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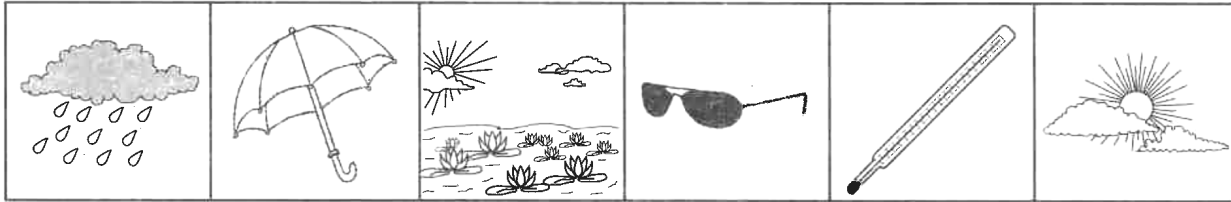
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## • Test 1

Match the following pictures with the descriptions given below. Write the letter of the most suitable picture in the box given against each description. The first one is done for you.



(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

(f)

| Description                                               | Picture Letter |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| (1) A lake full of flowers                                | c              |
| (2) An instrument for measuring temperature               | [ ]            |
| (3) The star that warms the earth                         | [ ]            |
| (4) Drops of fresh water that fall from the sky           | [ ]            |
| (5) Dark eyewear that protects you from the sun           | [ ]            |
| (6) Something that is held over one's head for protection | [ ]            |

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Q. 1

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Total: 5

## • Test 2

Fill in the blanks in the following dialogue. Use the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the space given. The first one is done for you.

(a) reach (b) trip (c) here (d) sounds (e) when (f) that

Arun: I want to do something interesting this weekend.

Chamila: Lovely! We can do something together.

Arun: Yes, that (1) .....d..... good. What are you planning to do?

Chamila: Well, I have arranged to go on a (2) ..... to Kandy with some friends. Do you want to come with us?

Arun: Great! (3) ..... are you leaving?

Chamila: Well, we have decided to start early in the morning on Sunday, and we are hoping to (4) ..... Kandy by lunch time.

Arun: Oh, in (5) ..... case I have to come very early.

Chamila: Yes, you must meet me (6) ..... at six thirty in the morning.

Arun: OK, good. I won't be late.

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• Test 3

Study the picture and fill in the blanks in the paragraph using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the blank. The first one is done for you.

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(a) with | (b) seven | (c) enjoy | (d) drawing | (e) seated | (f) distance | (g) plucking | (h) guitar | (i) holding | (j) branch | (k) book

This is a beautiful scene of a children's park. Children (1) .....c..... doing different things here. There are (2) ..... of them. Some are boys and some are girls. One child is sitting on a (3) ..... of a large tree (4) ..... fruit. Another child can be seen (5) ..... under the tree reading a (6) ..... . The child standing in front of a white board is (7) ..... a picture. At a (8) ....., a boy is playing a (9) ..... A girl with curly hair is (10) ..... a kite. Another child is seen playing (11) ..... a ball. The children are enjoying themselves.

• Test 4

Fill in the blanks in the following text with the words given in the box. The first one is done for you.

of, at, up, by, to, for

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A young man was driving to work. Suddenly he was surrounded (1) .....by..... flashing lights and four police cars. One officer told him to get out of the car. The young man followed his orders not knowing why that was happening. He ended (2) ..... in handcuffs in the back of the police car. A witness claimed she had seen him (3) ..... a murder scene.

But what if this man isn't guilty (4) ..... murder? What if he is completely innocent? Perhaps he was in the wrong place at the wrong time, and he has a similar body build or hair colour (5) ..... that of the actual murderer. Now imagine your brother, your best friend or even yourself in this man's position.

How difficult it would be (6) ..... you and your family to experience this! However, the police have no option other than arresting a suspect.

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• Test 5

Read the text on "The Blue Whale" given below. Complete the table with the information. The first one is done for you.

The Blue Whale

The world's largest mammal is the blue whale. Although they can breathe air, blue whales are most at ease in the ocean, where their ability to float supports their amazing size. These marine animals can be found in every ocean on Earth, and they frequently swim alone or in tiny groups.

A blue whale calf is born weighing two tons (approximately 1814 kg) and during its first year of life, it gains an additional 200 pounds (approximately 91 kg) every day. These enormous animals consume krill, which are tiny organisms that resemble shrimp.

It is estimated that just a small number of blue whales inhabit the oceans worldwide. They were nearly driven to extinction because of years of hunting for their oil and blubber. Although they were shielded from extinction by the 1966 International Whaling Convention, they are currently listed as endangered.

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| No. | Question / Prompt                                         | Extracted Information   |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| (1) | A swimming style of whales                                | alone or in tiny groups |
| (2) | A common prey of whales                                   | (b) .....               |
| (3) | What hunters seek in whales other than oil                | (c) .....               |
| (4) | The extra weight a calf gains every day in its first year | (d) .....               |
| (5) | The weight of a calf at birth                             | (e) .....               |
| (6) | The year that ensured the safety of whales                | (f) .....               |

• Test 6

Imagine that you are the officer in charge of making railway announcements at the Colombo Fort Railway Station. Study the situation given and write the railway announcement you would make to inform the passengers about the delay of the Udarata Menike Express Train to Badulla. Use about **40–50 words**.

Include the following:

- Name of the train: *The Udarata Menike Express Train* • The time of departure: *9.30 a.m.* • Platform: *No 3*
- Scheduled arrival: *Badulla Railway Station at 3.30 p.m.* • Duration of delay: *One hour* • New departure time: *10.30 a.m.*

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• **Test 7**

Read the text and answer the questions.

In a village far away from the city lived a young girl named Pinky. She was an adventurous girl, always seeking new experiences. One sunny day, Pinky found a mysterious map in her grandfather's bookshelf. She, then, decided to go on a treasure hunt.

Following the clues of the map, Pinky journeyed through a forest crossing a bubbling stream. Along the way, she met many animals who supported her. A wise owl guided her through a dark forest, and a playful squirrel pointed towards a hidden cave.

As Pinky reached the cave, she found a **glittering** chest filled with gold. She was not interested in it. Excitement filled her heart as she realized the true wealth was the journey itself. She returned to the village with newfound friends and stories to share. Everyone in the village celebrated her adventurous spirit, and Pinky learned that sometimes the greatest treasures are the memories we create and the friends we make along the way.

**Underline the correct answer:**

- (1) What made Pinky go on a treasure hunt was  
(a) the mysterious map.    (b) the surroundings of the village she lived.    (c) her grandfather's bookshelf.
- (2) The animals that she met in the forest were  
(a) rude.    (b) friendly.    (c) indifferent.
- (3) The word that best explains the meaning of "**glittering**" can be  
(a) valuable.    (b) shiny.    (c) old.
- (4) The animals who supported Pinky at the forest  
(a) refused to come to the village with her.    (b) visited the village with her.    (c) stayed where they were.
- (5) The people in the village  
(a) liked her treasure hunt.    (b) disliked her treasure hunt.    (c) were not bothered about her treasure hunt.

• **Test 8**

Write a paragraph on any **one** of the following topics. Use about **50 to 60 words**.

- (a) **How to use a library**    **OR**    (b) **The best gift I have received**

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