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• Test 9

Read the text and **underline** the most suitable word given within each bracket.

New technology often creates serious problems. Vehicles, for example, provide (1) [(a) a little, (b) numerous, (c) much] benefits, but they also (2) [(a) pollute, (b) destroy, (c) ruin] the air and pose severe health risks to people and damage (3) [(a) energy, (b) waste, (c) property]. It is difficult to imagine life (4) [(a) with, (b) without, (c) within] electricity and heat. Jet planes, while helping us in many ways, cause air pollution (5) [(a) refreshing, (b) releasing, (c) exchanging] hydrocarbons. The challenge, however, is to minimize the harmful effects of new technology on the environment.

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• Test 10

Read Ganesh Ramalingam's letter to Sarala and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given within brackets.

Dear Sarala, Hope you are doing well. I would like to know how you are getting on. I am thinking about you and your well-being, especially during these difficult times. Write to me or call me whenever you need any help. Also, it (1) (be) a pleasure for me to hear how you are (2) (progress) in your studies. Are there any subjects or topics that you find particularly challenging? (3) (remember) it's perfectly normal to encounter difficulties along the way, and I'm here to help you overcome any problems you are likely to (4) (face). I would also like to discuss what you plan for your future. Have you thought about what you'd like to pursue after (5) (complete) the G.C.E. O/L examination? In case you need any advice, feel free to contact me. Wishing you all the best, Ganesh Ramalingam.

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• Test 11

Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box. There is **one extra word**.

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Rain is a very unpredictable natural process. Sometimes it rains. It rains and drains. The rain (1) down in heavy sheets. (2) it rains so hard (3) it makes it difficult (4) see. We all know (5) it is like when (6) rains. But have you (7) wondered where all the (8) goes? Does it just (9) ? We all know that it (10) just disappear. As we (11), it has to go (12) Raindrops fall to (13) ground, join together to (14) rain puddles. The rain puddles get bigger and bigger. Finally, they overflow. Like the rain drops, the rain puddles join. They form a stream. The stream carries the water down the hill. After a while the stream joins a river.

• Test 12

Read the text given below and **underline** the correct form given within each bracket.

As Rajini walked into the classroom, she noticed her friend Jaleel sitting alone, looking upset.

"Hi, Jaleel, what's wrong?" Rajini asked.

Jaleel sighed and replied, "Well, yesterday my brother told me that (1) [(a) he lost his job, (b) he had lost his job, (c) he will lose his job]."

"Oh no, I'm sorry to hear that," Rajini said sympathetically and asked, (2) [(a) "How would he react?", (b) how he reacted., (c) how he could react.]

"He seemed really upset," Jaleel reported. "My brother also told me that he (3) [(a) had worked, (b) worked, (c) having to work] there for five years and didn't know what to do next."

"That must have been tough for him," Rajini remarked. "Did he say anything else?"

"Yeah, he mentioned that (4) [(a) he is going to, (b) he was going to, (c) he were to] start looking for a new job right away," Jaleel continued. "But he also said he's worried about finding something as good as (5) [(a) what he was, (b) what he had been, (c) what he had]."

Rajini nodded understandingly. "It's understandable that he's feeling anxious about the future. Did he talk to anyone else about it?"

"No, not yet," replied Jaleel. He also thanked Rajini for her concern.

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• Test 13

Read the following extracts taken from books and magazines. Select the most suitable caption for each extract and write the letter of the caption in the box given against the text. There is **one extra caption**.

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Total: 5

CAPTIONS:

- [A] Garbage disposal [B] Time you should meet a doctor
 [C] Feel free to talk [D] Be a wise parent
 [E] Use it well, it is not an enemy [F] Tips to minimize environmental pollution

