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Answer all questions on this paper itself.

1. Rearrange these words to form meaningful sentences.

a. the / your / Do/ evening / television / watch / in / parents ?

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b. the/ o'clock /on/ bus /takes /mornings./ eight/ always /Jeremy /Monday

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c. Sheela / birthday / present / when / will /you /her / give ?

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d. elders / and / obey / should / children / respect / to / their / learn

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e. all / many / are / read / at / the / There/ you / them / have / books / interesting ?

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(10 Marks)

2. Complete the sentences using the words listed in the box below; don't forget to capitalize when necessary. Some gaps may have more than one correct answer.

can could have to must might should

a. Ted's flight from America took more than 11 hours. He..... be exhausted after such a long flight. He..... prefer to stay in tonight and get some rest.

b. Dave..... you hold your breath for more than a minute?

c. Jenny's engagement ring is enormous! It..... have cost a fortune.

d. Oh no! Frank's wallet is lying on the coffee table. He..... have left it here last night.

e. If you want to get a better feeling for how the city is laid out, you walk downtown and explore the waterfront.

a) **Fill the gaps with the correct prepositions**

- A. We live London.
- B. Would you like to go..... the cinema tonight?
- C. No thanks. I was.....the cinema yesterday.
- D. We are going holiday next week.
- E. There is a bridge..... the river.
- F. The flight from Leipzig to London was.....Frankfurt.
- G.my wall, there are many picture postcards.
- H. Who is the person.....this picture?

(04 marks)

2. **Fill in the blanks in the following passage with the right parts of the verbs within brackets.**

We (come) to this village last Sunday. We (stay) here for six days already. The village (be) quiet and peaceful.

We (go) for walks in the morning and (see) interesting places. Yesterday we(bathe) in a river. We (meet) many people and(talk) with them. Most of the people here (be) farmers. They (grow) paddy and also (rear) cattle. They (plough) their fields now. In a few weeks they (start) sowing.

We (hear) about this village long ago. Some journalists (write) articles in the newspapers about this village many tourists (visit) it.

We thoroughly (enjoy) our stay here. We (pack) our things now and (leave) in a few hours. By six o' clock this evening we (reach) home.

(10 marks)

3. (a) **Read the passage and answer the questions.**

Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa, Italy in 1451. While spending most of his early years at sea, Columbus began to believe that he could find a shortcut to the Indies by sailing west across the Atlantic Ocean. Unfortunately, the King of Portugal refused to finance such a trip, and Columbus was forced to present his idea to the King and Queen of Spain. In 1492, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella agreed to pay for his trip. They gave him a crew and three ships, the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria. Columbus sailed aboard the Santa Maria.

The trip was long and hard. Many sailors grew restless and wanted to turn around. After two months at sea, land was finally sighted. The ships docked on the island of Hispaniola. Columbus named the native people he saw "Indians", because he believed he had found the shortcut he was looking for. In actuality, Columbus found North America, a brand new continent at that time. Columbus, however, couldn't be convinced. He died with the belief he had found the shortcut to the Indies. Soon, however, other explorers and nations understood the importance of his

discoveries. Columbus discoveries set the stage for the Age of Exploration, one of the most fascinating and exciting times in world history.

a. Where was Christopher Columbus born?

The New World

Portugal

Spain

Italy

b. Columbus believed he could find a shortcut to the

c. Which of the following was NOT one of his ships?

Nina

Isabella

Pinta

Santa Maria

d. Which is NOT true?

Columbus was born in Italy.

Columbus received three ships and a crew from the King and Queen of Spain.

Columbus found a shortcut to the Indies.

The journey across the Atlantic took two months.

e. Why was Christopher Columbus very important?

He believed he found a shortcut to the Indies.

He first used the word "Indians".

He discovered a whole new continent.

He was one of the bravest explorers of all time.

(05 marks)

(b) Read the passage and answer the questions.

The Hours That Count in My Life by Essa Al-Dhaheri

Time is very important in our lives. It organizes our everyday moments. However, time never had any importance in my life until I received a watch from my father that organized my life and made me more responsible.

It came from Denmark to the U.A.E. jewelry shop in a gray box. It weighs 8 oz. It's round in the center with two silver bands that go around my wrist. And all of it is made of silver. This object tells me the importance of time in my life.

I received this gift on a gray-sky day. I had to go to the airport at 9:00 AM to pick up my Uncle Ali and take him to my father's house. However, I was late because I was hanging out with my friends. Later on

that day, around 11:00 AM, I remembered my uncle, but I was very late for him. He had left the airport and taken a taxi to my father's house.

I got to my father's house at 2:00 PM on the same day and looked at my angry father's face. I felt ashamed of myself at that moment. After I said hi to my angry father and tired uncle, my father asked me to sit next to him where he handed me this watch which was a gift from him. Then he said, "Essa did you have fun with your friends today?" I answered, "Yes father, and I'm sorry about not picking up my Uncle Ali." He said, "What you did was not very nice and you should be sorry for your actions." I was ashamed and said, "Father I'll never do it again. I promise." He said, "I hope today you learned something important, and this watch will be a reminder for you." He told me to take this watch and use it as an organizer of my life.

I learned a very important lesson from my father: to respect time and never be late to get someone. This watch is important to me, not because of its price, but because of the lesson that I learned from it.

a. When did time become important to Essa?

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b. Which of the following is NOT true about Essa's watch?

- (a) It came from his father
- (b) It weighed about one pound.
- (c) It was made of silver.
- (d) It will be a reminder to Essa.
- (e) It helps to organize his life.

c. Which of the following is true?

- (a) Essa was playing with his friends at 2:00 PM.
- (b) Uncle Ali took a taxi to Essa's father's house.
- (c) Essa was supposed to pick up his father at the airport.
- (d) Essa never tried to pick up his uncle at the airport.
- (e) Essa's uncle had only been on a short trip.

d. Rearrange the words into a correct sentence

(a) Important / in / is / lives / our / time / very

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(b) I / go / to / to / airport / the / had / 9 00 am / at / pick/ uncle / up / Ali / to / my

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e. At the end of the story, which was NOT important to Essa?

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(10 marks)

5. (a) Fill in the blanks with the most suitable answers

Secretary: Good morning, ABC Company, how (1) I help you?

Mr. Thomas: Hello, this is Bill Thomas. May I speak with Ms. Tanaka, please.

Secretary: I'm sorry, she is (2)..... of the office right now. May I take a message?

Mr. Thomas: Yes please. This is Anthony Thomas.

Secretary: And how can he (3)..... you, Mr. Thomas?

Mr. Thomas: At 438-3498.

Secretary: Was that (4).....?

Mr. Thomas: Yes, that's right.

Secretary: Okay. I will give him the message as soon as he (5).....

(05 marks)

- (b) Imagine you are in a shop trying to buy a dress / shirt. Write a dialogue that took place between you and the salesman. Use at least 10 utterances.

Salesman:

You:

Salesman:

You:

Salesman:

You:

Salesman:

You:

Salesman:

