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Additional Reading Time - 10 minutes

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Paper II

Part	Marks
A	
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Total	140

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Use **additional reading time** to go through the question paper and decide on the questions that you give priority in answering.

Instructions:

- * Answer **all** questions **on this paper itself**
- * Marks will be deducted for bad punctuation (Omission of full stops, capital letters, etc.) and for mistakes in basic grammar
- * The supervisor will provide you with sheets for rough work.

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PART A

READING SKILLS [50 marks]

Question 01

Read the following part of a covering letter in which some words are given in bold type. Then, **underline** the **meaning** that is **most appropriate** to the context for the words given in bold type from 1 - 10. (10 marks)

I am interested in the Editor's position at your company, as advertised in Ceylon Today. I am (1) **currently** employed as Legal Officer for ABC (Pvt) Ltd in Ampara. I believe that the skills and experiences I have gained in this (2) **position** make me an (3) **ideal** candidate for the post of Editor.

As the Legal Officer, I have developed strong writing and editing skills. I also developed an ability to (4) **convey** complex legal ideas clearly. The documents I have prepared have received (5) **praise** for the clarity of my writing. I am always (6) **eager** to learn more about state legislation, reading on these topics in my own time to become more knowledgeable. I would love to introduce this (7) **passion** for policy and law to your company.

I am (8) **confident** that my experience as the Legal Officer and my (9) **capabilities** will qualify me for this post. I can provide you with current samples of my work, if (10) **required**.

I have herewith enclosed my curriculum vitae.

1) currently	temporarily	permanently	presently	willingly
2) position	condition	post	point	company
3) ideal	perfect	standard	relevant	experienced
4) convey	convince	communicate	edit	re-arrange
5) praise	awards	thanks	admiration	prizes
6) eager	keen	happy	emotional	eligible
7) passion	liking	enthusiasm	style	reputation
8) confident	very reluctant	very strong	very powerful	very certain
9) capabilities	experiences	certificates	abilities	ambitions
10) required	satisfied	approved	ordered	needed

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Question 02

Read the following text and answer the questions (1) and (2).

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- ① My name is Thanuja Samarasena. I'm 22 years old. I'm from Passara. My father is a labourer in a tea estate. My mother is a housewife. I have only one sister. I studied at Passara Maha Vidyalaya. I studied up to the G.C.E. Advanced Level. But I didn't get through the exam. So, I started to follow the Higher National Diploma course in Human Resource Management at the Advanced Technological Institute (ATI), Badulla.
- ② At the ATI, we were taught theory from the beginning. So, it was easy. Here, we also have to **interact** with everyone and learn with everyone. So, it is very interesting. I had never visited Colombo before. But during my course, we visited Colombo three times.
- ③ I have already completed the theoretical component of the course. Now, I am following the practical component in a workplace through an in-plant training. I have been getting this practical training in a leading business company in Badulla for the last three months.
- ④ When I told my parents about this course at the beginning, they didn't know anything about vocational training. They asked me why I wanted to follow such a course. But my parents understood the importance of this vocational training after I started my practical training. Then they allowed my sister also to follow a course at the ATI. Now she is following a course in Hospitality Management at the ATI, Badulla.
- ⑤ Those who study **here** can get a good job. You can even find an overseas employment after you get the certificate. But I like to stay in Passara where I grew up, and contribute to develop my country without going to another country.

(1) Do the following statements agree with the information given in the above text?

In boxes (I) - (VIII), write **True** or **False**.

True	If the statement is correct
False	If the statement is wrong

	Statements	
(I)	A candidate must have passed G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination to gain admission into Higher National Diploma course in Human Resource Management at the ATI.	
(II)	Thanuja found it very difficult to understand the theory part of her course.	
(III)	Thanuja could visit Colombo only after joining the course at the ATI.	
(IV)	At present, Thanuja receives her practical training.	
(V)	Thanuja's parents asked her to follow a course at the ATI after her G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination.	
(VI)	Thanuja's sister had started to follow the course at the ATI before Thanuja joined it.	
(VII)	Both Thanuja and her sister follow the same course at the ATI.	
(VIII)	Thanuja has no intention of getting a job abroad.	

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(2) Underline the most appropriate response to complete the following sentences.

