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ELM 12023 – ADVANCED READING AND WRITING

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TAKE-HOME EXAM

Answer all questions.

1. Rewrite the sentences without changing the meaning of the sentences. Use the words/phrases given to begin the new sentences.

1. It rained heavily but the children enjoyed playing in the rain.

In spite

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2. Fathima is not as tall as her sister.

Her sister

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3. He did not attend the funeral as the train was late.

Had the train

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4. Lasith didn't go to school last week, so he couldn't do the exam.

Had Lasith

.....

5. The students felicitated their teacher for guiding them throughout their school career.

Their teacher

.....

(5 marks)

2. Write a summary of the following article. You may use any number of sentences, but do not use more than 125 words. Write only one word in each cage.

Even with a windowsill garden, you can help a poor village in the far North. Ponnaveli is situated in Vanni. This traditional village is historically dry for the most part of the year and, after the difficult war years, sustained solely by the men who earn their livelihood by fishing. Appe Lanka, spearheaded by Shaan Corea, has been helping the people of this parched land located on the lower half of the ‘dragon’s mouth’ formed by the Jaffna peninsula. At one of Appe Lanka’s regular ‘needs-based assessment’ meetings in Ponnaveli, the women of the area voiced one of their major woes. When the men cannot go fishing in the season when seas are rough, they bemoaned, families go hungry. They have little savings to help them through those lean monsoon months- making for a precarious state of living.

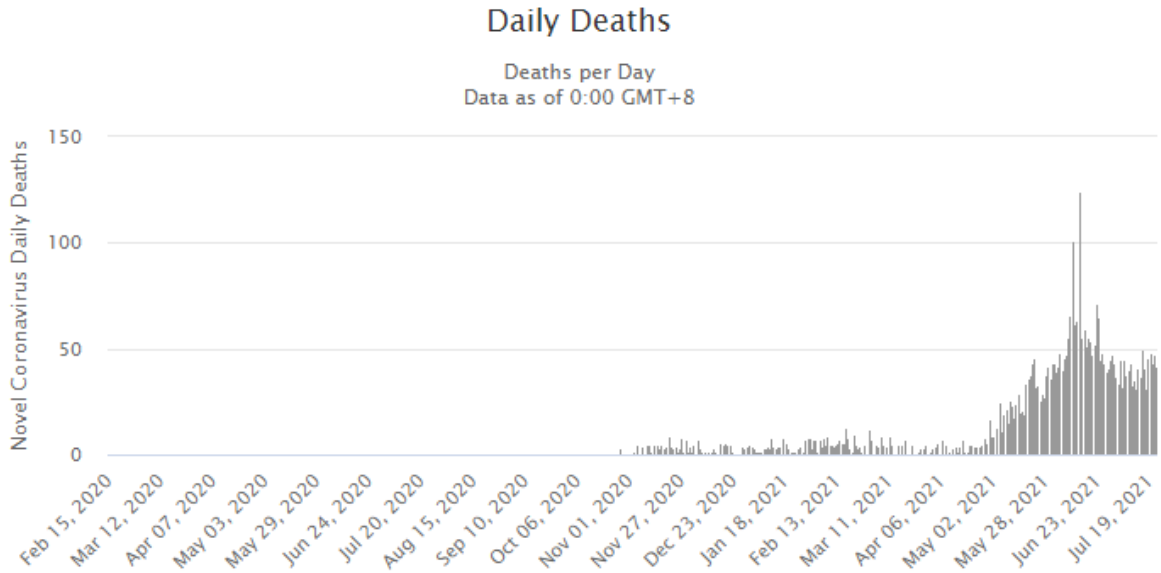
This plea inspired Shaan to come up with a simple but sustainable initiative, which they named “Plant Grow Eat- Edible Gardens”. The first step to establishing ‘edible’ home gardens was to provide the novice farmers with the bare necessities. They had no tools, compost, fertilizer or seeds. Water was a priceless commodity. Appe Lanka set up three water purifying systems in the three villages of Ponnaveli, thus supplying 2000 people, 495 families, with the precious liquid for drinking, cooking and the home gardens. Fifty home gardens were earmarked, 27 of them to grow in the first stage. A set of garden tools, fertilizer, compost and seeds were distributed to each family while they were guided in preparing the ground and fertilizing.

Today, Ponnaveli glows verdant with bristling patches of leafy home gardens where brinjal, tomato, chilli, karavila (bitter gourd), ladies fingers (bandakka), spinach, dambala, pathola, ash plantain, cowpea, beetroot, carrot and cabbage thrive robustly. In a recent visit to the hamlets, Shaan was overwhelmed by the brisk transformation. The home gardens do more than supplement a family’s diet of rice and fish. The excess produce is sold in the market or shared with neighbours, while the family bonds by sharing the labour in the garden, and everyone is ensured a healthy diet.

