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(3 Hours, Online)

Answer all questions.

Instructions to Students:

- This paper is set in the form of an LMS quiz as seen in the paper format available on the LMS course page for Proficiency Course in English, Level 1
- **Questions 1 – 7 should be done in the quiz format only.**
- **Question 8** can be completed in the space provided in the quiz by typing in your answer or it can be uploaded as a pdf document into the question.
- If you have an unexpected power failure and get logged out of the LMS, the system has been put in place to automatically submit all the answers you have done so far. Please report this situation to the lecturer in charge via the course WhatsApp group or the LMS course page immediately.
- **IF** you are uploading the answer to Question 8,
 - ✓ You can handwrite or type it. All written submissions should be **clear and readable**.
 - ✓ Answer should be written on an **A4 size paper** (ruled/lined paper/or otherwise), using a **black ball point pen**. The **index number must be written on the top right-hand side** of the one-page answer script. Do not write your name anywhere on the answer script.
 - ✓ **Scan/take a photo of the answer script and convert it to a PDF file.**
 - ✓ The full page of the answer script must be properly covered in the scanned image, and the scanned image must be clear/readable.
 - ✓ **The only acceptable file format is PDF. The PDF file should be named with your index number**, e.g. A 12345
 - ✓ Uploading answer scripts as JPEG/JPG or any other form will NOT be permitted.
 - ✓ Complete and upload the final version of the answer to Question 8 to the LMS quiz while the quiz is open **within the stipulated 3 hours**.
 - ✓ **If** there is an **unexpected technical issue** with the uploading of an answer script to LMS, you may send your answer script via email to your course coordinator via irushi@delt.cmb.ac.lk immediately. Please attach a screen shot of the technical issue you encountered along with your email submission. Email submissions received after the examination date will not be accepted.

Question 1

(1 x 9 = 9 marks)

Choose the correct form of the verb from the given options.

1. Where _____ the car?
(i) did you park (ii) did you parked? (iii) you parked
2. Unfortunately, the driver _____ the red light.
(i) saw not (ii) didn't see (iii) didn't saw
3. Raj _____ coffee when he burned his hand.
(i) was making (ii) made (iii) is making
4. Microsoft is in the software business. It _____ computers.
(i) don't sell (ii) doesn't sells (iii) doesn't sell
5. My boss _____ to USA once a month.
(i) travels (ii) is travelling (iii) travel
6. Rohan never _____ TV because he is too busy.
(i) watch (ii) watching (iii) watches
7. At present, Maya _____ a new book.
(i) reads (ii) read (iii) is reading
8. James got an electric shock while he _____ a light bulb.
(i) was fixing (ii) fixing (iii) was fix
9. Apple Inc., one of the world's largest technology companies, _____ in 1976 in California.
(i) found (ii) was founded (iii) was founding

Question 2

(1 x 6 = 6 marks)

Look at the pictures and the word sets given below and choose the suitable questions and answers from the given options. Follow the format given in the example. Pay careful attention to the tense, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation rules.

Example:

play / the drums / in the afternoon

- a. *Does she play the drums in the afternoon?*
- b. *No, she doesn't/ does not play the drums in the afternoon.*
- c. *She plays the guitar.*



1. drive / a / van / to work / every day

- a. _____ [options]
- b. _____ [options]
- c. _____ [options]



2. study / in the weekend

- a. _____ [options]
- b. _____ [options]
- c. _____ [options]



Question 3

(2 x 5 = 10 marks)

Select the correct WH question (who, what, when, where, why, how) that obtains the underlined section as the answer. Pay careful attention to spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar rules.

1. _____

Mary was staying at the Grand Athena Hotel in Athens.

2. _____

Kamal is learning Chinese because he wants to visit China.

3. _____

Steve came to Sri Lanka in January.

4. _____

My grandmother kept her books in a cupboard.

5. _____

Elton John is a famous singer.

Question 4

(1 x 9 = 9 marks)

Fill in the blanks by dragging and dropping a suitable conjunction from the box. Each conjunction can be used more than once.

for	and	nor
but	or	so

1. Lihani wants to travel to Japan Padmini wants to visit Mount Fuji on this trip.
2. Jay wants to be an engineer he doesn't like to study.
3. Sara must pass her test she will not be able to go to the movies.
4. I like neither tea coffee.
5. It is a sunny day it is raining.
6. I was feeling sleepy I went to bed early.
7. The man bought a new shirt he had a special event to attend.
8. They played indoor cricket it was raining.
9. We are in the band it is mandatory to wear a uniform.

Question 5

(2 x 5 = 10 marks)

Complete the sentences below by choosing the most suitable option. The sentence should bring out the meaning of the underlined coordinating conjunction.

1. The man did not eat sweets, yet _____.
2. The girl performed well at the exam, for _____.
3. The shop is open on weekends, but _____.
4. We can go by train, or _____.
5. I went to the market and _____.

Question 6

(2 x 8 = 16 marks)

Fill in the blanks in the following telephone conversation by dragging and dropping the correct expressions from the options below.

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|--|---|--|
| • How can I help you? | • Is this your account number? | • Can you share your address please, sir? |
| • How are you today? | • After yesterday's thunder shower my router is not working. | • A technician will visit after 4pm. |
| • this is Mr. Peter. | • After yesterday's thunder shower my router is working well. | • A technician will visit you tomorrow. |
| • Hold the line, please. | | • Thank you for calling Lanka Broadband Company. |
| • Wait on the call. | | |
| • Can I have your account number please? | | |

Call Centre Agent: Good afternoon, Lanka Broadband Company.
(i) _____?

