

SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MID YEAR TEST - 2019

GRADE - 9

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Name/ Index No :-

Time : 2 Hours

Test. 01

Put the following words in the correct column. There are some extra words. One is done for you.

cut / put / tomato / foot / money / true / calm / boot / answer / country / lose

<u>/u/</u>	<u>/u:/</u>	<u>/ʌ/</u>	<u>/ɑ:/</u>
put			

(05 marks)

Test. 02

Complete the following dialogue. Use the phrases from the given box.

- Shop assistant : Can I help you?
 Amali : Yes, please. I'm looking for a T shirt.
 Shop assistant : What colour are you (1).....?
 Amali : Blue
 Shop assistant : Do you like (2)?
 Amali : No. It isn't (3).....
 Shop assistant : What about this one?
 Amali : It's (4).....
 Shop assistant : Well. What about this one?
 Amali : I like this one. Can I fit on...?
 Shop assistant : (5) The changing room is over there.

a bit darker.
 Yes, of course
 this colour
 looking for
 the right colour.

(05 marks)

Test. 03

Read the following notice and answer the questions.

Notice

A mini drama on “**How to use Mobile phones**”
will be staged on Sunday the 11th August
from 4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. at the YMBA auditorium
Tickets available at the school library and the canteen.

20th July 2019 Head of The English Unit
Saranath M V

1. What is this notice about?
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 2. What is the title of the drama?
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 3. When will it be held?
.....
 4. Where will it be held?
.....
 5. Name two places where the tickets are available.
1.
2.
- (05 marks)

Test. 04

Fill in the blanks using the most suitable adverb given in the box. First one is done for you.

colourfully / extremely / ~~totally~~ / heavily / slightly / badly

1. The building was~~totally~~..... destroyed in the fire.
 2. It's a reasonably cheap restaurant and the food is.....good.
 3. A lot of things went wrong during our holiday because it was.....planned.
 4. It wasn't a serious accident. The car was only.....damaged.
 5. We didn't go out because it was raining
 6. Everybody at the party was.....dressed.
- (05 marks)

Test. 05

Fill in the blanks with words given in the box.



- chair
- a cat
- members .
- piano
- book
- living room
- the
- something
- sofa
- chair

This is a picture of a living room. There are six (1).....in the family. There is a (2)....., a stool and a piano in the(3).....The youngest boy sitting in the (4).....is talking with his father. There is (5).....sleeping on the upper part of the (6)..... The boy sitting at the (7).....is looking at his father. Mother is standing near (8).....sofa. She has a (9).....in her hand. She is telling (10).....to the father. All seem to be happy.

(05 marks)

Test. 06

Read the dialogue and state if the following sentences are **“True or False”**

Menuka: Good morning Banuka, nice to meet you at the exhibition.

Banuka : Good morning Menuka, nice to meet you too. Who organized this exhibition? Is it you all?

Menuka: Yes. Our junior prefects’ board did it this time. How is it?

Banuka: Well organized. How many of you are there in the board now?

Menuka: Well, there are about twenty, but all of them didn’t contribute for planning except few. But luckily, almost all of them contributed financially.

Banuka : Really, it’s nice to hear, you know in our days it was very difficult. By the way who did all these art work?

Menuka: It was done by our deputy head prefect, Chanuka.

Banuka: Superb work of art, my congratulations! See you later. Bye.

Menuka: Bye. Thanks for coming.

1. The dialogue is about an exhibition. (.....)
2. It was organized by the senior prefects’ board. (.....)
3. Only few members contributed financially. (.....)
4. The deputy head prefect was Chanuka. (.....)
5. Menuka congratulated to Banuka for organizing it. (.....)

(05 marks)

Test. 07

Write a note to your mother saying that you wait after school for two hours for cricket practices. Use about 20-30 words.

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(05 marks)

Test. 08

Fill in the blanks using the given prepositions below the text.

Rantambe — Training ground for cadets.

Rantambe is popular among the public (1).....two reasons. The main reason is the reservoir built under the Mahaweli acceleration programme and the second the National Cadet Corps (NCC) training centre. Rantambe grabs the attention (2).....people during the ‘Hermon Loose Challenge’. According to NCC headquarters, the year plan (3).....the training centre is published (4).....the beginning (5).....each year.

Cadets from different parts (6).....the country participate in training programmes. Normally two or three battalions are invited (7).....a single training programme. Rantambe has a maximum capacity (8).....accommodating 2000 cadets (9).....a time and NCC selects the battalions (10).....training considering the space availability.

For, of, at

(1/2x10=05 marks)

Test. 09

Put the following sentences into passive voice. One is done for you.

1. The announcer announced my name.
.....*My name was announced by the announcer.*.....
2. The government exported coffee and rubber.
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3. Arosh won 100 metres race.
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4. They manufactured soft leather shoes.
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5. Elephants destroyed the crops.
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6. The class teacher marked the register.
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(10 marks)

Test. 10

Read the poem and answer the questions.

Five Little Brothers

Five little brothers set out together
To journey the live — long — day
In an odd little carriage, all made of leather,
They hurried away, away
One big brother and three quite small,
And one wee fellow, no size at all.

The carriage was dark and none too roomy,
And they could not move about;
The five little brothers grew very gloomy,
And the wee one began to pout;
Till the biggest one whispered; “what do you say?
Let’s leave the carriage and run away.”

So out they scampered, the five together,
And off and away they sped
When somebody found the carriage of leather
Oh, my! How she shook her head!
‘Twas her little boy’s shoe, as everyone knows,
And five little brothers were five little toes!

