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**Answer all the questions on this paper. Additional paper is provided for the writing tasks.**

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Question 01		
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<b>TOTAL (100%)</b>		



Question 01: Reading

[25 Marks]

a) i) Read the following paragraphs, select the suitable heading for each of them from the headings given in the box below, and write them down in the given space.

(1x5 = 5 Marks)

The printing process	Exactly as it used to be	Newspapers and the competition.
Newspapers are more than just news	The golden age of newspapers	

**Newspapers have been around for a long time.**

*It may seem normal to you to get the daily newspaper in your mailbox. Newspapers are one of the earliest forms of mass communication. However, with the emergence of the Internet, things are changing.*

**Paragraph 1 .....**

The Internet has undoubtedly caused many newspaper offices to fear that they will soon be a thing of the past, but the Internet is not the first form of media that seems to rival newspapers – television was actually the first. But, neither of these has the portability and mobility of a newspaper. Newspapers are the only form of media that still gets the news to the public but can be taken out of a bag on the subway, or held while standing in line at the grocery store.

**Paragraph 2 .....**

Although newspapers came before television, radio, or even telegraphs, they have the same typical format today as they did when the first one was published. Newspapers follow easy-to-read formats. This means that you can find a newspaper from 1775 and still read it the same way you would read a newspaper today.

**Paragraph 3 .....**

It was shortly after the Civil War that newspapers truly had their glory days in America. This was a time when the public were starving for knowledge about what was happening and when political activity was high. Not only were there many, many newspapers created and distributed during this time but it is also the time in history when newspapers were a very lucrative business.

**Paragraph 4 .....**

Of course, the essence of newspapers is to print news, but the news division is not the only part of a newspaper otherwise you would only have news stories from front to back. Open up any paper and you will find classifieds, editorial pages, advertisements, letters to the editor, leisure pages with crosswords and much more.

**Paragraph 5 .....**

The reporters, the editors, and all the other divisions of a newspaper contribute to the making of a newspaper's content but how is it physically made? In the 14th century they were made by 'hot type' machines, where the print was etched into the paper, whereas the presses that are used to print and assemble newspapers today are massive machines that use streaming sheets of paper. And even though the process inside a web press is extensive and complicated, the process all happens extremely quickly and one of today's presses can create 70,000 copies of one newspaper in an hour.

*(Adapted from <http://thelongestlistofthelongeststuffatthelongestdomainnameatlonglast.com/how56.html>)*

**ii) Write answers to the questions based on the paragraphs 1-5. (1x5 = 5 Marks)**

I) What are the two unique features of a newspaper?

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II) Mention two sources of media that arrived after the newspaper?

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III) When did the newspaper become a lucrative business?

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IV) Mention any two sections in a newspaper.

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V) How do the modern printing machines contribute to the process of newspaper printing?

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b) Read the following email and underline the most appropriate answer. (15 Marks)

Hi Raveena,

Hi, how are you? Hope everything is going well. Since I have moved to America, I have been planning to write to you. So here goes.... Let me say something about the University of Wyoming. As you can see in the photograph I have attached, it is so big. It has ten huge buildings with hall ways attaching them with three swimming pools and a gym for activity time... Dare you challenge me at swimming after being here! I go for a swim every day because it is summer and it is just so lovely. Anyway, the gym and the swimming pools are open 24/7 and you can go there either at 1:00 am or 5:00 am, whatever the time that you want to go there. But, if you want to take lessons, there is only one lesson per day and a very friendly swimming coach, and a gym instructor are there at a particular given time. As far as I am concerned, I do not see the necessity of an instructor and I go for a swim at all odd hours.

As usual we got bullies, friendly, and shy people at lectures. But we don't have those deranged raggers who speak filth all the time and shout at people. Here, if people behave like in Sri Lankan universities, they will get arrested or expelled from university. I really don't know when we as a nation can come out of this ragging problem.

Only two weeks ago the MA lectures began. I found them to be quite boring and substandard. To tell you the truth, I think, the standard of education in Sri Lanka is much higher when compared with that of the USA, at least when it comes to English studies. The lecturers are very professional, and you get an assignment calendar at the beginning of the year and they are also very polite and helpful.