No.	Extract	Caption
1	When settlements were very small, leftovers were simply thrown outdoors, where they finally decayed. But as communities grew, pigs and other animals helped clear away the stuff eating them. The animals, in turn, recycled the waste and thus created an even less appealing waste problem.	[]
2	Many people are strangely passive when they visit a doctor. First of all, they often fail to provide the doctor with complete information about their medical problem. Secondly, many people fail to ask their doctor for a full and clear explanation of their condition.	[]
3	Swollen glands in the body can be uncomfortable, but they are a welcome sign that your body is working to defend itself. They are often associated with an illness such as mumps, German measles, a cold, or flu, but an insect bite or an infected cut can also result in swelling. Still if swollen glands last more than a few days, it can be a sign of a serious illness, such as Hodgkin's disease.	[]
4	Here are some tips to discourage TV watching and encourage reading. For one thing, have only one television set, and place it in the family room. Then if your child wants privacy, he or she will have to go elsewhere away from the TV. Secondly, connect eating with reading. Put a bookcase rather than a TV in the kitchen.	[]
5	Children in Finland are the highest-scoring young readers in the world, but they spend more time watching TV than reading. Finnish national research has pointed out a key relationship between reading and Finnish TV. Many programmes have captions and watching these programmes seems to motivate and enhance reading among young readers.	[]

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• Test 14

Write only **one** of the following. Use the space provided. Use about **100 words**.

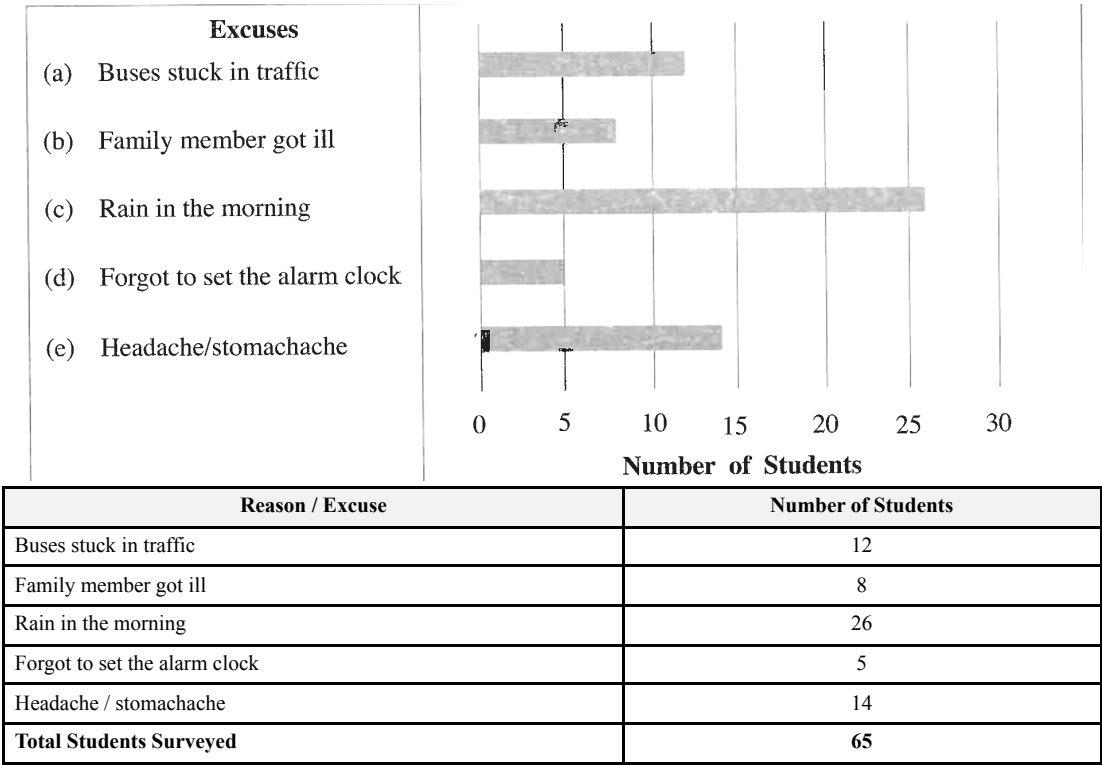
(a) You have invited your best friend to have lunch at home. Due to unavoidable circumstances you had to cancel the lunch. Write a letter to your friend informing him/her of the cancellation.

Include the following: • Express your regret for cancellation • Give reasons for it • Give any future arrangements

OR

(b) The following bar chart displays the results of a survey done by the Vice Principal of Vidukirana Maha Vidyalaya on the reasons for grade 11 students to be late to school. The bar chart shows the excuses given by the students for being late. Write a description about it.

