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Grade 10–First Term Test–July 2023
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Time : 1 hour

English Language
Paper I

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Test 01

Select the correct preposition from the box and fill in the blanks. ***The first one is done for you.***

for	*to*	*at*	*from*	*under*	*around*

Dear Dishan,

How are you? I want to meet you (1) .....**at**..... Pool site. (2) .....there, we shall go (3) ..... New Market. I have to buy so many things. Ashri will be waiting (4) ..... the pedestrian foot over bridge at New Market. Ashri will come by bus. We shall go (5) ..... the New Market. It may take time. We shall stay there (6) ..... two hours.

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(1x5 =5 marks)

Test 2

Match A with B and fill in the blanks in the following sentences. ***The first one is done for you.***

A herd of	A group of	A stack of	A galaxy of	A bevy of	A troupe of
wood	dancers	fans	bison	stars	bathing beauties

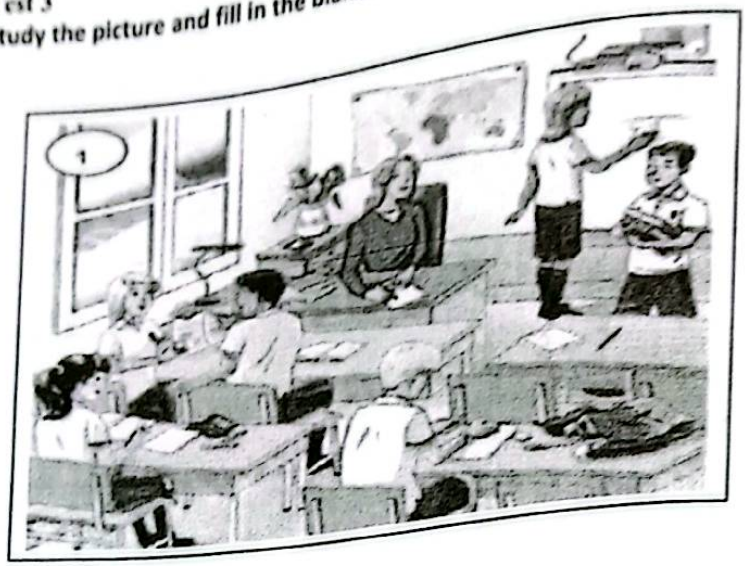
1. ..... **A galaxy of stars**..... looks beautiful during dark nights.
2. ..... ran across the prairie leaving a massive dust cloud in its wake.
3. ..... is waiting by the stage door.
4. ..... was lying in the storeroom of his house.
5. ..... participated in a private function last night.
6. ..... appeared on the beach.

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Test 3

Study the picture and fill in the blanks in the text given below with suitable words.



a. [illegible]
b. chatting
c. carrying
d. others
e. uniforms
f. educational
g. students
h. attentively
i. appears
j. self-studying

This is a picture of a smart classroom. There are five 1)..... and a teacher in the classroom. It seems to be a (2) ..... time. All the students are in their (3) .....: There is a world map hanging on the wall. Two students are (4) .....with each other. A girl is writing something on the board while the other boy is (5) ..... some books. The window of the class is locked. One girl is reading (6)..... without caring the (7) ..... It (8)..... that all the students are (9)..... engaged in their (10) ..... activities.

(1/2x10=5marks)

Test 4.

Fill in the blanks with the most suitable idiom from the box given below. *The first one is done for you.* There are two extra idioms.

cost an arm and a leg	crocodile's tears
in a nutshell	caught between two stools
once in a blue moon	hold your horses
a piece of cake	in hot water

1. Don't soften your heart, he was shedding .....crocodile's tears .....
2. Please ..... while you drive through this neighbourhood, there are many children playing outside.
3. Just tell me the story .....
4. A shopkeeper got himself ..... after being accused of selling fake products.
5. I would like to have a new farm house, but for me, it may .....
6. The earthquakes hit ..... in this part of the earth, we never felt it.

(1x5=5marks)

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Past Papers Wiki

Complete the dialogue using the most suitable phrases given in the box. Write the correct letter of the phrase in each blank. One has been done for you.

Student: Good morning, sir.
Teacher: Good morning.
Student: Sir, my examination is (1) ..... Can you give me some instructions as to how should prepare?
Teacher: Certainly! But at first, get rid of your mobile. That's a (2) .....
Student: Ok, sir.
Teacher: Read your texts thoroughly, for you must have (3) ..... while you study.
Student: Sir, I have a problem in memorizing.
Teacher: (4)..... , try to understand it. Try to concentrate on one major theme at a time until you grasp it well.
Student: Sir, a few of my friends were planning to do (5) .....F..... Will it be useful?
Teacher: Yes, definitely. You also must solve old question papers because those will make you familiar with (6).....
Student: Thank you, sir.
Teacher: If you need anything else, let me know.
Student: Sure, sir.