As per food, it is not that bad. I have tasted the legendary American hot dog and to tell you the truth, I find it quite bland. Whenever I buy food from the canteen, I add a bit of chilli flakes or *katta sambal*. Amma made three huge bottles of *katta sambal* to take and I am constantly eating off that. Also, I have some tinned *polos* and fish *ambul thiyal* which I bought from the supermarkets in Sri Lanka. Surprisingly, they have the same stuff if you go to an Asian supermarket. Recently, I saw some *pol roti* also on sale in the freezers. So, I guess, if you are lucky, you can buy almost everything we eat back at home in the US too, but you need to go to the right side of the town looking for them.

Anyway, I have got to go now. I have a lecture in two hours and need to read an article. Please write to me as soon as you finish your university exams. See you later. Oh by the way, I am available on Whatsapp too... finally:). Call me when you are free.

Cheers,  
Chabba.

- 1) Who writes the letter to whom? (2 marks)  
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- 2) Describe the University of Wyoming. (2 marks)  
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- 3) Mention three kinds of people at the lectures. (3 marks)  
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- 4) What happens in America if people 'rag' others like in Sri Lankan universities?  
(2 marks)  
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- 5) Name three Sri Lankan food items mentioned in the text. (3 marks)  
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- 6) State whether the below statements are True (T) or False (F). (3 marks)
  - I. The American legendary hot dog is delicious. (.....)
  - II. You can buy almost everything we eat back at home in all US supermarkets.  
(.....)
  - III. Chabba is not available on WhatsApp. (.....)

**Question 02: Grammar** **[30 Marks]**

**a) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given within the brackets in the following sentences.** **(1 x 10 = 10 Marks)**

1. Mr. Martin Wickramasinghe ..... (publish) Madol Doova in 1947, which was a children's novel.
2. I work in an agency now. Before that, I ..... (work) in a manufacturing company for five years.

3. When Kamala ..... (talk) to her lecturer on the phone I dropped a plate and it disturbed her.
4. They must be at the playground because, they usually ..... (play) football at this time.
5. I ..... (apply) for a new job next week. That way I can meet new people.
6. Amali is good at languages. She ..... (speak) French, Spanish, German and Sinhala.
7. I ..... (write) a journal article right now. Can you please call me back in an hour?
8. The COVID-19 pandemic ..... (kill) more than 1258 people in India yesterday.
9. Since yesterday, the students ..... (rehearse) the dialogues of the play 'House of Bernarda Alba'.
10. In the year 2030, 375 million workers ..... (lose) their jobs due to the future of technology and automation.

**b) Write the appropriate 'WH' question to each one of the responses given below.**

**(2 x 5 = 10 Marks)**

11. ....  
Nobody knows the answer.
12. ....  
In 1994, Susanthika Jayasinghe competed in the All-Island Athletic Championship
13. ....  
She was crying because she fell down.
14. ....  
On December 26, 2004, a Tsunami swept across the Indian ocean.
15. ....  
I am going to the Thilakawardhana Textile Shop tomorrow.

**c) Underline the most appropriate answer.**

**(1 x 10 = 10 Marks)**

16. It has been raining \_\_\_\_\_ in April. I don't know when it will end.  
a) since                      b) for                      c) until                      d) after
17. My lecturer said that he would be able to finish the lecture \_\_\_\_\_ an hour.  
a) from                      b) in                      c) by                      d) for

18. He usually travels to Jaffna \_\_\_\_\_ train.  
 a) at                                      b) with                                      c) by                                      d) in
19. My parents have been married \_\_\_\_\_ twenty-nine years.  
 a) for                                      b) since                                      c) in                                      d) until
20. The professor \_\_\_\_\_ South Africa was amazed at the ability of storytelling of Sri Lankan children.  
 a) at                                      b) of                                      c) for                                      d) from
21. \_\_\_\_\_ they gave him the best medical care, they could not save his life.  
 a) After                                      b) When                                      c) Before                                      d) Although
22. I will wait in the university \_\_\_\_\_ you finish your assignment.  
 a) before                                      b) during                                      c) while                                      d) until
23. \_\_\_\_\_ graduating from the university, I would like to go abroad for my Masters.  
 a) While                                      b) When                                      c) After                                      d) During
24. Avengers is the most \_\_\_\_\_ movie I have ever seen.  
 a) exciting                                      b) excite                                      c) excited                                      d) excitable
25. If I had studied well, I could have passed the examination \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) easy                                      b) easily                                      c) easilly                                      d) ease