The following words and phrases will help you: *many, some, a few, most, more than, less than*



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O: 2
M: 2
Total: 10

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• Test 15

Read the following text and answer the questions given on page 10.

Choosing one's fate

Ø Many years ago, there lived a man who was capable of loving and forgiving everyone he came across. Because of this, God sent an angel to talk to him.

'God asked me to come and visit you and tell you that he wishes to reward you for your goodness,' said the angel. 'You may have any gift you wish for. Would you like the gift ⑤ of healing sick people?'

'Certainly not,' said the man. 'I would prefer God to choose those who should be healed.'

'And what about leading wrong-doers back to the path of goodness?' asked the angel.

'That's a job for angels like you. I don't want to be worshipped by anyone or to serve as an example for perfect living,' replied the man.

⑩ 'Look, I can't go back to Heaven without having given you a gift. If you don't choose, I'll have to choose **one** for you,' said the angel.

The man thought for a moment and then said: 'All right, I would like good to be done through me, but no one should notice it. Even I do not want to know it. Otherwise I might **commit** the offence of becoming a proud person.'

⑮ So the angel arranged for the man's shadow to have the power of healing, but only when the sun was shining on the man's face. In this way, wherever he went, the sick were healed, the earth grew fertile again, and sad people rediscovered happiness.

The man travelled the Earth for many years, **oblivious** of the healing he was doing because when he was facing the sun, his shadow was always behind him. In this way, he was able ②① to live and die unaware of his own power of healing.

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• Questions for Test 15:

(1) State whether the following statements are True or False. Put a tick (✓) in the relevant cage. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$ marks)

Statement	True	False
(a) God sent an angel to earth to give the man the ability of loving and forgiving.		
(b) The man believed that it is God's responsibility to select those deserve healing.		
(c) The power of healing was active when the shadow was behind the man.		
(d) The man was unaware of the healings he was doing as God did not allow him to see them.		

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(2) What do the following words in the text refer to? Write your answers in the space given. (1 mark)

'one' in line 11:

(3) Underline the phrase that is closest in meaning to the following: (2 marks)

(a) 'commit' in line 14:

- (i) to give up completely (ii) to do something wrong (iii) to hand over (iv) to change for the better

(b) 'oblivious' in line 18:

- (i) not aware of something (ii) having no education (iii) showing neglect (iv) not to accept as accurate

Underline the correct answer for questions 4, 5 and 6 from the options given:

(4) One good quality of the man that attracted the attention of God was (1 mark)

- (a) his ability to heal those who were suffering from sickness.
 (b) his ability to lead bad people to the path of goodness.
 (c) his readiness to love and forgive everyone around him.
 (d) his refusal to accept the power of healing.

(5) The man (1 mark)

- (a) willingly accepted the gift from the angel. (b) happily accepted the gift from the angel.
 (c) enthusiastically accepted the gift from the angel. (d) hesitantly accepted the gift from the angel.

(6) Underline the sentence that tells why the man did not want to know about his own good deeds: (1 mark)

- (a) The man thought that it was God's duty to heal the sick people on earth.
 (b) The man believes that making bad people good is the responsibility of angels.
 (c) The man was of the view that his miracles would make him a better person.
 (d) The man did not want to be worshipped by people or become a proud person.

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• **Test 16**

Write on **one** of the following topics. Use about **200 words**.

(a) Write an article to a local newspaper giving your opinion on 'The Role of Advertising in Media'.

Include the following:

- What advertising is
- Why it is necessary
- How it influences the public
- Its adverse effects on the society

(b) Write an essay on 'The Importance of Regular Exercise for Our Health'.

Include the following:

- The types of regular exercise
- The advantages of regular exercise
- Steps that could be taken to make it popular among people

(c) Imagine that you have been selected to take part in the Zonal English Speech Competition. Your topic is 'The Need of an Efficient Public Transport System for a Developing Country'. Write the speech you would make at the competition.

Include the following:

- The modes of public transport
- The benefits of a public transport system
- Disadvantages of an inefficient public transport system

(d) Given below is a situation you faced unexpectedly. Complete the story stating what you did to the parcel:

"I noticed a parcel on the road as I continued to stroll along the road. When I went there and glanced around, nobody was in sight"

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O: 2
M: 3
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