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PART A - GRAMMAR and VOCABULARY

Question 1

[35 marks]

Fill in the blanks in the following text using the prepositions given in the box. Use each preposition only once. There is one preposition extra.

(5 marks)

under , towards , into , about , at , in

During the Science period, Jane felt something moving inside her school bag. She peeked (1) it and nearly screamed. Her cat, Rosy was curled up on the top of her books!

She had left her bag (2) the table at home for few minutes, and somehow Rosy had climbed into it.

Jane tried to zip the bag up, but Rosy stuck her head out of the top and meowed (3) the teacher. Everyone turned (4) her.

"Jane, is there a cat (5) your bag?" the teacher asked. "Yes teacher", Jane sighed. " She's really fond of learning Science," she murmured.

The whole class laughed and Rosy became the official lab assistant that day. However, now, Jane checks behind every corner before packing her bag.

Question 2

(10 marks)

Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb given within brackets.

Last Summer, while Mary was playing in the park with her little brother, she noticed smoke rising from a small shed behind the trees. At first, she (1) (think) someone (2) (prepare) a barbecue, but then she heard a loud crackling sound. The shed (3) (catch) fire!

Many People (4) (walk) nearby, unaware of the danger. Mary, although she was just 10 years old, didn't get panic. She (5) (run) to the nearest adult

and shouted " Uncle, look ! there (6) (be) a fire behind the park".

While others were still reacting, Mary called the fire department using a phone. Fire fighters arrived quickly and they put out the flames before the fire (7) (can spread) to the park.

The chief thanked Mary for her quick thinking and said " We're proud of you dear. You may have saved many lives today."

Now, whenever Mary (8) (walk) through the park, People (9) (wave) at her and say "That's our hero !" Even her little brother, who used to (10) (tease) her, tells everyone, "My sister saved the park ! "

Bravery isn't about being fearless. It is about doing the right thing, even when you're scared.

Question 3

(10 marks)

Underline the most appropriate word from those given within brackets to fill in the blanks in the following text.

Bruce Lee is one of the most popular persons in the world. His birth name was Lee Jun Fan . He was born in San Francisco (1) (so , but , because) he grew up in Hong Kong. His father was (2) (a , the , an) Opera singer, and as a result of that, Junior Lee was introduced to the world of cinema at a very young age. (3) (Although , Since , Unless) he never intended to become an actor, by the time he was 18, he had appeared in 20 films.

Bruce Lee was a man of (4) (few , little , many) talents. Firstly, he is widely regarded (5) (since , as , because) one of the greatest martial artists of all time. He is also known for (6) (he , him , his) contribution to the development of martial arts. He was the founder of "Jeet - Kune Do" a hybrid martial arts (7) (but , and , yet) he is generally considered as the most influential martial artist, (8) (which , who , whose) bridged the gap between East and West. He was also a superb artist and even engaged in writing poetry.

Lee died in Hong Kong on the 25th of July 1973, six days (9) (since , unless , before) the release of his film "Enter the Dragon", He died at the age of 32 (10) (but , and , or) his sudden death was due to cerebral edema or swelling of the brain. Lee is still considered a cultural icon and "Time" named Lee one of the hundred most important people of the 20th century.

Question 4

(5 marks)

Underline the most appropriate word from those given within brackets.

1. Life is a precious gift and it must be (observed / caused / handled / preserved) with care.
2. Saving environment would (increase / enlarge / expand / reduce) many diseases.
3. My life has been a crazy roller coaster with many events that have (adopted / effected / reached / affected) me in different ways.
4. The Sinhala and Tamil New Year is the most important (cultural / religious / social / natural) festival in Sri Lanka.
5. A family is a (gang / crew / group / troupe) of people who are related by blood or heritage.

Question 5

(5 marks)

Underline the correct word - ending , selecting from those given within brackets.

1. A computer is a machine that can be programme (d / s / er) to perform different tasks.
2. A family is the god's great (er , est , ly) gift to all living beings including humans.
3. Flowers are like nature's colour (less , ful , ing) gems.
4. Friend (ly , s , ship) is one of the greatest bonds anyone can ever wish for.
5. Vehicles are remark (able , ed , s) devices that enable us to travel from one destination to another.

