

# Nalanda College – Colombo 10

## Unit Evaluation

Grade 11

English Language

Unit 8

### 01) Read the passage and answer the questions.

This time, our intention was to visit the fascinating beaches of Unawatuna and Hikkaduwa. This was Unawatuna beach when we always find a safe retreat to deliciously amidst the turquoise waters. It is really a paradise for pleasure seekers. We noticed two young men, playing a game of beach a father, trying to teach an overly eager son how to breathe under water. A young White woman was reading a book on a desk chair. In the meanwhile, she lifted her head up from time to time and smiled at a gang of spluttering, giggling children playing in the shallow water.

It is really a cosy heaven for safe swimming, snorkelling and even scuba diving as the double reef encloses the beach. The reef shelters myriads of marine species forming an effervescent world of its own.

Just adjacent to the breath taking Unawatuna beach, the shallow water and the sand suddenly spring up to a range of rocks and finally a sky high mountain cliff, Rumassala. It is not really a hyperbole to describe this mountain as a precious dowry of nature to strengthen the environmental splendour of this place. It is a huge rock covered with thick greenery so that from the summit of the mountain, one can see a panoramic view of Unawatuna beach and Galle harbour.

Then, the second part of our expenditure was Hikkaduwa. On the surface, the lures of both Unawatuna and Hikkaduwa seem similar-sun, sea and sand and relaxation but there seems to be a marked difference in the spirit of the two towns. In Hikkaduwa, we felt an all-embracing sense of vastness and vigour. Along with the sound of the ocean waves, the pleasure seekers are facilitated with countless beachside restaurants, bars, guest homes and hotels.

A boat -ride into th deep sea would be another remarkable adventure for the pleasure seekers. The boatmen are long time experienced and well trained to pick out the places where the ornamental fishes are abundantly found among the fascinating corals.

#### 1. In the following phrases, find out which places are described.

- An ideal place to swim with much care
- A sudden elevation
- A risky journey but enjoyable
- Thick vegetation
- Find sea creatures in abundance
- A colourful world in the bottom of the sea.

Unawatuna	Rumassala	Hikkaduwa
.....a.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

2. Complete the sentences using words from the passage.
  - a. The Rumassala mountain is just..... to the Unawatuna beach.
  - b. .... are very fond of having a boat ride into the deep sea in Hikkaduwa.
3. As the writer says what is the difference between Unawatuna and Hikkaduwa beaches?  
 .....  
 .....
4. How does the writer describe the Unawatuna beach as a very busy place?  
 .....  
 .....
5. Underline the correct answer.  
 Rumassala becomes more fascinating with its
  - a. Sunny beach
  - b. Ornamental fishes
  - c. Vegetation
6. Find a word from the passage which has the same meaning as the following.
  - a. An organized journey with a purpose .....
  - b. Next to or near .....
7. What do the bold type words refer to?
  - a. **It** is really a cosy heaven for safe swimming. ....
  - b. **She** lifted her head up from time to time. ....

02) Underline the adjective.

1. It is a timeless story.
2. He is richer than his neighbour.
3. The brides were much younger than the grooms.
4. He is too intelligent to be taught.
5. The foolish crow opened his mouth to sing.
6. He has little patience.
7. We didn't receive sufficient rain in this year.
8. Each hand has five fingers.
9. Solomon was a wise king.
10. The tiger is a ferocious animal.



03) Read the following dialogue about an animal and complete the data sheet.

- A. : I think people call it Akme and it belongs to cat family.  
 B. : As a carnivore, it hunts rabbits and rats, but never hunts snakes as they are poisonous.  
 A. : It is about one metre long and has plates like ears which help to fan it.  
 B. : It mainly lives in caves that we find deep in the jungles.  
 A. : It never climbs trees.  
 B. : Oh, it's strange. But it's a great swimmer.

1. Name : .....
2. Family : .....
3. Group : ..... **carnivore** .....
4. What it hunts : .....
5. What it never hunts : .....
6. Length : .....
7. How ears look like : .....
8. How ears help : .....
9. Where it lives : .....
10. The strange thing : .....
11. Reason for not hunting snakes : .....

04) Fill in the blanks in the following text. Use the words given in brackets. *The first one is done for you.*

Therefore - but - because - while - unless - provided that

We hope to go to town tomorrow (1) ...**because**..... there is a seminar. We will not get seats (2)..... we go early. All of us know about this. (3)..... we hire a van to go there. Our friend Ranjith didn't want to come. He is ready to come (4)..... we look after him. It is conducted by Mr. Susil Perera (5)..... we know little about him. We can ask questions (6)..... the sir is conducting the seminar.

05) You are the President of the Sports Club in your area. You need more sports equipments for the club. Write a letter to the Chairman of the Urban Council to obtain them. Use about 100 words.

Include the following.

- The games you have
- What you need
- Why you need them
- Thank





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