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**Basic English: CC 102**

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Time: 03 hours

Answer all questions on this paper itself.

**Note : Write neatly and clearly.**

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For Examiner's use only.

Question Number	Maximum Marks	Marks obtained
I	10	.....
II	10	.....
III	10	.....
IV	15	.....
V	15	.....
VI	20	.....
VII	20	.....
Total	<u>100</u>	<u>.....</u>

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**Question: I**

Fill in the blanks with **a, an, or the** wherever necessary. Leave the blanks empty if an article is unnecessary.

E.g - I don't usually like staying at ..... hotels, but last summer we spent

few days at ..... **a** ..... very nice hotel by ..... **the** ..... sea.

01. .... tennis is my favourite sport. I play once or twice .....

week if I can, but I'm not ..... very good player.

02. I won't be home for ..... dinner this evening. I'm meeting some

friends after ..... work and we're going to ..... cinema.

03. .... unemployment is increasing at ..... moment.

it's getting difficult for ..... people to find ..... work.

04. There was ..... accident as I was going ..... home

last night. Two people were taken to ..... hospital. I think

..... most accidents are caused by ..... people

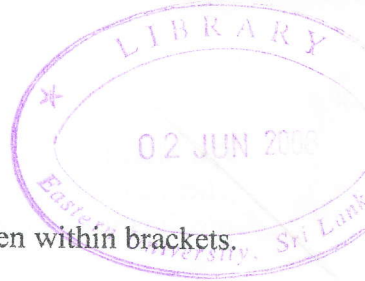
driving too fast.

05. Carol is ..... economist. She used to work in .....

investment department of ..... Lloyds Bank. Now she works

..... American bank in ..... United States.

[20 x ½ = 10 marks]



**Question: II**

Fill in the blanks with the most suitable passive form of the verbs given within brackets.

Eg: There's somebody behind us. I think we are being followed. (follow).

A mystery is something that can't be explained. (can't / explain).

01. We didn't play football yesterday. The match .....  
(cancel).
02. The television ..... (repair). It's working again now.
03. In the middle of the village there is a church which .....  
(restore) at the moment. The work is almost finished.
04. The tower is the oldest part of the church. It .....  
(believe) to be over 600 years old.
05. If I didn't do my job properly, I ..... (would / sack).
06. A: I left a newspaper on the desk last night and it isn't there now.  
B: It ..... (might / throw) away.
07. I learnt to swim when I was very young. I ..... (teach)  
by my mother.
08. After ..... (arrest), I was taken to the police  
station.
09. '..... (you / ever / arrest)?' 'No, never.'
10. Two people ..... (report) to be injured  
(injure) in an explosion at a factory in Birmingham early this morning.

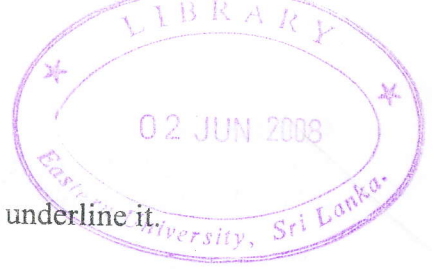
[10 x 1 = 10 marks]

**Question: III**

There are mistakes in some of these sentences. Correct the sentences where necessary and rewrite them in the blanks. Write 'OK' if the sentence is already correct.

01. The building was total destroyed in the fire.  
\_\_\_\_\_
02. I didn't like the book. It was such a stupid story.  
\_\_\_\_\_
03. The city is very polluted. It's the more polluted place I've ever been to.  
\_\_\_\_\_
04. I was disappointing that I didn't get the job. I was well-qualified and the interview went well.  
\_\_\_\_\_
05. It's warm today, but there's quite a strong wind.  
\_\_\_\_\_
06. Joe works hardly, but he doesn't get paid very much.  
\_\_\_\_\_
07. The company's offices are in a modern large building.  
\_\_\_\_\_
08. Dan is a very fast runner. I wish I could run as fast as him.  
\_\_\_\_\_
09. I missed the three last days of the course because I was ill.  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. You don't look happy. What's the matter?  
\_\_\_\_\_

[ 10 x 1 = 10 marks ]



**Question: IV**

Select the correct answer given within brackets and underline it.

