate your proposed solutions.

(10 marks)