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கலைத்தேர்வுப் பரீட்சை வெளிவாரி-புதிய பாடத்திட்டம் (300 வது தேர்ச்சி மட்டம் - ஆகஸ்ட்- 2024  
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(FNDE 101 – Basic English)

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மூன்று (03) மணித்தியாலங்கள்  
Time three (03) Hours.

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Marks will be deducted for illegible hand writing.

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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இந்த வினாப்பத்திரத்தில் 5 வினாக்கள் உள்ளன.  
There are 5 questions in the question paper.

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Question/ Section		Marks Allocated	Marks Scored
Part A	Q1	30	
Part B	Q2	25	
	Q3	10	
	Q4	15	
	Q5	20	
TOTAL		100	

## PART A

1. Look at the following example. The correct answer is underlined.

- Shiromi go/ went/ going/ goes to the market every day.

Now go through the passage given below. Underline the correct answers. [30 marks]

After a long time, I (1) / **visit** / **visited** / **visiting** / **had visited** / Nuwara Eliya last weekend. It has been my favourite hideout spot for the last decade. The first time I went there, there was a (2) / **large** / **weighty** / **heavy** / **serious** / rain. Rain isn't a stranger to the people of Nuwara Eliya. As someone in love with the rain, I thoroughly (3) / **enjoying** / **enjoyed** / **enjoy** / **had enjoyed** / the climate every time I visit the city. During my undergraduate years, I (4) / **find** / **finds** / **found** / **finding** / Nuwara Eliya to be the perfect spot to finish my readings. Every time I went there, I (5) / **take** / **was taking** / **took** / **had been taking** / several books with me. The silence and beauty of the environment provided the perfect atmosphere for reading. Those perfect moments spent among the pages of a book will be perfectly (6) / **preserving** / **preserved** / **preserves** / **was preserved** / in my memory.

Whenever I went to Nuwara Eliya, I would stay (7) / **on** / **in** / **for** / **at** / my sister's place in Kandapola. Once I (8) / **stayed on** / **stayed up** / **stayed in** / **stayed under** / at her place for two long weeks, because I (9) / **do not** / **does not** / **did not** / **would not** / want to return to Kandy. There, I remember staying up till late reading (10) / **beautifully** / **healthily** / **viciously** / **eagerly** / the books that I had brought with me.

My sister and I were both (11) / **interest** / **interesting** / **interested** / **interest** / in nature from a young age, and during my visits we made it a habit to (12) / **going** / **go** / **went** / **goes** / hiking. We (13) / **would have** / **would** / **would be** / **would** / **had** go hiking for two or three days at a stretch (14) / **unbothering** / **unbothered** / **unbother** / **bothered** / by other commitments or responsibilities. My sister and I (15) / **has been** / **had been** / **would have been** / **would be** / suckers for adventure from childhood, and these were moments that gave us an adrenaline rush. (16) / **Whenever** / **However** / **Moreover** / **Forever** /, we also made sure to return on time to our usual daily routines. I always found returning to my ordinary routine life to be a little difficult. Compared to me, my sister found it to be (17) / **more** / **so** / **much** / **very** / easier.

In Nuwara Eliya, I was also able to eat fresh fruits straight from the farms. It is there that I (18) / **eat** / **eaten** / **ate** / **eating** / fresh Sri Lankan pears for the first time in my life. The market (19) / **in** / **on** / **from** / **under** / Nuwara Eliya town also sells some of the (20) / **more** / **most** / **many** / **much** / fresh produce you can

find anywhere in the country. I realized that compared to the price of pears in Kandy, their price in the markets of Nuwara Eliya was quite (21) / **lower and reasoning / low and reasonable / more low and more reasoning / low and reasoned** /. If you want to buy the best produce, it is always good to visit the markets as (22) / **earlier / most early / earliest / early** / as possible. When I was there I would go to the market by (23) / **me / myself / I / mine** / and buy fresh fruits and vegetables.

