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Part - II

01. Chose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

Public opinion polls show that crime is (1). _____ as one of the most serious problems of many societies. Yet (2). _____ studies have revealed that the (3). _____ of violent crime is (4). _____. Our peculiar awareness and fear is largely brought about by the great attention it is (5). _____ in the mass media and also because of violent crime being a popular theme for television series and films. Among the crimes, murder makes the (6). _____ and there is little doubt that homicides still continue to be a (7). _____ question in a number of countries. The various causes of severe crime are being constantly (8). _____ and imunerable reasons for it are being pointed out. Among these are unemployment, drug (9). _____ inadequate police enforcement, ineffective courts, racial discrimination, television and the general (10). _____ in social values.

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|---------------|---|---------------|---|--------------|---|-------------|
| 1. Viewed | - | believed | - | alleged | - | thought |
| 2. Pervading | - | infiltrating | - | examining | - | penetrating |
| 3. Quantity | - | deal | - | amount | - | figure |
| 4. Outspoken | - | overestimated | - | presupposed | - | upgraded |
| 5. Granted | - | awarded | - | devoted | - | entrusted |
| 6. Headlines | - | titles | - | captions | - | broadcast |
| 7. Burdening | - | obstructing | - | nagging | - | contending |
| 8. Debated | - | conversed | - | uttered | - | articulated |
| 9. Escalation | - | abuse | - | maltreatment | - | disuse |
| 10. Flop | - | impediment | - | short fall | - | decline |

(10 Marks)

02. Fill the blanks with most suitable word from the list given in each sentence.

1. The students have asked their professor to _____ making a test until after Christmas.
a). postpone b). interrupt c). await d). terminate
2. The handwriting is completely _____. This note must have been written a long time ago.
a). inedible b). indelible c). illegible d). unfeasible
3. I haven't established yet how the affair broke out, but I'm going to get to the very _____ of it.
a). bottom b). ground c). basis d). threshold
4. Is it possible to _____ the twin brothers apart?
a). recognizing b). tell c). distinguish d). see
5. Our chances of coming in time for the meeting are rather _____.
a). slim b). sparse c). tiny d). weak
6. She was given the advantage over the other applicants because of her attractive _____.
a). look b). vision c). appearance d). sight
7. They did have a _____ escape. Their car stopped right at the river bank.
a). narrow b). fine c). near d). slight
8. I can't do whatever I want, because I am still financially _____ on my parents.
a). determined b). subject c). reliant d). dependable
9. His _____ of the safety regulations really can't be ignored any longer.
a). disregard b). unfamiliarity c). carelessness d). inattention
10. The first thing for all of you to remember is that _____ your duties may result in an instant dismissal.
a). escaping b). neglecting c). resisting d). missing

(10 Marks)

03. Make five sentences from the following words.

Observe , Vibrant , Kidnapper , Delicious , Humiliate , Unique , Legend ,
Simulate , Terminate , Abandon

(05 Marks)

04. The pie chart below shows the reasons for travel and the main issues for the travelling in Sri Lanka in 2022.

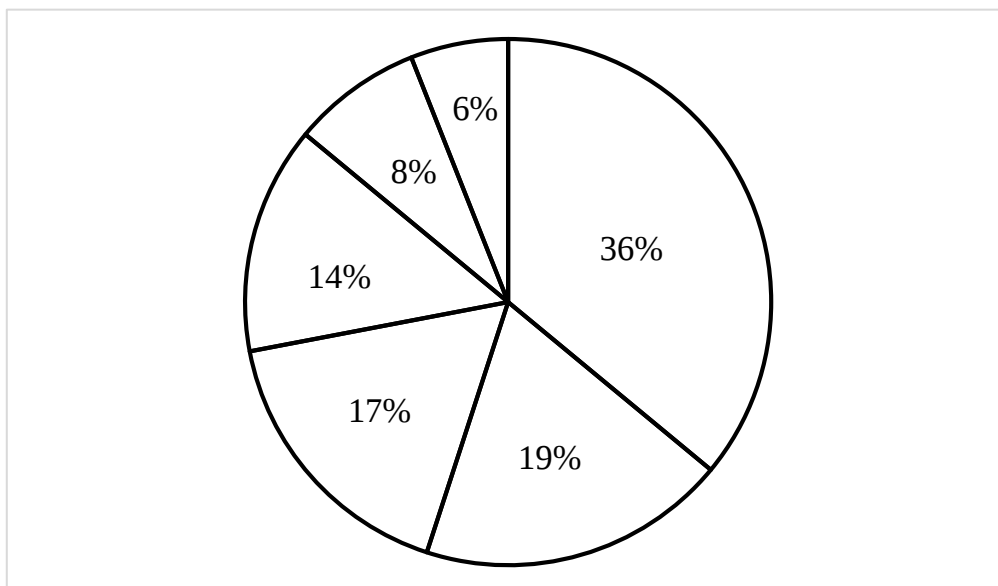
Reasons for travel

- * Visit friends / relatives
- * Social / recreation
- * Shopping
- * Personal reasons
- * To and from work

Main issues for the travelling public

- * Price of travelling 36%
- * Safety concerns 19%
- * Aggressive drivers 17%
- * Highway congestion 14%
- * Access to public transport 8%
- * Space for pedestrians 6%

Write a summary of the reasons and issues for travelling in Sri Lanka.



