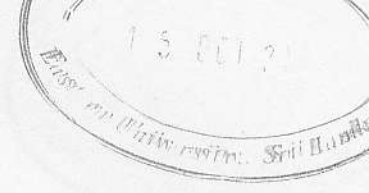


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Time: Two hours

Answer all questions.

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Question 01

Read the newspaper advertisement and answer the following questions.



**MOTOR BICYCLES
FOR SALE**

The following Vehicles used by
C.W. Mackie & Co. Ltd. are
available for sale.

143 - 1523 - BAJAJ SUPER FE
148 - 9686 - HERO HONDA

Inspection 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
from 9th May to 13th May at the
following address.

Tender Forms will be issued on a
non-returnable deposit of Rs. 100/-
Tender will be closed at 4.30 p.m.
on 13th May 2005.

Executive Director -
C.W. Mackie & Co., Ltd.,
36, D. R. Wijewardena Mawatha,
Colombo 10.
Telephone - 2423554

a) What is the advertisement about?

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b) What are the models available for sale?

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c) Are they new? How do you know?

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d) If you are interested in buying one of the vehicles, what are you expected to do?

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e) What do you mean by “non-returnable deposit”?

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f) Can you inspect the vehicles on 14th May?

.....

g) Assume that you want to buy a second hand motorcycle. Write out an advertisement of your requirements to a newspaper. It should include.

- A heading
- Your need
- The model
- How much you can offer
- When you are free to visit
- Contact numbers, address

[15 marks]

Question 05

Read the following newspaper article and answer the question on it.
(Grammatically correct complete sentences will carry full marks.)

Looking at water, you might think that it's the most simple thing around. Pure water is colourless, odourless, and tasteless. But it's not at all simple and plain and is vital for all life on Earth. Where there is water, there is life, and where water is scarce, life has to struggle.

So, what is it about water that makes it so important to us? And what is it about water that makes it water?

You probably know that the chemical description of water is H_2O , that is, one atom of Oxygen bound to two atoms of hydrogen. The hydrogen atoms are "attached" to one side of the oxygen atom, resulting in a water molecule having a positive charge on the side of the hydrogen atoms and a negative charge on the side of the oxygen atom. Since opposite electrical charges attract, water molecules tend to attract each other, making water kind of "sticky". The side with the hydrogen atoms (positive charge) attracts the oxygen side (negative charge) of another water molecule.

All these water molecules attracting each other means they tend to clump together. This is why water drops are, in fact, drops! If it wasn't for some of Earth's forces, such as gravity, a drop of water would be ball shaped – a perfect sphere. Even if it doesn't form a perfect sphere on Earth, we should be happy water is sticky.

Water is called the "universal solvent" because it dissolves more substances than any other liquid. This means that wherever water goes, either through the ground or through our bodies, it takes along valuable chemicals, minerals, and nutrients.

a) What are features of pure water?

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b) Where do you find life?

.....

c) What happens when water is scarce?

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d) What is the chemical description of water?

.....

e) What makes water “sticky”?

.....

f) How do the water molecules clump together? What will happen when they clump together?

.....

g) When will the water drops be ball shaped?

.....

h) Why is water called the “universal solvent”?

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i) What does water take along with it wherever it goes?

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j) Write a suitable heading for the passage.

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k) Find the opposites to the following phrases/words, from the passage.

1. Polluted - 2. Positive -

3. Complex - 4. Abundance -

5. Separated -

l) Explain the following clauses/phrases/ words.

- Odourless

- Water is scarce

- Life has to struggle

- Clump together

- Universal

[20 marks]

Question 06

Write a composition on "Environmental Pollution".

(100 words)

(15 marks)

A series of horizontal dashed lines provided for writing the composition.