The city of Nuwara Eliya is also an (24) / **excited / excites / exciting / excite** / place. The Victoria Park at the heart of the city is a (25) / **great / greater / most great / more greater** / place for a daily stroll. This park is well known for (26) / **it / its / it's / their** / beautiful flowers. The famous Nuwara Eliya Post Office (27) / **adding / adds / added / will be added** / a unique charm to the city. Anyone can walk through the city with (28) / **confident / confidence / confidently / most confident** / as it is one of the safest cities in the country.

These are some of my (29) / **most good / better / best / most best** / memories and experiences from Nuwara Eliya. I am already looking forward (30) / **to / for / in / on** / my next visit to this beautiful city.

## PART B

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions below. [25 marks]

In Spain, *Dia de Los Muertos*, also known as *Dia de Los Difuntos*, is celebrated with its own variations. Families pay respects to their departed loved ones at their gravesites, presenting flowers and candles. While the occasion is usually private, some towns hold processions where people carry candles and walk through the streets at night. As in Mexico, food is also an important part of *Dia de Los Muertos*. According to Annaliese, an OHS (Online High School of Stanford) student who lives in Spain, "Most people only bring flowers to the graves of their ancestors, have a family dinner, and eat castañas and panellets."

*Dia de Los Difuntos* is a more solemn celebration in Spain. There are no parades or festivals as in Mexico, but people still go to graves to pay their respects to the deceased. Celebration is not the main focus; rather, it is sorrow and remembering. While there are some regions in Spain where public celebrations are held, most families in Spain prefer to keep to themselves. OHS student Pau Barrera says, "It's a very personal thing here in Spain." Despite these differences, the essence of the holiday remains in both countries.

Over time, Spain has increasingly embraced Western cultural influences and drifted away from the traditional celebrations of *Dia de Los Difuntos*. Pau shares that over the years, the festival has lost its significance in Spain.

He says, "The only region where this celebration has continued to be practiced as a tradition is the Canary Islands. Across the whole of Spain, most people have replaced *el Día de los Difuntos* with *el Día de Todos los Santos*, on which we go to the cemetery and celebrate our deceased relatives and put flowers on their tombs."

Diana McDermott, another OHS student from Spain says, “The point of the celebration is not to grieve, but rather to remember their loved ones, though there isn’t quite as much celebration as I’ve heard there is in Mexico.”

Patino from Mexico says that the spirit of *Día de Muertos* is rooted in ensuring that the deceased are kept alive in the memories of those who love them, a sentiment echoed in his family’s saying, “*The dead die when the living forget them.*”

[Deceased = dead]

a) Say if the following statements are True (T) or False (F) by circling the correct option. [10 marks]

- i. *Día de Los Muertos* and *Día de Los Difuntos* are two different festivals. T / F
- ii. Spain has embraced Eastern cultural traditions when celebrating *Día de Los Muertos*. T / F
- iii. As part of *Día de Los Muertos*, families pay respects to their deceased loved ones. T / F
- iv. There are parades and festivals during *Día de Los Difuntos* in Spain. T / F
- v. Food plays a significant role in the celebration of this occasion in both Spain and Mexico. T / F

b) Mention two similarities between the celebration of *Día de Los Muerto* in Spain and Mexico? (2 marks)

c) Mention two differences between the celebration of *Día de Los Muerto* in Spain and Mexico. (2 marks)

d) What does Pau Barrera say about the traditional celebrations of *Día de Los Muerto* in Spain? (2 marks)

e) What is the sole area in Spain where one can still notice the traditional celebrations of *Día de Los Muerto*? (1 mark)

f) Explain how most people in Spain celebrate this occasion at present. (2 marks)

g) What does Patino say about the spirit of *Dia de Muerto*? (3 marks)

h) Explain the meaning of the following statement in your own words. (3 marks)

“ The point of the celebration is not to grieve, but rather to remember their loved ones, though there isn't quite as much celebration as I've heard there is in Mexico. ”

