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**Answer All Questions
(This question paper consists of 09 questions on pages 1 – 8.)**

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Question 01: Fill the following application form with information about yourself.
(5 marks)

Application Form for University Students
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a) Full name:

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b) Name with initials:

c) Age:

d) Date of birth (write the name of the month in letters):

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e) Home address:

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f) Faculty and university:

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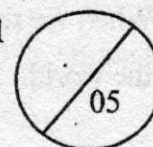
g) The name of your degree:

h) Your subjects:

i) Signature:

j) Date:

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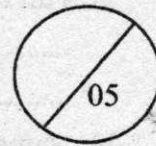


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Question 02: Fill in the blanks with "a", "an", or "the". (5 marks)

Senali and Aaliya are friends. They studied together at (1)..... Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities at (2)..... University of Sabaragamuwa. After graduating, they started (3)..... business together. They opened (4)..... company in (5)..... Rathnapura District that provides translation services. (6)..... office is located in (7)..... Belihuloya town. Most of (8)..... customers are university students. People from nearby towns also come to get their services. They are looking for (9)..... office space in (10)..... Pelmadulla area to expand their business.

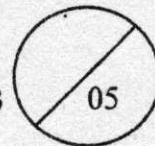
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Question 03: Fill in the blanks in the following sentences by writing the singular or the plural form of the noun given within brackets. (5 marks)

- (1) My friend has a (box) full of photographs from his childhood.
- (2) I like several (cup) of coffee in the morning.
- (3) There are many (person) at the railway station waiting for the train.
- (4) All the (leaf) of the mango tree are yellow. They will soon fall.
- (5) My brother thinks there is a (mouse) living under his bed.
- (6) Look! Those are the (businesswoman) who started the new company.
- (7) Thousands of (life) were lost in the war.
- (8) My (tooth) is aching. I need to see a dentist soon.
- (9) Dinu always completes all his (homework) before dinner.
- (10) When we read newspapers, we learn a lot of (information) about the world.

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Question 04: Fill in the blanks using this, that, these or those. (5 marks)

(A family is at a fruit market).

Son: Mother, shall we make a fruit salad for dessert tomorrow?

Mother: That's a wonderful idea!

Father: I think so too. What shall we buy?

Son: How about pineapples? (1) one over there looks fresh.

Mother: We will buy it. Let's also get two of (2) mangoes.

Father: Sure. Is (3) papaya good?

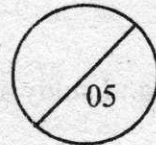
Son: No, father. I think it is not ripe enough.

Father: You seem to know a lot about fruits!

Mother: Let's buy some of (4) grapes and (5)..... bananas.

Father: I think we have enough fruits now.

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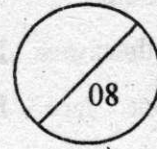
Question 05: Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verb given in brackets. (8 marks)

Suneth works at a radio station. He (1)..... (wake) up around 6 in the morning on weekdays and (2)..... (get) to work by 9 a.m. He usually (3)..... (take) the bus and walks for 10 minutes to get there. On the way to work, he (4)..... (like) to observe people and listen to them talking. Suneth (5)..... (have) an unusual talent. He can speak in different voices. At the radio station, he (6)..... (do) a 20-minute radio play every Thursday evening. This play (7)..... (be) about a family of six: a husband, a wife, a son, a daughter, a grandmother, and a grandfather. Suneth (8)..... (write) a new script every week and he (9)..... (record) it on his own! Listeners (10)..... (love) his play. This (11)..... (not / be) the only thing he does at the radio station. He

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- (12)..... (voice) advertisements too. Sometimes, he
(13)..... (read) the evening news too. Suneth (14).....
(enjoy) his work and his coworkers (15)..... (like) him. He
(16)..... (not / work) during the weekend.

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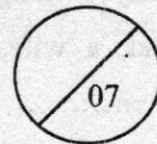
Question 06: Describe 7 things you usually do on weekdays using 7 verbs from the list of verbs given below. You may use one verb only once. An example has been given for you. (7 marks)

go / watch / do / play / make / write / listen / meet / spend / clean

E.g.: I study at the library.