A) the format of the questions B) major distraction C) instead of learning	D) round the corner E) all the information F) group study

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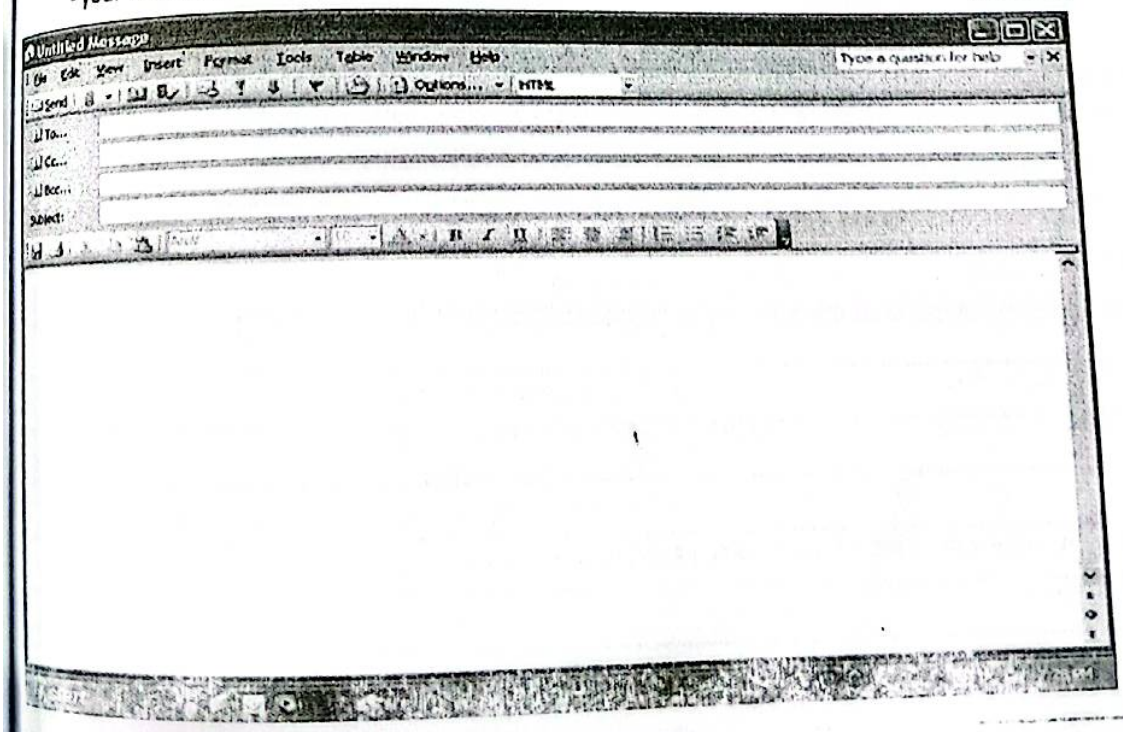
QST 6

Write an email to a friend describing an event that had happened in the college during the school holidays. Use about 40 – 50 words.

In your email, you should:

- describe the chief guest
- explain what happened on the day
- your role in the event

(5marks)



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Test 7

Read the following text and answer the questions.

One morning there was a loud knock at Dean Swift's door. The servant opened it. A man handed her a [illegible] and said, "Here's a present for the Dean. It's from Mr. Boyle." Without a word, he walked away. Mr. Boyle was a sporting neighbour, and he was an admirer of Dean Swift.

The next time, the man brought a quail. "Here's something else for the Dean," he said roughly and tossed [illegible] the servant's arms. "That fellow has no manners," she said. "The next time he comes," said the Dean, "you know, and I will go to the door." It was not long until the man came with a present. The Dean went to the door. "Here's a rabbit from Mr. Boyle, "said the man. "See here," said the Dean in a stern voice, "that is not the way to deliver a message. Just step inside and make believe that I am bringing him a present." "I'll agree to that," the man; and he stepped inside. The Dean took the rabbit and went out. Then he knocked gently at the door. door was opened by the man. The Dean bowed and said, "If you please, sir, Mr. Boyle's compliments and wishes you to accept this fine rabbit." "Oh, thank you," said the man very politely. Then, he offered the [illegible] shilling. "And here is something for your trouble."

The lesson is manners were not forgotten; the man was always very polite when he brought his presents [illegible] the Dean always gives the man a "tip" for his trouble. Jonathan Swift, often called Dean Swift, was famous [illegible] writer. Among other books he wrote "Gulliver's Travels" is loved by many.

Underline the correct answer.

1. Why did a man come at the Dean Swift's home?
   a) To give a present b) to meet his friend c) to talk with Mr. Dean
2. Who had sent the presents?
   a) Mr. Dean b) Mr. Boyle c) The writer
3. What did the servant say when the man came with a present? Select the utterance from the text.
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4. Complete the sentence using the most suitable word.
   The man was very ..... whenever he visited Mr. Dean.
   a) happy b) courteous c) generous
5. Why was the Dean Swift famous?
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Test 8

Write a paragraph on one of the following topics. Use about 50 – 60 words.

(a) The most interesting place I have visited (b) A helpful person in my life

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(5 marks)

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