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PAPER I - READING AND COMPREHENSION

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INSTRUCTIONS :

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

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Question No:	Marks Obtained	Maximum
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2.	Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it.	For Examiner's
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1	Mr. Mani was very happy. His little son Rohitha had received a printed	***************************************
2	invitation to his boss's son's birthday party. He looked at the envelope with	
3	satisfaction. It was an honour indeed.	•••••

4	Mr. Mani began to think. First the boy must have new clothes. Then a	
5	present had to be bought, Victor's shop provided the shirt and shorts, grey	
6	blue in colour. "His shoes are not good," said his wife, "and socks too". So	***************************************
7	the boy was taken and fitted out with a new pair, slightly larger. "No waste	••••••
8	then. He has time to grow into them," said Mr. Mani. He began to think	
9	about a present. Toys were expensive and easily broken - besides the rich	••••••
10	boy would have many toys.	••••••
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11	"A silver mug" that was what he would give. He would get the birthday	
12	boy's name inscribed on it, with his boy's name inscribed too as the giver.	••••••
13	He went to the silversmiths. Pure silver was very dear. No matter. He would	***************************************
14	borrow the sum from his friends and pay them back in two or three month's	***************************************
15	time.	•••••
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16	The great day arrived. The little boy was dressed in his new clothes and	***************************************
17	new shoes. The present was packed carefully.	••••••
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18	They reached the boss's house. "I can't go," said Rohitha, "they are	************
19	different and I don't know Ajith."	
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20	Holding his son's hand Mr. Mani walked up to the house. "Rohitha give	For Examiner
21	Ajith his present," said Mani pulling his son forward. Rohitha held out his	use only.
22	gift. Ajith glanced at the brown paper package and dropped it. The tall	
23	servant Velu picked it up. "Now Rohitha, I'll come back for you in an	
24	hour's time". As he turned to leave Mani's son was behind him saying, "I	*************
25	can't stay, I can't stay, take me back". "Don't be silly" said the father	
26	ashamed of the whimpering child.	
27	"He's wearing his school clothes," came a loud whisper. All the eyes of	
28	those present seemed to be focused on him and his son. He had tried to get	•••••
29	the best clothes he could for his son. These children were wearing colourful	
30	shirts with frills down the front and velvet shorts.	·
31	Mr. Mani tried to pull his hand free from his son. "He's just shy," said the	
32	Boss jovially. "He'll settle down: you can sit in the garden till he comes.	••••••
33	I'll send you some food".	
34_	Mr. Mani looked around him. He saw how wealthy his boss was. How	
35	easily money came to some he thought. He himself getting grey already had	
36	a tough time getting to where he was, and for a wage that couldn't have	
37	paid for the gift and clothes purchased for the party.	
38	"Let's go", he called out to Rohitha, who was walking behind Velu.	•••••
39	"They are too far above us," thought Mr. Mani, on the way back. "Never	
40	again; we must stick to our level".	***************************************

	(Adapted from 'The Value of Money' by Saraswati Rockwood)	***************************************
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1.	Why was Mr. Mani happy?	************
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	(02 marks)	***********
2.	What problem did Mr. Mani have in sending his son to the party?	*************

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3.	Mr. Mani did not want to buy toys as a present. What were his reasons for	
•	this?	•••••
	(02 marks)	
4.	What did Mr. Mani decide to give as a present?	
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	(02 marks)	
5.	How did he find the money to buy the present?	
	(02 marks)	

6.	Pick out the sentences which show Rohitha's reluctance to go for the party.	For Examiner
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	(02 marks)	
7.	Did Ajith take an interest in Rohitha's gift? Answer 'Yes' or 'No'.	••••••

	(01 mark)	
	Pick out a sentence in support of your answer.	***************************************
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8.	Underline the correct answer.	*************
	The greate which and "IT- in receive him along the N	••••••
	The guests whispered, "He is wearing his school clothes".	
	It shows that	•••••
	they were sorry for him.	***************************************
	he was returning after school.	•••••
	they mocked him.	
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9.			explain why Mr. Mani decided never to go	
	party	again.		use only.