PART B - READING AND WRITING

[25 marks]

Question 6

(5 marks)

Underline the option that best expresses the meaning of each of the sentences given below in bold print

1. If Nadith had paid more attention on his studies, he would have passed the exam

- a) Nadith studied hard and passed the exam.
- b) Nadith will study hard for his exam in future.
- c) Nadith didn't pay attention on his studies but he passed.
- d) Nadith didn't pay much attention on his studies, so he failed.

2. At first my brother did not want to see the stage drama, but he joined us at the end.

- a) My brother was willing to join us to see the stage drama.
- b) Since my brother did not want to see the drama, he didn't join us.
- c) Although my brother was not willing to see the drama at the beginning, later he joined us.
- d) Although my brother wanted to see the drama, we didn't join him.

3. Hurry up ! Still you have the chance of catching the express train.

- a) Surely you will catch the train.
- b) You will never catch the train.
- c) If you try, you may be able to catch the train.
- d) Although you try, you won't be able to catch the train.

4. It is likely that there will be thunder showers in some parts of the Western Province this evening.

- a) There will be heavy rain in all the areas in the Western Province.
- b) There will not be thunder showers in this evening.
- c) Some parts in the Western Province will experience heavy rain this evening.
- d) All the areas in the Western Province may experience heavy rain in the evening.

5. Had his three wheeler been on time, he would not have missed the train.

- a) He could not catch the train, as the three wheeler got late.
- b) Although his three wheeler was late, he could catch the train.
- c) His three wheeler was punctual, but he couldn't catch the train.
- d) He could catch the train as his three wheeler came on time.

Question 7

Read the following four news items and answer the questions (a) and (b).

(10 marks)

1. Sri Lankan Runner sets New National Records.

Colombo, June 8

Sri Lankan athlete Nimasha Perera made headlines yesterday after setting a new national record in the women's 400m sprint at the South Asian Athletics championship in Dhaka. Perera, completed the race in 51.76 seconds, breaking the previous record held for over a decade.

Speaking after her win, Perera said "I've trained hard for this moment. I'm proud to bring this victory home".

The Sri Lanka Athletics Association praised her performance, calling it "an inspiration for young athletes across the country."

Perera's win has qualified her for the upcoming Asian Games, where she will represent Sri Lanka on the international stage.

(1)

2. Three injured in Early Morning Road Accident.

Kandy, June 8

Three people were injured in a road accident that occurred early this morning near Peradeniya junction. According to police, a van collided with a parked truck around 6.30 a.m due to poor visibility and wet road conditions.

The driver and two passengers were rushed to Kandy General Hospital with minor injuries Hospital officials confirmed they are currently under observation and in stable condition.

Eye witnesses say the van was travelling at high speed before it lost control. Police are investigating whether the driver was under the influence.

Authorities have urged motorists to drive carefully. specially during early hours and bad weather.

(2)

3. Sri Lanka to begin Major School reforms

The Sri Lankan government will launch major reforms in school education starting in 2026, with preparation beginning in 2025. The new plan focuses on updating the syllabus, training teachers, improving school buildings and promoting life skills. The changes will start with grades 1 and 6 and then be expanded to other grades in stages. One goal is to reduce too much focus on exams and encourage practical real - life learning.

English Education will be improved through more speaking and activity - based lessons. The government also aims to support rural and underdeveloped schools by giving them more resources. These changes are meant to create a more equal and modern education system for all children across the country.

(3)

4. International Book Fair : something to everyone

The Colombo International Book Fair (CIBF) is an annual trade fair for books, usually held in September at the Bandaranayaka Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) in Colombo. It is one of the Sri Lanka's most awaited annual events, that draws thousands of book lovers and publishers under one roof. A wide range of local and international books, including fiction, non fiction, children's books, academic texts etc are available and the visitors can enjoy exclusive deals and discounts on books. It offers a platform for local authors to showcase their work and encourages the public to discover new literary voices. It was established in 1999 and in 2024 it marked its 25th anniversary.

(4)

a) Underline the most appropriate response in each of the questions from (1) - (5)

(1) What event did Nimasha Perera compete in ?

- a) 200 meter sprint
- b) 400 meter sprint
- c) 100 meter sprint dash
- d) Long jump

(2) What did Nimasha's performance qualify her for ?

- a) National sports Festival
- b) Commonwealth Games
- c) Olympic Games
- d) Asian Games

(3) Which of the following is not given in the news item about the accident ?

- a) The place where the accident happened
- b) The reason for the accident
- c) The treatments given to the injured people
- d) Number of people who got injured

(4) When will Sri Lanka begin its new school education reforms ?

