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QUESTION 01

A. Mark whether the following sentences are **correct** or **incorrect**. Put (✓) for the correct and (X) for the incorrect sentences in the brackets given at the end of each sentence.

- 1) It is one of the great films that I have ever seen in my life. (.....)
- 2) Supun, you are coming with me, are you? (.....)
- 3) Neither the students nor the teachers has to come tomorrow . (.....)
- 4) The crowd were cheering at the top of their voices. (.....)
- 5) His misbehaviour effected the behaviour of the rest of the class. (.....)
- 6) Please give me all the informations you have about the new project. (.....)
- 7) If we visit Trincomale we will bathe at the hot water springs. (.....)
- 8) Our principel gave some principals for the students to follow. (.....)
- 9) I couldn't attend the meeting since it rained heavily yesterday. (.....)
- 10) I am doubtful weather she will be selected to the university or not. (.....)

(Marks- 01x10=10)

B. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in brackets

- 1) I (do/not) finish my assignment because I had a problem with my laptop.
- 2) If you like sea, (surf) is a great exercise. Don't you think so?
- 3) This fish sometimes changes colours. Now look! It is not moving and (be/aim) at its next meal.
- 4) Do not angry with me Kusal. When you rang I (be/have) a bath and I missed your call.
- 5) While I was singing the song my friends (be/ play) their musical instruments.
- 6) Saman, have you ever ridden a horse?
No, Kusal I (never/ride) a horse in my life.
- 7) I am waiting for you for an hour. Where you (have/ be) all the time?
- 8) Dimuthu is very good at languages. He (speak) four languages very well.
- 9) I am afraid I have no time to help you. I am writing a report now. But, I (promise) I will give some help later.
- 10) When I switch the TV on, the programme (have/ start). So I missed the beginning.

(Marks- 01x10=10)

QUESTION 02

Complete the following sentences suitably using the appropriate linking words given below each sentence.

- 1) The students went on demanding better hostel facilities and decided to go on strike.
a. **due to** b. **to begin with** c. **anyway** d. **finally**
- 2) The report is critical of the industry. it recommends extensive changes to sea foods.
a. **in spite of** b. **yet** c. **although** d. **further more**
- 3) It was clear that nobody was listening to the speaker. he continued to deliver his speech.
a. **for example** b. **because** c. **nevertheless** d. **in addition**
- 4) to the many books he wrote on Marine Biology he is well known for his environmental conservation activities.
a. **nevertheless** b. **moreover** c. **furthermore** d. **in addition**
- 5) Starting your own hotel is not an easy task. you need the necessary infrastructure.
a. **to begin with** b. **therefore** c. **so that** d. **next**
- 6) His duties at the new aqua laboratory are risky.the salary is rewarding.
a. **unless** b. **next** c. **moreover** d. **however**
- 7) you may stop drinking you may die soon. That's the bitter truth.
a. **although** b. **unless** c. **before** d. **since**
- 8) the government encourages tourist industry in Sri Lanka it gets some disadvantages.
a. **yet** b. **unless** c. **since** d. **although**
- 9) That day fishermen did not go fishing of the storm.
a. **that** b. **because** c. **as** d. **instead of**
- 10) They came across a big dolphin they were sailing in the dark blue sea.
a. **while** b. **before** c. **then** d. **even if**

(Marks- 01x10=10)

QUESTION 03

Write appropriate questions for the sentences given below with the question words given within brackets.

- 1) Shani lives with her grandmother, (with whom)
.....?
- 2) It's been raining since three o'clock. (How long)
.....?
- 3) Kasun went home because he had a headache. (Why)
.....?
- 4) We have lab practices once a week. (How often)
.....?
- 5) They are doing their revision exercises now. (What)
.....?
- 6) Nipuni has gone to France. (Where)
.....?
- 7) Most of the university students came by bus. (How)
.....?
- 8) The festival starts at 7.30 (at what time)
.....?
- 9) She phoned me last Friday. (When)
.....?
- 10) I spent a lot of money last year for my studies. (How much)
.....?

(Marks- 01x10=10)

QUESTION 04

Put the words/ phrases in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.