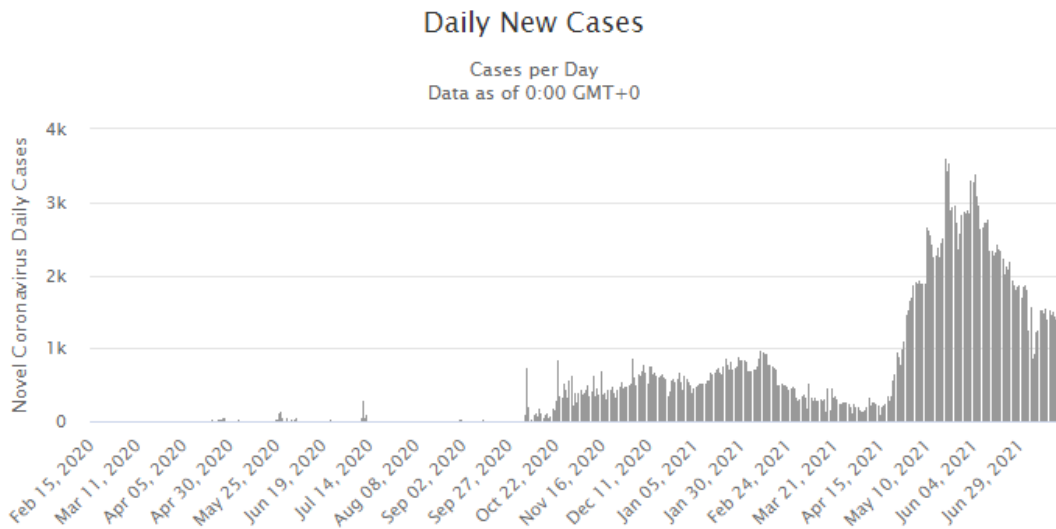
(20 marks)

3. Write a report on the current situation of COVID-19 in the country using the data given below. The word limit is 450-500.

Daily New Deaths in Sri Lanka



Daily New Cases in Sri Lanka



Source: www.hpb.health.gov.lk
Updated 2021-07-22 22:36:03

(25 marks)

4. Imagine that you have completed your degree programme and you are seeking a position as an English teacher. Read the following advertisement and complete the tasks given.

Recruitment of Graduates to the Sri Lanka Teachers' Service for the Teacher Vacancies that Exist in Schools in the North Central Province-2021

Applications are invited from qualified males and females for the recruitment of graduates to Class 3 Grade 1 (a) of the Sri Lanka Teachers' Service vacancies that exist in the schools in the North Central Province. Applications will be closed on 31.08.2021.

01. Eligibility

1.1 General Qualifications

- i. Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- ii. Should have an excellent moral character and be physically fit.
- iii. Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 35 years as at 31.08.2021.
- iv. Should have completed the degree and gained all educational qualifications on or before 31.08.2021.
- v. Should have been a permanent resident of the North Central Province for not less than three (03) years preceding 31.08.2021.

Applicants island-wide will be considered subject to serving in the North Central Province for a minimum of 10 years. Permanent residency should be proved either by the Electoral List or by a Certificate issued by the Grama Niladhari.

1.2 Educational Qualifications

Should have obtained a Special degree in English language or a General degree with English language as a main subject and should have obtained a credit pass for English language at the G.C.E. Ordinary level Examination.

1.3. In addition to the above qualifications, applicants should have passed ~~in~~ six (06) subjects with minimum three (3) credit passes with passes in Mother Tongue and Mathematics in not more than two sittings at the G.C.E (Ordinary Level) Examination before the date of passing the degree.

1.4. A pass at the G.C.E (Ordinary Level) Examination relevant to the language medium in the schools where the vacancy for the second language exists

All the above-mentioned qualifications should have been fulfilled as at the closing date of applications on or before

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I. Prepare a Curriculum Vitae in accordance with the requirements of the post advertised. **(6 Marks)**

II. Write the letter of application to apply for the post of an English teacher in the North Central Province. **(7 marks)**

III. Imagine that you have been selected for the post of a graduate teacher and requested to attend an interview on 10th August, 2021. Write an official letter to the Principal of your school requesting a Character Certificate. Your letter should include the following:

- Give the reason why you want the Character Certificate
- Give details of where the Certificate should be sent
- Thank the Principal

(7 marks)

IV. Assuming that you are the Principal of the school, write the character certificate to be issued to the student. **(5 marks)**

(25 marks)

5. Complete the essay on ‘Travel Restrictions due to COVID-19’. The word limit is 450-500.

Travelling is very pleasant and plays an important role in making us feel relaxed and rejuvenated. However, due to the spread of COVID-19, the government has imposed travel restrictions between provinces in our country.....

(25 marks)