- a) in 2025
- b) in 2026
- c) in 2024
- d) The answer is not given

(5) One of the key aims of this new reforms is to,

- a) increase the exam pressure
- b) focus more on covering the syllabus
- c) reduce the number of practical English lessons
- d) reduce exam focus and promote life skills

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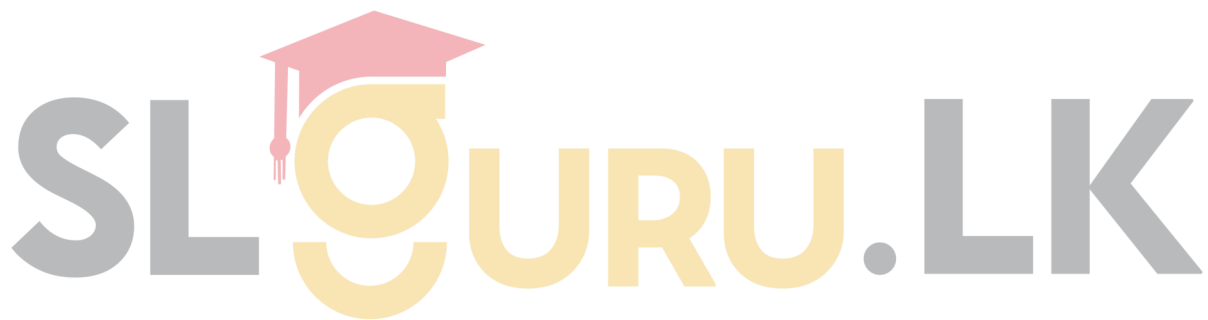
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Write a paragraph with the given sentence. Use about 75-100 words. Do not exceed the word limit. Do not write more than one paragraph (10 marks)

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“The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change.” — Carl Rogers



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PART A - READING SKILLS

[50 marks]

Question 1

Read the following text in which some words are given in bold type. Then underline the meaning that is most appropriate to the context for the words given in bold type from (1) - (10) (10 marks)

Choosing a right job is a (1) **challenging** task. It determines one's position in the society. However, earlier it was parents and teachers who largely (2) **influenced** one's career choice, but nowadays children have become more aware of the (3) **various** available job opportunities. However, advice from the elders is highly (4) **recommended** as they are more experienced. One should be very careful while (5) **choosing** a job. You must not choose a job just because your friend or (6) **sibling** has chosen it, or may be your parents (7) **urged** you to go for it. You should listen to your heart, understand what really interests you, see if you are good at it and then look forward other (8) **aspects** attached to it. Study the demand and (9) **consult** an experienced person in the same field before making a final decision. Making a right choice can lead to a (10) **successful** life while choosing a wrong job can ruin your whole life. So, be careful !

1.	challenging	-	easy	simple	ordinary	difficult
2.	influenced	-	helped	showed	affected	taught
3.	various	-	different	some	similar	many
4.	recommended	-	established	vanished	approved	said
5.	choosing	-	selecting	learning	browsing	finding
6.	sibling	-	parent	classmate	friend	brother / sister
7.	urged	-	requested	asked	persuaded	told
8.	aspects	-	facts	needs	feelings	occupations
9.	consult	-	talk to	meet	visit	seek advice from
10.	successful	-	simple	sad	unhappy	fruitful

Question 2

(10 marks)

Read the following text and answer the questions (i) and (ii)

1. Lester James Peries is an internationally acclaimed Sri Lanka film director, screen writer and film producer. He was born on 5th April 1919 in Dehiwala. He had three siblings, two brothers and one sister.
2. He started his **preliminary** studies at St.Mary's Primary College, Dehiwala and later joined St. Peter's Collage, Bambalapitiya. In 1939, he joined the "Times of Ceylon" and in 1947, he travelled to England. There he met another Sri Lankan Mr. Hereward Jansz. Both of them made a short film called "Soliloquy" and it won the Mini Cinema Cup Award in 1949.
3. In 1956, he made his entry into National cinema. His first film was "Rekhawa" and afterwards he produced many award winning films. "Gamperaliya" received the "Golden Peacock" at the International Film Festival in India. "Nidhanaya" was chosen as the best film of the 50 years of Sri Lankan cinema and it was included among the top 100 films of the century. "Wekanda Walawwa" "Golu Hadawatha", "Kaliyugaya", "Awaragira" and "Yuganthaya" are some other films directed by him. His final contribution is "Vaishnavee" (the Goddess) and, "Giraya" was the only teledrama directed by him. His films often deal with Sri Lankan Family life in rural settings.
4. Lester James Peiris is regarded as the "Father of Sri Lankan Cinema". In appreciation of his service, he was awarded Sri Lankan's highest honorary title. "Sri Lankabhimanaya". A national stamp was issued for him. In addition to that, a hybrid orchid was also named after him. April 5th was named as "National Artist Day" and the "Lester and Sumithra Peries Foundation" was inaugurated on 9th June 2011 at BMICH. It focuses on to provide assistance for the development, promotion and sustenance of the Sri Lankan cinema.
5. Being an active film maker, he had been involved in directing over 28 films including shorts and documentaries. He died on 25th April 2018, at the age of 99 years.

