

1. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions

(under, on, into, of, between, with, of, by, at, for)

The rapid development _____ technology has significantly impacted various aspects _____ our daily lives. From communication _____ entertainment, the influence _____ technological advancements is evident everywhere. For instance, social media platforms have revolutionized the way we interact _____ each other. Additionally, the rise _____ online streaming services has changed how we consume media. Moreover, the integration _____ artificial intelligence in our daily routines, such as virtual assistants _____ smart homes, has made life more convenient. However, the dependence _____ technology also raises concerns _____ privacy and security.

(5 marks)

2. Fill in the blanks with the correct verb formation

When James _____ (wake) up in the morning, he _____ (feel) very excited. He _____ (have) a big day ahead of him. After he _____ (brush) his teeth and _____ (take) a shower, he _____ (put) on his favorite shirt. He _____ (eat) a quick breakfast before he _____ (leave) the house. On his way to work, he _____ (remember) that he _____ (forget) his wallet at home. He quickly _____ (turn) around and _____ (head) back to get it.

Once he _____ (arrive) at work, he _____ (notice) that everyone _____ (seem) busy. He _____ (sit) at his desk and _____ (start) working on his project. Just then, his boss _____ (call) him into the office. James _____ (feel) nervous as he _____ (walk) into the office. His boss _____ (smile) and _____ (tell) him that he _____ (get) a promotion. James _____ (be) thrilled and _____ (thank) his boss profusely.

(5 marks)

3. Of the options given below, each sentence, underline the one that expresses its meaning.

(a) My brother knows a lot about it than my sister.

- (i) My brother knows a lot about it than he knows about me.
- (ii) My sister does not know anything about it, but my brother knows a lot.
- (iii) My sister knows something about it, but my brother know a lot more.
- (iv) My brother does not know about it.

(b) Following the popularity of his first two films, it's no surprise that his latest production has been successful.

- (i) His first two films were popular and as everybody expected, his latest production was successful.
- (ii) His first two films were not successful.
- (iii) His latest production was more successful than the first two films.
- (iv) It's not strange that his latest one has been successful.

I There is likely to be rain everywhere today except in Kandy.

- (i) There will be rain in Colombo today.
- (ii) It is likely that there will be rain in Colombo.
- (iii) It rained everywhere today.
- (iv) It may rain everywhere today.

(d) If I study hard, I will pass the exam.

- (i) I will study hard and I'll pass the exam.
- (ii) I will pass the exam.
- (iii) I am studying.
- (iv) I will not pass the exam, if I study hard.

I Despite falling mid-way through the race, she won.

- (i) She won the race although she had fallen mid-way in the race.
- (ii) She won the race as she fell down.
- (iii) She won the race, but she fell down.
- (iv) She had already won the race, when she fell down

(5 marks)

4. Construct questions to get the words underlined as answers.

(i) My sister is fifteen years old.

(ii) That is Shenuka's book.

(iii) The boy is absent because he is ill.

(iv) Binadi goes to school by bus.

(v) She works in a bank.

(5 marks)

5. Read the paragraph **carefully** and answer all the questions.

The Amazon rainforest, often referred to as the "lungs of the Earth," is a vast and biodiverse ecosystem spanning across nine countries in South America. Covering approximately 5.5 million square kilometers, it is home to an incredible array of plant and animal species, many of which are found nowhere else on the planet. The rainforest plays a crucial role in regulating the global climate by absorbing large amounts of carbon dioxide and producing oxygen. However, it is under severe threat from deforestation, mining, and agricultural expansion. Protecting this vital ecosystem is essential for maintaining biodiversity and combating climate change.

1. What is the Amazon rainforest often referred to as?

2. How many countries does the Amazon rainforest span across?

3. What is the approximate area covered by the Amazon rainforest?

4. What makes the Amazon rainforest unique in terms of biodiversity?

5. How does the Amazon rainforest contribute to regulating the global climate?

6. What are some of the main threats to the Amazon rainforest?

7. Why is it important to protect the Amazon rainforest?

8. What role does the Amazon rainforest play in carbon dioxide absorption?

9. How does deforestation impact the Amazon rainforest?

10. What are the consequences of losing the Amazon rainforest for global biodiversity?

(5 marks)

6. Read the song “See You Again” by Wiz Khalifa and Charlie Puth and answer the questions.

It's been a long day without you, my friend
And I'll tell you all about it when I see you again
We've come a long way from where we began
Oh, I'll tell you all about it when I see you again
When I see you again

Damn, who knew?
All the planes we flew, good things we been through
That I'd be standing right here talking to you
'Bout another path, I know we loved to hit the road and laugh
But something told me that it wouldn't last
Had to switch up, look at things different, see the bigger picture
Those were the days, hard work forever pays
Now I see you in a better place (see you in a better place)
Uh

How can we not talk about family when family's all that we got?
Everything I went through, you were standing there by my side
And now you gon' be with me for the last ride

It's been a long day without you, my friend
And I'll tell you all about it when I see you again (I'll see you again)
We've come a long way (yeah, we came a long way)
From where we began (you know we started)
Oh, I'll tell you all about it when I see you again (I'll tell you)
When I see you again

