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PAPER I — සම්පූර්ණ Answer Note

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PAPER I · 60 MARKS

Q1 – Q8 · 2020 · 2024 · 2025

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PART A — GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY [35]

? QUESTION 1 — PREPOSITIONS (05 MARKS)

Instruction (අවුරුදු 30 එකයි):

Fill in the blanks in the following text, using the prepositions given in the box. Use each preposition only once. There is one preposition extra.

2020

Box: to · in · without · under · for · with

Two friends were sitting (1) a tree. "What a beautiful night, look at the moon," one of them said (2) the other. ... Both started arguing (3) a while until they saw another person coming. One stopped him and asked, "Sir, I was having an argument (4) my friend..." The third one looked at the sky and said, "Sorry, I don't live (5) this part of the country."

ANSWERS 2020

No.	Answer	Why
1	under	<i>sit under a tree</i> — position below something
2	to	<i>said to somebody</i> — fixed pattern
3	for	<i>for a while</i> — length of time
4	with	<i>an argument with somebody</i> — fixed
5	in	<i>live in a place</i>
—	extra: without	—

2024

Box: of · for · in front of · in · through · at

One day, two lawyers met early (1) the morning and decided to go (2) a walk. While walking through the woods, they spotted a vicious-looking bear standing (3) them. The first lawyer immediately opened his briefcase, pulled out a pair (4) running shoes... The second lawyer looked (5) him and said, "You're crazy!"



ANSWERS 2024

No.	Answer	Why
1	in	<i>in the morning</i> — part of the day
2	for	<i>go for a walk</i> — fixed
3	in front of	position ahead of them
4	of	<i>a pair of shoes</i> — fixed
5	at	<i>look at somebody</i> — fixed
—	extra: through	—

2025

Box: with · on · without · at · of · for

A notoriously mischievous student studying biology (1) his degree... "How long can a man survive (2) a brain, sir?" ... the professor, who was well aware (3) the guy, was ready. He looked (4) the student thoughtfully... and after a brief pause, added (5) a calm smile.

ANSWERS 2025

No.	Answer	Why
1	for	<i>study for a degree</i> — purpose
2	without	<i>survive without something</i>
3	of	<i>aware of something</i> — fixed
4	at	<i>look at somebody</i> — fixed
5	with	<i>with a smile</i> — manner
—	extra: on	—

HOW TO REMEMBER

පෙට්ටියේ 6යි → හිස්තැන් 5යි → එකක් ඉතුරු වෙනවා



STEP 1 ලේසි fixed pairs මුලින්ම (look at · aware of · pair of · argue with)

STEP 2 ඊට පස්සේ time / place (in the morning · under a tree · in Colombo)

STEP 3 ඉතුරු වුණ එක අමාරුම හිස්තැනට

STEP 4 ඉතුරු වුණ preposition එක වෙන තැනකට හොඳට ගැළපෙනවද කියලා බලන්න

"FIRST TIME PLACE"

Fixed pairs $\rightarrow$ TIME $\rightarrow$ PLACE. ඒ පිළිවෙලට කරන්න.

Fixed pairs — කට්ටාඩම් කරන්න (හැම අවුරුද්දෙම එනවා):

Verb + prep	Adjective + prep	Noun + prep
look at · listen to	aware of · afraid of	a pair of
argue with · agree with	interested in · good at	a reason for
depend on · apologise for	proud of · famous for	an increase in
wait for · belong to	responsible for	a solution to

TIME: at 5 p.m. · on Monday · in July / in 2026 / in the morning **PLACE:** at the station · in the room · on the table
· under a tree · in front of

PRACTICE

- කටපාඩම්: ෭ඩ table එකේ pairs 16ම
- තේරුම් ගන්න: ඇයි "in the morning" ඒත් "at night"
- පුහුණු: past papers 3මේ Q1 එක ආපසු කරන්න — මිනිත්තු 3යි

COMMON MISTAKES

- X එකම preposition එක දෙසාරක් දෑන එක
- X ඉතාරු වෙන එකක් තියෙනවා කියලා අමතක වෙන එක → ඔක්කොම දෑන හදනවා
- X මළ text එක නොකියවා පටන් ගන්න එක (හැර එකක්ම විහිළුවක් — punchline එකෙන් හේරෙනවා)

QUESTION 2 — VERB FORMS (10 MARKS)

Instruction: Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb given within brackets.