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

1. What is the title of the poem?
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2. What is the carriage made of?
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3. Why couldn’t brothers move about in the carriage?
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4. Find the past tense verbs for the following from the poem.
 - i. grow -
 - ii. shake -
5. Who does the shoe belong to?
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(10 marks)

Test. 11

Rewrite the following passage using capital letters and commas.

1. John Logie Baird transmitted the first television picture on 25 november 1905.

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2. The first thing on television was a boy who worked in the office next to Baird's workroom in london.

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3. In 1929 Baird sent pictures from london to Glasgow.

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4. In 1940 he sent pictures to new york.

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05 he also produced the first colour TV pictures.

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(1/2 x10 = 5marks)

Test. 12

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

Udawalawa

National parks provide visitors the opportunity to appreciate the free spirit of wild animals. Udawalawa national park, which is located in the Rathnapura and Monaragala districts with 30821 hectares, was established in 1972. The park is rich in bio diversity and genetic variation within the same species. At the centre of the park lies the Udawalawa reservoir. The habitat surrounding the reservoir includes marshes, forest and grassland. There is a teak plantation beyond the southern boundary which was planted before the declaration of the park.

Udawalawa is a home to over 500 elephants that include about 300 residents and 200 migratory. The park is unique in the sense that you can see elephants throughout the day and during the entire year. Species recorded from the park include 21 fish, 12 amphibians 33 reptiles, 184 birds, 43 mammals and 135 species of butterflies and 94 varieties of plants.

Two kilometres from the park there is a positive story of human intervention in the case of young wild elephants. There is an elephant transit home for abandoned, sick, elephant calves. They are provided milk, food and companionship till they are released to the wild again.

01. Where is the park located?

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02. Name four species you can see in the Udawalawe park?

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03. What is the elephant transit home used for ?

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04. Find a word from the passage which has the same meaning for the following.

(a) admire

(b) artificial lake

05. Why is this park unique?

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(2x5=10 marks)

Test. 13

Imagine you are the secretary of the “Health Club” of your school. You want to invite the Public Health Inspector of your area to deliver a speech on “Good Health Habits”. Write a letter to him or her. Use about 75 -100 words. Include the date, time, venue and the participants.

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(10 marks)

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Answers

Test 01.

Competency level : Pronounce English words properly.

/u/	/u:/	/ʌ/	/ɑ:/
put	boot	cut	calm
	true	country	answer
foot	lose	money	tomato

1x5 =05 Marks

Test 02.

Competency level :

1. looking for 2. this colour 3. the right colour. 4. a bit darker. 5. Yes, of course

1x5 =05 Marks

Test 03.

1. Competency level : Extracts information from various types of texts.

- i. It is about a mini drama / about a mini drama.
ii. It is based on 'How to use mobile phones' / " How to use mobile phones"
iii. It will be held on Sunday the 11th August. / on Sunday the 11th August.
iv. At the auditorium of YMBA building. / at the YMBA auditorium
v. 1. school library ii. Canteen

1x5 =05 Marks

Test 04

Competency level : Uses adverb appropriately.

2. extremely 3. badly 4. slightly 5. heavily 6. colourfully

1x5 =05 Marks

Test 05

Competency level : Describes pictures.

- 1.members 2.chair 3.living room 4.sofa 5.a cat 6.chair 7.piano 8.the 9.book 10.father.

1/2x10=05 Marks

Test 06

Competency level : Extracts specific information from a dialogue.

1. True 2. False 3. False 4. True 5. False

1x5 =05 Marks

Test 07

C- 3 L- 2

05 Marks

Test 08 Competency level :Uses prepositions appropriately.

Rantambe - Training ground for cadets.

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- 10.
- For

1/2x10 =05 Marks

Test 09

2. Competency level : Construct passive voice sentences.

- ii. Coffee and rubber were exported by the government.
- iii. 100 metres race was won by Arosh.
- iv. Soft leather shoes were manufactured by them.
- v. The crops were destroyed by elephants.
- vi. The register was marked by the class teacher.

2x5 =10 Marks

Test. 10

Competency level : Reads and responds to simple poems.

- i. Five Little Brothers
- ii. leather
- iii. Because it was not roomy/none too roomy
- iv. i. grew ii. shook
- v. a little boy

2x5 =10 Marks

Test. 11

Competency level : Uses mechanics of writing with understanding.

- 1. John Logie Baird transmitted the first television picture on 25 November,1905.
- 2. The first thing on television was a boy_who worked in the office next to Baird's workroom in London.
- 3. In 1929_ Baird sent pictures from London to Glasgow.
- 4. In 1940_ he sent pictures to New York.
- 5. He also produced the first colour TV pictures.

1/2x10 =05marks

Test. 12

Competency level :Extracts necessary information from a text.

- 1. in Rathnapura and Monaragala districts.
- 2. fish, amphibians , reptiles, birds, mammals, butterflies (any four)
- 3. It is used to provide milk, food and companionship for abandoned, sick elephant calves till they are relested to the wild again.
- 4. (a) appreciate (b) reservoir
- 5. Because we can see elephants throughout the day and during the entire year.

2x5 =10 Marks

Test. 13

Competency level : Writes a letter for official purpose.

C - 3 L - 3 O - 2 M - 2

10 Marks

Test. 14

Competency level, Writes simple compositions on different types of topics

C. — 5 L - 5 O - 3 M - 2

15 Marks