- (i) Do the following statements agree with the information given in the above text. In boxes (1) - (8) write 'True' or 'False' (10 marks)

True	If the statement is correct
False	If the statement is wrong

	Statements	
(1)	There were six members in Lester's family.	
(2)	Young Lester studied in three schools.	
(3)	At the age of 20, he joined the "Times of Ceylon".	
(4)	Lester won an award for his first short film.	
(5)	His last film is called "Giraya".	
(6)	Almost all his films were based on the family life in urban setting.	
(7)	His birthday was named as the "National Artist Day".	
(8)	A song was released in order to honour him .	

(ii) Underline the most appropriate response to complete the following sentences.

- (9) The word " preliminary " in paragraph 2 means,
- a) higher
 - b) primary
 - c) secondary
 - d) academic
- (10) The word " it" in paragraph 4 means,
- a) the national stamp
 - b) the hybrid orchid
 - c) Lester and Sumithra Peiris Foundation
 - d) National Artist Day

Question 3

Read the following poem and underline the most appropriate response to each of the question from (1) - (5) (5 marks)

The Gift of Learning

In every book and lesson taught,
There lies a world of endless thought.
Each new idea we get to know
can help our hearts and minds to grow .

Learning shows us what is right,
It helps us see with clearer sight,
It teaches kindness, hope and care,
And helps us grow more wise and fair

So let us learn with open minds,
In words and thoughts, great joy one finds,
For learning is a shining light,
That guides us through both day and night.

- (1) What is the main idea of this poem?
- a) Learning is a boring thing.
 - b) Learning helps us grow and become better.
 - c) Learning is not very important.
 - d) Reading books is the only way to learn things.
- (2) According to the poem, learning is compare to a,
- a) shining light
 - b) heavy burden
 - c) set of books
 - d) great joy

- (3) "guides us through both day and night" means,
- guides always.
 - guides at night as well as the day time.
 - guides through out the day.
 - does not guide in the afternoon and evening.
- (4) What does "It" in stanza 2, line 3 refer to,
- books and lessons.
 - learning.
 - open mind.
 - shining light.
- (5) What is the poet's attitude towards education ?
- It is unnecessary for success.
 - It is a difficult task which only a few can achieve.
 - It is a boring thing which brings nothing.
 - It is a valuable gift that everyone should embrace.

Question 4

Complete the summary using one word only from the passage for each blank.

(5 marks)

Hobbies are activities people enjoy doing in their free time. They help us relax, learn new skills and express ourselves. Some popular hobbies include reading, painting, playing sports, gardening and listening to music.

Hobbies make life more interesting and they can reduce stress. For example, reading books improves knowledge, while playing sports keeps the body healthy. Gardening teaches patience and care for nature. Hobbies also offer a chance to meet new friends who share similar interests.

Everyone can find a hobby that suits their personality and lifestyle. Having a hobby creates a balance between work and leisure, making life happier and more fulfilling. Overall, hobbies are important for personal growth and well being. They make free time enjoyable and meaningful.

Hobbies are enjoyable activities done in (1) time, that help us relax and (2) new skills. They improve knowledge, (3) and creativity while reducing (4) They also allow us to meet similar minded people and create a (5) between work and leisure, making life happier and fulfilling.

