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BEN 1.11 – BASIC ENGLISH - I

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Answer all questions on this paper itself.

1. Rearrange the words to form correct sentences.

a. finish /I / at /4.30 pm/ every /day/ work.

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b. has / of /she / her friends/ sometimes/ with /a/ cup/ coffee.

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c. the / I/ to /an /evening / Italian restaurant/ in / go.

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d. and /Muneer/ friends/ cricket/ his/ played.

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e. like/ you/ ice cream/ or/ do/ fruit salad?

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(10 marks)

2. Fill in the article “a”, “an” or “the” where necessary. Choose “x” where no article is used.

1) I like blue T-shirt over there better than red one.

2) Their car does 150 miles hour.

3) Where's USB drive I lent you last week?

4) Do you still live in Bristol?

5) Is your mother working in old office building?

6) Carol's father works as electrician.

7) The tomatoes are Rs 100 kilo.

8) What do you usually have for breakfast?

9) Ben has terrible headache.

10) After this tour you have whole afternoon free to explore the city.

(05 marks)

3. Construct suitable questions to the following answers.

1. My daughter is eight.

2. We have two sons and a daughter.

3. My wife is a teacher.

4. I don't like bitter-gourd because they are bitter.

5. I go to Colombo by bus.

(10 marks)

4. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets.

1. I(buy) a new bike yesterday.
2. Can you tell me where the station(be)?
3. Do you know the man who..... (talk) to your brother?
4. They(not /like) water sports.
5. We(eat) breakfast and then we left the house.
6. How many people can you(see) outside?
7. Look!. They(swim) in the sea .
8. If you don't hurry up now, you (be) late for school.
9. I(not/be) to Kandy for the last three years.
10. While he(open) the box it slipped from his hand.

(10 marks)

5. Complete the sentences. Use the adjective in brackets, or the correct adverb.

Example: He is a very good tennis player. (good)

1. She plays the piano _____ . (beautiful)
2. The train is travelling very _____ . (fast)
3. They don't like _____ sports. (dangerous)
4. I speak French _____ . (bad)
5. We watched a _____ film yesterday .(bad)

(05 marks)

6. Complete the sentences with the words in brackets. One is done for you.

- 1) My brother's name is Manoj. Our children like him because he drives a sports car. (he/ him)
- 2) send emails to my sister and she often phones (I / me)
- 3) My parents live in Ratnapura. We see five or six times a year, but do not come to Colombo. (they/ them)
- 4) see Manoj when he visits at the weekend. (we/ us)
- 5) My sister is in Kandy. I do not see often. has got a daughter. (she/ her)
- 6) My grandfather is alive. He is in eighties now, but my grandmother is no more. died in her seventies. (she/ his)

(05 marks)

7) Read this text and answer the questions by underlining the best choice.

Roy was always tired when he woke up in the morning. "I really can't understand it," his brother said. "You go to bed earlier than I do and you get up later. I know you sleep well because you snore a lot! In fact, you sometimes keep me awake half the night! So why are you tired in the morning? It doesn't make sense!"

"Perhaps it's because I dream so much," Roy suggested.

"But dreaming is good for you," his brother told him. "All the doctors and psychiatrists agree about that,"

"Maybe," Roy replied. "But the trouble is, I always dream about hard work! Last night, for example, I dreamt I was a miner. I went down the mine almost as soon as I fell asleep and I dreamt that I was digging coal all night long. I was worn out in the morning! Then, a few nights ago, I dreamt I was a sailor. I was on one of those old-fashioned sailing ships. We were crossing the Atlantic and there was a terrific storm. We had to struggle for hours to stop the ship from going down. It's always like that.

In the past few weeks, I've dreamt I was a waiter, a lorry driver and a football player. I never have a nice easy job!"

"I was reading an article about sleep in a magazine the other day," his brother said. "The writer's advice was: try to relax before you go to sleep." "But how?" Roy asked.

"Well, why don't you listen to some music? Something pleasant."

Roy was willing to try anything. But what sort of music? He liked pop music, but that was probably too noisy. So he decided to play some classical music and. Just before he went to bed that night, he put on a record of Mozart. In fifteen minutes he was fast asleep.

"Well?" his brother asked him at breakfast next morning.

"Did it work?"

Roy yawned. "Well," he said, "I didn't dream about hard work for once. I dreamt I was conducting an orchestra. The trouble was, the players weren't very good and we had to keep on playing the same piece again and again. In the end, we practised all night! I can tell you, I feel more tired this morning than I usually do!"

A) Find these words and phrases in the text:

agree	willing to	worn out
fast (asleep)	struggle	for once

Now choose the right meaning.

- 1) completely
- 2) very tired
- 3) on this occasion
- 4) have the same idea.....
- 5) work very hard
- 6) ready to

B) Choose the right answer.

1. Roy had a problem. He:

- a) went to bed late b) was tired in the morning c) couldn't sleep

2. Roy's brother:

- a) kept him awake b) did not believe him c) could not understand this

3. In his dreams Roy:

- a) was always in trouble b) had to work hard c) travelled a lot

4. Roy's brother advised him to:

- a) listen to music b) sleep less c) read a magazine

5. Roy chose classical music because it was:

- a) quick b) easy c) quiet

6. Next day morning Roy was:

- a) active b) less tired c) more tired

7. Roy felt tired the next morning because:

- a) he didn't like the players b) he didn't like the music c) he had to work all night

(10 marks)

8) Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

Elephants on the coast of Thailand are acting strange. They stamp their feet and motion toward the hills. The sea draws back from the beaches. Fish flop in the mud. Suddenly, a huge wave appears. This is no ordinary wave. It is a tsunami! Tsunami (pronounced "soo-NAH-mee") waves are larger and faster than normal surface waves. A tsunami wave can travel as fast as a jet plane and can be as tall as a ten-story building. Imagine dropping a stone into a pond. The water on the surface ripples. A tsunami is like a very powerful ripple. Tsunamis begin when the ocean rises or falls very suddenly. Large amounts of seawater are displaced. This movement causes huge waves.

For a tsunami to occur there must be some kind of force that causes the ocean water to become displaced. Most tsunamis are caused by underwater earthquakes. However, volcanoes, landslides, large icebergs, and even meteorites are capable of causing one of these mighty waves.

Tsunamis are extremely powerful. Ordinary waves lose power when they break. Tsunami waves can remain powerful for several days. Because tsunami waves are so strong, they can

kill people, damage property, and completely ruin an ecosystem in just one hour.

Scientists have no way of predicting when a tsunami will hit. However, if a powerful enough earthquake occurs, scientists can issue a warning or a watch. A warning means that a tsunami will very likely hit soon. A watch means that conditions are favorable for a tsunami. When people are notified about a watch or a warning, they have more time to prepare. It is best not to get caught unaware when a tsunami is on the way!

a. What is the above passage is mostly about.

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b. In paragraph 1, why are the elephants most likely acting strange?

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c. How does tsunami occur?

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d. Why do tsunamis cause so much destruction?

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e. What is a tsunami warning?

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f. What is a tsunami watch?

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g. Find the similar meaning from the text

moved to another place

very big

(20 marks)

10) Describe the person that you like most in 150 words. You have to include the following:

the person's appearance

habits

qualities

education

special features and

why you like him / her.

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