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Duration : 3 hour

Please check that this examination paper consists of FOURTEEN printed pages before you begin the examination.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Answer SIX questions only.
2. Question 1 from Section A is compulsory. Choose TWO other questions from Section A.
3. Question 5 from Section B is compulsory. Choose TWO other questions from Section B.
4. Write all your answers on the question paper.
5. Write the number of the questions you have answered in the box below.

Section	Questions answered	Marks
Section A	1	
Section B	5	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	

## Section A

1. Read each of the following sentences. Determine whether the underlined word in each sentence is a NOUN, a VERB, an ADJECTIVE, an ADVERB or a PREPOSITION. Write your answer in the space provided.
- [a] A group of men moved menacingly forward to block her way. \_\_\_\_\_
- [b] They both love outdoor pursuits. \_\_\_\_\_
- [c] She really ignited my interest in music. \_\_\_\_\_
- [d] His death was so needless. \_\_\_\_\_
- [e] A youth was inside the car trying to hot-wire it. \_\_\_\_\_
- [f] It is a miracle no one was killed. \_\_\_\_\_
- [g] We went under the arch. \_\_\_\_\_
- [h] He has his father's suspicious nature. \_\_\_\_\_
- [i] I will stop by after dinner. \_\_\_\_\_
- [j] Coat the fish with seasoned flour. \_\_\_\_\_
- [k] They have very strict gun control in Sweden. \_\_\_\_\_
- [l] The news from Ghana is overwhelmingly negative. \_\_\_\_\_
- [m] Everyone was running about. \_\_\_\_\_
- [n] He was staring into the mirror above him. \_\_\_\_\_
- [o] Jane is absolutely right. \_\_\_\_\_
- [p] A change of leadership is badly needed. \_\_\_\_\_
- [q] A jagged scar runs through his lower lip. \_\_\_\_\_

- [r] Cars are mostly metal. \_\_\_\_\_
- [s] He stood outside the door. \_\_\_\_\_
- [t] Two hours of play should be enough. \_\_\_\_\_

[20 marks]

2. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- [a] I need \_\_\_\_\_ (reconstruct) surgery to give me a new nose.
- [b] The \_\_\_\_\_ (hijack) plane exploded in a ball of fire.
- [c] They boarded their flight to Paris without \_\_\_\_\_ (hinder).
- [d] He is known for his \_\_\_\_\_ (generous).
- [e] They were suffering from smoke \_\_\_\_\_ (inhale).
- [f] Eye colour shows your genetic \_\_\_\_\_ (inherit).
- [g] They are beginning to consider selling the \_\_\_\_\_ (matrimony) home.
- [h] Skill comes with practice and \_\_\_\_\_ (persistent).
- [i] A written \_\_\_\_\_ (submit) has to be prepared.
- [j] There is a high chance of \_\_\_\_\_ (survive) if the cancer is detected early.

[10 marks]

3. Replace each phrasal verb underlined below with a verb with the same meaning. Make sure the verb is in the correct tense.

[a] When the lease ran out, the family moved to Italy. \_\_\_\_\_

[b] The car backed up to the front door of the house. \_\_\_\_\_

[c] If you cut the plant, it should send out new shoots. \_\_\_\_\_

[d] When you get through, give the information quickly before you get cut off. \_\_\_\_\_

[e] The editors want her to cut out the poetry from the novel. \_\_\_\_\_

[f] My father has just come into a fortune in diamonds. \_\_\_\_\_

[g] She set out the cakes attractively, using lacy doilies. \_\_\_\_\_

[h] She is trying to work out the value of her assets. \_\_\_\_\_

[i] After he had finished his patrols, he went back to the station to turn in his badge and gun. \_\_\_\_\_

[j] I took down his comments in shorthand. \_\_\_\_\_

[10 marks]

4. Fill in the blanks with a suitable preposition.
- [a] She is liable \_\_\_\_\_ depression.
  - [b] She was hesitant \_\_\_\_\_ coming forward with her story.
  - [c] People have become indifferent \_\_\_\_\_ the suffering of others.
  - [d] Bankers are fearful \_\_\_\_\_ a banking crisis.
  - [e] She has a keen interest \_\_\_\_\_ the progress of the work.
  - [f] He was delighted \_\_\_\_\_ the response given.
  - [g] I have always had a fondness \_\_\_\_\_ jewels.
  - [h] She is not aware \_\_\_\_\_ what is happening.
  - [i] They are intent \_\_\_\_\_ keeping up the pressure.
  - [j] They are interested \_\_\_\_\_ promoting the programme here.

[10 marks]

Section B

5. Answer [a] and [b].

[a] Read the passage below carefully. List any TEN punctuation marks found in the passage and state their functions.

I could not bear the thought that another tragedy was going to follow soon after the first one, but the certainty was growing in my mind that death was imminent.  
 'The sulphonamides are keeping her alive,' I said, 'but we need something stronger.'  
 'Is there anythin' stronger?'  
 'Yes, penicillin.'  
 Penicillin! The marvellous new drug - the first antibiotics – but as yet the veterinary profession had no injectable form.  
 'But let me see ... no ...'

Adapted from: James Herriot, 1981. **The Lord God Made Them All** (London: Pan), p. 87.

	<b>Punctuation mark(s)</b>	<b>Line(s)</b>	<b>Function</b>
[i]	_____	_____	_____
[ii]	_____	_____	_____
[iii]	_____	_____	_____
[iv]	_____	_____	_____
[v]	_____	_____	_____
[vi]	_____	_____	_____
[vii]	_____	_____	_____
[viii]	_____	_____	_____
[ix]	_____	_____	_____
[x]	_____	_____	_____

[b] For each of the following sentences, write a clause in place of the words in italics and state whether the clause is a Noun Clause, an Adjective Clause or an Adverb Clause.

