

**G.C.E. O/L Result Increasing Programme 2020**  
**Comprehension – Writing answers based on a text**  
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1. Read the following text and answer the questions.

Dolphins are mammals capable of swimming at the speed of about 50 kilometers per hour. Most kinds of dolphins have a long snout crammed with up to 200 small pointed teeth. Dolphins travel in a group which is called a “school”. They talk to each other in the school. They communicate their fear, sadness, or happiness through sound signals. They make only a few sounds above water. They produce a lot of sounds under water. Unfortunately, people cannot hear these sounds because they are very high. Therefore, scientists record these sounds on tape and study them. There are many stories about dolphins. They help people who are lost in the sea. They have saved lives of people too. People believe that dolphins bring good luck.

- i. How fast can Dolphins swim?.....
- ii. What is a group of dolphins called? .....
- iii. Why are people unable to hear the sounds made by dolphins? .....
- iv. What do people think about dolphins? .....
- v. Find a word which has the same meaning as the following.  
“An animal fed on the milk of the mother” .....

2. This announcement has been made by water supply board. Read it and fill in the blanks.

Announcement

The water supply board announces that in the following areas the water supply will be interrupted on Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup> from 6.00 a.m to 6.00 p.m for urgent repairs to machinery. Residents in Hingurakgoda, Hathamuna, Pulathisigama, Doradeka and Jayapurawill be affected. The board regrets for inconvenience caused.

- i. Who announces .....
- ii. The date .....
- iii. Time duration .....
- iv. Reason .....
- v. Areas affected .....

3. Read the following text and answer the questions.

Sherpas is an ethnic group that lives mainly in the country of Nepal, in the Himalaya mountain. “ Sherpas exhibit almost superhuman strength climbing at high altitudes”says Everest expert Brot Coburn. Living in mountain villages as high as 14000 with no roads and cars. Shepas hike everywhere and take everything on their back – even T.V’s and refrigerators. Some kids even climb 1500 feet slopes to get to school. That’s equal to 150 stories.

As followers of a religion called Tibetan Buddhism, the Sherpas believe in being peaceful, honouring all people, and accepting suffering without complaint.

- i. What is the name of the ethnic group? .....
- ii. Where do they live? .....
- iii. What kinds of qualities do they have? .....
- iv. What is their religion? .....
- v. What things do they carry on? .....

4. Read the following text and answer the questions.

Last Monday was the first day that we spent in the camp. My father dropped me at the school. I met my teacher and friends. We reached our camping site late in the evening. We put up our tents and went to sleep early.

The first thing we did the next day was to go on a nature hike. The hike was long but we had a lot of fun. I saw several squirrels and two rabbits. I was afraid that I was going to see a snake. It was hot and tiring but we were quite happy taking photographs and enjoying the scenery. Climbing on to a rock we gazed at the distant sea which looked like a blue carpet spread under the white sky. It was so calm and quite. The only sound we heard was the chirping of birds. We felt as if we were the only human beings on earth.

In the evening I made a bookmark out of a beautiful reddish brown leaf found under a tree. I used some glitter I had in my bag to make it shine. I gave it to my mother when I returned home.

- i. With whom did Kasun go to the camping site? .....
- ii. What did the sea look like? .....
- iii. Write the sentence which says there was no sound other than the sound of birds? .....
- iv. Who received the bookmark that Kasun made? .....
- v. Underline the correct answer.  
Kasun did not see a ..... during the hike.  
(a) Rabbit (b) snake (c) squirrel

5. Read the following text and answer the questions.

The gorillas like most of the other primates, live in large groups as they are social creatures. However the western lowland gorillas have the smallest family groups of all gorillas. Sometimes numbering about 30 individuals. Their family groups tend to be smaller than that of their mountain cousins.

These highly structured family groups are led by an old, dominant male gorilla known as the silverback due to the patch of silver hair on its back. It is the silverback who regulates what time the family group wakes up, eats, plays and goes to sleep.

The family group consists of the silverback, 5 – 6 females, newborns and adolescents and possibly a few non – dominant males.

- i. Do gorillas like to live in large groups? .....
- ii. Which group of gorillas have the smallest family groups? .....
- iii. What is the leader of a family group of gorillas called? .....
- iv. How does silverback get its name? .....
- v. Write down two things decided by the silverback. ....

6. Read the following poem and answer the questions.

**The Eagle**

The eagle  
They have him a cage  
And little children run  
To offer him well meant bits of bun  
And very common people say "My world"  
Aint he a horrible bird  
And so smart "how absurd"  
Poor captive, draggled, downcast  
Lord of the air,  
Steadfast in his despair,

- i. Where is the eagle? .....
- ii. What do children give him? .....
- iii. Write five adjectives from the poem .....
- iv. Write out the words from the poem which have the same meaning as the following.  
ordinary - .....  
firm - .....

He doth not rage  
But with unconquerable eye,  
And soul aflame to fly,  
Considereth the sun

lose hope - .....  
get angry - .....

