

• **Question : 03**

Underline the correct word from those given within brackets to fill in the following text.

With the Coronavirus out break (1)..... (disinfect, disinfection, disinfectant) fluids (sanitisers) became prominent (2) (through, in, among) essential items. There is high demand, and vendors have been (3) (produced, producing, produce) Substandard hand sanitisers. It was (4) (reporting, report, reported) that some people (5) (which, whose, who) used antiseptic fluids at the entrances and exits of the organizations, had to receive medical treatment (6) (to, for, on) skin ailments due to (7) (variety, vary, various) allergies. Affected people said the government should take (8) (responsible, responsibility, response) for the quality and pricing of hand sanitisers. (9)..... (Although, when, but) producing hand sanitisers, It is required to follow the world health organization’s recommended composition of alcohol based hand rub for local (10) (produced, produce, production).

(1 x 10 = 10 marks)

• **Question : 04**

Rearrange the following word or phrases and construct a meaningful sentence.

1) will be fined / are found / if they / guilty / or jailed /

Public officials

2) would be / with a / remuneration package / competitive / candidate / provided/

The successful

3) at science world / from students / wishing / to study / are invited /

Applications

4) will be / through / an interview / of students / an examination / and /

Selection

5) web side / from/ can be / forms / down loaded / the college /

Application

(1 x 5 = 5marks)

• **Question : 05**

Since the work from home culture was implemented in organizations with the COVID –19 lock down, there is a new breed of skills emerging among employees. Human resource practitioners and experts predict that next generation of employees will have multiple earning skills – without just working for one organization while working from home.

The work from home has been in existence in the western world for more than 20 years and Sri Lanka is now forced to adapt to it. While there will be a decline in the gig economy where organizations

will no longer have to hire employees for short term commitment, companies will be eyeing a multi talent pool to get the job done from someone working from home.

Business Experts said people are forced to work from home even though there are no systems in place except for the IT sector that is fully fledged to work from home. Human Resource practitioners had to develop disaster recovery plans, cost management measures and focus on communication to employees over the last two months.

Companies are looking at reskilling employees instead of recruiting, while full time employees will not be the next new normal. New work ethics and more flexibility and trust will come to place and the next generation will have multiple earning skills through the work from home culture.

1. Write True or False in the space provided.
 - a) Lock down causes for the creation of new skills (.....)
 - b) After eradicating COVID – 19 Organizations will recruit many new employees. (.....)

2. Underline the correct answer to the following questions.
 - a) What is the meaning of the word “fully fledged”?
 - a) about
 - b) completely
 - c) adapted
 - b) What does “It” refer in the 2nd paragraph 2nd line
 - a) reskills
 - b) new technology
 - c) work from home

3. Write suitable title for this passage
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4. Why companies are looking at reskilling employees instead of recruiting in future
.....

5. What are the benefits of multiple earning skills through work from home culture.
.....

(5 x 1 = 5 marks)

Part B :- Reading and writing

• **Question : 06**

Of the options given below each sentence in bold print. Underline the one that best expresses its meaning.

- 1) **Nimal isn't as old as he looks**
 - a) Nimal isn't very young
 - b) Nimal is old but he doesn't look old.
 - c) Nimal looks older than he is
 - d) Nimal looks very young
- 2) **We would have been late if we hadn't hurried**
 - a) we were late because we didn't hurry
 - b) we were not late because we didn't hurried
 - c) we didn't hurry because we were not late.
 - d) we did not hurry because we were late

3) In spite of the rain, they had a good time

- a) If it had not rained, they would have had a good time.
- b) It rained while they had a good time
- c) They had a good time because it rained
- d) It rained, but they had a good time

4) I don't know as many people as you do

- a) You know more people than I had
- b) I know more people than you do
- c) I don't know the people you do
- d) Both of us know the same number of people

5) Ruwani no longer works here

- a) Ruwani didn't work here for a long time
- b) Ruwani has been working here for a long time
- c) Ruwani worked here a long time ago
- d) Ruwani does not work here now

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

Question : 07

- **Read the poem and answer the questions given**

He was a strong but simple man

He was a strong but simple man
Who plodded the mountain track
And four fierce bandits from the woods.
Rushed out and pounced upon his back

There was a desperate, mauling flight
It took three men to hold him down;
The fourth one searched his clothes and snarled
“Only a three pence piece ! The clown.”