2020 — Jayantha the bus story

Jayantha is a management assistant... He **(1)** (work) in the office from eight to four. Last Monday, at four o'clock he **(2)** (leave) the office and got on a bus **(3)** (go) home. **(4)** (find) a vacant seat, he sat down behind the bus driver... Jayantha jumped up and told the passenger, **(5)** "..... (keep) my bag, please. I **(6)** (see) what is happening." He shook the driver and asked "Why? What **(7)** (be) the problem?" No response **(8)** (make) by the driver... An ambulance **(9)** (arrive) and took the bus driver to the hospital... If he **(10)** (not take) his decision at the right time, many passengers would have been injured.

ANSWERS 2020

No.	Answer	Why
1	works	present simple — a habit / routine
2	left	past simple — <i>Last Monday</i>
3	to go	infinitive of purpose — <i>got on a bus to go home</i>
4	Finding	participle clause opening a sentence
5	Keep	imperative — he is telling someone to do it
6	will see	future decision made at that moment
7	is	present — the problem exists now
8	was made	passive — the response receives the action
9	arrived	past simple — part of the story
10	had not taken	third conditional — <i>If ... had not taken ... would have been</i>

2024 — Jack Ma

Ma (1) (inspire) by the internet during a trip to the US in 1995... The company had a huge success in 2014, (2) (make) Ma enormously wealthy. Jack Ma (3) (be) now a well-known figure... He (4) (possess) a 7.8% share in Alibaba. During his teenage years, he interacted with foreign tourists (5) (improve) his English. After (6) (complete) his degree, Jack Ma (7) (start) his career as an educator. He faced numerous job rejections before (8) (achieve) success... Jack Ma's life story (9) (teach) us the importance of perseverance... even an ordinary individual (10) (achieve) extraordinary success.

ANSWERS 2024

No.	Answer	Why
1	was inspired	passive — <i>by the internet</i>
2	making	participle showing the result
3	is	present simple + <i>now</i>
4	possesses	present simple, third person - es
5	to improve	infinitive of purpose
6	completing	gerund after the preposition <i>after</i>
7	started	past simple
8	achieving	gerund after the preposition <i>before</i>

9	teaches	present simple, third person -es
10	can achieve	modal — possibility

2025 — the book lover and the dog

A book lover was walking past a bookshop when she saw a dog **(1)** (sit) on the steps... Instantly, the book cover **(2)** (recognise) by the woman as a rare first edition... "I **(3)** (be) sorry," the shopkeeper said... "Please, **(4)** (sell) me the dog," the woman begged... "Okay, the dog **(5)** (be) yours," said the shop owner... "Would you mind **(6)** (give) that old book to me as well? I **(7)** (hate) to separate the dog from something he is attached to. The dog seems **(8)** (love) it." ... "because it **(9)** (bring) me a lot of business since last month... I sold 45 dogs," the owner **(10)** (reply) with a smile.

ANSWERS 2025

No.	Answer	Why
1	sitting	participle after saw — an action in progress
2	was recognised	passive — <i>by the woman</i>
3	am	present — <i>I am sorry</i>
4	sell	imperative — she is asking him to do it
5	is	present — <i>the dog is yours</i>
6	giving	gerund after <i>would you mind</i>
7	would hate	second conditional feeling — polite
8	to love	<i>seem + to + infinitive</i>
9	has brought	present perfect — <i>since last month</i>
10	replied	past simple — story

HOW TO REMEMBER — the 4-question ladder

හිස්තැනක් හමිබුණාම මේ 4 පිළිවෙලට අහන්න

- ① SHAPE? ඉස්සරහින් මොකද?
 - after preposition (after, before, without, by) → -ing
 - after "to" → infinitive
 - after modal (can, will, must) → base verb
 - after seem / want / need / decide → to + verb
 - sentence මුලේ participle → -ing
- ② VOICE? Subject එකට යමක් **වෙනවද**? → be + past participle
 "No response ___ by the driver" → was made
- ③ TIME? වරේ තියෙන වාක්‍ය බලන්න — line එක විතරක් නෙවෙයි!

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| last Monday / in 1995 | → past simple |
| since / for / already | → present perfect |
| now / today | → present |
| every day / usually | → present simple |
- ④ IF? If + had + p.p. ... would have + p.p. (third conditional)

S-V-T-I = "සර් වැඩ තියෙනවා ඉක්මනට"

Shape → Voice → Time → If

PRACTICE

- **කටපාඩම්:** irregular verbs 30ක් (go-went-gone) — වැරදෙන්ම spelling එකෙන්
- **තේරුම් ගන්න:** passive එක හඳුනාගන්නේ කොතොමද — *subject* එකට වෙන දෙයක්ද?
- **පුහුණු:** Q2 එකක් කරලා, හැම උත්තරයකටම **ඇයි** කියලා ලියන්න

COMMON MISTAKES

- X Tense වැඩ කර, spelling වැඩ වැරදි (*written, taught*) → මාක් නැ
- X Passive වැඩ අමතක වීම — 2020, 2024, 2025 **තුනේම** තිබුණා
- X වැඩ line වැඩ විතරක් කියවලා tense වැඩ තෝරන වැඩ

? QUESTION 3 — WORD CHOICE IN A TEXT (10 MARKS)

Instruction: *Underline the most appropriate word from those given within brackets.*

මේක **vocabulary** නෙවෙයි — **grammar words**: articles, pronouns, determiners, quantifiers, conjunctions, discourse markers.