Mr. Peter: Good afternoon, (ii) _____ speaking. I wish to make a complaint regarding my broadband router.

Call Centre Agent: Of course, Mr. Peter. (iii) _____. I will put you through to a technical agent.

Technical Agent: Good afternoon, sir. I understand that you have an issue with your broadband router. (iv) _____?

Mr. Peter: Yes. My account number is 013346767.

Technical Agent: Thank you, sir. Can you explain the nature of the problem?

Mr. Peter: (v) _____.

Technical Agent: I am sorry to hear that. I will send a technician to your home today.
(vi) _____

Mr. Peter: My address is, Number 48, Maya Avenue, Rajagiriya.

Technical Agent: Thank you, sir. (vii) _____.

Mr. Peter: Can you ask the technician to come after 5pm, please?

Technical Agent: Sure, sir. I will do that. (viii) _____ NO
ANSWER _____ Have a nice day.

Mr. Peter: Thank you. You too.

Question 7

(20 marks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below

Commercial Fishing

- a. Commercial fishing is the taking of fish and other seafood and resources from oceans, rivers, and lakes for the purpose of marketing them. In the early 21st century about 250 million people were directly employed by the commercial fishing industry, and an **estimated** one billion people depended on fish as their primary source of animal protein.
- b. Fishing is one of the oldest employments of humankind. Archaeological **evidence** shows that early humans learned to catch fish in traps and nets. These **ventures** were limited at first to the lakes and rivers. As boats and fishing devices were improved, humans ventured into sheltered coastal areas and river mouths and eventually farther out onto the relatively shallow ocean plains between the land and the deeper ocean areas.
- c. Fishing technology continued to develop throughout history, employing improved and larger ships, more **hi-tech** fishing equipment, and various food preservation methods. **Commercial** fishing is now carried on in all types of waters, in all parts of the world, except where impeded by depth or dangerous currents or **prohibited** by law. Commercial fishing can be done in a simple manner with small vessels, little technical equipment, and little or no mechanization as in small local, traditional, or artisanal fisheries. It can also be done on a large scale with powerful deep-sea vessels and sophisticated mechanical equipment similar to that of other modern industrial enterprises.
- d. While fisheries are considered **renewable** resources, overfishing has **depleted** fish and other seafood in many places and is a major threat to **aquatic** biodiversity. In addition, the use of less-selective fishing gear, such as gillnets or bottom trawls, results in substantial **bycatch**; some estimates state that bycatch may amount to as much as 40 percent of the global catch. The **sustainable** management of fisheries is key to both the health of aquatic ecosystems and the continued productivity of commercial fishing.

Adapted from: <https://kids.britannica.com/scholars/article/commercial-fishing/109759>

A. Select (T) if the statement is true, and (F) if the statement is false. (1 x 5 = 5 marks)

- 1. Commercial fishing is the consumption of fish, seafood, and other resources from water bodies. _____
- 2. Fishing is one of the oldest human professions. _____
- 3. As the devices used for fishing improved, humans ventured into deeper waters. _____
- 4. Commercial fishing only takes place in large scale. _____
- 5. Overfishing is a major threat caused by the fisheries industry. _____

B. Choose the most suitable answer from the options below.

(2 x 2 = 4 marks)

1. Which answer correctly shows the benefits of the fishing industry in the early 21st century?

answer options:

- The fishing industry provides employment and animal protein.
- The fishing industry provides seafood and renewable energy.
- The fishing industry provides new technology and various food preservation methods.

2. Which answer correctly shows how early humans caught fish according to archaeological evidence?

answer options:

- Early humans caught fish in traps and nets.
- Early humans caught fish through gillnets and bottom trawlers.
- Early humans caught fish in small vessels.

C. Match the words below with the synonyms closest in meaning according to their context in the passage.

(1 x 11 = 11 marks)

1. **estimated** (Passage a.)

answer options:

- approximate
- judge
- calculated

2. **evidence** (Passage b.)

answer options:

- history
- traces
- proof

3. **ventures** (Passage b.)

answer options:

- presentations
- journeys
- procedures

4. **hi-tech** (passage c.)

answer options:

- sophisticated
- futuristic
- complex

5. **commercial** (passage c.)
answer options:
- wholesale
 - demand and supply
 - profitable
6. **prohibited** (passage c.)
answer options:
- restricted
 - taboo
 - illicit
7. **renewable** (passage d.)
answer options:
- continuous
 - productive
 - energetic
8. **depleted** (passage d.)
answer options:
- weakened
 - decreased
 - deleted
9. **aquatic** (passage d.)
answer options:
- marine
 - swimming
 - fishing
10. **bycatch** (passage d.)
answer options:
- catching non target species
 - making unexpected profits
 - destroying marine species
11. **sustainable** (passage d.)
answer options:
- acceptable
 - feasible
 - green

Question 8

(20 marks)

Write a narrative essay of 200 – 250 words on one of the topics given below. Include an introductory paragraph, 2-3 body paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph.

1. How learning online has impacted my daily life.
2. A memorable family holiday.
3. An unexpected or surprising thing that happened in my life.