They let him go and staggered back
And dabbed each bloody mouth and nose
“Why fight so hard for just three pence?”
One bandit groaned, The Devil knows!!

The peasant nursed a blackened eye
And crawled to rest against a rock
But I was sure you meant to go
The golden sovereign in my sock

Gregory Harrism

(10 marks)

◆ **Question : 02**

Read the following text and answer the question 1 and 2

(10 marks)

The pyramid blocks were hewn from quarries using stone and copper tools. The blocks were transported to the pyramid site from remote quarries using barges, The Egyptians did not use the wheel during the pyramid Age, an invention that would have been limited use on softer ground under heavy loads. The sleds were dragged manually, sometimes with the help of beasts of burden, over smoothed roads. Some of the existing pathways were equipped with **transverse** wooden beams to lend support to the sled. A lubricant may have been poured upon the road to reduce friction.

Egyptians Successfully completed the most massive building projects in all of history. There is nothing magical or super natural in the means by which they achieved their goals, as is commonly thought. By all indications, they **retained** their knowledge of construction throughout their history, but they were limited after the fourth Dynasty not by the lack of technology but rather by the lack of the **abundant** resources that were huge stones, some weighing nearly 1000 tons using similar techniques at Baalbek.

A) Write whether the statement below are true, false or not given , according to the information in the passage.

- 1) The wheel was invented during the pyramid Age, was invented during the pyramid Age, Even though it was not used ()
- 2) Sleds were dragged by animals not humans ()
- 3) It is possible that ancient Egyptians could have lubricated their roads to aid transportation ()
- 4) The building work of the ancient Egyptians is unrivalled ()
- 5) Some people believed that magic may have been used by the ancient Egyptians ()
- 6) Limited technology limited the construction of the ancient Egyptians from the fourth Dynasty ()
- 7) The Romans learned the technique of moving huge stones from the ancient Egyptians ()

(1 x 7 = 7 marks)

B) Under line the most appropriate response

- 1) What do you mean by **retained** in the passage
A) stopped B) Kept C) absorbed
- 2) What is the meaning of **transverse**?
A) straight B) upside down C) crosswise
- 3) What is the meaning of **abundant**?
A) ample B) defective C) less

(1 x 3 = 3 Marks)

◆ **Question : 03**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word from the list given below.

interested , students, flexibility, Although, usually, about, online, continue, threat, opted.

Due to the (1)..... of COVID – 19, colleges and Universities are facing decisions about how to (2) teaching and learning while keeping their faculty, staff and (3)..... safe from a public health emergency that is moving fast and not well understood. Many institutions have (4)..... to cancel all face to face classes and have mandated that faculty move their courses (5)..... to help the spread of virus that causes COVID – 19 moving instruction online can enable the (6) of teaching and learning anywhere, any time. (7)..... camps support personal and teams are (8) available to help faculty members learn (9) and implement online learning these teams typically support a small pool of faculty (10)..... in teaching online.

(1 x 10 = 10 marks)

◆ **Question : 04**

Read the following text and do the activities that follow. (25 marks)

The proposal to increase the expenditure on education from 1.3% to 6% is certainly good for the country given that the world bank south Asia recently reported that the poor quality of education is holding back south Asia. No doubt, Sri Lanka needs a well- educated workforce the universities would need to turn out their graduates with the hard and the soft skills employers want. To do this all our key institutions have an obligation to work together to ramp up the skills of our nation’s talent pool and for that they need to engage with employers to understand the skills and competencies our employees need now and in the future.