ANSWERS — අවුරුදු 3ම එකට

No.	2020 (<i>Relationships</i>)	2024 (<i>Two salesmen</i>)	2025 (<i>The injured bird</i>)
1	other (<i>other people</i>)	a (<i>a foreign country</i>)	his (<i>in his hands</i>)
2	different	As soon as	so (<i>result</i>)
3	closest (<i>superlative</i>)	the (<i>second mention</i>)	some (<i>some water</i>)
4	we (<i>subject of "share"</i>)	because (<i>reason</i>)	their (<i>possessive</i>)
5	many (<i>+ countable</i>)	I (<i>subject</i>)	until (<i>up to that time</i>)
6	After	This (<i>+ singular "story"</i>)	it (<i>object</i>)
7	whether (<i>... or ...</i>)	it (<i>object</i>)	the (<i>+ superlative</i>)



8	part (<i>a part of our lives</i>)	their (<i>possessive</i>)	as if (<i>comparison</i>)
9	probably	of (<i>the power of</i>)	those (<i>+ plural</i>)
10	However (<i>contrast</i>)	any (<i>any situation</i>)	a (<i>a better place</i>)

WHY — the three that decide this question

`it / its / it's` — appeared in 2024 AND 2025

Word	What it is	Test
it	object pronoun	<i>He released it.</i>
its	possessive	<i>... its capacity to absorb water</i>
it's	= it is / it has	Replace with "it is". Works? Then it 's.

`their / they're / there`

Word	What it is	Test
their	possessive	<i>in their kitchen</i>
they're	= they are	Replace with "they are"
there	place / "there is"	<i>...there is less opportunity</i>

Quantifiers

	Countable	Uncountable
many / much	many books	much water
few / little	few students	little time
some / any	positives → some · negatives & questions → any	

HOW TO REMEMBER

- STEP 1 Options වක **වචන** (ඇඟිල්ලෙන්)
 STEP 2 ඔයා මොකද ලියන්නේ කියලා හිතන්න
 STEP 3 දැන් options බලලා ගැළපෙන එක තෝරන්න
 STEP 4 සැක නම් — වාක්‍යය ඔලුවෙන් **හඬ නඟා** කියවන්න.
 එකක් කනට අවුල් වෙනවා.

"IT'S = IT IS"

it's දන්න කලින් "**it is**" කියලා දැල කියවන්න. අවුල් නම් → **its**. ඒ එකම test එකෙන් they're, you're දෙකත් හරි යනවා.

**PRACTICE**

- **කටපාඩම්:** උඩ table තුන
- **පුහුණු:** it / its / it's සහ their / they're / there පාවිච්චි කරලා වාක්‍ය 10ක් ලියන්න
- **ඉක්මන් ක්‍රමය:** හැම නිස්තැනකටම මොන වර්ගයේ වචනයක්ද කියලා මුලින්ම නම් කරන්න

COMMON MISTAKES

- **X** it's සහ its පටලවා ගැනීම — **හැම අවුරුද්දෙම** මාක්ස් යන තැන
- **X** many / much වැරදීම
- **X Underline** කරන්නේ හැතුව රවුම් කිරීම → instruction එක "underline" කියලා

? QUESTION 4 — VOCABULARY (05 MARKS)

Instruction: Underline the most appropriate word from those given within brackets. වෙන් වෙන් වාක්‍ය 5යි. මේවා **collocation** (එකට යන වචන ජෝඩු) test එකක්.

ANSWERS — අවුරුදු 3ම

#	2020	Answer	2024	Answer	2025	Answer
1	devices to ... internet	access	The advertisement ... my attention	drew	Lack of harmony can ... to conflicts	lead
2	Speaking English will ... your confidence	boost	devices ... to each other	connect	the cat had ...	disappeared
3	patient to be ... from hospital	discharge	We need English to ... a good job	obtain	practise ... poems	reciting
4	an ... Sri Lankan vocalist	eminent	has ... the price of petrol	increased	Speaking in English will ... your confidence	boost
5	monthly sales ...	targeted	We should ... harmonious relationships	maintain	economically ...	stable

THE BIGGEST DISCOVERY IN THIS WHOLE NOTE

"boost your confidence" 2020 එකේ ආවා. 2025 එකේ ආපනු ආවා.