(10 Marks)

05. Complete the dialogue at the cloths shop.

Shop Assistant : How can I help you Sir,

Paul : _____

Shop Assistant : Are you looking for any brand in particular?

Paul : _____

Shop Assistant : What colour would you like?

Paul : _____

Shop Assistant : If you follow me, I will show you some good polo shirts and not very expensive ones.

Paul : _____

Shop Assistant : How about this one?

Paul : _____

Shop Assistant : Well, they come in white and blue sir, will a white one do?

Paul : _____

Shop Assistant : Will that be all?

Paul : _____

Shop Assistant : That's Rs. 4500/-

Paul : _____

(05 Marks)

06. How do you respond in each of the following situations. Write one sentence or question for each situation.

1. You are the Managing Director of a company. How do you want an employee to be punctual?

“You _____

2. You make a complaint at the police station about a robbery at your house. How does the police officer ask you about the robbery?

“Can _____

3. You want to know the postal charges to send a 500 gr parcel to London, from the postmaster.

Could you _____

4. You are a salesman in a book shop and a customer wants you to help him to find story book for his Son.

In which grade _____

5. You want your friend to return a library book for you as you are not well.

Could you _____

(05 Marks)

07. Read the following poem and do the activities that follow.

Book! tis a dull and endless strife
Come hear the woodland linnet
How sweet his music! On my life
There's more of wisdom in it
And hark! How blithe the throstle sings
He too is no mean preacher:
Come forth into the light of thing,
Let nature be your teacher.....
Enough of science and of Art;
Come forth, and bring with you a heart
that watches and receives.

1. Underline the correct answer.

1. The idea conveyed by the poem is,
a). Learning books makes you wise.
b). Only theoretical education doesn't make you a perfect man with humanistic values.
c). Learning book is nearly enough for perfection

2. What request is made to the reader? Why?
3. What does “he” refer to in the 6th line?
4. Find a word in the poem which means very much the same as the following words.
 1. Struggle
 2. Cheerful

(05 Marks)

08. Underline the correct answer.

1. Jenul is not as helpful as Shenal.
 - a). Shenal is more helpful than Jenul.
 - b). Jenul is more helpful than Shenal.
 - c). Both Shenal and Jenul are not helpful.
2. It's high time we had dinner.
 - a). We've already had dinner.
 - b). We should have dinner now.
 - c). There is plenty of time for dinner.
3. Although the bus was crowded, my mother managed to get a seat.
 - a). Mother did not get a seat, because the bus was crowded.
 - b). The bus was not crowded, so mother got a seat.
 - c). The bus was crowded, but mother got a seat.
4. They needn't have come here today.
 - a). They did not come here though they should have.
 - b). They came here though they did not have to.
 - c). They did not come here, because they did not have to.
5. If Harsha had gone there, he would have met Vikum.
 - a). Harsha went there, so he met Vikum.
 - b). Harsha went there, but he did not meet Vikum.
 - c). Harsha did not go there, so he did not meet Vikum.

(05 Marks)

09. Your friend Mahil is of the view that sex and crime on the television films and serials are responsible for the increase in such violence in the society. You think that the young viewers are sensible enough to take what is real and what is not and therefore such films not at all have any negative impact on the society.

Write the conversation that took place between you and your friend in the form of dialogue. Each of you must speak at least five times.

(10 Marks)

10. Read the text and answer all the questions.

What do your dreams mean

I bet that each and everyone of us has had the some dreams: The plane crash, teeth falling out, walk on air, missing that train, falling, drowning, running naked through the streets, being chased... The list go on. But, have your dreams been more vivid since the lockdown? Social media and online forum are awash with stories of vivid dreams and even nightmares. Experts are claiming that there is a lot of truth in this phenomenon. People are sleeping long and this allows more time for dreaming. In addition, the more boring your life, the more your night time brain activity tries to recompense and the more exiting your dreams become.

However, what do those dreams mean? Experts refute that dreams can predict events, but they can help us interpret our feelings. The events in dreams are symbolic. For example, missing that train might indicate that you are feeling left behind, or simply that you are anxious. Walking on air shows that you feel invincible and capable of anything. If you dream that your teeth are falling out or crumbling you have bitten off more than you can chew. Slow down and do less! Dreaming of natural disaster – earthquake, tsunami and volcanic eruption can be intense and terrifying. They show that you are feeling frightened by events outside of your control, like the Corona virus. It is worthwhile to try and decipher your dreams, as this can help you interpret your feelings.

