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Answer all the questions on this paper itself.

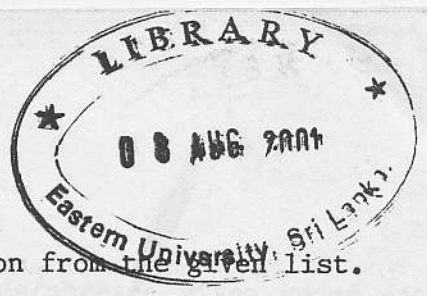
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Question Number	Marks Obtained	Maximum Marks
(01)	10
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Q.01. Fill in the blanks with a suitable preposition from the given list.
You may use a word more than once.

of, by, to, in, on, at, for.

The subsidiary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands known as the people's Fertilizer Company Ltd., is directly contributing (1)..... means of a special project to help sustain the continuing efforts of the Ministry (2)..... uplift the farming community. The project envisages the establishing (3)..... a network of provincial fertilizer stores managed (4)..... company offices that will effectively cover all the important agricultural areas of the country.

It is possible to issue through these outlets, high quality fertilizer, mixed according to Department of Agriculture recommendations (5)..... different soil conditions and different crops cultivated (6)..... different localities. This network will enable the farmers to obtain the fertilizers almost (7)..... their doorsteps and (8)..... very reasonable prices. Besides serving the farmers directly, the company is also planning to co-ordinate activities such as fertilizer distribution, approval of loans, granting discounts, ordering, attending (9)..... complaints and providing up to date information (10)..... fertilizer use.

(1x10 = 10)

Q.02. Fill in the blanks choosing suitable words/phrases given under each sentence.

01. Some students when they enter University _____ hard for their special studies.

(worked, work, works)

02. The best way to solve financial problems _____ to get a suitable job.

(are, is, will be)

03. A member of the YMCA _____ his best to the enterprising students.

(do, does, did)

04. The drama was not interesting at the beginning but in the end it - _____ everybody.

(is thrilling, thrilled, was not thrilling)

05. Pathogen free suckers and non-infected soil _____ essential when susceptible cultivars such as kolikuttu are grown.

(was, are, is)

06. Field sanitation and weed control are essential practices _____ Panama disease.

(to controlling, to control, controlled)

07. More than one percent of the fresh weight of mushrooms _____ ash.

(are, is, were)

08. Wild mushrooms _____ one of mankind's earliest delicacies.

(has been, have, have been)

09. Mushrooms _____ today as a potent protein source that can enrich our diets significantly.

(were valuable, are valued, are)

10. Drain the soil well _____ excess water.

(to minimise, minimised, minimising)

(1x10 = 10)



Q.03. Fill in the blanks using the given words.

barely, ramifying, edible, are, characteristic, food, widening, continue, found, fancifully.

Mushrooms spring from the moist earth in the wake of the first teeming rain which ends drought. They are (01) emerging in circle or rings (02) known as fairy rings, and (03) to appear overnight in gradually (04) circles, till favourable conditions and (05) supplies in the soil last.

The (06) umbrella or button shaped mushrooms (07) actually fruiting bodies of an (08) fungus that grows as a (09) network of fine cobweb like structures (mycelia) (10) visible to human eyes. Since it has no need of manufacturing food like green plants it grows without leaves or sunlight or even roots.

(1 x 10 = 10)

Q.04. Re-arrange the following group of words to make meaningful sentences.

01. /meet your fate / bound to live until you / this world you are / if you are born into /./

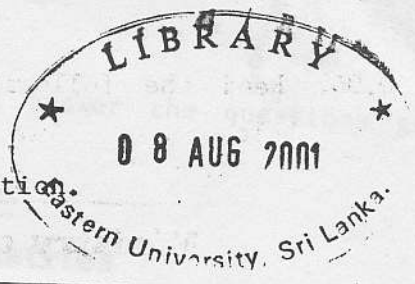
02. /a gift from God, a lesson / life is nothing but / journey towards Him / to be learnt and a /./

03. /is being destroyed, pollution is / day by day the world / population is decreasing / increasing while the /./

