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Answer all the questions on this paper.

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**Grammar (35 marks)**

1. a) Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verb given within brackets.  
(1 mark × 10 = 10 marks)

1. Thankfully Sarani didn't hear me speaking to Peter because she \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to music with her headphones.
2. By the time I came back, Chamath and Kavindu \_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_ (leave), so I couldn't tell them about our group project.
3. These days, people who \_\_\_\_\_ (do) manual work, often receive far more money than clerks who work in offices.
4. She last drove a car three years ago. Since she had an accident, she \_\_\_\_\_ (not/drive) a car for three years.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) writing my report in an hour or so. Then we can go to a movie.
6. I can't leave now. I \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for an important telephone call.
7. Sorry, there \_\_\_\_\_ (be) no room, you'll have to find somewhere else to sit.
8. How many goals \_\_\_\_\_ (your team / score) in the first half?
9. Amila and Achira \_\_\_\_\_ (know) each other for years and years. They're very good friends.
10. A: What are your plans after you leave university?  
B: I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in a hospital in Indonesia.

b) Complete each sentence using the words from the table in the correct adjective or adverb forms. (1 mark × 10 = 10 marks)

careful	complete	continuous	financial	fluent
happy	nervous	perfect	quick	special

1. Our holiday was too short. The time passed very \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I'd like to buy a car but it's \_\_\_\_\_ impossible for me at the moment.
3. Ranjan doesn't take risks when he's driving. He's always \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Do you usually feel \_\_\_\_\_ before examinations?
5. Muditha works \_\_\_\_\_. She never seems to stop.
6. I tried on the shoes and they fitted me \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Harini and Harshana are very \_\_\_\_\_ married.
8. Devindi's English is not very \_\_\_\_\_ and she makes a lot of mistakes.
9. Everything was very quiet. There was \_\_\_\_\_ silence.
10. I cooked this meal \_\_\_\_\_ for you, so I hope you like it.

c) Fill in the blanks o the following passage by selecting the prepositions given within the box. (1 mark × 10 = 10 marks)

### **Study Skills Tips**

Many studies \_\_\_\_\_ language learning ask the question: What makes a good language learner? There are some things that good language learners do and some things they don't do. Here are some \_\_\_\_\_ the most useful suggestions \_\_\_\_\_ studies.

Don't be afraid of making mistakes. People often get things wrong. Good language learners notice their mistakes and learn from them.

Do group activities. People use language to communicate with other people. A good language learner always looks \_\_\_\_\_ opportunities to talk with other students.

Make notes during every class. Notes help you to remember new language. Look \_\_\_\_\_ your notes when you do your homework.

Use a dictionary. Good language learners often use dictionaries to check the meaning of words they don't know. They also make their own vocabulary lists.

Think in the language you're learning \_\_\_\_\_ the classroom. When you're shopping or walking \_\_\_\_\_ the street, remember useful words and phrases. Sometimes, when you're at home, say new words to practise your pronunciation.

Do extra practice. Test and improve your language, reading and listening skills with self-study material. You can find a lot of this online.

Imagine yourself speaking \_\_\_\_\_ the language. Many good language learners can see and hear themselves speaking in the language. This helps their motivation.

Enjoy the process. Good language learners have fun \_\_\_\_\_ the language. Watch a TV series or film, listen to songs, play video games or read a book. It's never too late \_\_\_\_\_ become a good language learner.

d) Construct appropriate *Wh* questions so that the bold words form the answers.

(1/2 mark × 10 = 5 marks)

1. They study **English** every Tuesday morning.

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2. Rashmi goes to school **by bus**.

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3. I use **a lot** of salt in my cooking.

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4. Hasitha had talked to her teacher **before she left school**.

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5. You are looking at my **favourite sister**.

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6. She told us that **Aunt Hashini was coming**.

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7. Mum **bought** this dress from Ragavan.

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8. Sachi has been teaching us for **5 years**.

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9. My dad has built a **wonderful** garden grill.

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10. Vijitha did not wait for the late night film **because he was too tired**.

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**Vocabulary (15 marks)**

**2. a) Underline the most appropriate word given within brackets to complete the sentences.  
(1 mark × 5 = 5 marks)**

1. He was \_\_\_\_\_ to the hospital with acute appendicitis.  
(crashed, reacted, rushed, pressurized, activated)
2. Surely you're not counting on him for help. He's totally \_\_\_\_\_.  
(uncountable, untidy, unreliable, dependable, affectionate)
3. He is a greedy, dishonest person. Watch out for his \_\_\_\_\_ tricks.  
(faithful, charming, incorrect, delightful, dirty)
4. We need two \_\_\_\_\_ men to volunteer for this dangerous operation.  
(clumsy, timid, involuntary, brave, panicky)
5. I had to wait in a \_\_\_\_\_ for over two hours in order to get these tickets.  
(tail, wardrobe, long , queue, men's room)

**b) Fill in the blanks of the following passage with the most appropriate words.  
(2 marks × 5 = 10 marks)**

Chess is a two-player game. One player uses the white pieces. The other uses the black pieces. Each piece \_\_\_\_\_ in a special way. One piece is called the king. Each player has one. The players take turns moving their pieces. If a player lands on a piece, he or she takes it. The game \_\_\_\_\_ when a player loses his or her king. There are a few more \_\_\_\_\_, but those are the basics. Some people think that chess is more than a game. They think that it makes the minds stronger. Good chess players use their \_\_\_\_\_. They take their time. They think about what will \_\_\_\_\_ next. These skills are useful in life and in chess. Chess is kind of like a work out for the mind.