Many reasons have been given by very eminent people both in the public and the private sector at various forums regarding the unemployment and underemployment situation among the educated youth. The most important hypothesis is the prevalence of a skills mismatch where the education system is not providing what the labour market needs. Another explanation given is that the policies in the country lead to a queuing behaviour among the population for attractive jobs. A third hypothesis is the existence of stringent labour market regulations that prevents employment creation in the private sector. Even though we are aware of these challenges graduate unemployment is still a huge problem in Sri Lanka. Despite many genuine attempts being made to bring about a solution to the problem, the attempts have largely failed because the current education and the skills sectors have still not been re-oriented fully to improve the quality of education in the country.

Therefore unless we make those fundamental changes within our education system in the country, the system will not deliver the numbers and quality desired and we will continue to have forum after forum to find solutions for graduate unemployment. So in the short-term the private sector and the university system need to identify the curriculum based on the needs of the private sector. Next the state needs to work with the education/ training providers to re-orient the infrastructure to deliver the skills that the country requires. Many surveys have revealed that in general. University graduates lack the basic skills sought by employers. Hence the government, the university administrators, employers and graduates themselves must all endeavour to find a practical solution to fill this gap. Today despite many interventions, we are still confronted with three key issues (a) our universities do not generate the required skills for the country (b) our graduates lack knowledge about the reality of the labour market and(c) many graduates prefer to join the public sector and be underemployed.

Therefore, in order to create more productive jobs for the educated, the private- public links need to be strengthened and the higher education system needs to be re-oriented to refocus from supply to demand.

1) Write a short answer to the following question

What is the reason for the slow development of south Asia?

.....(2marks)

2) Write true or false in the space provided beside each sentence.

- a) Private sector employers have been discouraged from creating sufficient jobs by the rigid regulations in the labour market ()
 - b) Graduates are more attracted to provide sector jobs than the government sector ()
 - c) No attempt has been made so far to find remedies for the graduate unemployment problem ()
- (3 x 1 = 3 Marks)

3) Underline the most appropriate answer in each of the following

- a) Which of the following best expresses the main idea of the 2nd paragraph?
 - 1) There is a mismatch between the skills provided by the education system and the labour market needs.
 - 2) Many reasons have been attributed for the unemployment and under employment problem among the educated youth.
 - 3) Many educated youth wait for a long time until they get well paid jobs.
 - 4) Many sincere attempts have been made to find a solution to the unemployment and underemployment problem.

b) Which of the following is not true?

- 1) Universities should produce graduates according to the demand of the job market.
- 2) It is necessary to change the education system through curriculum revisions to suit the job market needs.
- 3) The present graduates of our universities do not possess the hard and soft skills required.
- 4) World Bank South Asia recommended increasing the expenditure on education.

c) The under lined phrase in the 3rd paragraph this gap refers to gap between

- 1) University administrators needs and graduates capabilities
- 2) Employers needs graduates skills
- 3) The basic skills required and graduate skills
- 4) Infrastructure available and skills needed

d) Which of the following is the most appropriate title to the above text?

- 1) Creating private sector jobs for graduates
- 2) Increasing funds for higher education
- 3) Curriculum revision in university sector
- 4) Re orienting university education for job market needs.

(2 x 4 = 8 Marks)

4) **Fill in the blanks in the following passage based on the information in the 3rd paragraph of the text do not use more than three words in each blank.**

According to many surveys, our graduates do not possess the basic skills the employers expect. Therefore we must be ready to make a number of changes in the present (1) in order to gain desired out comes. If such changes are not implemented. It is impossible to find a solution to the (2)..... Problem. As the first, the existing curriculum of our universities should be modified based on the requirements of the (3) Next, the government with the support of the education providers should re orient the (4) to provide the youth the skills required by the labour market However it should also be employed in the (5) sector and be under employed.