Eg: Everything is going well. We [didn't have / haven't had] any problems so far.

01. Lisa [didn't go / hasn't gone] to work yesterday. She wasn't feeling well.
02. Look! That man over there [wears / is wearing] the same sweater as you.
03. Your son is much taller than when I last saw him. He [grew / has grown] a lot.
04. I still don't know what to do. I [didn't decide / haven't decided] yet.
05. I wonder why Jim [is / is being] so nice to me today. He isn't usually like that.
06. Jane had a book open in front of her, but she [didn't read / wasn't reading] it.
07. I wasn't very busy. I [didn't have / wasn't having] much to do.
08. [It begins / It's beginning] to get dark. Shall I turn on the light?
09. After leaving school, Tim [got / has got] a job in a factory.
10. When Sue heard the news, she [wasn't / hasn't been] very pleased.
11. This is a nice restaurant, isn't it? Is this the first time [you are / you've been] here?
12. I need a new job. [I'm doing / I've been doing] the same job for too long.
13. 'Anna has gone out.' 'Oh, has she? What - time [did she go / has she gone]?'
14. 'You look tired.' 'Yes, [I've played / I've been playing] Basketball.'
15. Where [are you coming / do you come] from? Are you American?

[15 x 1 = 15 marks]

**Question: V**

Using the clues given within brackets, select the correct phrases / sentences given below and fill in blanks to complete the dialogue.

Julia and Kevin are old friends. They meet by chance at a rail station.

Eg: Julia : Hello, Kevin. [1] I haven't seen (I / not / see) you for ages. How are you?

Kevin : I'm fine. How about you? [2] you look (you / look ) well.

Julia : Yes, I'm very well thanks.

So, [3] ..... (you / go) somewhere or [4] .....  
..... (you / meet) somebody off a train?

Kevin : [5] ..... (I / go) to London for a business meeting.

Julia : Oh. [6] ..... (you / often / go) away on business?

Kevin : Quite often, yes. And you? Where [7] .....  
(you / go )?

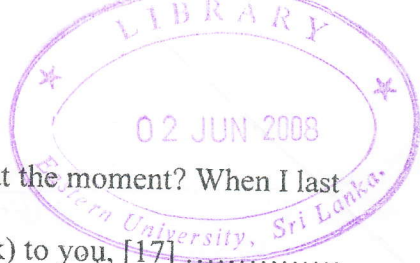
Julia : Nowhere. [8] ..... (I / meet) a friend. Unfortunately her train [9] ..... (be) delayed - [10] ..... (I / wait) her for nearly an hour.

Kevin : How are your children?

Julia : They're all fine, thanks. The youngest [11] ..... (just / start) school.

Kevin : How [12] ..... (she / get ) on? [13] .....  
..... (she / like ) it?

Julia : Yes, [14] ..... (She / think) it's great.



Kevin : [15] ..... (you / work ) at the moment? When I last  
[16] ..... (speak) to you, [17] .....  
..... (you / work) in a travel agency.

Julia : That's right. Unfortunately the company [18] .....  
(go) out of business a couple of months after [19] .....  
(I / start) work there, so [20] ..... (I / lose) my job.

Kevin : And [21] ..... (you / not / have) a job since then?

Julia : Not a permanent job. [22] ..... (I / have) a few  
temporary jobs. By the way, [23] ..... (you/see) Joe  
recently?

Kevin : Joe? He's in Canada.

Julia : Really? How long [24] ..... (he / be) in Canada?

Kevin : About a year now. [25] ..... (I / see) him a few  
days before [26] ..... (he / go). [27]  
..... (he / be) unemployed for months, so [28]  
..... (he / decide) to try his luck somewhere else. [29]  
..... (he / really / look forward) to going.