1) (on the top of/ write/ please/ research report/ your name / the/ submitting/ before)

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2) (worldwide people / fishing/ animal protein/ is the main source of/ for a billion)

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3) (for many/ a permanent habitant/ coral reefs/ important fish species / provide)

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4) (Organization/ World Fish Center/ nonprofit/ is/ an autonomous research / and/
international)

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5) (one of/ many subjects/ among/ Acquire Culture/ is/ my favourite subjects)

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6) (decades/ has grown rapidly/ employment/ in fishing/ over the past few)

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7) (in my childhood/ began/ my interest in marine science / very early/ about seven years of age)

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8) (you ever/ a dark blue/ seen/ whale/ have/ in your life)

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.....?

9) (many/ environments/ pollution/ has destroyed / marine)

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10) (you have to do/ many research/ as a scientist/ to find/ new things)

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(Marks- 01x10=10)

QUESTION 05

A. Fill in the blanks in the following passage with the words given in the box.

When we look at the sea, it is usually hard to imagine what life is like and what species (1)beneath the waves. We usually don't (2) there is a whole different world down there, with its own mountains, valleys and animals, that only a few of us have seen and which remains largely (3)..... The Earth's tallest mountain, longest mountain range and (4) canyon are all found in the ocean. Globally there are more species of fish in the oceans than all the mammals, reptiles and birds (5)..... Many scientists believe the ocean has far more (6) of species than land, because so much marine life (7) undiscovered. The areas where many species are yet to be discovered (8) with the smaller animals and plants and in the deep sea. Some scientists believe that there may be 10 million undiscovered species in the deep sea alone! Human-driven extinctions of plants and animal species are now occurring at the (9) rate in the world's history, even before the majority of species have been discovered. With this in mind there is increasing (10) to conserve our biodiversity both on land and in the sea.

fastest	exist	unexplored	combined	pressure
deepest	variety	realize	lie	remains

(Marks 01/2x10= 05)

B. Underline the word or phrase which is the **closest in meaning** to the words underlined in the passage.

One of the biggest threats to our oceans is man-made pollution. Discarded plastics and other residential waste, discharge from pesticides and industrial chemicals eventually find their way into the sea with devastating consequences for marine life and the habitats they depend on. Shipping accidents and oil spills add additional toxins to the mix. It is estimated that a staggering 80 per cent of marine pollution originates on land. Plastics are one of the biggest man-made pollutants in the marine environment, with an estimated eight million tons of plastic waste finding its way into our oceans each year. The build-up of plastic litter - bottles and cups, plastics found in cigarette filters, straws and other 'macro plastics' (those which are larger than 5mm) – in these urban coastal areas washes out to sea in heavy rain, polluting coastal waters and eventually drifting out to sea, where it breaks down into ever smaller pieces, eventually

becoming micro plastics. The harm caused by plastic pollution is wide ranging. It **chokes** wildlife above and below the waterline. An estimated one million sea birds and an unknown number of sea turtles die each year as a result of plastic **debris** clogging their digestive tracts, and marine animals of all sorts can become tangled and **incapacitated** by discarded fishing lines and plastic bags. There are small but **significant** changes we can all make to help reduce the plastics threatening to **engulf** our oceans, for example reducing our dependency on single-use items such as thin plastic bags, plastic water bottles, straws and cutlery, or taking part in local beach clearing initiatives.

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| 1) discharge | - | spread/ load/ release/ blast/ |
| 2) eventually | - | finally/ sometimes/ later time/ initially |
| 3) consequences | - | values/ causes/ reasons/ aftermaths |
| 4) estimated | - | liked/ expected/ concluded/ assessed |
| 5) drifting | - | wondering/ covering/ struggling/ flowing |
| 6) chokes | - | obstructs/ clears/ unblocks/ unplugs |
| 7) debris | - | ingredients/ fragments/ types/ tubes |
| 8) incapacitated | - | adjusted/ uncovered/ fabricated/ disabled |
| 9) significant | - | important/ unexpressive/ appreciated/ valued |
| 10) engulf | - | overwhelm/ protect/ discover/ open |

(Marks 0½ x 10= 05)

QUESTION 06

Read the following text and answer the questions

Whale watching is the act of observing of whales in their natural habitat (similar in a way to bird watching) which involves spectators standing at the end of a pier or on the deck of a boat with binoculars watching these marine mammals as they live undisturbed in their natural habitat. While whale watching is most commonly used as a form of recreation, it also serves as an educational and scientific way to study the species without interfering with their habitat or lives.