I) The word 'interact' in paragraph ② most nearly means,

- (a) work with pleasure (b) communicate ideas
(c) listen carefully (d) improve knowledge

II) The word 'here' in paragraph ⑤ refers to,

- (a) Badulla district (b) Passara (c) ATI (d) Colombo

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Question 03

Read the following poem and underline the most appropriate response to each of the questions from I - V. (05 marks)

You may see me struggle
but you won't see me fall.
Regardless if I'm weak or not
I'm going to stand tall.
Everyone says life is easy
but truly living **it** is not.
Times get hard,
people struggle
and constantly get put on the spot.
I'm going to wear the biggest smile
even though I want to cry.
I'm going to fight to live
even though I'm destined to die.
And even though it's hard
and I may struggle through it all.
You may see me struggle...
but you will never see me fall.

(Joyce Alcantara)

I) What does "fall" most nearly mean in the phrase 'you won't see me fall'?

- (a) moving down from a higher place (b) become unsuccessful
(c) become sick (d) die in battle

II) Which of the following adjectives is most appropriate to describe the speaker of the poem?

- (a) courageous (b) inquisitive (c) negative (d) cruel

III) Which of the following is the most appropriate title to this poem?

- (a) Life is full of hard times (b) I'm destined to die
(c) You will never see me fall (d) You will never see me struggle

IV) Which of the following best expresses the opinion of the speaker?

- a) Life is something which is very easy.
b) It is not necessary to work hard.
c) We must be ready to win challenges.
d) We must always fight against our enemies.

V) What does the pronoun "it" in bold print refer to?

- (a) struggle (b) smile (c) hard-time (d) life

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Question 04

Fill in the blanks based on the information given in the following passage. (05 marks)

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An extended family comprises of multiple generations living together under the same roof. Some extended families may also include grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins who share the same household. There are many benefits of living with an extended family. First, family members who are a part of extended families experience emotional bonding. They might not achieve this bonding if they are living further apart. Second, the family members can spend time with their loved ones. Elderly parents might feel lonely when they do not have their companions around them. But living closely with their family members can make them feel happy. Third, one of the primary benefits of living with an extended family is that it reduces the family's financial strain as it is a more affordable option.

A notable feature of an extended family is that its members belong to several (i) and they all live in the same place. There are a number of (ii) of living with an extended family. First, these family members develop strong family (iii) with each other. Second, every member of the house can share (iv) with the others. Third, members of extended families receive (v) benefits.

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Question 05

Read the following text and answer the questions from I - V.

The first sentence in paragraph ② has been left out.

(20 marks)

- ① When students select their Advanced Level (A.L) subjects, they make their decision based on several factors. One is their preference for certain subjects. There are subjects they like more than others. Another is the inherent skills they have identified in themselves for certain subjects. Whatever the subjects they select, most of **them** wish to enter a university to continue their education.
- ② The best-known ones are the state universities. For example, the University of Jaffna is today the home of eight faculties with 57 academic departments. The University of Ruhuna, another leading university in Sri Lanka, consists of ten faculties with 57 departments. In fact, each university has several faculties and there are various departments in each faculty. For example, in the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, the Faculty of Agriculture has four departments.
- ③ There are many subjects in each faculty related to the programme of study. For example, in Arts Faculties in the state university system, you can study subjects from the humanities and the social sciences. In fact, the arts faculty is known as the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Here, you find a range of subjects such as classical languages and literature, modern languages and literature, religious studies, political science and geography.
- ④ Most state universities do not charge fees; **they** teach most of their programmes free of charge to undergraduates. Further, when you enter a university as an undergraduate, you are also entitled to all the facilities provided by the university either free of charge, or at a heavily subsidized rate. These facilities include library use, access to the internet and use of computer labs, accommodation for the most deserving students, etc.
- ⑤ However, there is stiff competition to get into state universities. Because of **this**, only a small percentage of qualified students get the opportunity since there is only a limited number of places. As a result, the number of private higher education providers in Sri Lanka is growing. The Ministry of Higher Education can grant private institutions degree-awarding authority. Admission to such private institutions too is based on Advanced Level examination results, although admission standards may be less rigorous than at state universities.

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I) Do the following statements agree with the information given in the above text?

In boxes (a) – (f), write **True**, **False** or **Not Given**.

