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Total marks : 80%

Time : 03 Hours

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Answer all the questions.

Question No.	Marks	
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Part 01- Reading Comprehension (20%)

Read the following passage and answer the questions.

The Role of English as a Global Language

English is a language spoken by people all over the world. It is often called "global language" because it is widely used for communication between people from different countries. English plays an important role in many aspects of life, including business, travel, education, and culture.

In the business world, English is the most common language used for communication. Many international companies use English to interact with partners and customers. For example, if a company in Japan wants to work with a company in the United States, they usually use English to discuss their plans and agreements. Knowing English can help people find better job opportunities and work in different countries.

When it comes to travelling, English is also very useful. People who travel to different countries often find that English is spoken in airports, hotels, and tourist attractions. Being able to speak English makes it easier to ask for directions, order food, and get information. For many travellers, English acts as a common language that helps them connect with people from various parts of the world.

In the field of education, English plays a key role. Many of the world's top universities use English as the main language of instruction. Students who wish to study at these universities need to have a good knowledge of English. Additionally, a lot of scientific research and academic papers are written in English, allowing scientists and researchers to share their work with a global audience.

English also has a big impact on culture. Many popular movies, TV shows, and songs are in English. This allows people from different countries to enjoy the same entertainment. For instance, a person in Brazil might watch a Hollywood film or listen to an English-language song and understand it, even if they are not fluent in English. This shared culture helps people feel connected to each other, no matter where they are from.

Although English is not the only language spoken worldwide, it is the most commonly used for international communication. It helps people from different countries understand each other and collaborate. Learning English can open up many opportunities and make it easier to connect with others globally.

In conclusion, English is a significant global language. It is essential in business, travel, education, and culture. Knowing English can provide many benefits and help people from around the world feel more connected.

Underline the most appropriate answer for the questions given. (10× 2= 20 marks)

1. Why is English called a "global language"?
 - A) It is the most difficult language.
 - B) It is spoken only in a few countries.
 - C) It is widely used for communication between people from different countries.

- D) It is not used in business.
2. What role does English play in business?
- A) It is rarely used.
 - B) It is the least common language used.
 - C) It is the most common language for communication.
 - D) It is only used in local companies.
3. How can knowing English help people in the job market?
- A) It makes finding jobs more difficult.
 - B) It can help people find better job opportunities and work in different countries.
 - C) It limits job opportunities in their own country.
 - D) It is not relevant to job opportunities.
4. Why is English useful for travellers?
- A) It is rarely spoken in tourist areas.
 - B) It is not useful for asking for directions.
 - C) It helps travellers communicate in airports, hotels, and tourist spots.
 - D) It only helps in their own country.
5. What role does English play in education?
- A) It is not used in top universities.
 - B) It is used in many top universities and academic papers.
 - C) It is only used in local schools.
 - D) It is not important for students.
6. What type of media often uses English?
- A) Only local newspapers.
 - B) Only radio broadcasts.
 - C) Many popular movies, TV shows, and songs.
 - D) Only educational materials.
7. How does English impact cultural connection?
- A) It makes people feel disconnected.
 - B) It helps people from different countries enjoy the same entertainment.
 - C) It prevents people from understanding each other.

- D) It only affects local cultures.
8. Why might people from Brazil be able to understand an English-language song?
- A) They speak perfect English.
 - B) They do not need to understand it.
 - C) English-language media is popular and accessible.
 - D) They only watch local TV shows.
9. What is one reason English is important for scientific research?
- A) It limits the sharing of research findings.
 - B) It is used to write many scientific papers and share work globally.
 - C) It is not used in scientific studies.
 - D) It only affects local research.
10. What does the passage suggest about learning English?
- A) It is not beneficial.
 - B) It can open up many opportunities and help people connect globally.
 - C) It is only useful in one's own country.
 - D) It limits personal growth.

Part 02- Grammar & Vocabulary (15%)

A) Re-write the following sentences with the equivalents of the underlined words in the variety of English indicated in brackets. (1× 10= 10 marks)

1. Finding a space for our truck in the parking lot was hard. (In British English)

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2. They were selling some sweets and crisps. (In American English)

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3. The salesclerk showed us where the elevator was. (In British English)

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4. He booked a single ticket to Thailand for a stay on his holidays. (In American English)

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5. They had some lovely curtains on the ground floor. (In American English)

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B) Select and underline the appropriate phrasal verb to complete the following sentences. (1×5= 5 marks)

1. It all boils (**up to/down to**) who has more power.
2. You can count (**on/up**) me to keep your secret.
3. She broke (**away/up**) with Daniel after dating him for five years.
4. It's important to get (**away/along**) with your team.
5. It took Kylie several hours to calm (**down/in**) after she saw the accident.