3. Use the following words in sentences that bring out the meaning of those words clearly. [Please note that you cannot change the form of the word. For instance, if the word is 'sell' it cannot be **changed to 'sold'/'selling'**.] [5×2=10 marks]

Example: **condescending**: She spoke to me in a **condescending** tone.

a. few:

b. serious:

c. mourning:

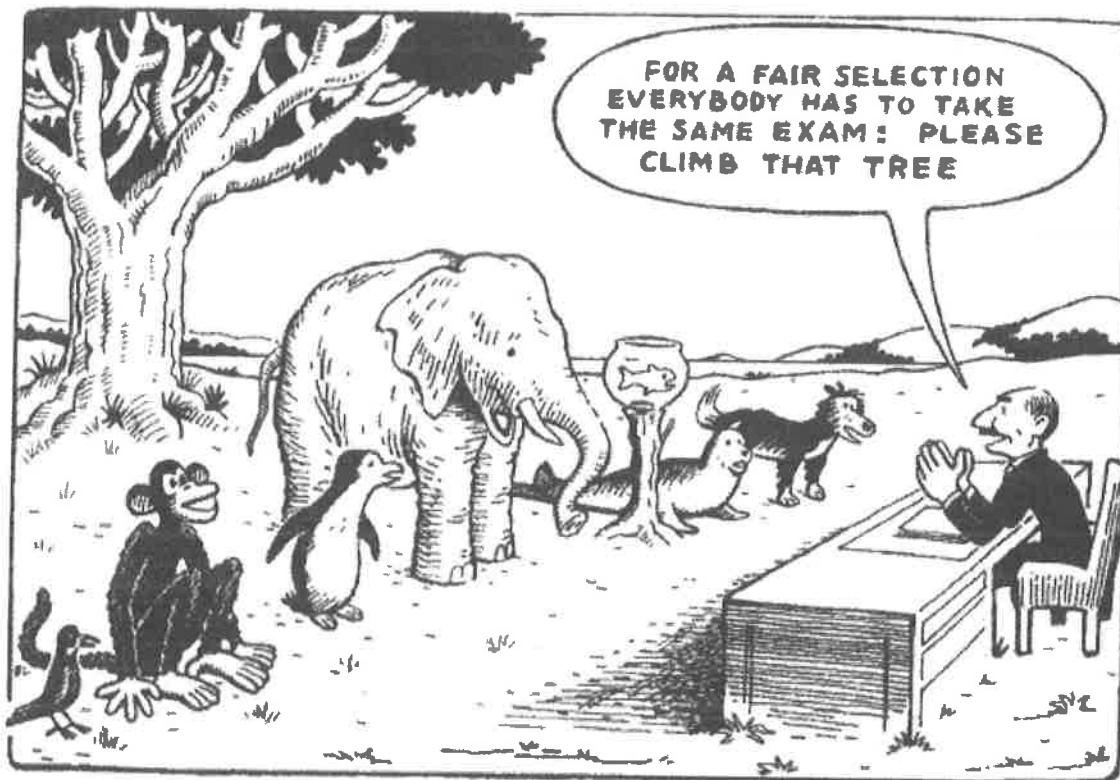
d. form:

e. create:

4. Complete **ONE** of the following tasks, using the space provided below. (15 marks)

- a) Write a letter to the mayor of your municipal council requesting his/ her help in repairing a road in your town. You need to explain in detail why there is a need to repair the road.
- b) Write a letter to the Director of Human Rights Commission requesting him/her to conduct an awareness programme on Human Rights for the people in your area. You need to briefly explain why there is a need for a program of this kind.
- c) Write a letter to the manager of an Internet Service Provider requesting a stable and strong internet connection. You need to explain the reasons as to why the service provider should accommodate your request.

5. Take a look at the following image and answer the questions. [ 20 marks]



a. Describe what you see in the picture. (5-7 sentences)

b. What is your opinion about what you see in the picture? (3-5 sentences)

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