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Duration : Three hours

The Question Paper contains 07 questions.

Answer *all* the questions *on the paper itself*.

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Question No.	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained	
		Examiner 01	Examiner 02
1	10		
2	10		
3	10		
4	10		
5	10		
6	10		
7	10		
Total Marks	70		

QUESTION 01

Fill in the blanks with a/an/the if necessary (10 marks)

My working day starts very early. From 1..... Monday to Friday I get up at half past three and I have 2..... shower and a cup of coffee. I usually leave 3..... house at ten past four because 4..... car always arrives 5..... few minutes early. I get to the studio at about five o'clock and start 6..... work. My programme *Good Morning Britain* starts at seven o'clock and finishes at nine o'clock. Then I leave the studio at 7..... quarter past ten. After that, I go shopping and visit some friends. I get home at three o'clock. 8..... woman helps me with 9..... housework and 10..... ironing. I read a newspaper and do some work.

QUESTION 02

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the word given in the brackets. One has been done for you. (10 marks)

Sri Lanka is much smaller (small) than India.

1. I think she is still ill. She looks even (bad) than last week.
2. His results are not as (good) as his colleague's.
3. Which of the three supermarkets do you think has (wide) range of products?
4. He has (big) potential than anyone thought.
5. It's becoming (difficult) to attract new customers. What we need is a new strategy.
6. In the last few months, competition has become (tough).
7. Things are better organised now. We have (less) problems than before.
8. I chose this car as my favourite because it's (fast) than all the others I have driven.
9. She's a lot (happy) in the new job than she was in the previous one.
10. His latest film is (exciting) than his last.

QUESTION 03

Fill in the blanks with the word most suitable for the meaning of the sentence. (10 marks)

1. This job is too(*stressed-out/stressful*).
2. There's a lot of work, but I can(*deal/handle*) it.
3. I was(*hired/heard*) last month.
4. They(*fired/failed*) two of my co-workers, and I'm afraid I might be next.
5. My(*commute/communion*) (= the time it takes me to get to work) isn't so bad.
6. The company has a reputation for treating their
(*employees/employed*) well.
7. I usually don't eat in the(*lunchroom/lunch-zone*). I go out to eat.
8. The dress(*code/cut*) is casual.
9. I'm thinking about(*quitting/stopping*) my job.
10. We don't have(*assess/access*) to that information.

QUESTION 04

On Monday morning, at the gate of the university, you meet a visitor to the university. He is looking for the Vice chancellor's office and asks you for directions. Fill in the blanks to complete the conversation.

Visitor: Excuse me. Good morning. Do you belong to this university?

You:(1)Good morning.....

Visitor: I am visiting this university for the first time and I need to meet the Vice Chancellor at 9.00 a.m. Could you please help me to find his office?

You:(2)Sure.....
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Visitor: So the Administration building is opposite the flag poles?

You:(3).....

Visitor: Okay, and then?

You:(4).....
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Visitor: The directions are very clear. Thank you very much!

You:(5).....

QUESTION 05

Read the passage given below and answer the questions. (10 marks)

The Cherry Blossom Festival

The blooming of the cherry trees in Washington D.C. is an annual tradition which has come to symbolise the natural beauty of America’s capital city. The famous trees herald Washington’s rite of spring with a vivid explosion of life and colour that blankets the city’s open spaces in a sea of fragrant white and pale pink blossoms.

The first cherry trees were presented as a gift of friendship from the Japanese people to the people of the United States in the early twentieth century. 3020 cherry trees of different varieties were planted in March 1912, with just over half of the trees being Yoshino cherry trees.

In Japan, the cherry tree, or “Sakura”, is a plant which is valued highly. It is a powerful symbol which represents transformation of Japanese culture throughout the ages.

Cherry blossom blooming peaks anywhere from mid-March to Mid-April, depending on weather conditions. The peak bloom date is defined as the day when seventy percent of the Yoshino cherry blossoms are open.

Hundreds of thousands of people from around the world visit Washington D.C. every year spring to enjoy seeing the Japanese flowering cherry trees in full bloom.

(Source: <https://www.esolcourses.com/content>)

1. When does the cherry blossom festival take place?

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2. How did Americans get the cherry trees?

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3. Name a type of cherry tree that can be seen in Washington.

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4. Do cherry blossoms smell nice? Write the line of the text which gives you the answer.

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5. Why are cherry trees very important in Japan?

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