Q4 items **පොකුරකින් නැවත නැවත එනවා**. උඩ table එකේ 15ම කටපාඩම් කරන්න. ඒක මේ paper එකේ **highest-return memorisation** එක.

HOW TO REMEMBER — collocations as chunks

වචන **තනි තනිව** ඉගෙන ගන්න විසා. **ජෝඩුවක් විදියට** ඉගෙන ගන්න:

Learn like this	Not like this
draw attention	draw = ඇඳීම
boost confidence	boost = වැඩි කිරීම
obtain a job	obtain = ලබා ගැනීම
maintain relationships	maintain = පවත්වා ගැනීම
achieve a target	achieve = ලබා ගැනීම
access the internet	access = ප්‍රවේශය
lead to conflict	lead = මඟ පෙන්වීම
recite a poem	recite = කීම

කළු chunks 12ක් (එහින පුළුල්වත්): make a decision · take responsibility · heavy rain · pay attention · do research · give advice · raise awareness · meet a deadline · face a challenge · reach an agreement · break a promise · keep a secret

PRACTICE

- **කටපාඩම්:** ෭ඩ items 15 + chunks 12 = **27ක්**. මිනිත්තු 20යි.
- **පුහුණු:** හැම චිකිත්සා වාක්‍යයක් ලියන්න
- **ඉක්මන් ක්‍රමය:** options 4ම ගැලපෙනවා වගේ නම් — **වැඩිපුරම අහලා තියෙන ජෝඩුව** තෝරන්න

COMMON MISTAKES

- **X** තේරුම හරි වචනය තෝරන එක — collocation එක වැරදි නම් මාක් නෑ
- **X** දිගම / අමාරුම වචනය තෝරන එක ("ලොකු වචනේ හරි ඇති" කියලා)

? QUESTION 5 — WORD ENDINGS / SUFFIXES (05 MARKS)

Instruction: *Underline the correct word-ending, selecting from those given within brackets.*

Format එක වෙනස් වුණා

Year	Format
2020	වෙග් වෙග් චාක්‍ර 5ක්
2024	එක text එකක් (Ray Wijewardene)
2025	එක text එකක් ("one day left to live")

2026 එකට එක text එකක් එයි කියලා හිතන්න.

ANSWERS

2020

No.	Word	Answer	Why
1	the old...(er/est/ish) technical college	est	<i>the</i> + superlative
2	always obedi...(ent/ence/ently)	ent	adjective after <i>was</i>
3	Kamal's person...(ally/al/alise) information	al	adjective before a noun
4	lifted the chair effort...(s/less/lessly)	lessly	adverb — how he lifted
5	There is encourag...(ement/es/ingly)	ement	noun after <i>There is</i>

2024 (Ray Wijewardene)

No.	Word	Answer	Why
1	engineer, inven...(tion/tor/t)	tor	a person — noun
2	natural resource manage...(ment/r/rial)	ment	noun
3	a brilliant, innova...(tor/tive/tion) thinker	tive	adjective before <i>thinker</i>
4	practi...(cal/ce/cally) solutions	cal	adjective before <i>solutions</i>
5	drasti...(c/call/cally) improved	cally	adverb — how it improved

2025

No.	Word	Answer	Why
1	replied sad...(ness/den/ly)	ly	adverb — how he replied
2	my love and grate...(fulness/ful/fully)	fulness	noun after <i>and love</i>
3	with great excite...(dly/ment/d)	ment	noun after <i>great</i>
4	a play...(fully/fulness/ful) little boy	ful	adjective before <i>boy</i>
5	asked anxi...(ously/ety/ous)	ously	adverb — how she asked

HOW TO REMEMBER — one question decides everything

හිස්තරයට මොන වර්ගයේ වචනයක්ද?

a / an / the ට පස්සේ + noun එකකට කලින් → ADJECTIVE (-ful, -al, -ive, -ous)
 verb එකකට පස්සේ / adjective එකක් වෙනස් කරනවා → ADVERB (-ly)
 the / his / a ට පස්සේ, දෙය ම නම් කරනවා → NOUN (-tion, -ment, -ness, -or)

"NAAV" — Noun · Adjective · Adverb · Verb

"නාවා" කියලා මතක තියාගන්න.