(1 X 5 = 5 marks)

5) **What do the pronouns in bold print in the 1st paragraph refer to?**

b) This

b) They

(1 x 2 = 2 Marks)

6) Write one word for each blank selecting from the passage. Which means the same as given words/ phrases.

a) to maintain something for a long period ?

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b) being forced or required to do something?

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c) skills and knowledge needed to perform a task?

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d) Distinguished or famous

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e) Faced with

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(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

◆ Question : 05

Dialogue

(25 Marks)

A) How do you respond in each of the following situations?

Write one sentence or question for each beginning with the words given.

1) You are trying to get the Colombo Museum but you are lost. Ask a police officer the way
Could you.....?

2) You have come for an interview for a job. During the interview, you are requested to ask anything you want to know about the job. Ask one information
I'd

3) A friend of yours has forgotten where he has put his glasses. Offer to help him
Let

4) You are at the Annual general meeting of the Literary Association of your School. It is time to appoint new office bearers. Propose one of your friends as the president
I'd.....

5) It is the Annual prize giving of your school you are the announcer. Invite you principal to deliver the well come speech
I

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

◆ **Question: 06**

You are at the receptionist desk of Anurodhapura Rest – Complete the missing parts of the dialogue between the receptionist and you. Do not use more than two sentence/ question in each blank.

Receptionist :- “Can I help You”

You :- (1)

Receptionist :- Yes we have single rooms

You :- (2)

Receptionist :- Two Thousand rupees a night

You :- (3)

Receptionist :- Yes that’s with meals

You :- (4)

Receptionist :- Let me check. Yes there’s a room ready. It’s room number 16. Our room Assistant will take your bag and show you where it is.

You :- (5)

Receptionist :- You’re welcome.

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

◆ **Question: 07**

You are going to send a parcel to a brother of yours in Canada. You are speaking to the officer at the post office. Use the given guide lines and complete the missing parts of the dialogue between the two of you

Officer (1)

(He begins the conversation by asking an appropriate)

You (2)

(You say what you want)

Officer :- Give me the parcel. Please ok let me see how much it weighs ...mm... it’s about 750 g

You (3)

(You ask an appropriate question)

Officer :- Two thousand rupees. Yes two thousand rupees if you sent it by normal post

You :- (4)

(You ask appropriate question)

Officer :- It’ll take about six days anyway if you sent it express, it will get there tomorrow . But then you’ll have to pay an extra amount of thousand rupees.

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(10 marks)

Writing skills

(65 Marks)

◆ **Question : 09 (5 Marks)**

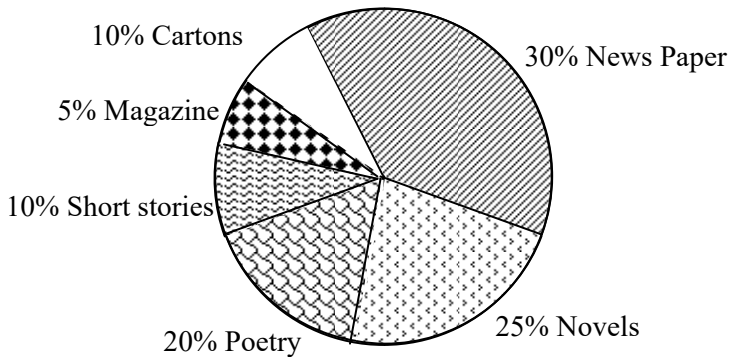
Select any five words from the list given below and use each of them in a meaning ful sentence. You may use the plural form of the nouns. But do not change the form of the other words
decision, horrible, recommend, fluently, perform, consider, unfortunately grateful.

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

◆ **Question :10 (15 Marks)**

The following pie chart shows what the students of your school like to read during their leisure time. This given in percentages. Study the chart and write a description about it. (use about 100 words)



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