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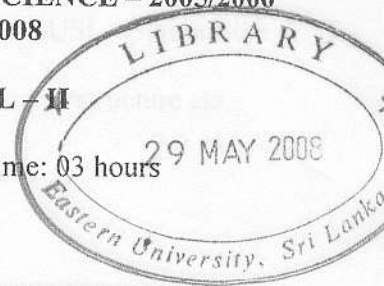
PROFICIENCY TEST IN ENGLISH - LEVEL - II

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Answer all the questions on this paper itself.



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Q.No.	Marks obtained	Maximum Marks
01	20
02	10
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05	20
06	20
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that you are working in a Department. Write a letter to your Head of the
requesting permission to follow an English course at the club.
and information about the course including duration, course fee, contact

100 (10 words)

Question: 02



Imagine that you are the Secretary of an Association and going to hold a meeting next month.

Write an agenda for the meeting by filling in the blanks with all the necessary information.

Name of the Association :

Address:

.....

Date of meeting: Venue:

Agenda

01. Reading of minutes

02.

03.

04.

05.

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07.

[10 marks]

Question: 03

Imagine that you are a manufacturer of confectionaries in Sri Lanka and looking for agents in the Eastern part of Sri Lanka.

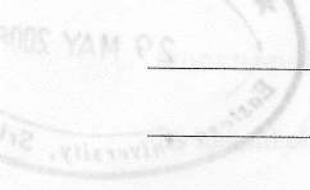
Prepare an advertisement to be published in a local newspaper.

Your advertisement should carry more relevant information.

Question: 04

Imagine that you have been invited for a function to deliver a speech on "The Impact of Scientific Research in Sri Lanka".

Write the speech with relevant information in 150 – 200 words.



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[15 marks]

Question: 05



Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

It is reported, that more than 20 persons commit suicide daily in Sri Lanka. This is a social and human problem which requires constant and concerted attention of the government, non-government sector and the community as a whole.

According to psychological analysis the main reason for people to commit suicide are depression, alcohol and drugs, and inability to cope with overwhelming emotional stress. Moral and spiritual poverty is also an important cause in most suicidal cases.

All these factors lie in the alienation of people (specially youths) from simple lifestyles and the absence of healthy powerful life patterns and spiritual atmosphere at home.

There are however a number of steps you can take to help someone who may be in danger of taking his or her own life.

Take all suicide threats seriously. Approximately 70% of all suicides communicate their intentions to others in various manner within a few weeks or months of the deaths. But unfortunately people do not take these statements seriously as there is a common myth that people who threaten to kill themselves really don't do so, and that only those who do not confide their plans in anyone will actually commit this act.

This untrue. Approximately 70% of all suicides communicate their friends, relatives or someone else. Therefore, if anybody talks about suicide you should take seriously.

If someone mentions suicide, don't be afraid to discuss it. Yet another myth about suicide is that one should never discuss suicide with another person, this will only add to the person's suicidal tendencies. This belief is beyond the truth. Encouraging people who have suicidal ideas to talk about such thoughts may get them out into the open and can be helpful to have a realistic approach on life events. If not, when you understand their intentions you can pass them onto a counselor or psychologist. So don't be afraid to discuss this matter with potential suicides if it arises.

Recognize the danger signs. This is a very important fact with regard to preventing suicide because if you are keen on your fellow you can recognize number of warning signs that suicidal individual says or does before committing the act. Among them the most obvious clue is a previous attempt. Other indications of danger include the following signs:

- Increased moodiness and mood swings.
- A withdrawal from friends, family and normal activities.
- Changes in general behaviours such as eating, sleeping and sexual habits.
- Persistent boredom.
- Sudden efforts to give valued possessions away to others and put affairs in order.
- Letters, poems or essays revealing a preoccupation with death.
- Decline in performances at work or school.
- Unusual neglect of personal appearance.
- Difficulty in concentrating.
- In young people violent, hostile or rebellious behaviour including running away.

- Breaking off of close relationships.
- A failed love relationship
- Increased drug and alcohol use.
- Radical Personality changes
- Direct statements such as, "I don't want to be a burden to anyone any more" "It is no use of living" or "nothing matters anymore" etc.

If you recognize these changes in others along with other indications it may mean that they are contemplating suicide. If a friend or family member shows the danger signs don't leave him or her alone. Most probably suicide is a solitary act. So if you are concerned about someone who is seriously contemplating such an action, it is advisable not to leave him or her alone until he or she is sent to a counselor.

The most important of all; get help. Perhaps the most important point to keep in mind is this.

- A] Choose from the list given below the sentence which in your opinion, covers the main topic of the passage and underline it.
- i Upsurge in suicides
 - ii Suicidal tendencies of Sri Lankans.
 - iii. Causes and prevention of suicide.
 - iv. Myths about suicide.

B] Read through passage – 02. and answer the following questions.

- a] What word is applied to causing feeling of courage, hope and confidence?

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- b] What sort of threats should be seriously considered?

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- c] To whom do suicidal persons reveal their intentions, before committing the act?

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- d] What will be helpful in preventing suicide?

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- e] How long should a person thinking seriously about suicide be kept under close watch?

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- C] Are the following statements true or false according to passage 2.
- a] Many of the people who commit suicide make their intentions known to others in various manner, before committing the act. [.....]
 - b] When a person discusses suicide with another person, his suicidal tendencies increase. [.....]
 - c] The lack of moral and spiritual knowledge of a suicidal person is an important cause in the majority of suicidal cases. [.....]
 - d] A prior suicidal attempt is not the most clear clue to a suicide. [.....]
 - e] A person contemplating suicide should be kept under close watch. [.....]

[20 Marks]

Question: 06

Fill in the gaps using the words given below.

demand,	major,	Japan,	diabetic,	an,
it,	schools,	Mushroom,	for,	occupation

Mushroom cultivation is a profitable opportunity to the rural people and unemployed in urban areas. This can be a subsidiary (01) or a source of extra income (02) educated high income group and agriculturists. (03) cultivation can be easily introduced to (04) and farms in Sri Lanka.

Mushroom consists of rich protein and (05) is a nutritive food. Mushroom is (06) ideal food to people suffering from (07) and cholesterol problems. In countries like (08), China and Thailand it is a (09) food and in Europe and USA (10) for mushroom is on increasing trend. China and Thailand are the biggest exporters of mushroom and Mexico and indonesia are also thriving well in global mushroom market.

[20 Marks]