Class	Endings	Examples
Noun	-tion · -sion · -ment · -ity · -ness · -ship · -or · -er	education · development · happiness · inventor
Adjective	-ful · -less · -able · -ive · -ous · -al · -ent · -ic	helpful · careless · creative · practical
Adverb	-ly · -ally	quickly · drastically
Verb	-ise · -en · -ify	organise · widen · simplify

Word families — කටපාඩම් කරන්න:

Verb	Noun	Adjective	Adverb
educate	education	educational	educationally
achieve	achievement	achievable	—
develop	development	developed	—
succeed	success	successful	successfully
inform	information	informative	informatively
create	creation	creative	creatively

PRACTICE

- **කටපාඩම්:** උඩ suffix table + word families 6
- **පුහුණු:** root වචන 5ක් අරන් හැම එකකින්ම වර්ග 4ම ලියන්න
- **ඉක්මන් ක්‍රමය:** හිස්තැනට කලින් a/an/the තියෙනවා නම් — 90%ක්ම **adjective** හෝ **noun**

COMMON MISTAKES

- **X** options 3ම ඇත්ත වචන — වාක්‍යයේ grammar එකෙන් ඒතරයි තෝරන්නේ
- **X** -ly අමතක වීම (adverb එකක් ඕන තැන adjective එකක් දැන එක)

PART A ඉවරයි — 35 marks

PART B — READING & WRITING [25]

? QUESTION 6 — SENTENCE MEANING (05 MARKS)

Instruction: *Underline the option that best expresses the meaning of each of the sentences given below in bold print.*

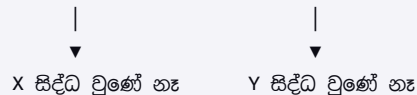
ANSWERS — අවුරුදු 3ම

#	2020	2024	2025
1	(b) has not visited Jaffna at all	(d) no chance to win now	(a) Kamalini was selected to university
2	(a) could not afford the diploma	(b) Arjun studied English literature	(c) Aryana is less studious than Pavini
3	(c) went although the government told not to	(d) did not get results, but continued	(b) I did not know it was the wrong train
4	(d) A woman who cheated three persons	(b) Sanka works as a sales manager	(a) Hasan read it twice and understood
5	(b) not invented before 1955, so farmers used tractors	(b) Shehan did not attend	(c) late arrival helped her escape

THE 5 STRUCTURES THAT KEEP COMING

Third conditional — 2020 Q6(5) · 2024 Q6(5) · (and 2020 Q2(10))

Had X happened, Y would have happened.

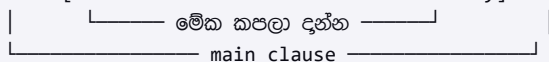


"Had the Landmaster been invented before 1955, farmers wouldn't have used tractors." → Landmaster
 එක 1955ට කලින් හැදෑවේ නෑ. ඒ නිසා ගොවියෝ tractors පාවිච්චි කළා.

"පෙරළන්න" — Third conditional එකේ හැම දෙයක්ම විරුද්ධයි

'whose' relative clause — 2024 · 2025

Sanka [whose brother studies in a University] works as a sales manager.



"මැද කොටස කපන්න" — commas / whose අතර තියෙන කොටස කපලා දුන්න.

ඉතරු වෙන main clause එකෙන් තමයි උත්තරය එන්නේ.

- * *Cause* — since / because / only because too + adjective = චීක වුණේ හැ කියන චික. "Since the diploma course was too expensive, Nuwanga decided to follow a certificate course." → ඔහුට *diploma* චිකට සල්ලි තිබුණේ හැ*.
- * *Concession* — despite / although / yet / even if* දෙවෙනි කොටස පළවෙනි චිකට විරුද්ධව සිද්ධ වෙනවා.

Negative / cleft emphasis "It never occurred to me that..." = මම දැනගෙන තිබියේ නෑ "It was only after reading it twice that..." = ඊට කලින් තේරුණේ නෑ "only because she arrived late" = ප්‍රමාද වීම නමයි හේතුව

HOW TO REMEMBER

STEP 1 Options බලන්න ඒවා තාම

STEP 2 Bold වාක්‍යය ඔයාගේම සරල වචන වලින් ලියන්න

STEP 3 දැන් options 4 බලලා - ඔයා ලියපු එකට ගැළපෙන එක තෝරන්න

STEP 4 X පෙළේ හැඟි දෙයක් එකතු කරන option එකක් - වැරදියි

STEP 5 ✗ අඩක් ඇත්ත option එකක් - වැරදියි (සම්පූර්ණ එකක් තියෙනවා නම්)

"මම මුලින්ම ලියනවා"

Options බලන්න කලින් ඔයාගේ උත්තරය ලියන එකෙන් trap වලින් බේරෙනවා.