One way to do this is by association. If you dream about people, ask: what does this person mean to me if you dream about, let's say birds-think: do you love birds or do they make you nervous? Some people claim they never dream; well, they do, but they just forget. It may be useful when you wake up, to try to recall your dream, they might be telling you something important.

Answer True or False.

1. Everyone experiences similar dreams _____
2. There are reports on social media that people's dreams have become more intense _____
3. Dreams have become more interesting because life is duller since the lockdown _____
4. Experts agree that dreams can foretell the future _____
5. Events in dreams are based on reality _____
6. Walking on air indicates that you are aiming too high and should be less ambitious _____
7. Dreaming of dental issues suggests that you should eat more _____
8. Dreaming about natural disasters indicates that you are happy about the situation around you. _____
9. It is a useful exercise to try and interpret your dreams _____
10. Some people never dream _____

(10 Marks)

11. Answer the questions.

1. What does the author claim about people and dreams?

2. What are social media sites saying about dreams?

3. What do experts cite as the reasons for this phenomenon?

4. How can dreams help us according to the experts?

5. Why should you make the effort to think about what your dreams mean?

(05 Marks)

A. READING COMPREHENSION

Read the text and do the tasks below.

GLOBAL English

As English Spreads, Speakers Morph it into World Tongue.

In India, people created the word "pre-pone" as the obvious opposite of postpone. On the Internet, a form of cyber-English has sprouted with such words as "net surfing." On MTV Latino, the word *coolismo* defines hip for a continent.

Meanwhile in Britain, editors of the Oxford English Dictionary are struggling to keep up with this "morphing" of the mother tongue. What centuries of British colonialism and decades of Esperanto couldn't do, a few years of free trade, MTV, and the Internet has. "English is probably changing faster than any other language," says Alan Firth, a linguist at the University of Aalborg in Denmark, "because so many people are using it."

It is believed that English is merging with native languages to create hybrid Englishes worldwide. But this uncontrolled, global germination of so many "Englishes" has some worried. English purists, led by Britain's Prince Charles, bemoan the degradation of the language as they see it, lashing out at Americans for cheapening it with bad grammar.

However those who seek to preserve native cultures warn that in many parts of the world, English is taking more than it is giving. Multiculturalists say the blitzkrieg-like spread of English effectively commits "linguistic genocide" by killing off dozens other languages. Education, mass media, and religion stigmatize many non-white native languages, even if they are an offshoot of English, as backward and primitive, tribal and traditional, as ... dialects rather than languages.

These differing views lead to the question: Is the world taking English by storm or is English taking the world by storm?

Danish Professor Firth, who studies conversations between non-native speakers when they conduct business, says businessmen tend to be blunt, humorless, use simplified grammar, and develop and use their own English terms to cut a deal. "People develop their own ways of doing business with each other, of talking and even writing ... that native speakers might not understand," Firth says. "Surprisingly, the latter join in and start to speak that way also."

Oxford Companion editor McArthur says the spread of English can't be halted. The globalization of the world, mostly driven by economics, is inevitable. "It's the [world's] need for a unified language of trade, politics, and culture," he says. "We're going to lose a lot of languages around the world, but if it's not English, it's something else."

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1. Choose the correct option to complete the following sentences.

1.1. The aim of the first paragraph of the text is to show

- (A) how fast the English language is spreading around the world.
- (B) that the English language is changing.
- (C) that as a world language English influences other languages.

1.2. Some people believe that "hybrid Englishes"

- (A) enrich the English language.
- (B) eradicate other native languages.
- (C) destroy the true essence of the English language.

1.3. Many non-white native languages

- (A) are disapproved of because they are an offshoot of English.
- (B) are often dismissed as simple dialects.
- (C) are considered languages in their own right.

1.4. English will probably keep its status as a global language because

- (A) it's an important tool for international communication.
- (B) of the economic power of the nations that speak it.
- (C) we are going to lose a lot of languages around the world.

2. Answer the following on the text. Use your own words as far as possible.

- a. Which aspects have contributed to the major changes in the English language?
- b. Identify and explain the two opposing views on the evolution of the English language.
- c. In what way do non-native businessmen affect the way English native-speakers use their language?

3. Finding evidence - quote from the text one sentence for each of the statements below.

- a. a variety of English has emerged from technology.
- b. the expansion of the English language has a deadly effect on other languages.

4. Explain the meaning of the following in your own words.

Is the world taking English by storm or is English taking the world by storm? (5th paragraph)

5. What do the underlined words in the text refer to?

- a. they
- b. it
- c. they
- d. they
- e. their
- f. the latter

12. You travel by bus every weekday morning.
Recently you have been unhappy with service. Write a letter to the bus company saying
- * What the problem is
 - * How it affects you
 - * What you want them to do
- (15 Marks)*
13. Write an e-mail to your best friend offering advice and making suggestions to continue his education after the A/L examination. *(10 Marks)*
14. Write an essay about “The importance of Education” in 200 words. *(20 Marks)*