In some instances marine biologists and researchers may use whale watching opportunities to study the habits, social structure and migrations pattern of these marine mammals among other things. Whether used for recreation or for scientific research whale watching has become an

international hobby and can be seen in many countries including the US, Spain, Britain, Australia, New England and Alaska among several other popular tourist locations. In fact since its inception the whale watching industry has become a billion dollar annual business employing thousands of people and serving millions of whale watchers each year. Whale watching tourism is extremely important for developing countries looking to bring awareness to their nation as well as helping a number of economies by bringing in additional capital to countries that can benefit from the additional tourism boost.

Among the many different recorded whale species some of the most popular species for those who enjoy whale watching include the blue whale, humpback whale, bowhead whale, gray whale, fin whale and minke whale among others. While whale watching spotters enjoy watching and observing whales these marine mammal enthusiasts may also look out for a number of different dolphin species such as killer whale, (killer whales belong to the dolphin family), bottlenose dolphins, hourglass dolphins and other popular dolphin species that may be found among the group of whales they're observing. Not only has whale watching become extremely profitable for a number of different countries it has also brought awareness about the current state of endangered whale species to millions of people and some whale watching businesses and organizations use part of their income to help fund whale conservation's and awareness programs aimed at helping these marine mammals recover from their endangered status while improving laws to further protect these important animals and prevent them from facing possible extinction.

However, Due to the rapid growth of whale watching as a commercial business and tourist attraction some concerns about the rate and growth of whale watching have become a popular debate. Several concerns have developed including the concern of ships, technology and people interrupting the whales' natural habitat, putting whales at danger and interrupting their natural breeding and migration patterns which could lead to further endangerment of the species.

(Extracted from: <http://www.whalefacts.org>)

A. Read the statements given below and mark whether they are **true (T)**, **false (F)** or **not given (NG)** in the brackets given at the end of each statement.

- 1) Whale watching is the act of observing whales in their natural or artificial habitat (.....)
- 2) The basic purpose of whale watching is recreation. (.....)
- 3) In some cases archaeologists and researchers may use whale watching opportunities to study their habits, social structure and migrations pattern (.....)
- 4) Watching whales has become the main international hobby in Spain (.....)
- 5) Whale watching tourism is crucial for developed countries to bring awareness to their nation and help a number of economies in bringing additional capital. (.....)

(Marks 01x5= 05)

B. Answer the following questions.

1) Mention some advantages of whale watching tourism.

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2) What are the popular dolphin species that can be found amidst the group of whales when we observe them?

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3) What are the additional advantages of whale watching despite its economic gains?

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4) Why has whale watching become a popular debate in present days?

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5) Suggest a suitable title for the above passage.

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(Marks 01x5= 05)

QUESTION 07

The following dialogue shows a conversation between two friends. Complete the dialogue suitably.

Dimuthu: Hi Anju, how are you?

Anju : Hi! (1) and you?

Dimuthu: I am fine too. Missed you a lot. Where have you been so long?

Anju : (2)

Dimuthu: Oh! In Russia! FIFA Finals! Great! Do you have any relatives there?

Anju : (3) lives in Russia.
Anyway (4) in
Russia?

Dimuthu: Oh, no Anju I (5) in Russia.
But one day I wish I could fly there. Amazing feeling!

Anju : Anyway, Dimuthu, do you have any idea about our Chemistry assignment? I
have missed all the academic work so badly.

Dimuthu: Yes Anju, we (6)
Otherwise we won't be allowed to do the practical test.

Anju : Oh! Next Friday. Did they give a sample assignment format to follow?

Dimuthu : Well, No such formats. (7)
.....

Anju : Oh! God! Meet and discuss with the course coordinator! Terrible. I have no idea
about it at all.

Dimuthu : Yes, that's what I came to know from one of our friends. I am also the same. I
was absent for the last couple of days due to my sister's wedding. Believe me, I
am still struggling with that assignment.

Anju : Is that so? What shall we do now? (8) Shall we go to the Canteen to
..... who knows about this.

Dimuthu : Sure. (9) idea.

Anju : (10) OK, let's..... and solve the
issue.

(Marks 01x10= 10)

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