**Question 03: Vocabulary**

[15 Marks]

**a) Underline the most appropriate word or phrase for the blank in each sentence.**

**(1x 5 = 5 Marks)**

- 1) The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the student to deliver a speech in front of the class.  
 a) asked                                      b) watched                                      c) mentioned                                      d) wrote
- 2) This house has been designed by a \_\_\_\_\_ architect. It is so attractive.  
 a) tough                                      b) bad                                      c) stupid                                      d) creative
- 3) The \_\_\_\_\_ on the board says that the meeting will start at 5 p.m.  
 a) dust                                      b) picture                                      c) notice                                      d) newspaper
- 4) Jaquin Phoenix won the best actor \_\_\_\_\_ for his performance in *Joker*.  
 a) championship                                      b) award                                      c) price                                      d) cup



5) The mostly \_\_\_\_\_ group by the drought was children. They could not tolerate the heat.

- a) affected                      b) selected                      c) balanced                      d) biased

**b) Underline the correct meaning of the word in bold letters in each sentence.**

**(1x 5 = 5 Marks)**

1) More than 12 months have passed since the World Health Organization **declared** Covid-19 a pandemic.

- a) announced                      b) saw                      c) perceived                      d) predicted

2) **Accommodation** is expensive in populous cities like Beijing and Paris.

- a) water                      b) housing                      c) air                      d) registration

3) The player **intentionally** collided with the goal-keeper to show his anger over the defeat.

- a) accidentally                      b) deliberately                      c) happily                      d) sadly

4) The supervisor was **irritated** since none of his instructions have been followed.

- a) contented                      b) surprised                      c) annoyed                      d) pacified

5) Every country is **endowed** with different assets and natural resources.

- a) gifted                      b) demotivated                      c) destroyed                      d) cultivated

**c) Select the most suitable word from the box given below and fill in the blanks of the following passage.**

**(1x 5 = 5 Marks)**

naturally	different	textbook	puzzling	answer
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When teaching a second language, language teachers use (16) \_\_\_\_\_ methods and give conflicting advice. Some students learn vocabulary by memorizing word lists, others absorb it (17) \_\_\_\_\_ by reading. Some concentrate on the sounds first, others prefer to improve their pronunciation as they go along. Some swear by grammar drills, others never open a (18) \_\_\_\_\_. Fortunately, language learners are not the only ones who have been (19) \_\_\_\_\_ over these questions. Linguists, the people who study the science of language, have spent decades observing how people learn languages. And while they do not have all the (20) \_\_\_\_\_ yet, they have discovered a lot of interesting facts about what works and what does not.

**Question 04**

**[05 Marks]**

**Fill in the blanks of the following dialogue with suitable expressions, phrases and words.**

**(1x5 = 5 Marks)**

**Sanjeevan** : Hi Tharushi! How are the studies going?

**Tharushi** : \_\_\_\_\_ . Thanks for asking, and  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Sanjeevan** : I am good. Thanks. By the way, I just started doing the English  
assignment. \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Tharushi** : No, I have not completed it yet. I am writing the last section.

**Sanjeevan** : Really? \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Tharushi** : Yes, we must log into the LMS and submit them online.

**Sanjeevan** : That is great. Thank you Tharushi. Oh!  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Tharushi** : The deadline is 24th of April. We have time. All the guidelines are  
uploaded on the LMS.

**Sanjeevan** : Thanks for the information Tharushi. I will check it on the LMS.

**Question 05: Writing**

**[25 Marks]**

**a) Write a short paragraph in about 100 words describing the character that you dislike  
the most in a teledrama/book.**

**(10 Marks)**

**b) Write a short essay on one of the following topics. You can agree or disagree with the  
topic.**

**(15 Marks)**

- a) Technology has changed the humankind
- b) Social Media can have a huge impact on peoples' lifestyles
- c) Learning English is not that important to Sri Lankan citizens