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General English I

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Answer all questions on this paper itself.

PART A – GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

(35 marks)

1. Fill in each blank with a suitable **preposition** from the list given in the box. Use each preposition only **once**. There is one preposition extra. **(05 marks)**

next/ of/ for/ from/ about/ with/

I always settled down comfortably in the barber's shop and listen patiently to my barber. He explains the political situations, women's fashions or tells me jokes (1)..... politicians which I have already heard several times. In 20 minutes I get remarkable amount (2)..... information, as well as a hair-cut. But last week our conversation was very short in deed. We heard loud cries of 'Fire!' coming (3)..... up stairs. Customers and barbers rushed to the shop immediately. We were certainly a funny sight (4)..... passers-by. I had a white sheet around my neck and my hair was half cut. The man who had sat (5)..... to me was not so lucky. There was soap on one side of his face and his barber ran after him holding a shaving-brush in one hand and a razor in the other.

- 2 **Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb given in blanks.**

(10 marks)

Miss. Fernando smiled and wished her children good morning and told them to sit down. At a glance there (1)..... (seem) to be about thirty-five pupils in the class. The majority (2)..... (be) girls. She noticed several intelligent faces. All the pupils (3)..... (watch) her intently, waiting no doubt (4) (find) out what sort of person she was.

"I suppose you (5) (want) to know my name," she said. But before she (6)..... (tell) them, someone in the class (7)..... (call) out "It's Miss Fernando." Everybody laughed. Miss. Fernando laughed too. "News (8)..... (travel) quickly," she said. "I'm afraid it (9)..... (take) me longer to learn all your names."

Miss Fernando opened the register and called their names in turn. When she came to the last name on the list, Sarath Perera, she noticed that he (10)..... (be) absent for over a month.

3. Underline the most appropriate word to fill in each blank in the following text, selecting from those given within bracket. (10 marks)

It was the period 1)..... (before, since, for, with) the interval and all the students in Grade 13 were waiting for the bell to go 2)(so, while, as, when) they loved to play cricket during 3) (a, an, the, those) interval in the playground.(4) (during, as soon as, since, before) the bell rang all the children ran to the playground .5) (Their, They. Them, There) played there until the interval was over. When the bell rang they ran back to their classroom. A few boys remained in the playground even 6) (while, after, when, before) . the bell 7) (has, is, have, had) gone. They did not pay 8) (any, much, many, very) attention to the bell. While they 9) (was, have, were, are) playing, the principal saw them and called them to the office. He was angry and said that he would not allow them into the classroom unless they apologized to the teacher.(10).....(So, While, When, before) . they did as they were required, and went into the classroom.

4. Underline the most appropriate word from those given in brackets. (05 marks)

- (a) They searched for the number in the telephone (catalogue, register, directory).
- (b) In the hotel lobby the detective caught (glance, sight, view) of the man he had been hired to follow.
- (c) In four years at the company he rose to the (level, standard, quality) of director.
- (d) That hotel is so expensive they (cost, charge, take) you Rs.10000 for bed and breakfast.
- (e) She emptied the (contents, valuables, money) of her purse onto the table .

5. Underline the correct word ending selecting from those given in brackets. (05 marks)

While I was abroad I picked up a mystery infection. My doctor sent me to see a (1) speci (al/ally/alist) because he didn't recognize my symptoms. After a thorough (2) exami (ne/nation/ner) he asked a nurse to give me an (3) injec (t/tor/tion). Although the arm was quite (4) pain (able/ful/fully) for several days, my (5) recover (er/able/y) was quick

PART B - READING & WRITING

(25 marks)

6 Of the options given below each sentence in bold print, **underline** the one that best expresses its meaning. **(05 marks)**

1. Mary was to have appeared with Elvis Presley in his last film but the part went to her sister.
 - i) Mary appeared with Elvis Presley in the film.
 - ii) Mary's sister appeared with Elvis Presley in the film.
 - iii) Both Mary and her sister appeared with Elvis Presley in the film.
 - iv) Neither Mary nor her sister appeared with Elvis Presley in the film.

2. If it had not been for my friends, I wouldn't have got the job.
 - i) I got the job
 - ii) My friends got the job
 - iii) I didn't get the job
 - iv) Neither my friends nor I got the job.

3. Kamal, Majeth and kumaran were just few of those who came to say goodbye.
 - i) Only few people came to say goodbye
 - ii) Few people except Kamal, Majeth and kumaran came to say goodbye
 - iii) Many people including Kamal, Majeth and kumaran came to say goodbye
 - iv) Kamal, Majeth , kumaran and few others came to say goodbye

4. Arun the man that Kamalthas beat in the last world champion has broken the world record.
 - i) Kamalthas has broken the world record
 - ii) Both Arun and Kamalthas have broken the world record
 - iii) Arun beat kamalthas in the last world champions
 - iv) Kamalthas beat Arun in the last world champions

5. If I hadn't come along at that moment, Roshan could have been the one arrested instead of the real thief.
 - i) I didn't come at that moment, so the real thief could not be arrested
 - ii) I came at that moment so the real thief could be arrested
 - iii) I came at that moment so Roshan was arrested instead of the real thief
 - iv) I didn't come at that moment so Roshan was arrested instead of the real thief

7. Read the following text and do the activities that follow.

(10 marks)

“Something is very wrong,” says the detective. “I know!” says Ms. Gervis. “It is wrong that someone has stolen from me!”

The detective looks around Ms. Gervis’ apartment. “That is not what I am talking about, ma’am. What is wrong is that I do not understand how the robber got in and out.”

Ms. Gervis and the detective stand in silence. Ms. Gervis’ eyes are full of tears. Her hands are shaking. “The robber did not come through the window,” says the detective. “These windows have not been opened or shut in months.”

The detective looks at the fireplace. “The robber did not squeeze down here.” The detective walks to the front door. He examines the latch. “And since there are no marks or scratches, the robber definitely did not try to break the lock.”

“I have no idea how he did it,” says bothered Ms. Gervis. “It is a big mystery.” “And you say the robber stole nothing else?” asks the detective. “No money, no jewellery, no crystal?”

“That’s right,” detective.

He took only what was important to me,” Ms. Gervis says with a sigh. “There is only one thing I can do now.” “And what is that?” the detective asks with surprise.

“I will stop baking cakes,” Ms. Gervis says. “They are mine to give away. They are not for someone to steal.” “You can’t do that!” says the detective with alarm. “Who will bake those delicious cakes?” “I am sorry. I do not know,” says Ms. Gervis.

“I must solve this case immediately!” says the detective

a) **Underline** the most appropriate option:

(i) This text is most likely to be

- (a) an advertisement published in a newspaper about the robbery.
- (b) a recipe to make cakes.
- (c) a news item giving details of robbery.
- (d) an inquiry made after a complain regarding a robbery.

(ii) Which of the following is not mentioned in this text?

- (a) Who made the investigation?
- (b) Where was the robbery taken place?
- (c) What was stolen?
- (d) How was thief entered into the house?

(iii) Which of the following is true?

- (a) The robber entered the house through the window.
- (b) The windows have not been opened or shut for a long time.
- (c) The robber did not squeeze down the fireplace.
- (d) The thief broke the lock of the front door.

(iv) What does Ms. Gervis do with her cakes?

- (a) She allows people to steal.
- (b) She gives away them to people.
- (c) She eats them.
- (d) She sells them.