Julia : So, what [30] ..... (he / do) there?

Kevin : I've no idea. [31] ..... (I / not / hear) from  
him since [32] ..... (he / leave). Anyway, I must  
go and catch my train. It was really nice to see you again.

Julia : You too. Bye. Have a good trip.

Kevin : Thanks, Bye.

he left,  
is he doing,  
he decided  
he went,  
has he been,  
I've had,  
I lost,  
went,  
spoke,  
she thinks,  
is she getting,  
I've been waiting,  
I'm meeting,  
Do you often go,  
are you meeting,  
has been,

I haven't heard,  
He was really looking forward,  
He'd been,  
I saw,  
have you seen,  
you haven't had,  
I started ,  
you were working,  
Are you working,  
Does she like,  
has just started,  
you look, ✓  
are you going,  
I'm going,  
are you going,  
I haven't seen, ✓

[30 x 0 ½ = 15 marks ]



**Question: VI**

Read the article appeared on the Daily News of October 10 2007 and give full answers to the questions below.

**Law Courts, Police provide impartial service – Minister of Justice**

Under the leadership of President Mahinda Rajapaksa, no one should be afraid of the Law Courts and the Police because those institutes provide impartial services for all without any bias. Nearly always the law is linking with the people's lives and it protects their right, said Dilan Perera, Minister of Justice.

He was speaking at the inauguration of the 'Neethi Udana Mobile Service', organized by the Justice and Law Reforms Ministry held at the National School premises, Hali-Ela. The Neethi Udana Service programme is a concept of Minister Dilan Perera and this was the maiden event. Dilan Perera said, "Everybody should know about the law which paves the way to carry on their daily activities successfully without any obstructions and objections. We can educate the people about the law by means of this new programme which paves the way for building a law-abiding society and minimize crime. I decided to launch this programme throughout the country. Uru Warige Vanniyala Aththo, the leader of the aboriginal people of Uva has explained just now that they could not carry on their traditional custom due to the process of the present law. This is similar to the crisis of Tamils in North and East Provinces. The power devolution on the area basis is the best solution for them. Law makers should focus their attention to this point.

We must defeat not only the terrorism. Defeating the nationalism, extremism and oppression is vital. Our vision and mission must mould according to the needs of the public on a national level. Devolution of power is a must to develop all the regions of Sri Lanka." Manel Rajapaksa, Chairman, Uva PC, Dr.Rohana Pushpakumara, Health and Indigenous medicine Minister, W.A.Seneratne, Secretary, Justice Ministry, Wijitha Nanda Kumar, Divisional Superintendent of Police, Hali-Ela, E.M.U. Bandara, O.I.C. of P.I.S. Centre, Badulla Police also spoke.

i. Who are providing impartial services for all in Sri Lanka?

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ii. What does the law connect with?

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iii. Why should everyone know about the law?

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iv. How can the people be educated about the law?

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v. Why should education about the law important?

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vi. What is similar to the crisis of Tamils in the North and East Province?

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vii. What should the law makers focus their attention on?

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viii. What must be defeated?

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ix. What is must to develop all the regions of Sri Lanka?

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x. Find the similar words from the article, for the given words / phrases.

Prejudice: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal transfer: \_\_\_\_\_

The first attempt: \_\_\_\_\_

Usual behaviour: \_\_\_\_\_

Decisive moment: \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning of an activity: \_\_\_\_\_

A building together with its land and outbuildings: \_\_\_\_\_

Reduce: \_\_\_\_\_

Fair: \_\_\_\_\_

Native : \_\_\_\_\_

[20 marks]

**Question: VII**

Write a composition on one of the following topics in 200 words.

1. Importance of English in Higher Education.
2. Importance of External Degree Programmes for the future generation.
3. Peace and Harmony among communities for development.

**Note: Write neatly and clearly.**