PRACTICE

- **තේරුම් ගන්න:** third conditional එක — මේක හැම අවුරුද්දෙම එනවා
- **පුහුණු:** third conditional වාක්‍ය 5ක් ලියලා, හැම එකකටම "ඇත්තටම චුණේ මොකද්ද?" කියලා ලියන්න
- **කටපාඩම්:** උඩ structures 5

COMMON MISTAKES

- X Third conditional එක ඇත්තටම වුණා කියලා හිතන එක
- X whose clause එකේ subject එක main subject එක කියලා හිතන එක
- X අඩක් හරි option එකක් තෝරන එක

QUESTION 7 — FOUR NEWS ITEMS (10 MARKS)

Instruction: Read the following four news items and answer the questions (I) and (II). (I) MCQ 5ක් · (II) True / False / Not Given 5ක්

හැම අවුරුද්දෙම එකම MCQ වර්ග 5

- (1) සංඛ්‍යාවක් → "How many ...?"
(2) දිවසක් → "Which happened on Sunday?"
(3) Pronoun → "Who/what does 'they' refer to?"
(4) NOT given → "Which was NOT given ...?"
(5) Phrase meaning → "The underlined phrase most nearly means..."

ANSWERS (I) — MCQs

2020

#	Question	Answer
i	How many persons participated in the medical camp?	(2) More than five hundred ("Over five hundred")
ii	Which incident happened on Sunday ?	(2) Donation of a three-wheeler ("yesterday", published Mon 27 July)
iii	Who/what does ' they ' refer to?	(1) younger generation
iv	Which was not given about the cattle transport?	(1) Number of police officers involved
v	' undisclosed site ' most nearly means	(4) an unknown place

2024

#	Question	Answer
1	How many school athletes left for Dhaka?	(d) Twenty (10 boys + 10 girls)
2	Which incident happened on Sunday ?	(c) Young heroine honoured (function held Sunday, 2nd June)
3	Who/what does ' they ' refer to in news item 2?	(b) Two Sri Lankans
4	Which was not given about the school athletes?	(c) the date of returning of athletes to Sri Lanka
5	' the potential for heroism ' most nearly means	(b) capacity to be brave

2025 — (මේ අවුරුද්දේ ප්‍රශ්න වර්ග ටිකක් වෙනස්: "which day" සහ "NOT given" වෙනුවට direct detail ප්‍රශ්න දෙකක්. ඒත් phrase-meaning සහ pronoun ප්‍රශ්න එහෙමම තියෙනවා.)

#	Question	Answer
1	How many Sri Lankan words were added to the OED?	(d) Ten
2	Who assisted the Navy in its rescue operation?	(c) The Air Force
3	Who informed the disruption of train services?	(d) Nawalapitiya Railway Control Room
4	' three-year reign ' most nearly means	(b) three years of dominance
5	What does ' its ' refer to?	(b) Vienna's ("overtaking Vienna after its three-year reign")

ANSWERS (II) — True / False / Not Given

2020

#	Statement	Answer	Why
vi	teachers visited Sithulpawwa before lunch	True	"first visited the Sithulpawwa temple... Then... had lunch"
vii	The only aim was to set an example	False	"one of the objectives"
viii	All items were donated by past students	False	"received from different organizations and other donors"
ix	The Elders Home had requested a vehicle	True	"in response to a request from the Home"
x	The cattle were transported using a lorry	Not Given	වාහනයක් ගැන කිසිම දෙයක් නෑ

2024

#	Statement	Answer	Why
6	Last date to apply was 6th July	False	deadline was Friday 5th July
7	Z-score info on the UGC website	Not Given	Z-score ගැන කිසිම දෙයක් නෑ
8	The two Sri Lankans have lived in Tamil Nadu since 1997	True	"left the country during the war in 1997 and have been sheltered... ever since"
9	All the fishermen will be released by 18th	False	"All... except the two Lankans"
10	Jinendri saved two people	True	"rescuing an old couple" = 2

2025

#	Statement	Answer	Why
6	The OED inclusion is an important achievement	True	"a major step", "This milestone"
7	The fisherman was taken to Karapitiya Hospital	True	කෙළින්ම කියලා තියෙනවා
8	Passengers were taken to Nawalapitiya by bus	Not Given	බස් ගැන කිසිම දෙයක් නෑ
9	Trawler + heavy rains on the same day	False	trawler = Monday · rains = Tuesday
10	Cultural heritage was one of the criteria	False	criteria = healthcare, education, stability, infrastructure, environment

**HOW TO REMEMBER — the T/F/NG rule**

පෙළේ ඒ දේම තියෙනවා	→ TRUE	
පෙළේ විරුද්ධ දේ තියෙනවා	→ FALSE	
පෙළේ කිසිම දෙයක් නෑ	→ NOT GIVEN	

ඇඟිල්ල තියන්න බැරි නම් → NOT GIVEN

True හෝ False දන්න කලින් — පෙළේ ඒ වාක්‍යයට ඇඟිල්ල තියන්න. බැරි නම් ඒක **Not Given**. "ඇත්තට වගෙම වෙන්න බෑ හේද" කියලා හිතන්න ඒපා.