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)
- 6)
- 7)

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Question 07: Read the following paragraph and give short answers to the questions below. (6 marks)

Dr. Mary Silva is a veterinarian. A veterinarian is a person qualified to treat injured or sick animals. She likes her job very much because she loves animals. Her daily routine is very different from her husband's. She gets up at 7.45 a.m. every day and has a shower.

Then she gets dressed and has breakfast with her family. She leaves home and goes to work by car. By nine o'clock, she arrives at the veterinary clinic. During the morning, she treats animals and in the afternoon she does surgery. At half-past-twelve, she goes to a little restaurant and has lunch. After lunch, she calls her husband and then she returns to the clinic. Before going home, she goes to the gym.

She arrives home at 6 o'clock. First she greets her husband and children and then she reads the newspaper. After that, she prepares dinner. At 8.30 they all have dinner and she washes the dishes. Then she watches a little TV or reads a book. She goes to bed at midnight.

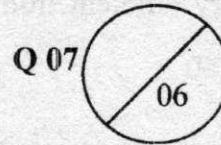
- (1) Who is Dr. Mary Silva?
- (2) Why does she like her job?
- (3) At what time does she wake up in the morning?
- (4) With whom does she have breakfast?
- (5) What does she do in the afternoon at the veterinary clinic?
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- (6) Where does she have lunch?
- (7) What does she do between lunch and going back to the clinic?
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(8) When does she go to the gym?

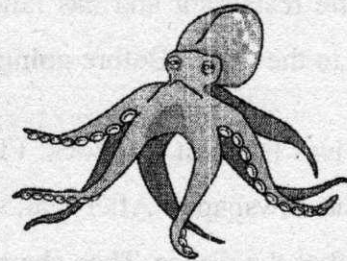
(9) Who washes the dishes after dinner?

(10) Name two things Dr. Mary Silva usually does before going to bed.
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Question 09: Read the following paragraph and say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F). (8 marks)

Magician of the Sea



An octopus is a creature that can do amazing things.

Octopuses are very intelligent. They can learn new

things just like humans. They have even learned a few ways to get themselves out of

dangerous situations. If an octopus is threatened by a predator, such as a shark or bird,

it can use some incredible skills to get away. Octopuses don't have teeth or sharp claws

to protect themselves. Instead, they use more clever ways to fool their attackers.

Octopuses like to hide themselves in the sand on the bottom of the ocean floor. The

octopus is like a chameleon because it can change the colour of its skin to match the

sand. And this colour change, or camouflage, happens in less than a minute. Some

octopuses like to stay in more shallow water where there are rocks and coral. Because

octopuses are invertebrates, meaning they don't have backbones, they can hide

themselves in small spaces between the rocks to escape predators. Another way an

octopus can hide is by shooting ink. An octopus uses a part of its body called a siphon

to shoot ink into the water. The ink forms a cloud that hides the octopus. By the time

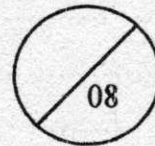
the ink clears and the predator can see again, the octopus has escaped. It's very much

like a magician doing a vanishing act.

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- (1) Octopuses are clever creatures. T / F
- (2) Octopuses protect themselves using their teeth and claws. T / F
- (3) Some octopuses prefer shallow water. T / F
- (4) An octopus is like a chameleon. T / F
- (5) Octopuses can't camouflage themselves. T / F
- (6) Invertebrates have a backbone. T / F
- (7) Octopuses can hide in small spaces because they are very small. T / F
- (8) An octopus can shoot ink at predators and make it difficult for them to see. T / F

Q 08



Question 09: Read the following information about Nuwan and Saduni. Then write a paragraph about them. (11 marks)

Names: Nuwan Yapa and Saduni Perera

Their age: 20 years

Their hometown: Polonnaruwa

The institution they study in: University of Colombo

Nuwan's academic year: First year

Saduni's academic year: Third year

Nuwan's subjects: Political Science, Sinhala, and International Relations

Saduni's subjects: Geography, Demography, and ICT

Their hobbies: Reading newspapers, watching talk shows, and listening to music

Nuwan's ambition: To become a good politician

Saduni's ambition: To travel around the world

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