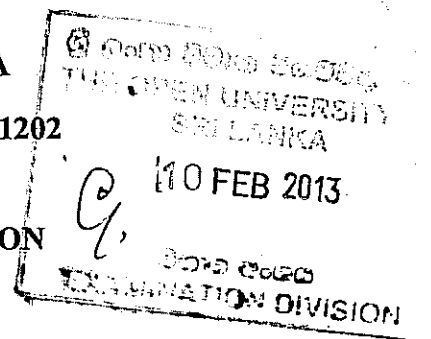




**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA**  
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**PAPER I - READING AND COMPREHENSION**  
**SECTION B**



Date : 10<sup>th</sup> February 2013  
 Time : 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

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**INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.**

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Question No:	Marks Obtained	Maximum
Section – A 1	.....	20
Section – B 2	.....	25
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<b>Total</b>	.....	<u>75</u>

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20 Holding his son's hand Mr. Mani walked up to the house. "Rohitha give  
 21 Ajith his present," said Mani pulling his son forward. Rohitha held out his  
 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)*

**Questions**

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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?

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4. What did Mr. Mani decide to give as a present?

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5. How did he find the money to buy the present?

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**(02 marks)**





Answers should be written in complete sentences in your own words as far as possible. Marks will be deducted for answers copied from the passage.

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it.

1 The three main botanical gardens of Sri Lanka are at Peradeniya, Hakgala  
2 and Henerathgoda. At least two more botanical gardens - one at Mirijjawila  
3 and the other at Avissawella - are being developed.

4 The best known is the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens which will complete  
5 200 years in another nine years. In fact, the site dates back to the 18<sup>th</sup>  
6 century when the Kandyan king Kirti Sri Rajasinghe (1747 - 80 A.D.) had a  
7 royal residence and a park at the same venue.

8 It was in 1821 that the present Gardens were established. First planted with  
9 coffee and cinnamon, a variety of flora was soon introduced. The Gardens  
10 are within a loop made by Sri Lanka's longest river, Mahaweli and cover an  
11 area around 150 acres. The elevation above sea level is 1,600 feet.

12 The first director of the botanical gardens, Alexander Moon was an  
13 Englishman who had been here from 1817.

14 Peradeniya has a large variety of trees and flowering plants. In a 50 acre  
15 area of the gardens there are around 10,000 trees which are well over 100  
16 years old. Two of the gardens main attractions are the exotic Orchid House  
17 and the avenue of Royal Palms which dates back to 1905.