Question 5

Read the following text and answer the questions from (1) - (7). The first sentence in paragraph 3 has been left out. (20 marks)

- 1) Most of us have witnessed road accidents, heard about them on the news, read about them in the newspapers or have seen them in television or movies, and nowadays **it** has become a common problem in our country.
- 2) According to a police spokesman, Sri Lanka is witnessing an increasing trend of road accidents reported daily. Data shows every year about 58000 crashes cause nearly 3000 deaths and 8000 injuries. In other words, more than seven people on average die in road accidents per day. As per the country analysis, road accidents rank 9th among the leading causes of death in Sri Lanka
- 3)
However, over taking, diversion, speed driving, alcohol consumption of drivers, negligence of pedestrians and the mechanical fault of vehicles are regarded as the six major reasons. Serious actions should be taken in order to reduce **them**. Children must be taught about road rules from an early age. The government must pass more stringent laws for those who disobey these rules and heavy fines should be imposed against them.
- 4) It is said that, over 2/3 of road crash victims are productive, working age adults between 15 - 64 years of age and more than 90% of crash victims are pedestrians, cyclists and motor cyclists. This is an issue vital to the country's well-being human-capital and economic growth. Road accidents could push families into multidimensional poverty, if **they** either lose their bread winners or have to look after their family members who became disabled.
- 5) Thus taking immediate actions against road accidents have become a crucial thing.

(1) Do the following statements agree with the information given in the above text? In boxes (a) - (f) write **True , False or Not Given**.

True	If the statement is correct
False	If the statement is wrong
Not Given	If there is no sufficient information on this

	Statements	T / F / NG
(a)	Every year more than 2500 people loose their lives due to road accidents.	
(b)	Road accidents can be regarded as one of the leading causes of death.	
(c)	The poor condition of roads is one major reason for road accidents.	
(d)	The number of road accidents occurred in the first six months of the last year is less than this year.	
(e)	Road accidents may affect the development of a country.	
(f)	The government has to take immediate actions to reduce the number of accidents	

(2) Underline the most appropriate option to complete the missing sentence in paragraph 3

- a) Road accidents are widely spread in big cities.
- b) Road accidents occur due to a combination of numerous factors.
- c) Road accidents are an unfortunate reality of our lives.
- d) Road accidents are increasing day by day. (2 marks)

(3) Which of the following is not directly mentioned by the writer?

- a) The reasons for road accidents.
- b) Number of people who become victims.
- c) The effects of road accidents.
- d) The roles and responsibilities of pedestrians in preventing accidents. (2 marks)

(4) The underlined phrase, " bread winners" means,

- a) The people who earn money to support their families.
- b) The people who become victims of road accidents.
- c) The members of the victims' families.
- d) The people who buy bread from road side boutiques. (2 marks)

(5) Who or What do the following pronouns in bold print refer to ?

- a) 'it' in paragraph 1 -
- b) 'them' in paragraph 3 -
- c) 'they' in paragraph 4 - (3 marks)

(6) Write one word in each blank, selecting from the passage, which means the same as the following.

- a) Failure to take proper care over something
- b) A person travelling on foot
- c) Strict
- d) Multifaceted / having several dimensions
- e) A person harmed, injured or killed by an accident (5 marks)

PART B - DIALOGUES

[25 marks]

Question 6

How do you respond in each of the following situations? Write only one sentence or question for each, beginning with the words given. (5 marks)

- (1) You are at the school assembly and going to deliver a speech. Introduce your topic to the audience.

Good Morning everybody,
.....

- (2) You are at a stationery shop. Inquire the shopkeeper, the price of a set of platignums.

How much?

- (3) Your best friend invites you for an alms giving at his / her place. Refuce his / her invitation politely.

I'm sorry ,
.....

- (4) You won't be able to stay after - school English class. Request permission with a valid reason.

Excuse me madam,
.....

- (5) You are at the principal's office. You want to get his signature for an application. Ask him to sign it in a polite manner.

Sir,
.....

Question 7

Complete the following dialogue between a tourist and a pedestrian. Do not use more than two sentences / questions in each blank. Avoid giving one word answers. (05 marks)

Tourist - Excuse me, please

Pedestrian - Yes, (1) ?

Tourist - (2)

Pedestrian - To the railway station? Mm .. can you see the big building over there?

Tourist - (3)

Pedestrian - Yes that's it. Turn left at that building and walk straight. Then you'll see the station.

Tourist - (4) ?

My wife is bit tried now. It's difficult for her to walk.

Pedestrian - (5) No, It'll take only ten minutes.

By the way, where do you want to go?

Tourist - We hope to go to Badulla

Pedestrian - Oh, I see! You'd better hurry up then. The train is at 10.20 a.m and it's almost 10 o'clock now.

Tourist - Oh god ! Thank you so much. Bye !

