

Date of Examination



No. of Questions	04
No. of Pages	06

GENERAL SIR JOHN KOTELAWALA DEFENCE UNIVERSITY
SELECTION TEST FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF DAY SCHOLARS FOR INTAKE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Please use the given answer sheet to answer the questions. Attach question paper and the answer sheet together before submitting the answer script to the supervisor.

Index Number:

TIME: 01 hour

Answer all questions.

1. Mark the correct answer.

(15 marks)

- i. The old building was built more than years ago
 - a. an interval
 - b. a century
 - c. a contact
 - d. an impact

- ii. Everyone here is already familiar with the safety precautions. Even so,
 - a. we can all relax now
 - b. we should all be careful
 - c. there is no need for training
 - d. there shouldn't be any accidents

- iii. The Wijethunge family wants to build a new house, they don't have enough money.
 - a. but
 - b. not
 - c. so
 - d. or

- iv. Jayantha's car was not working, he borrowed his father's car.
 - a. yet
 - b. so
 - c. nor
 - d. not

- v. Sidath goes his wife does.
- a. wherever
 - b. whoever
 - c. whenever
 - d. however
- vi. The idea was Malani's; she herself
- a. thought it up
 - b. set it out
 - c. put it away
 - d. cleared it away
- vii. He enjoys climbing mountains, despite the fact that
- a. it makes him feel good
 - b. it can be dangerous
 - c. he does it often
 - d. he is always careful
- viii. Which sentence is correct?
- a. Rarely ever he sees a doctor.
 - b. He rarely sees a doctor ever.
 - c. He rarely ever sees a doctor.
 - d. He sees rarely ever a doctor.
- ix. Karen reads the comics
- a. for the photographs
 - b. to laugh
 - c. for legal information
 - d. to buy things
- x. I recently visited the house my parents used to live.
- a. everywhere
 - b. where
 - c. despite
 - d. moreover

- xi. No matter how tired she gets, she
- a. always goes for jogging after her work.
 - b. always rests after lunch
 - c. never exercises much
 - d. never goes to work
- xii. We breakfast at 8.00 o'clock this morning.
- a. have eaten
 - b. ate
 - c. are eating
 - d. will be eating
- xiii. The letter was delivered correctly despite the fact that
- a. the weather was nice
 - b. the address was wrong
 - c. the mailman was early
 - d. someone received it
- xiv. He needs to spends a few hours his lessons.
- a. study
 - b. studying
 - c. studied
 - d. studies
- xv. Despite his bad accident,
- a. he's still in the hospital
 - b. he hasn't driven again
 - c. he isn't able to walk again
 - d. he's still a happy person

2. Read the texts and underline the correct response for each question item below them.

(10 marks)

- i. The election could actually end up being decided in the U.S. Congress. Al Gore's vice presidential running mate, Joe Lieberman, and perhaps Mr. Gore himself, would be able to vote on the matter. Some would argue that they should **recuse** themselves, but they would probably exercise their right to vote.

What does "recuse" mean?

- a. step aside and not be involved
 - b. admit that you are wrong
 - c. leave the country
 - d. insist on being heard
- ii. FoxNews.com reports that Dr. Richard B. Hoover, an astrobiologist at NASA, believes that he has found the fossils of bacteria in meteorites. In other words, he claims to have found traces of life from outer space. Not surprisingly, his claim is **controversial**; many scientists do not accept that Dr. Hoover has come to the correct conclusion from what he has observed. Therefore, he has invited over 5,000 scientists to review his work and to publish their comments.

When something is *controversial*, people.....

- a. get sick from it
 - b. believe it is ancient and extremely rare
 - c. have strong disagreements about it
 - d. brush their teeth with it
- iii. Some American Indians grew corn, sunflowers, squash, beans, and pumpkins in garden plots. To prepare a garden plot, they first killed the trees by cutting off a ring of the bark of each tree. Then they scratched the ground with a stone hoe or with a bone of a deer or a buffalo, or they used a sharpened stick hardened in fire. Some Indians put a dead fish into a hole where they planted a corn in order to provide food for the corn plant.

This story is mainly about.....

- a. vegetables

- b. how American Indians destroyed forests
 - c. hunting and fishing
 - d. Farming
- iv. Volvo is building a car that will use gasoline without burning it. *CNet Car Tech* reports that Volvo will use a cell that converts the hydrogen in gasoline into electricity to run the vehicle's electric motor when the battery is low. The plug-in hybrid will go farther on the same amount of fuel because regular gasoline engines waste much of the fuel's energy as heat.

What wastes much of the fuel's energy as heat?

- a. a fuel cell
 - b. an engine
 - c. a battery
 - d. an electric motor
- v. More than 24 million Americans – more than 7.5 percent of the total population – are affected by asthma, with prevalence increasing 12 percent in the last decade. Asthma is a narrowing of the airways to the lungs caused by inflammation in the air passages resulting from both genetic and environmental influences. It is the most common chronic condition in children, and each day, 40,000 Americans miss school or work due to asthma, costing the U.S. economy an estimated \$56 billion each year in direct and indirect costs.

The passage is mainly about.....

- a. the seriousness of asthma as a disease
- b. the seriousness of the prevalence of asthma in the
- c. the effect of asthma on American economy
- d. causes and effects of asthma

3. Fill in the blanks in the passage using the words given below. (10 marks)

Choose the correct answer.

Child workers, some as young as 10, 1) [(a) have been, (b) been, (c) are] found working in a textile factory in conditions described as close to slavery to 2) [(a) produces, (b) produce, (c) produced] clothes that appear destined for one of the major high

street retailers. Speaking to a British newspaper, the children 3) [(a) described, (b) describe, (c) has described] long hours of unpaid work and threats and beatings. The company said it 4) [(a) has been, (b) was, (c) were] unaware that clothing intended for its stores 5)[(a) were, (b) has been, (c) had been] improperly outsourced to a sweatshop that used child labour. It further announced it 6)[(a) had withdrew, (b) withdrew, (c) had withdrawn] the garments involved until it had investigated the alleged breaches of the ethical code it 7) [(a) imposes, (b) imposed, (c) did not impose] on manufacturers three years ago. The discovery of these children 8)[(a) working, (b) work, (c) worked] in appalling conditions in the Shahpur Jat area of Delhi 9) [(a) had, (b) has, (c) have] renewed concerns about the outsourcing by some large retail chains of their garment production to India,10) [(a) recognizes, (b) has recognized, (c) recognized] by the United Nations as one of the world's hotspots for child labour.

Taken from UsingEnglish.com

4. Write a paragraph of not more than 150 words on 'Impact of Covid-19 pandemic on the medical sector in Sri Lanka'. (15 marks)