First, you both go out your way and the vibe is feeling strong
And what's small turned to a friendship, a friendship turned to a bond
And that bond will never be broken, the love will never get lost
(The love will never get lost)
And when brotherhood come first, then the line will never be crossed
Established it on our own when that line had to be drawn
And that line is what we reached, so remember me when I'm gone
(Remember me when I'm gone)

How can we not talk about family when family's all that we got?
Everything I went through you were standing there by my side
And now you gon' be with me for the last ride

So let the light guide your way, yeah
Hold every memory as you go
And every road you take
Will always lead you home, home
It's been a long day without you, my friend
And I'll tell you all about it when I see you again
We've come a long way from where we began
Oh, I'll tell you all about it when I see you again
When I see you again

When I see you again (yeah, uh)

See you again (yeah, yeah, yeah)

When I see you again

1. What is the main theme of the song "See You Again"?

2. What does the artist mention they will do "when I see you again"?

3. What does the artist reflect on in the line "We've come a long way from where we began"?

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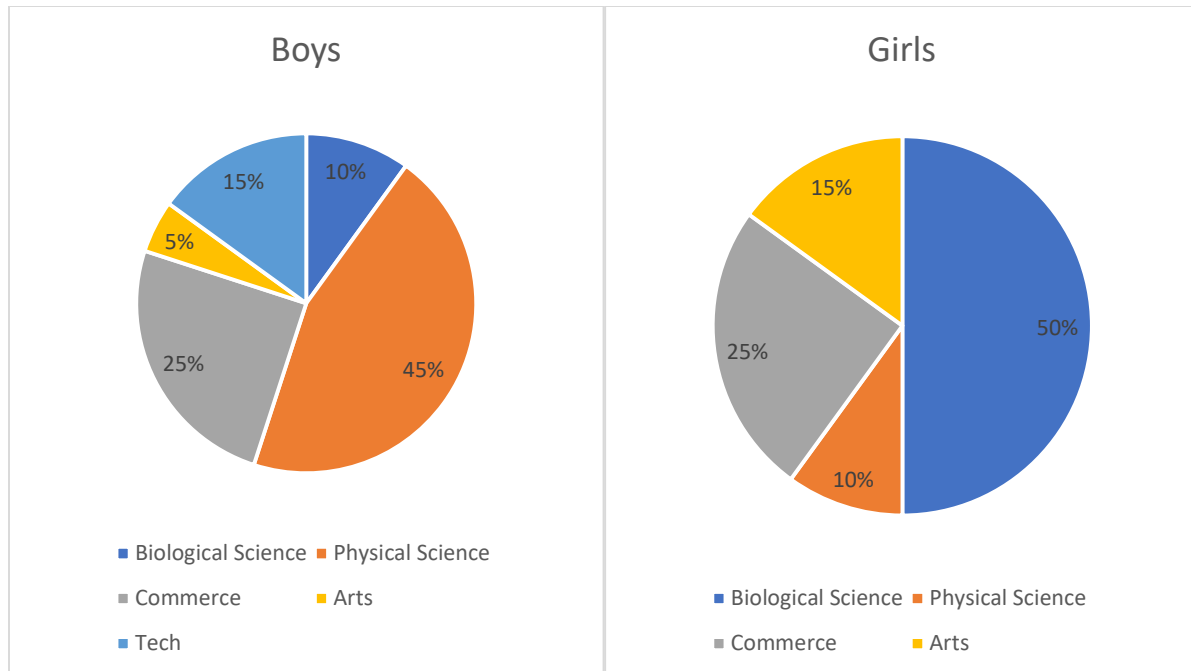
5. How does the artist describe the relationship between them and their friend?

(5 marks)

7. Write a paragraph and use the following sentence to start.
(5 marks)

“The internet has changed the way we communicate and access information...

8. Write a description based on the given pie charts of the preferred A/L stream of students in Colombo (10 marks)



9. A. Complete the following dialogue between you and your English teacher regarding your poor performance at the 1st Term Examination.

English Teacher: Why haven't you done well on your exam this time?

You: _____

English Teacher: Well, that's not an excuse!

You: _____

English Teacher: You do know that I will have to speak to your parents about this.

You: _____

English Teacher: Maybe you should stop focusing on leisure activities and concentrate on your studies more.

You: _____

English Teacher: Ok, this should be the last time you get low results, I want to see an improvement next time. Now go back to your class!

You: _____

(5 marks)

9. B. You were caught by the Headmaster for coming late to school with an unshaven beard. Create a conversation which took place between you and the Headmaster in the form of a dialogue. Each person should speak at least 5 times.

(10 marks)

10. Select five words from the given words and use them in meaningful sentences.

(5 marks)

(ferocious, invalid, production, punctuality, diverse, controversial, interactive, conditional, heritage, delusional)

11. Write a letter to your friend about the new movie you watched recently. Use about 150 words. (10 marks)

12. You are the president of the Interact Club, write a letter to the manager of Cargills PLC asking for a sponsorship for your latest project. Use about 150 words. (10 marks)

13. Write an essay on the following topic using 250 words.

(15 marks)

“The importance of the English language in the modern world”