

Department of Official Languages

Islandwide Language Training Programme

Final Examination 2007 (2008)

Basic English (new syllabus)

Paper No. 1

Time : One hour

Answer all questions in this paper itself.

1. Fill in the blanks using **suitable words**.

- (i) I have one nose but eyes.
- (ii) A week has five working
- (iii) Every public office at 8.30 a.m.
- (iv) I have ten in my hands and ten in my feet.
- (v) A class has a teacher and students.

2. Fill in the blanks using the **plural form** of the **underlined** word.

- (i) The cat caught one mouse but several ran away.
- (ii) A man should not fight with
- (iii) My brother in law is younger than their
- (iv) I use only one diary but my friend uses several

3. Fill the blanks using the correct form of the verb given in brackets.

- (i) Yesterday I to my office early. (go)
- (ii) My friend to office tomorrow after leave (come)
- (iii) I two letters yesterday. (write)
- (iv) I did not my lunch today. (take)
- (v) Bataleeya famous for cashew nuts (be)

4. Letters in the following words have been jumbled. Write the correct words in the blanks.

- (i) w n d e k e e
- (ii) v n t o a c a o i l
- (iii) a t c o c n u s
- (iv) s i r l a a k n
- (v) h i s p o t a l

5. Words in the following sentences have been jumbled. Write the sentences in the **proper order**.

- (i) sign the attendance I morning in the early register.
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- (ii) Sri Jayawardhanapura is Sri Lanka Capital the of
.....
- (iii) are there nine in Sri Lanka provinces
.....
- (iv) women Middle East go the Sri Lankan maids as house to the
.....
- (v) secretariat has every district a district.
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6. Write the missing letters in the following to make them meaning ful.

- (i) L.....ng.....ag.....
- (ii) D.....pa.....t.....ent
- (iii) P.....rl.....a.....ent
- (iv) N.....wsp.....p.....r
- (v) Po.....ul.....ti.....n

7. Fill in the blanks using the feminine form of the underlined word.

- (i) Both male and candidates can apply for this post.
- (ii) Each candidate should place his or signature in the application.
- (iii) Bulls pull carts and give milk.
- (iv) Cocks crow in the morning and lay eggs daily.
- (v) Not only kings but also rule countries.

8. Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verb given in brackets.

- (i) I could not go to office yesterday but I am today. (go)
- (ii) The officer was writing a letter and he it when I went to see him (stop)
- (iii) He my letter tomorrow (reply)
- (iv) Sun in the East (rise)
- (v) I hope to my problem with the boss. (discuss)

9. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

Once there lived a farmer in a village. One day he saw a big ash pumpkin growing on his chena. Every day he came to look at the ash pumpkin which was growing bigger and bigger “I can sell this big ash pumpkin at the village fair and get a lot of money” he thought. However one night a thief entered the chena and stole the big ash pumpkin. The farmer was very sad. He went to the village headman to complain about the thief. The headman thought of a good plan to catch the thief. He asked all the people in the village to come to one place. Then he took a bell and went round the people ringing the bell and saying to them, “there is ash on the thief’s shoulder. When the thief heard this he secretly looked back and wiped his shoulders. The headman saw this and cried. “That is the ash pumpkin thief, Catch him”

The village headman wanted to punish the thief. He asked the thief to go around the village with the stolen ash pumpkin on his shoulder.

- (i) What did the farmer see?
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- (ii) Where was the ash pumpkin growing?
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- (iii) Why was the farmer happy?
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- (iv) What did he think after seeing the ash pumpkin?
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- (v) What is a village fair?
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- (vi) Why was the farmer sad?
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- (vii) To whom the farmer made the complaint?
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- (viii) Who went round the people?
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(ix) How did he go round the people?

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(x) What did the headman see?

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