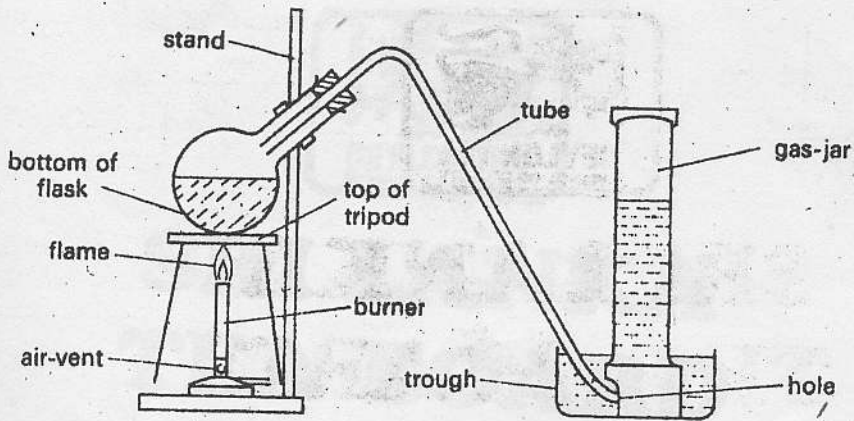
04. /good things / to enjoy / in life / save time /./

05. /smiles and / count your / not by tears / life by the /./

(2 x 5= 10)



Q.5. Look at this diagram and complete the description.



In the above apparatus, the bottom of the flask is spherical in shape. The flask is in a (01) position. The stand is (02) The gas-jar is (03) in shape. The burner is also (04) The air-vent is (05) The flame is (06) The bottom of the trough is (07) The hole at the bottom of the gas-jar is (08) in shape. The top of the tripod is (09) In cross-section, the tube is (10)

(1 x10 = 10)

Q.06. Read the following advertisement and answer the questions given below.

Ministry of Plantation Industries



**SRI LANKA
TEA BOARD**

1. Consumer Expo - 2001 Uzbekistan
24-27 October
2. 26th Tehran International Trade
Fair - 2001 1-8 October

Applications are invited from registered Tea Exporters for participation at the above two Fairs. Only exporters of brands identified with the "Lion Logo" will be considered for participation.

The Tea Board will bear only 50% of the total cost of the space rent and stand construction in each Fair. The balance 50% will have to be borne by the selected participants.

Application Forms could be obtained from the Director, Tea Promotion Division, 574/1, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Duly completed forms should be forwarded to the Director, Tea Promotion Bureau on or before 24th July 2001.

Chairman
Sri Lanka Tea Board
574/1, Galle Road,
Colombo 03.

01. What is the symbol of quality of ceylon tea?

02. For what Fairs are applications invited?

03. Where can we get application forms?

04. What is the closing date?

05. Where should the completed forms be sent?

(2x5 = 10)

Q.07. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

The coconut industry is in the throes of hard times. The coconut production has gone up, but prices have crashed drastically, both of nuts and processed products, in particular, desiccated coconut (DC) and coconut oil.

The nut prices have decreased by over 50%, and coconut oil and DC prices by nearly the same margin compared to prices this time last year. Prices in the other coconut growing countries have also dropped at the same magnitude due to surplus production. The world production is expected to be up by over 5% after many years.

Usually deficit production in some countries is compensated by surplus production in others and the world production has rarely changed by more than 2% from year to year. Therefore 5% is a big jump, and it has caused serious negative impacts on coconut prices globally.

The coconut price decline has also been exacerbated by an over-supply of vegetable oils in the world market. Even at Rs.3/50 per nut, the cost of production of coconut oil is more than US \$ 500/MT. On the other hand, the FOB prices of soy oil and palm oil are about US \$ 350/MT. The cost of production (COP) of palm oil is about US \$ 240/MT.

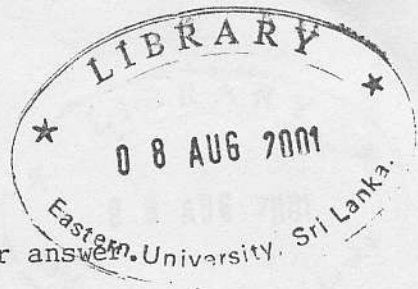
(A)

01. What is facing hard times?

02. What happened to both nuts and processed products?

03. Coconut oil and DC prices have decreased by over 50% .

04. Is the above statement true?



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(b). Give a sentence from the passage to support your answer.

04. What happened by an over-supply of vegetable oils in the world market?

05. Give a suitable heading for the above text?

(2x5 = 10)

(B). Underline the word within brackets which has the same meaning with reference to the words underlined in the text.

01. magnitude (size, trend, time)
02. deficit (insufficient, excess, effective)
03. surplus (excess, average, defective)
04. impact (results, damage, trend)
05. decline (fall, rise, fluctuation)

(2x5 = 10)

Q.08. Write a composition on any one of the given topics. Use about 200 words.

01. Agriculture in Sri Lanka.
02. Importance of Agriculture.

(20 marks)