Trap words — මේවා දැක්කම පරීක්ෂම් වෙන්න:

Trap word	ඇයි	Example
only	පෙළේ "one of" කියලා තියෙනවා	2020 (vii) → False
all / every	පෙළේ "except" කියලා තියෙනවා	2024 (9) → False
exactly	පෙළේ "over" / "more than"	2020 (i)
same day	දින දෙකක් වෙනස්	2025 (9) → False

PRACTICE

- **පුහුණු:** අවුරුදු 3මේ Q7(II) — **15ක්** — ආපහු කරන්න. හැම එකකටම පෙළේ වාක්‍යය underline කරන්න
- **තේරුම් ගන්න:** False සහ Not Given අතර වෙනස
- **ඉක්මන් ක්‍රමය:** only · all · exactly · never · same — මේ වචන දැක්කම **False** කියලා පරීක්ෂා කරන්න

COMMON MISTAKES

- **X Not Given වෙනුවට False** — මේකෙන් තමයි වැඩිම මාක්ස් යන්නේ
- **X** පිටින් දන්න දේ පාවිච්චි කිරීම
- **X** "Which happened on Sunday?" එකට දින බලන්නේ හැතුව උත්තර දීම

? QUESTION 8 — PARAGRAPH WRITING (10 MARKS)**Instruction (අවුරුදු 3ම එකයි):**

Write a paragraph beginning with the given sentence. Use about 75–100 words. Do not exceed the word limit. Do not write more than one paragraph. මාක් කොටු: C – L (Content · Language)

THE THREE PROMPTS

Year	Given sentence	Textbook unit
2020	"There are many advantages of learning English."	04 — English as a global language
2024	"People can take several actions to prevent crimes in a society."	05 — Crime & Social Responsibility
2025	"Education changes our lives in many ways."	07 — Continuing Education

තුනම "හේතු / ක්‍රම ලැයිස්තුවක්" ප්‍රශ්නයක්. කතාවක් නෙවෙයි. විස්තරයක් නෙවෙයි. ඒ නිසා එකම අස්ථිපංඡරයක් තුනටම ගැළපෙනවා.

MODEL ANSWER — 2020

There are many advantages of learning English. Firstly, English helps us to get better jobs. Most companies in Sri Lanka ask for a good knowledge of English at interviews. Secondly, it opens the door to higher education, because most university textbooks and lectures are in English. Thirdly, English allows us to communicate with people from other countries when we travel or work abroad. Finally, it gives us confidence. A student who can speak English well is not afraid to face an interview or speak in public. For all these reasons, learning English is very useful.

(88 words · එක paragraph එකයි)

MODEL ANSWER — 2024

People can take several actions to prevent crimes in a society. Firstly, parents must spend more time with their children and teach them right from wrong. Many young people turn to crime because nobody at home guides them. Secondly, schools and religious places should run awareness programmes about the dangers of drugs and violence. Thirdly, neighbours should not stay silent. If people report suspicious activities to the police at once, many crimes can be stopped early. Finally, the government must create more job opportunities, because poverty and unemployment push some people into crime. If we all act together, our society will become much safer.

(93 words · එක paragraph එකයි)

MODEL ANSWER — 2025

Education changes our lives in many ways. Firstly, education gives us knowledge and skills that help us to find good jobs. A person with a good education can choose a career instead of accepting any work. Secondly, it builds our confidence. Educated people can express their ideas clearly and make sensible decisions about their own lives. Thirdly, education teaches us good values such as honesty, discipline and respect for others. Finally, it helps the whole country, because a country with educated citizens develops faster. Therefore, education is not only a personal benefit but also a national investment.

(90 words · එක paragraph එකයි)

HOW TO REMEMBER — the one skeleton

[දිලා තියෙන වාක්‍යය - ආපත්තු ලියන්න චීපා, දිගටම යන්න]

Firstly, _____ . + පැහැදිලි කිරීමක් හෝ උදාහරණයක්

Secondly, _____, because _____.

Thirdly, _____.

Finally, _____.

Therefore / For all these reasons, _____ .

වාකය 7-9යි = චචන 85-95යි

"F-S-T-F-T" = Firstly · Secondly · Thirdly · Finally · Therefore

"පස්-සෙ-තුන්-අන්-රිම" කියලා මතක තියාගන්න.