True	If the statement is correct
False	If the statement is wrong
Not Given	If there is no sufficient information on this

	Statements	
(a)	If the students select the A.L subjects they like most, there is a higher chance for them to enter a state university.	
(b)	The number of faculties in the University of Jaffna is equal to the number of faculties in the University of Ruhuna.	
(c)	Literature is offered by Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences in state universities.	
(d)	State universities provide hostel facilities for all the undergraduates.	
(e)	All the facilities offered by state universities are provided free of charge.	
(f)	Degree-awarding private institutions in Sri Lanka consider A.L examination results in their student enrolment process.	

(06 marks)

II) Underline the most appropriate option to complete the missing sentence in paragraph ② .

- (a) Now, there are many private universities in Sri Lanka.
 (b) There are many types of universities in Sri Lanka.
 (c) Most of the students like to enter a state university.
 (d) Most of the universities belong to the state sector.

(01 mark)

III) In which paragraph do you include the following information if you wish to extend each paragraph further?

Match the information with the paragraphs of the text and write the number of the paragraph in the relevant box.

Information	Number of the paragraph
(a) Percentage of A.L students enrolled in state universities	
(b) Subject choice of students before university entrance	
(c) Facilities provided by the universities	
(d) Information on number of faculties	
(e) Information on subjects offered by faculties	

(05 marks)

IV) Who/What do the following pronouns in **bold** print refer to?

- (a) **them** (paragraph ①)
 (b) **they** (paragraph ④)
 (c) **this** (paragraph ⑤)

(03 marks)

V) Write **one word** in each blank, selecting from the passage, which means the same as the following.

- (a) judgement that a person makes
 (b) the fact that you like something more/ have greater interest in
 (c) university student studying for his/her first degree
 (d) more difficult than usual
 (e) increasing in number

(05 marks)

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PART B

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DIALOGUES [25 MARKS]

Question 06

How do you respond in each of the following situations? Write only **one** sentence or question for each, beginning with the word/s given. (05 marks)

- I. Your best friend conducted a presentation at the meeting of the Literary Association.
You want to appreciate it.

"It....."

- II. One of your friends asks you about your plans after the A Level examination.

"I"

- III. You are the captain of your school volleyball team. Your team has won the all- island championship. A journalist asks you to express your feelings.

"I"

- IV. You couldn't participate in the house-warming ceremony of your best friend's family.
You want to make an apology with a reason.

"I'm sorry,"

- V. You go for a job interview. During the interview, the interviewer tells you to ask anything you would like to know. Ask one question.

"Sir/Madam,?"

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Question 07

Complete the following dialogue between Methni and Fareena.

Do **not** use **more than two** sentences/questions in each blank.

(05 marks)

Fareena : Good morning.

Methni : Good morning, Fareena.

Fareena : Methni, did you go to Pahanmi's birthday party last Sunday?

Methni : (i).....

Fareena : Studying for an examination? Which examination?

Methni : (ii).....

Fareena : O Level English! Again?

Methni : Yes, I have only an 'S' pass for O Level English.

(iii).....?

Fareena : Well, I have an 'A' pass. Anyway, the best thing you can do is to write answers for some past papers and model papers. That's what I did.

Methni : (iv).....?

Fareena : You can buy them from any local bookshop.

Methni : (v).....?

Fareena : No, not very expensive.

Methni : Thanks.

Fareena : You're welcome.

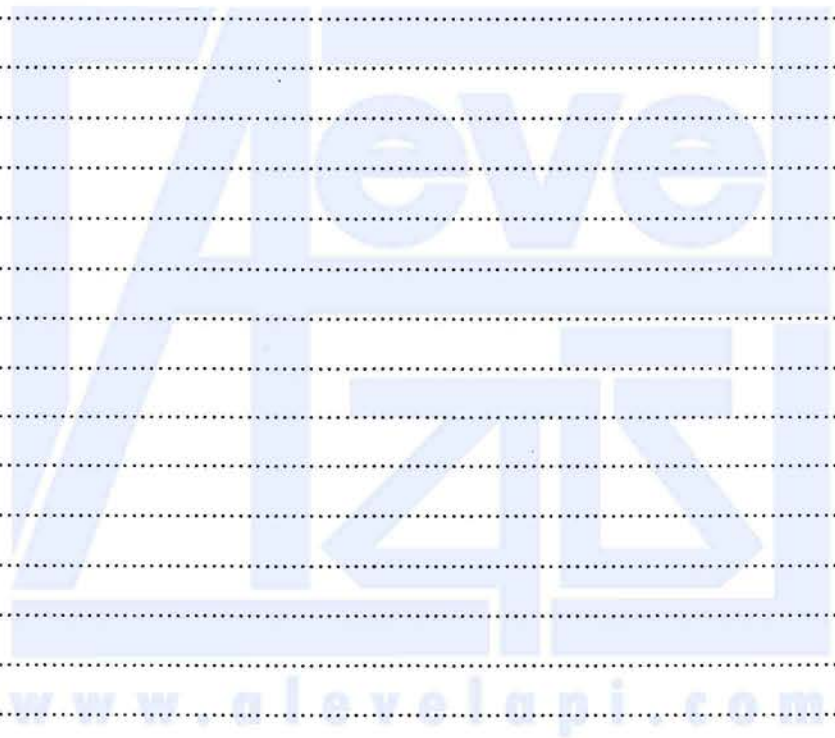
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After A/Ls?
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Tel: 011223567



