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Special Instructions :

**SECTION A, B, C** answer **ALL** questions.

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**IMPORTANT NOTE** : **THIS PAPER SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN OUT OF THE EXAMINATION HALL**

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**SECTION A (25 marks)**

**READING COMPREHENSION**

**Directions: Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.**

**Fruit Fly Fix**

Para 1 It is breakfast time. You have been looking forward to eating a nice ripe banana ever since you woke up. Just when you reach for the delicious piece of fruit on your counter, you see something that makes you much less hungry: a swarm of fruit flies!

Para 2 Fruit flies are tiny insects that are attracted to ripe or rotting fruits and vegetables. The flies not only eat the fruit, they also lay their eggs there. A single fruit fly can lay up to 500 eggs on the surface of a piece of fruit. Within eight days, the fruit flies that hatch from these eggs are full adults that can then lay their own eggs. As you can see, what might start out as a small fruit fly problem can become very large very quickly.

Para 3 Although there is a chance fruit flies can carry germs on to your food, this is not very likely. Fruit flies are annoying, but they probably will not hurt you. However they are such a nuisance, most people want to get rid of these pesky

bugs as quickly as possible. Some people use pesticide sprays on the fruit flies. Although this will kill the flies, it will also spread harmful poison all over your kitchen. Luckily, there is also a completely safe way for you to get rid of fruit flies in your house.

Para 4 The first step is for you to remove all fruits or vegetables from your counter. Store these items in the refrigerator or in sealed containers. Clean up any spilled juice or bits of food that might be on the floor. Take out the trash and empty the recycling bin. Wash any dirty dishes that are in your sink. Doing all of these things will stop new fruit flies from finding food or places to lay their eggs.

Para 5 Next, make a trap to catch all of the remaining fruit flies in your house. First, fill a small bowl with a few tablespoons of vinegar. Then, put a piece of very ripe or rotting fruit into the vinegar. Cover the bowl very tightly with a sheet of plastic wrap and poke a few very small holes in the wrap with a fork. If all goes according to plan, the flies will enter the trap through the holes but will be unable to fly back out. This trap will catch all of the remaining fruit flies. You can either kill these flies or release them outdoors. Fruit flies can be a pest, but they do not have to make you crazy. With a little effort, you can get existing flies out of your house and prevent new ones from taking over your kitchen.

**Answer these questions in the answer script**

1. In reading this passage, we learn that fruit flies (1 mark)

I. die immediately after they lay their eggs

II. can grow into adults after only 8 days

III. are mostly harmless

A. I only

B. I and II only

C. II and III only

D. I, II, and III

2. As used in paragraph 3, a nuisance is something that (1 mark)

A. bothers you

B. can be dangerous

C. grows fast

D. is very small

3. Why do people want to get rid of the fruit flies? (2 marks)

4. According to the passage, why should you not use pesticide spray to

kill fruit flies? (3 marks)

5. What do fruit flies do to your fruits and vegetables? (3 marks)

6. Why would a small fruit fly problem become a huge problem? (3 marks)

7. What are two safe ways to remove the fruit flies from your house? (3 marks)
8. Do you think the advice offered by the author of this passage can also help you protect your kitchen from other bugs, such as cockroaches? Why or why not? Explain. (4 marks)
9. Find the words of the same meaning from the passage. (5 marks)
- a. tasty (para 1)
  - b. on top of something ( para 2)
  - c. irritating ( para 3)
  - d. take away or eliminate (para 4)
  - e. keep something from happening (para 5)

**SECTION B - GRAMMAR**

**PART I - (15 marks)**

**Fill in the blanks with the correct tense; simple present, present continuous, present perfect and present perfect continuous.**

1. Judy: How long (be) .....in Canada?  
 Claude: I (study) ..... here for more than three years.
  2. He (work) ..... in the multinational company.
  3. Angela is in London at the moment. She (stay)..... at the Hotel Continental.
  4. I (drive ) .....the same car for more than ten years. I'm thinking about buying a new one.
  5. I (love) ..... chocolate since I was a child. You might even call me a "chocoholic."
  6. Look! The eagle (chase)..... the swallow.
  7. Students usually (enjoy)..... working in groups but not everyone (try)..... to give ideas.
  8. Matt and Sarah (face) .....some difficulties in their relationship lately, so
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- they (go) .....to a marriage counselor later .
9. Every morning the train (leave) ..... at 7.30 a.m.
10. John (teach) .....college students since he graduated from Harvard University.
- 11, Lately, I (think) ..... about changing my career because I (become) ..... dissatisfied with the conditions at my company.

**PART II (10 marks)**

**Change the sentence structure**

**These are all written in passive voice. Change each sentence into active voice.**

1. The stone is kicked by Luke.
2. The knife was left on the table by Julie.
3. The milk has been knocked over by a cat.
4. The car had been driven into a wall by a naughty child.
5. The windows were cleaned by the janitor.

**These are all written in active voice. Change each sentence into passive voice.**

6. The actors had performed the play by Shakespeare.
7. A boy smashed the window with a stone.
8. The boys will play football in the evening.
9. James takes the bus to work every day.
10. Sam is baking a big cake for his girlfriend on her birthday.

**PART III - 10 marks**

**Use the words in the parentheses to join the sentences into compound and complex sentences. Use the correct punctuation mark.**

1. The teacher was angry. The student did not do his homework . (for).
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2. The workers were very tired. They still continued to finish the task. (yet)
3. Music is very relaxing. It also helps the family to get closer to one another. (moreover)
4. The band played badly. Everyone had a good time. (even though)
5. You will be called for an interview. They have viewed your exam transcripts. (as soon as)
6. The chairperson was unable to attend the meeting. The meeting was cancelled. (so)
7. The girl hit the rock. She fell flat on her face. (and)
8. She returns to her hometown. She visits her friends. (whenever)
9. You want to go to the university. You need to put in more effort. (if)
10. The clerk has to work overtime. She can finish the report before)

**SECTION C (40 marks)**

**Question 1 (10 marks)**

**Choose any ONE (1) of the topics below and write an outline. Develop the outline into a complete essay in Question 2**

- a. Describe how you celebrate Mother's Day
- b. Compare and contrast two best friends
- c. Explain how to improve your English language proficiency

**Your outline should take the shape of the following format: (10 marks)**

Thesis Statement : .....*Do not write here*.....(1 marks)

Topic Sentence 1 : ..... *Do not write here*.....(1 marks)

Supporting sentences

A. .... *Do not write here* .....

B..... *Do not write here* .....(2 marks)

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Topic Sentence 2 : ..... *Do not wrtie here* ..... (1marks)

Supporting sentences

A. .... *Do not wrtie here* .....

B..... *Do not wrtie here* ..... (2 marks)

Topic Sentence 3 : ..... *Do not wrtie here* ..... (1 marks)

Supporting sentences

A. .... *Do not wrtie here* .....

B..... *Do not wrtie here* ..... (2 marks)

**Question 2 (30 marks)**

Use the outline in Question 1 to write an essay of 300 words.

**-The End-**

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