7. Read the following text and answer the questions.

My neighbour's children love playing hide and – seek as all children do, but no one expected that a game they played last week would be reported in the local paper.

One afternoon, they playing in the street just outside the post – office. Young Deshan, who is only five years old, found the perfect place to hide. His sister Dilini, had shut her eyes and was counting up to ten when Deshan noticed that the small metal door of the letter – box had been opened. The postman had just taken all the letters out and had gone into the post – office yo see if there any parcels. Deshan climbed onto the letter – box and pulled the door from the inside so hard that it locked.

Soon realizing what he had done, he became very frightened and started crying. Meanwhile Dilini was looking for him everywhere but could not find him. It was lucky she happened to stop outside the letter – box and hear her brother's cries. She immediately ran to tell the postman who hurried out to unlock the metal door. Deshan was now free, but he had such a bad fright that he could not stop crying.

The postman however, soon found a way of making him laugh again. He told him that the next time he wanted to hide in a letter – box, he sould remember to stick a stamp on himself.

- i. What was the writer's neighbour's favourite game? .....
- ii. Where did Deshan choose to hide? .....
- iii. Why did not the postman see Deshan enter the letter – box? .....
- iv. Who opened the door of the letter – box? .....
- v. How did the postman stop Deshan from crying? .....

8. Read the following poem and answer the questions.

### Picking teams

When we pick teams in the playground,  
Whatever the game might be,  
There's always somebody left until last  
And usually it's me.

I stand there looking hopeful  
And tapping myself on the chest,  
But the captains pick the others first,  
Starting, of course, with the best.

May be if teams were sometimes picked  
Starting with the worst,  
Once in his life a boy like me  
Could end up being first!

- i. Underline the correct answer  
This poem is about a. selection for a drama  
b. selection for a team  
c. selection for an orchestra
- ii. write the line which says that the boy is waiting to be selected to the team.....
- iii. Who picks the best players? .....
- iv. write words which rhyme with the following words  
be - ..... chest - .....
- v. What do you feel for the boy?.....

9. Read the following text and answer the questions.

Babehamy knew exactly what to do, it was not the first time he had given evidence. He was quite at his ease when he made the affirmation that he would tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. He gave his name and his occupation. Then his proctor stood up and said to him.

Now Arachchi, tell us exactly what has happened.

Babehamy cleared his throat and then told the following story in a rather sing song voice.

About four days ago when I woke up in the morning my wife had gone out into the compound. I heard her cry out, "Aiyo' someone has made a hole in the wall of the house" I ran out and saw a hole on the western side of the house. The hole was big enough for a man to crawl through. There are two rooms in the house, one of the eastern side, and one on the western side. We, my wife and I, were sleeping that night in the room was a wooden box in which were clothes and two new sarong cloths and jewellery belonging to my wife. The box locked. When I saw the hole I ran back into the house to see if the box was safe. I found it had disappeared. At that I cried: "Aiyo, my box has been stolen. "Then the mudalali, who had been staying in the hut next to mine, hearing the cries came up and asked what was the matter. I told him: he said "I saw your brother- in -law come running from your compound carrying something in his hands. He ran into the jungle behind his own house. " I went straight off to the village of Korala mahaththaya.

The Korala mahaththaya went to the accused's house and searched. In the roof between the thatch he found the two sarong cloths and my wife's jewellery, and the box with lock broken was found in the jungle behind the house.

When Babehamy began his story. Babun and Silindu had not really listened to what he was saying. They were still dazed and confused, they did not quite understand what was going on. But as he proceed, they gradually grasped what he was doing, and when he told the story about the Mudalali, they saw the whole plot. Their brains worked slowly; they felt they were trapped; there was no way out of it? Babehamy's proctor stood up to examine him but the jungle imperrupted him.

The first accused, I understand, is the brother – in – low of the complainant. Is that correct? I propose to charge the accuse now. But is there any evidence against the second accuse Silindu, isn't that his name? – Mr Perera?"

There is no evidence, sir, he said to the judge, to connect him directly with the theft. But he was in the house in which the first accused lived, on the night in question. He must have been an accessory. He is the owner of the house, I understand and might be charged with receiving'

No certainly not if that's your only evidence to connect him with the theft. I should not be prepared to convict in any case, Mr. Perera. I shall discharge him at once – especially as the man does not look as if he is quiteright in the head.'

'very well sir.'

Charge the first accused only,' said the judge to the interpreter. "There is no evidence against the second accused. He can go.'

- i. Say whether these statements are true or false.
  - a) Silindu stole the wooden box ( )
  - b) Babehamy was the Korala Mahaththaya ( )
  - c) Silindu and Babun realised that it was a plot against them ( )
  - d) The Mudalali supported Babehamy ( )
  
- ii. What was inside the box? .....
- iii. Where was the box found? .....
- iv. Why did the proctor want to charge Silindu? .....
  
- v. Join these words with their meanings.

Affirmation	-	A person charged with a crime
Accused	-	shocked
Dazed	-	continued
Proceeded	-	confirmation