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WRITING SKILLS [65 marks]

Question 09

Select any **five** words from the list of nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs given below and use each one of them in a **meaningful sentence**. You may use the verbs in any tense. Do **not** change the form of the other words. (05 marks)

Nouns	achiever, employer
Verbs	create, hate, violate
Adjectives	cultural, harmful, eldest
Adverbs	briefly, seriously

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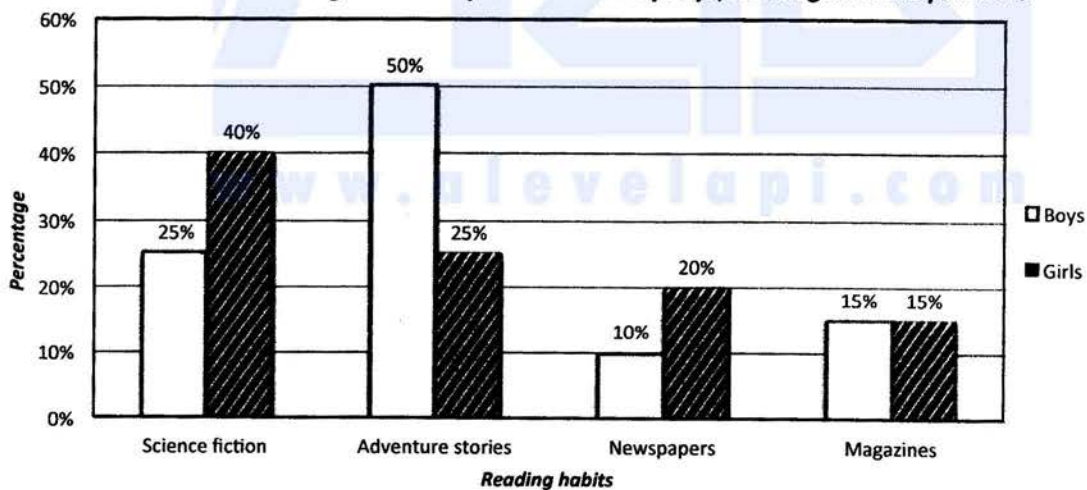
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Question 10

The bar chart below shows the reading habits of students in Jayadeva Maha Vidyalaya, Kurunegala in the year 2019. Describe the information by reporting the main features and making comparisons where relevant. Use about **75** words. (10 marks)

Students' reading habits in Jayadeva Maha Vidyalaya, Kurunegala in the year 2019



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Question 11

Imagine that you are the Secretary of the Nature Club of Damsiri Maha Vidyalaya, Bentota. Your Club decides to start a home garden in the school. You wish to have a meeting to discuss it. Write a suitable notice to be displayed about this meeting, inviting Advanced Level students to participate. Use any relevant imaginary details.

Use about **50-75** words. Do **not** exceed this word limit.

(15 marks)**NOTICE**

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Question 12

Your school, Rajasingham Maha Vidyalaya in Vavuniya, is organizing the Annual Sports Day. The organizing committee has decided to invite Mr. Kumar Sangakkara, the former cricket captain to deliver a talk on this day. As the secretary of sports committee, write a letter, inviting him. Use about **75-100** words. Do **not** exceed this word limit. **(15 marks)**

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Question 13

Complete the following story, using an imaginary situation. Use about **150-200** words.

After an extra class yesterday, I was on my way home. I looked at my watch. It was 6.40 p.m. Everywhere, it was dark and cloudy. There was no electricity. It was lightning and about to rain. I began to run to the bus-stop as fast as I could. **(20 marks)**

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