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ශ්‍රේණිය தரம் } 08 Grade	විෂය பாடம் } English Language Subject	පත්‍රය வினாத்தாள் } 1 & 11 Paper	පැය மணித்தியாலம் } 02 Hours

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Answer all the questions.

**Paper 1**

(1) Complete the words with the correct set of letters given in the brackets. *The first one is done for you.*  
(1x5 =5 marks)

1. pleas ..... (unt, ent, ant)
2. decora ..... (tion, tian, sion)
3. succ ..... (ass, ess, oss)
4. stu ..... (dent, dant, dunt)
5. sugges ..... (tion, sion, cion)
6. confor ..... (tabal, table, table)

2). Select the suitable words from the box to fill in the blanks. Write the correct letter of the word. First one is done for you. (1x5=5 marks)

a) stomach b) volunteers c) English day d) easy e) national f) environment

1. Grade 8 children plan to have a .....c .....
2. Penguins have a white ..... and a black head .
3. We have to love and protect our .....
4. Many ..... participated in cleaning up camp.
5. Kiwi is the ..... bird of New Zealand .
6. Our teacher gave us ..... questions for home work.

3). Make meaningful sentences using the jumbled words given. One is done for you. (2x5=10 marks)

1. My sister / the / herself / cake / made  
My sister made the cake herself.

2. They / did / themselves / homework

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3. finger /while cutting /himself / Nisal / an / apple / cuts/his

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4. I / cleaned/ myself / the room.

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5. her / birthday / herself / she / arranged /party.

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6. packed / themselves/ they / their /bags

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4. Complete the dialogue with the suitable words given in the brackets . *One is done for you.*  
(10 marks)

( Sigiriya , vacation , ~~trip~~ , journey , finished , homework )

Kasun : Hi ! Shehan , What are your plans for this weekend ?

Shehan : We plan to go on a 1) .....trip..... .

Kasun : It's fine, Where are you going ?

Shehan : To Sigiriya . Have you ever visited 2).....?

Kasun : Yes, during the last 3)..... with our relations.

Kasun : By the way , did you finish your 4) .....?

Shehan : Yes , I have 5)..... everything

Kasun : Oh ! that's good . Have a nice 6)..... !

5). Read the poem and answer the questions. ( 10 marks)

**The Postman**

**Bring me a letter , postman !**

**Bring me a letter , do**

**Tomorrow at the garden gate**

**I will wait for you**

Bring one from a fairy  
 Who says she'll come to tea  
 Then I'll put on my pretty frock ,  
 How lovely that will be .  
 And please Oh! Mr. postman  
 If fairies you know name ,  
 Wrote me a letter from yourself ,  
 And bring it , just for fun.

- Alice Todd -

- 1). What does the poet ask the postman to bring ?  
 ..... (2 marks)
- 1) Where will she wait for the postman?  
 ..... (2 marks)
- 2) What will she wear for the tea ?  
 ..... (2 marks)
- 4). Who will come to tea ?  
 ..... (2 marks)
- 5). To whom does the poet want to write a letter ?  
 ..... (2 marks)

Paper 11

6 Find the opposite words from the box and write them in the blanks . *First one is done for you.*  
(1x5=5marks)

major /late / near / high /expensive / foreign
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1. early - late
2. cheap - .....
3. low - .....
4. minor - .....
5. local - .....
6. Far - .....

7) . Fill in the blanks using given collective nouns .

(10 marks)

a bunch of flowers /      a comb of bananas /      a gang of thieves /      a flock of birds /  
a group of soldiers /      a herd of elephants /

1. Kavisha kept **a bunch of flowers** on the teacher’s table.
2. .... flew over the hills .
3. .... broke the bank yesterday.
4. My mother bought ..... at the fair.
5. We saw ..... in the Udawalawa game reserve.
6. .... climbed the mountain.

8). Design a poster on “ cleaning camp ” to display in your school . Write a suitable slogan for it.

(5 marks)



## 9) Read the text and answer the questions given below.(15marks)

One beautiful morning, a merchant loaded his donkey with bags of salt to sell at the market.. The

merchant and his donkey were walking along together. Passing few miles, they reached a river on the way.

Unfortunately, the donkey slipped and fell into the river. As it tried to get onto the bank of the river, it noticed that the bags of salt loaded on his back had become lighter.

There was nothing the merchant could do except returning home. Again, he loaded his donkey with more bags of salt and started the journey. When they reached the slippery riverbank, the cunning donkey fell into the river deliberately and the salt was wasted again.

By then the merchant understood the donkey's trick. He wanted to teach the donkey a lesson. As he returned home the second time with the donkey, he loaded bags of sponge on its back.

They set out on their trip to the market for the third time. Reaching the river, the donkey made himself to fall into the water again. At that time, instead of the load becoming lighter, it became heavier.

The merchant laughed at the donkey and said, "You foolish donkey, your trick has been revealed. You should know that you cannot fool anyone too many times."

1). Name the two characters in the story ? ..... (2 marks)

2). What did they bring to the market ?..... (2 marks)

3) .What happened to the donkey at the river bank ? ..... (2 marks)

4).Say whether the following statement is true or false. Put "T " or " F" in the box

**The second time donkey fell down purposely.**

(1mark)

5) .Why did merchant load bags of sponge on donkey's back ?

..... (1mark)

6). Write a suitable adjective from the text for the given words.

i) ..... riverbank                      ii) ..... donkey                      ( 1×2 = 2 marks)

7). Write opposites from the text for the following words .

1 ) fortunately - .....                      2 ) heavier - .....                      ( 1×2 = 2 marks)

8 ) .Fill in the blanks with the suitable words from the text

i) The merchant understood the donkey's.....

ii) It's good to know that you cannot ..... anyone too many times.                      (2×2 = 4 marks)