**3. Reading (20 marks)**

**Read the two short essay below and answer the questions.**

**Essay 1 (5 × 2 – 10 marks)**

## First Day at University

What important days in your life do you remember? I remember my first day at university very clearly. I felt excited and happy. At the same time, I was very nervous because I didn't know anyone. However, my first day at university was memorable.

At first, I was confused and lost. I didn't know where to go. I had to ask a stranger where the first year students were going to meet. This person was very polite and showed me the way. I walked through some big buildings, and when I arrived I saw many students and I felt scared.

After a while, I told myself to be braver. I asked one girl what was happening and we discovered that we were in the same group. We introduced ourselves. Her name was May. We joined in with the activities for "freshie" students. Soon, I started feeling much better. The activities helped me feel part of a team and I was beginning to feel that I had become a university student.

Later, we began our classes. However, all our classmates were quiet. The teacher talked for a while and then we introduced ourselves. I met two girls. Their names were June and Apple. Soon we became good friends and started chatting and learnt more about each other. Although we came from different provinces we had a lot in common. We spent the rest of the day together until we had to go home.

I am always going to remember that day because I had the opportunity to meet many people. Most importantly, I met the best friends that I have ever had. Finally, I think that it is natural that on our first day at university we feel nervous, but often difficult experiences have happy endings. That's why I say that my first day in the university was very memorable.

1 How did the student feel at the beginning of the first day at university?

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2 When did the student's first day start to improve?

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3 What do you think was the best thing that happened to the student on this day?

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4 Do you think the writer is male or female? Why?

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5 Do you think this person went on to be a successful student? Explain?

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**Essay 2 (5 × 2 – 10 marks)**

**The Weekend Market**

Many tourists I have met have told me that one place they have to go is the weekend market. This market is huge and has everything from bags, souvenirs and handicrafts to many kinds of animals and many kinds of plants. It also has a fantastic variety of local food. In other words, the weekend market is a great place for shopping and experiencing the local culture.

The market is located near the city's main bus station so people come from all over the country to buy and sell goods. Moreover, it is also near a sky train station and a subway station which makes it very convenient for city people, especially young people who don't have cars. The market is very large and full of hundreds of small shops and stalls. Consequently, it can be confusing to get around. However, if you get lost, it is a good idea to look for the clock tower which is right in the middle of the market. It will help you Find your way.

When I walk into the market early on a Sunday morning there are people and cars and motorcycles everywhere. You have to be careful where you walk. Many people are bringing their goods to sell in big bags on carts and trolleys. In fact, you might even have to jump out of the sellers' way as they charge along the narrow walkways with their goods. In addition to the sellers, tourists and locals are pouring in looking for something to eat or ready to start shopping. As time goes by, the market gets more and more crowded and you have to start squeezing past people to keep moving.

As you walk through the market you will experience many sensations. For example, there are many smells, scents and aromas. One moment you will be smelling the aromas of stir-fried dishes from a small restaurant and the next you smell the scents of orchids and other Flowers as you pass through the cooler and more relaxing garden section. Furthermore, walking deeper into the market, your eyes will have trouble recording so many products with their many colors, designs and sizes. After a while you may feel dizzy and look for a quiet place to have a rest and a refreshing drink. Fortunately, there are many small cafes and drink stalls selling fresh coconut juice, orange juice or iced water.

To sum up, a day at the weekend market is both a day of shopping and a unique experience for your senses. It is a kind of magical journey that is great as a First experience for tourists and an

escape from daily life for locals. Moreover, while it is usually hot and crowded, the atmosphere is friendly and good-natured.

1 Why is the weekend market a great place to go on the weekend ?

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2 Why can the market be confusing ?

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3 How might you feel when walking through the crowded parts of the market ?

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4 What do you have to be careful about as you walk through the market ?

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5 Why is the market described as a “magical journey” ?

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**Writing (30 marks)**

**4. Letter Writing (10 marks)**

The residents of your area are currently facing the problem of water shortage and supply of polluted water. Write a letter to a responsible personal/authority informing about these problems that you are facing.

- Introduce yourself
- Explain the problems you are being faced.
- Inform what actions/solutions you would like the personal/authority to take.

The letter should include approximately 75-100 words.

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