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10.	What	does this incide	nt tell us about society?	•••••
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			(02 m	arks)
11.	Find	words from the p	passage which mean the same as the following	ng
	(i)	respect		***************************************
	(ii)	bigger		***************************************
	(iii)	dear		***************************************
	(iv)	crying		
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1	swers should be written in complete sentences in your own words as far possible. Marks will be deducted for answers copied from the passage.	Examiner'
3.	Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it.	
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	The three main botanical gardens of Sri Lanka are at Peradeniya, Hakgala	*******
	and Henerathgoda. At least two more botanical gardens - one at Mirijjawila	*********
	and the other at Avissawella - are being developed.	********

	The best known is the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens which will complete	***********
	200 years in another nine years. In fact, the site dates back to the 18th	**********
	century when the Kandyan king Kirti Sri Rajasinghe (1747 - 80 A.D.) had a	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
	royal residence and a park at the same venue.	************
	It was in 1821 that the preset Gardens were established. First planted with	**********
	coffee and cinnamon, a variety of flora was soon introduced. The Gardens	*********
	are within a loop made by Sri Lanka's longest river, Mahaweli and cover an	*********
-	area around 150 acres. The elevation above sea level is 1,600 feet.	
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	The first director of the botanical gardens, Alexander Moon was an	
÷	Englishman who had been here from 1817.	
	Peradeniya has a large variety of tress and flowering plants. In a 50 acre	
	area of the gardens there are around 10,000 trees which are well over 100	
	years old. Two of the gardens main attractions are the exotic Orchid House	
	and the avenue of Royal Palms which dates back to 1905.	
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18	A steep descent from Nuwara Eliya for about five miles brings you to	For Examiner's
19	Hakgala (jaw rock). According to legend, the rock was carried from the	use only.
20	Himalayas in the jaws of Hanuman, the mythical monkey general who	***************************************
21	helped Prince Rama to rescue Princess Sita from King Ravana. The	
22	Hakgala Gardens are situated 5,600 feet above sea level and have been in	
23	existence since 1860. It started with cinchona, popularly known as "the	
24	quinine tree", the effective cure for the once deadly disease malaria.	•••••
25	Hakgala is famous for roses and ferns. The rose garden is a beauty when in	***************************************
26	full bloom.	***************************************
27	Henerathgoda gardens were designed in 1876, specially to grow rubber	***************************************
28	seeds brought to the island from South America. Henerathgoda Gardens,	***************************************
29	situated just a mile away from Gampaha town boasts of the original rubber	
30	tree to this day and is the biggest attraction.	
31	Apart from rubber these gardens have a fine collection of palms and	••••••
32	flowers.	•••••
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1.	How long has the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens been in existence?	
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	(02 marks)	
2.	What is the historical importance of the site of the Peradeniya Gardens?	

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	(03 marks)	
3.	Why is Alexander Moon mentioned in the passage?	
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	(02 marks)	***************************************
4.	What is the river alongside which the Peradeniya Gardens are situated?	

	(01 mark)	

5.	Mention two facts about the 50 acre area in the Peradeniya	Gardens.	For Examiner's
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	(i)		•••••
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	(ii)		,
		(04 marks)	
6.	What is the ancient story associated with Hakgala?	!	
		(03 marks)	
7.	From what is quinine obtained?		
	For what is quinine used?		
		(02 marks)	
8.	From where were the rubber seeds brought to Sri Lanka.		
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		(02 marks)	

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9. Fill in this chart with the correct information.

Name of Garden	Year -	Crops first grown	A present
•	established		attraction
1.			Exotic orchid
			house
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		Cinchona	
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10. What do these words refer to?

- (i) the site in line 5.
- (ii) \underline{It} in line 23.

11. Underline the correct answer as it appears in the passage.

(i)	descent means	(a)	upward climb	
		(b)	downward slope	
		(c)	ridge	
(ii)	elevation means	(a)	height	
		(b)	extent	
		(c)	area	
(iii)	exotic	(a)	ordinary	
		(b)	colourful	
		(c)	natural	
				(03 marks)