[i] Have you heard *the news*?

\_\_\_\_\_

[ii] The man *with grey hair* is my cousin.

\_\_\_\_\_

[iii] He cannot tell me *the date of his return*.

\_\_\_\_\_

[iv] Can you tell me the road *leading to the museum*?

\_\_\_\_\_

[v] The boy *in the red vest* is the winner.

\_\_\_\_\_

[vi] The doctor is hopeful *of his speedy recovery*.

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[vii] The students were surprised *at your question*.

\_\_\_\_\_

[viii] The military tribunal manager ordered *the soldier to be discharged*.

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[ix] Kamal declared *his innocence*.

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[x] *Under existing conditions* bus journeys are dangerous.

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[10 marks]

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6. Answer [a] and [b].

[a] Rewrite the active sentences below in the passive form and vice-versa.

[i] His classmates will make him monitor.

\_\_\_\_\_

[ii] It is time for the office to be closed.

\_\_\_\_\_

[iii] The engineers are surveying the location.

\_\_\_\_\_

[iv] He is known to me.

\_\_\_\_\_

[v] The King awarded him a title.

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[vi] The youngsters enjoy dancing.

\_\_\_\_\_

[vii] By whom was this letter opened?

\_\_\_\_\_

[viii] The situation will force him to resign.

\_\_\_\_\_

[ix] Silence should be observed.

\_\_\_\_\_

[x] The letter was delivered by courier.

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[10 marks]

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[b] Rewrite the following direct speech into reported speech and vice-versa.

[i] 'There's a snake here!' my aunt screamed.

\_\_\_\_\_

[ii] The doctor said I needed an operation.

\_\_\_\_\_

[iii] The witness said, 'The woman with the red scarf found the wallet.'

\_\_\_\_\_

[iv] Jorah said, 'Kit Siang always fooled around in class.'

\_\_\_\_\_

[v] 'How lovely!' she exclaimed.

\_\_\_\_\_

[vi] Lokman wanted to know how old I was.

\_\_\_\_\_

[vii] The reporter wants to know whether the Minister is ready to give an interview.

\_\_\_\_\_

[viii] Lim wondered if Ramli is rich.

\_\_\_\_\_

[ix] 'Has my parcel arrived?' Mazlan inquired.

\_\_\_\_\_

[x] The salesgirl asked if I was paying cash.

\_\_\_\_\_

[10 marks]

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7. Answer [a] and [b].

[a] State whether the following sentences are Simple Sentence, Compound Sentence or Complex Sentence. For each of the Compound Sentence, separate and underline the coordinating clauses and circle the conjunction connecting the clauses. For each of the Complex Sentence, underline the clauses and identify the Main Clause (MC) and the Subordinate Clause (SC) beneath the appropriate clauses.

[i] Sanjay argues well, but he does not convince me.

[ii] They disagreed with you, for they thought you illogical.

[iii] The police are investigating the theft.

[iv] Samantha went because she has transport.

[v] The couple celebrated their silver wedding anniversary.

[vi] They always talk who never think.

[vii] Listen carefully and take note.

[viii] She must find the document or she will lose her job.

[ix] Quarrels would not last if the fault were only on one side.

[x] Everything comes, if a man will only work and wait.

[10 marks]

[b] Rewrite the following sentences as Compound Sentences or Complex Sentences wherever appropriate.

[i] To his eternal disgrace, he betrayed his country.

\_\_\_\_\_

[ii] He confessed his crime.

\_\_\_\_\_

[iii] The sergeant punished the cadet for insubordination.

\_\_\_\_\_

[iv] Notwithstanding his hard work, he did not succeed.

\_\_\_\_\_

[v] He bought the house which belonged to his uncle.

\_\_\_\_\_

[vi] Only ladies are admitted into the room.

\_\_\_\_\_

[vii] Besides giving money to charity, he also did voluntary work.

\_\_\_\_\_

[viii] The management is thoroughly bad.

\_\_\_\_\_

[ix] He is said to be a millionaire.

\_\_\_\_\_

[x] Hearing their father's footsteps, the children ran away.

\_\_\_\_\_

[10 marks]

8. Answer [a] and [b].

[a] Read the texts below. Identify with examples the lexical relations listed below.

'How is bread made?'  
'I know *that!*' Alice cried eagerly.  
'You take some flour –'  
'Where do you pick the flower?' the White Queen asked.  
'In a garden, or in the hedges?'  
Well. Isn't *picked* at all,' Alice explained; 'it's ground – '  
'How many acres of ground?' said the White Queen.

Source: Fromkin, V., R. Rodman and N. Hyams, 2007. **An Introduction to Language**, 9<sup>th</sup> edition (Boston: Thomson & Wadsworth), p. 191.

[i] homonym

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[ii] homograph

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[iii] homophone

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[6 marks]

[b] Identify the figurative speech in the sentences below. State the figurative meaning/meanings **as used in the sentences**.

[i] The White House will make an announcement regarding the American President's visit tomorrow.

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[ii] They were all as useless as *paper lama*.

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[iii] The murderer was describing how he did his victim in.

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[iv] Wisma Putra has advised all Malaysians to leave the war torn area.

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[v] The computer is corrupted by virus.

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[vi] I am a man whom Fortune hath cruelly scratched.

\_\_\_\_\_

[vii] She put her foot in her mouth.

\_\_\_\_\_

[viii] 'Walk! Not bloody likely. I am going in a taxi.'

\_\_\_\_\_

[ix] We heard the sad news that Harry has passed away.

\_\_\_\_\_

[x] The argillaceous character is prominent in some locations.

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[12 marks]