Part 03- Politically Correct Language (10%)

Choose the appropriate politically correct term from the box given below for the terms in bold letters and rewrite the following sentences replacing the politically correct terms. (1× 10= 10 marks)

Mail-career, Hearing impaired, economically deprived area, Outcast, Overweight, Ancestors, Single woman, Chairperson, Sex-worker, Banned

1. The dog became **fat** after eating leftovers from the table every day.
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2. The term "**prostitute**" is used to describe someone who engages in sexual activity in exchange for money.
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3. He is **deaf** and uses a hearing aid to improve his ability to hear.
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4. We honour our **forefathers** for their sacrifices and contributions to our nation's history.
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5. The **chairman** announced the results of the vote to the board of directors.
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6. John always felt like the **black sheep** of the family.
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7. The **postman** delivered a special package to our house this morning.

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8. The company was **blacklisted** after failing to meet important safety regulations.

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9. As a **spinster**, she enjoys travelling and exploring new hobbies on her own.

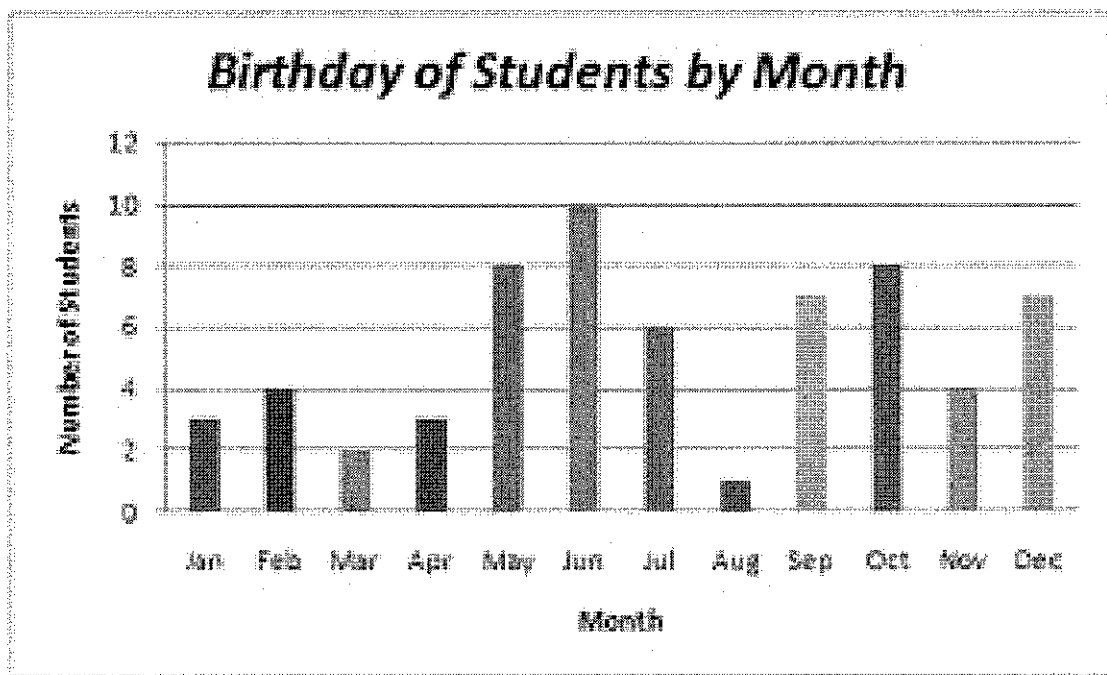
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10. Many families live in the **slums** on the outskirts of the city.

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Part 04- Data Commentary (15%)

The following bar chart demonstrates the birth months of students in a classroom. Write a data commentary making comparisons where relevant and reporting the main features. (100- 125 words) (15 marks)



Part 05- Essay Writing (20%)

Select one topic from the given topics and write an Essay (200-250 words) (20 marks)

- 1) Causes and solutions for inequality and poverty in Sri Lanka.
- 2) Politically correct language for an inclusive society.
- 3) The issue of racial discrimination in Sri Lanka.