හැම unit එකටම ලකුණු 3ක් — කලින්ම ලැස්ති කරන්න

Unit	ලකුණු 3
01 Achievers	තරුණයන්ට ආදර්ශයක් · ජාතික ආධිමිඛරය · අධිෂ්ඨානය දිනනවා කියලා පෙන්නනවා
02 Harmony	අනෙක්තෘ ගෞරවය · සාමය සහ ස්ථාවරත්වය · චිකට රට හඳුනවා
03 Relationships	චිත්තවේගී සහයෝගය · චිකට වැඩ කරන්න ඉගෙන ගැනීම · සතුටු ජීවිතයක්
04 English	රැකියා · උසස් අධ්‍යාපනය · විශ්වාසය
05 Crime	දැනුවත් කිරීම · ප්‍රජා වගකීම · දෙමාපිය මගපෙන්වීම
06 Cyber	ඉක්මන් සන්නිවේදනය · online ඉගෙනීම · අවදනම් (privacy, ඇබ්බැහිය)
07 Education	දැනුම සහ රැකියා · විශ්වාසය සහ නිදහස · රට දියුණු වීම
08 Employment	මූල්‍ය නිදහස · කුසලතා සහ අත්දැකීම් · සමාජයට දායකත්වය

PRACTICE

- **කටපාඩම්:** අස්ථිපංචරය (F-S-T-F-T)

- **පුනුක්:** unit 8ටම වකක් බැගින් — **paragraph 8ක්.** වකකට මිනිත්තු 12යි.
- **ඉක්මන් ක්‍රමය:** ලකුණු 3-4ක් මුලින්ම **ලකුණු විදියට** ලියලා, ඊට පස්සේ වාක්‍ය හඳුන්න
- **මිමිම:** 100 words = ඔයාගේ අකුරෙන් පේළි කීයද? අද ගණන් කරන්න.

COMMON MISTAKES

- **X Paragraph දෙකක් ලියන එක** — instruction එකේ තහනම්. line break එකක්වත් දුන්න එපා.
- **X වචන 100 පහිත එක**
- **X දිලා තියෙන වාක්‍යය ~~ආපසු ලියන එක~~** — වචන නාස්තියි, content මාක් හෑ
- **X ලකුණු 1ක් විතරක් දිග අදින එක** — **වෙනස් ලකුණු 3-4ක් ඕන**

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PAPER I — QUICK REVISION SHEET

TIMING

Q1-Q5 (35) → 20 min Q6-Q7 (15) → 20 min
Q8 (10) → 15 min Check → 5 min

හැම ප්‍රශ්නයකටම එක ක්‍රමයක්

Q	Marks	එක වාක්‍යයේ ක්‍රමය
1	5	Fixed pairs මුලින්ම → time → place → එකක් ඉතරු වෙනවා
2	10	S-V-T-I : Shape → Voice → Time → If
3	10	Options වහලා ඔයාගේ උත්තරය හිතන්න. it's = it is test එක.
4	5	Collocation — පෝඩුව හරිද කියලා බලන්න, තේරුම නෙවෙයි
5	5	NAAV — Noun? Adjective? Adverb? Verb?
6	5	Bold වාක්‍යය මුලින්ම ඔයාගේම වචන වලින් ලියන්න
7	10	ඇඟිල්ල තියන්න බැරි නම් Not Given
8	10	F-S-T-F-T , එක paragraph එකයි, 75-100 words

කටපාඩම් කරන්නම සිත ටික

Fixed prepositions: look at · listen to · aware of · afraid of · interested in · good at · argue with · depend on · apologise for · a pair of · proud of · responsible for

Q4 recycled items: boost confidence · maintain relationships · obtain a job · access the internet · draw attention · lead to conflict · discharged from hospital · eminent vocalist · sales targets · economically stable · recite a poem

Suffixes: Noun -tion -ment -ness -ity -ship -or · Adj -ful -less -able -ive -ous -al · Adv -ly · Verb -ise -en -ify

Third conditional: If + had + p.p. ... would have + p.p. → හැම දෙයක්ම විරුද්ධයි



✓ DO / X DON'T

Do	Don't
Instruction එකේ කියන විදියට underline කරන්න	රවුම් කරන්න එපා
Preposition එකක් එක පාරයි	දෙපාරක් දන්න එපා
Q8 එකට මිනිත්තු 15ක් ඉතුරු කරන්න	Q7 එකේ එල්ලිලා ඉන්න එපා
සරල, කෙටි වාක්‍ය	දිග, අවුල් වාක්‍ය
ලොකු අකුරු + හිත්	punctuation අමතක කරන්න එපා
හැම හිස්තැනකටම මොනවා හරි	හිස්තැනක් ඉතුරු කරන්න එපා

අන්තිම මතක් කිරීම

හිස්තැනකට මාක් නෑ. වැරදි උත්තරයකට අඩුවක් නෑ.