Pedestrian - You're welcome. Have a safe journey !

Question 8

You want to apply for an IT Diploma course at the Technical College. Write out the Telephone conversation that took place between the programme coordinator and you. Each one should speak at least 5 times. (15 marks)

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PART C - WRITING SKILLS

(65 marks)

Question 9

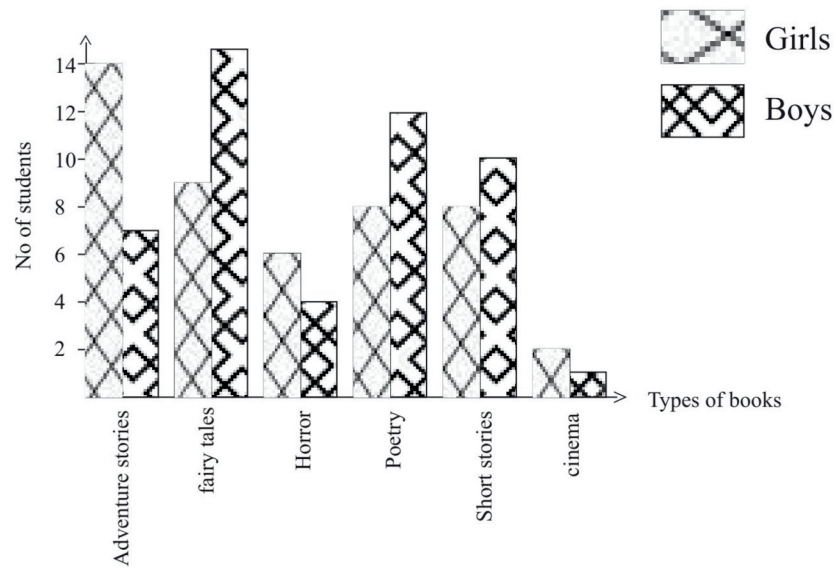
Select any five words from the list given below and use each of them in a meaningful sentence. You may use the verbs in any tense and nouns in singular or plural form. Do not change the form of the other words. (5 marks)

Nouns	candidate , presentation , language
Verbs	attend , contribute , accept
Adjectives	official , basic
Adverbs	immediately , badly

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Question 11

Write a letter to your pen - friend in abroad describing an educational tour you went recently.

Include

(15 marks)

- How, when and where you started.
- The route and the destination.
- Important and interesting places you visited.
- What you did during the journey.
- Any other details relevant to the journey.

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Question 12

Imagine that you are looking for a part time job after completing your A/L exam. Write a letter to an employment agency requesting information Include the following. (15 marks)

- Introduce yourself
- Explain what sort of job you would like to do
- Say what experience and skills you have
- Add any other information / details you think are important

Use about 100 - 125 words

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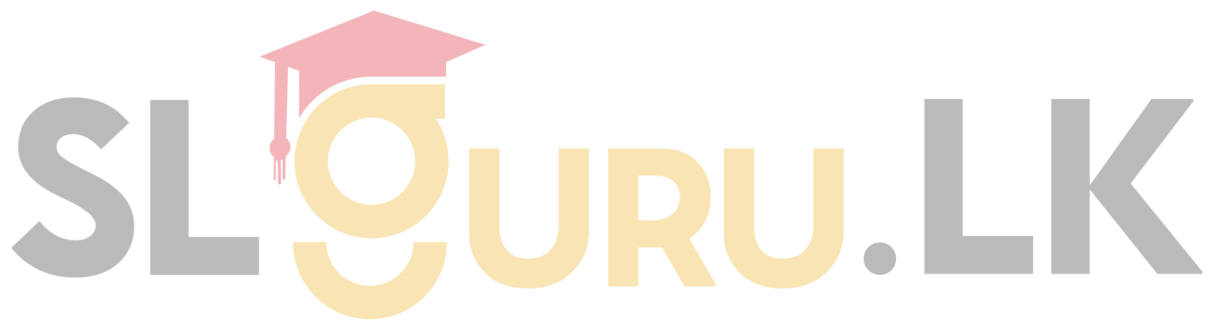
Question 13

Through the proposed new education reforms, the ministry of education has proposed to reduce school grades from 13 to 12 and to conduct the G.C.E (A/L) examination at the end of grade 12. What's your opinion regarding this ? (20 marks)

Write an essay giving your own ideas. Use about 150 - 200 words. Do not exceed the word limit.

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“The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change.” — Carl Rogers



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