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BEN 1.21– BASIC ENGLISH - II

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

Part I

(01) Write the most suitable pronoun in the box. One has been done for you.

- a. Mrs. Smith usually helps Siyama. She is very generous.
- b. Rinos and I are in the same class. never go to private classes.
- c. Muhunthan and you worked hard. two will achieve the goal soon..
- d. The new building looks beautiful. is a three storey building.
- e. The new manageress is very kind. is from Sammanthurai.
- f. Kunathasan and I went to market. left home at 8.30 am.
- g. All the children ran to the ground. is full of cry.
- h. I want to do the home work now. is very interesting.
- i. I know where Mr. Jabeer is. I saw at the basketball court just now.
- j. Grandma lives alone. I will visit tomorrow.
- k. They left without setting the bill. was not known where they went.

(10 marks)

(02) Tick the correct words to complete the sentences.

- a) I'm thirsty. I would like to have ----- drink.

a	easy
an	cold

- b) Is there----- to South Eastern University?

a	apple
an	bus

c) Himaya is----- student in the class.

a	large
the	tallest

d) Oh dear! It is -----.

a	eagle
an	moon

e) Watheni is a girl. She wants to be-----.

a	actress
an	enemy

f) I saw ----- thin man under a huge tree.

a	old
an	cold

g) There is ----- to the top floor.

a	elevator
an	taxi

h) Our chancellor has ----- car.

a	new
an	oven

i) It is ----- of May.

the	23rd
an	eighth

j) **X** is----- element.

a	arbitrary
an	cold

(10 marks)

(03) Rewrite the sentences and correct the mistakes.

- One of your classmates are waiting for you.

- Bahey and Zahey goes to the library with Haney.

- He can has his ice-cream after finishing the rice and vegetables.

- Jinna has been agreed to lend us his car.

- Most of the children are been waiting for you Since Monday.

(10 marks)

(04) Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the adjectives in the brackets.

- This is a ----- (good) opportunity to know each other.
- A car is much ----- (good) than a bike.
- The fist sum is ----- (difficult) than the second.
- The prawn curry was the ----- (tasty) dish in the buffet.
- I am sure I'm the ----- (fast) cyclist in the school.
- Is your new boss ----- (efficient) than the old one?
- Naleem is a ----- (generous) than Mayan.
- Your walking stick is behind the ----- (small) cupboard.
- Faham's dream car is a ----- (luxurious) sports car.
- There are ----- (small) fish in the pond.

(10 marks)

(05) Use the words in bold capital letters to help you form questions. One has been done for you.

Question: How many computer tables did Anver ask for?

Answer : Anver asked for **THREE** computer tables.

Question: _____

Answer : They lived in **KALMUNAI**.

Question: _____
Answer : The weather was **FINE** yesterday.

Question: _____
Answer : The guide will give you **A MAP OF THE CITY**.

Question: _____
Answer : Susan is angry with **US**.

Question: _____
Answer : **ABDULLAH** helps us to study.

(10 marks)

(06) Read the telephone conversation and answer the questions below.

Andrea Thomson: Andrea Thomson speaking.

Mariluz Rivera: Hello, Andrea, this is Mariluz Rivera from Madrid.
How are you?

Andrea Thomson: Mariluz! How nice to hear from you. I'm fine,
thanks, how are you?

Mariluz Rivera: Fine, Look, I'm coming over in April for the conference in
Birmingham. Are you going?

Andrea Thomson: No, not this year. You know Tom Jibson, from Personnel? He is
going this year

Mariluz Rivera: Sorry, what was that? The line is not too good. I couldn't hear you.

Andrea Thomson: I said unfortunately no. Tom Jibson from Personnel is going this
year.

Mariluz Rivera: What a shame! So I won't see you there. How about meeting in
London on my way through? I can get an earlier flight. That would
be on the 19th.

Andrea Thomson: Just a minute I will check my diary. No, I'm afraid it is no good. I
am in Manchester all day. What about after the conference, on
your way home?

Mariluz Rivera: Yes that is possible. On Friday the 23rd, then?

Andrea Thomson: Would you like to meet for lunch?

Mariluz Rivera: Good idea, I suggest that I come and meet you at the bank.

Andrea Thomson: OK, Let's say 12.30 If you get delayed, you can always ring me.

Mariluz Rivera: Great. So see at your office at 12.30 on the 23rd.

Andrea Thomson: Wonderful. See you then. Thanks for phoning.
Mariluz. Bye.
Bye.

