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Edexcel
International GCSE

Tamil
Paper 1

Monday 28 May 2012 – Morning
Time: 3 hours

You do not need any other materials.

Instructions

- Use black ink or ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer all questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.
- You must not use a dictionary.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 100.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.
1. Translate the following sentences into Tamil.

(a) If I knew that I could come at 1.30pm I would be there with my friend.

(b) As soon as I arrived at the town centre we had coffee.

(c) Respect others and others will respect you.

(d) If I had known that you liked the colour red I would have bought you that shirt.

(e) In the United Kingdom, police are respected by the public.

(5 additional marks are available for the quality of Tamil in your answers)

(Total for Question 1 = 15 marks)
2. Translate the following passage into Tamil.

Meditation

Meditation is doing an activity with awareness, so that the mind is not distracted. Meditation can be done sitting still or in everyday activities. The body is relaxed and the mind is focused. Relaxation is similar to sleep in that the mind is allowed to wander off and perhaps take on a dream-like state. The mind is not controlled during relaxation. It can take on many forms, an object, a breath, a sound, or even a movement. So to meditate you do not need to be still and quiet.

Classical yoga texts explain that to attain true states of meditation one must go through several stages. Firstly the focus is on physical position, breath control and relaxation. This is followed by the more advanced stages of concentration, but that does not mean that one must perfect any one stage before moving on to the next.

With so many approaches to meditation it is easy to see that there will be a method for everyone. Meditation is very personal. Through trying out the different techniques one can find an approach, time, and place. It is important to remember that as long as there is regular practice we will reap the rewards.

Meditation helps us to enjoy every moment and to be mindful in all that we do. It helps us to let go of our negative responses and to create loving relationships towards everyone and everything. It helps us be truly at peace with ourselves.

(25)
3. Translate the following passage into English.

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4. Write an essay of about 200–250 words in Tamil on one of the following subjects:

Either

(a) Describe life without electricity.

(பிறந்த கொள்கலனில் நேரங்கள்)

(b) Explain why it is important to guide children during their childhood.

(குழந்தைக்கள் குழந்தைக்கானது பங்களி நீக்காதாரமாக விளக்கத்து வேண்டும்)

(c) Who do you consider as a famous sports person in the world? Explain why you believe they are famous.

(உலகின் புகழ் பெற்ற விளக்காரர்களில் தென்னின் முக்கியமான விளக்காரர் என்பவர்கள் என்னினும் விளக்கம்)

Or

(d) Write a letter to a friend describing a happy event that occurred recently.

(பிறந்த நாள் மற்றும் வெள்ளாக்கப்பட்ட குறல் காலத்தில் ஓர் புகழ் வந்த தினசரி விளக்கும் வருகையை விளக்கினும்)

Instructions to candidates:

Indicate which question you are answering by marking the box (☑).
If you change your mind, put a line through the box (☒) and then indicate your new question with a cross (☒).

Chosen question number:

Question 4(a) ☐
Question 4(b) ☐
Question 4(c) ☐
Question 4(d) ☐

Please turn over for answer space.