1. Where is Mariluz speaking from?

2. Why is he interested in ringing Thomson?

3. Where is the convention going to be held?

4. Who represents Thomson this year?

5. Which sentence tells you there was an interruption?

6. Quote the phrase or the sentence which says Rivera was surprised.

7. What was Rivera's suggestion?

8. What prevented Thomson from accepting the above request?

9. Where are they willing to meet last?

10. What will Thomson do if he is late?

(10 marks)

(07) Read the passage and answer the questions given below.

The American School System, Post Secondary Education.

In America students make decisions about their own careers. They may seek advice from their parents, from high school counselors, and from college career officers, but the final decision is their own, even though parents usually pay for tuition.

There are basically two kinds of Post Secondary education: vocational and academic. Vocational schools abound and include such career areas as auto mechanics, plumbing, travel and computer programming. Most vocational schools offer intensive training programmes (usually for no more than two years), and many include some form of apprenticeship.

If students decide to enter an academic institution, they must take college entrance exams. Most college and universities require Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT). The SAT and ACT are designed to measure the students' competency in a number of basic areas: math, science, and language skills.

There are four kinds of Post Secondary academic institutions: (1) the two-year junior or community college; the four year (under graduate) college; (3) the university; (4) the professional school.

Community colleges are usually subsidized by the country in which they are located. They tend to be the least expensive of all Post Secondary academic institutions and offer both terminal programmes and programmes that allow students to transfer their credits to a four-year institution. The terminal degree at a community college is called an associate's degree and can be Associate of Science depending upon the field of study student chooses. There are few private community colleges. Most community colleges are state-and/or country-operated and -funded.

An undergraduate college is a four-year institution. When students graduate from college, they receive bachelor's degree; Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science (again depending upon the major). Many states subsidize and administer four-year colleges. There are also many private colleges in America. Generally tuition at state colleges is cheaper because it is subsidized. At four-year colleges, students may major in any of a number of different disciplines. Some colleges specialize in certain discipline and develop a reputation for being good in that academic area.

In order for a person to receive a bachelor's degree; most colleges require that students accumulate from 120 to 180 credit hours. Credit hours are often determined by the number of hours students spend in class per week (e.g., if a class meets from 12.00 to 1.00 Monday, Wednesday and Friday, that class will be worth three credit hours.)

Say if the following statements are true or false.

- A. The right to choose a course is in children's hands. ()
- B. If a student wants to enter an academic institution, he must get through both ACT and SAT successfully. ()
- C. All the community colleges are run by government except a few private colleges ()
- D. The professional school is also considered as one of the Post Secondary academic institutions. ()
- E. The credit hours will be decided by number of hours spent on tutorials. ()

1) How long does an intensive training last?

2) What are the major components of a vocational school?

3) What are the courses offered at Community colleges?

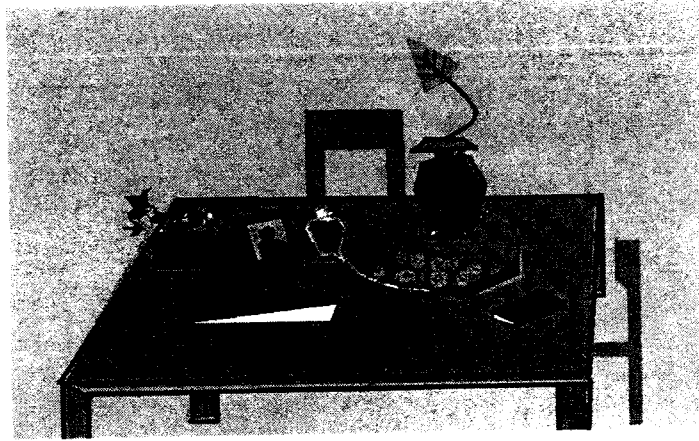
4) Give another name for Associate's degree?

5) How do the four-year colleges benefit to students?

(10 marks)

Part II

(08) Describe the picture given below. Write at least ten sentences.



(10 marks)

(09) You had promised to meet one of your friends working in Amana Investment Pvt. Ltd. As you promised you were unable to meet him. Due to the unexpected checking on your way you were delayed by two hours. Write a note to him mentioning the reason and giving other necessary information. Use about sixty words.

(10 marks)

(10) Assume you had gone to a foreign country for your graduation. After the successful completion of the higher studies you have returned to Sri Lanka and found a job in the private sector. You have decided to write to one of your batch mates from Oman and share information. Write a suitable letter. Use around 150 words.

(10 marks)