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மூன்று மணித்தியாலம்
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Additional Reading Time - 10 minutes

Use additional reading time to go through the question paper, select the questions and decide on the questions that you give priority to in answering.

Drama and Theatre I

Instructions:

- * Answer all questions.
- * In each of the questions 1 to 40, pick one of the alternatives (1), (2), (3), (4) which is correct or most appropriate.
- * Mark a cross (X) on the number corresponding to your choice in the given answer sheet.
- * Further instructions are given on the back of the answer sheet. Follow them carefully.

1. E.F.C. Ludowyke is best known for
 - (1) indigenous ritual drama.
 - (2) developing English theatre in Sri Lanka.
 - (3) writing mask plays.
 - (4) film direction only.
2. The term **blocking** in theatre refers to
 - (1) arrangement of stage lighting.
 - (2) planned movement of actors on stage.
 - (3) design of the backdrop.
 - (4) division of scenes.
3. A soliloquy is best described as
 - (1) dialogue between two characters.
 - (2) chorus narration.
 - (3) improvised speech.
 - (4) speech delivered directly to the audience revealing inner thoughts.
4. The use of exaggerated emotions and clear moral oppositions is a feature of
 - (1) Realism.
 - (2) Absurd theatre.
 - (3) Melodrama.
 - (4) Tragedy.
5. Which stage type has the audience on three sides of the acting area?
 - (1) Proscenium
 - (2) Arena
 - (3) Thrust
 - (4) Black box
6. **Nrtya** can best be defined as
 - (1) dance expressing emotions and stories.
 - (2) pure dance based on rhythm and movement.
 - (3) dramatic performance with dialogue.
 - (4) ritual healing performance.
7. Which element is essential to both **Nrtya** and **Natya**?
 - (1) Emotional expression
 - (2) Set construction
 - (3) Spoken language only
 - (4) Mask usage
8. The primary purpose of stage lighting is to
 - (1) decorate the stage.
 - (2) replace dialogue.
 - (3) ensure visibility and mood.
 - (4) reduce actor movement.
9. Which traditional ritual performance uses masked characters to represent disease-causing demons and perform healing?
 - (1) Shanthi Karma
 - (2) Rata Yakuma
 - (3) Sokari
 - (4) Sanni Yakuma

10. A theatrical feature/s common to Sinhala indigenous rituals is/are
 - (1) scripted dialogue only.
 - (2) masks, movement and music.
 - (3) modern lighting.
 - (4) spoken narration only.
11. A freeze-frame in performance is used to
 - (1) extend a scene.
 - (2) highlight a key moment.
 - (3) change costumes.
 - (4) end a play.
12. Which role supervises rehearsals and overall performance unity?
 - (1) Director
 - (2) Producer
 - (3) Playwright
 - (4) Technician
13. One main advantage of arena theatre is
 - (1) easy use of large sets.
 - (2) increased intimacy with the audience.
 - (3) clear backstage areas.
 - (4) strong illusion of realism.
14. In folk drama, stories are often based on
 - (1) science fictions.
 - (2) court records.
 - (3) local legends and traditions.
 - (4) classical mythology only.
15. Vocal projection mainly involves
 - (1) shouting loudly.
 - (2) using microphones.
 - (3) effective use of breath and articulation.
 - (4) speaking quickly.
16. The **fourth wall** convention assumes that
 - (1) actors face only the director.
 - (2) the audience is invisible to performers.
 - (3) sets must be realistic.
 - (4) music guides the action.
17. Which of the following is commonly used in modern theatre?
 - (1) Oil lamps
 - (2) Painted backdrops only
 - (3) Multimedia projections
 - (4) Natural sunlight only
18. Which theatre form deliberately breaks illusion to provoke thought?
 - (1) Epic theatre
 - (2) Romantic drama
 - (3) Naturalism
 - (4) Opera
19. In modern theatre, performance space is often
 - (1) used creatively and symbolically.
 - (2) ignored completely.
 - (3) always realistic.
 - (4) limited to indoor stages.
20. The central theme of **Let's Give Them Curry** is
 - (1) mythological conflict.
 - (2) historical warfare.
 - (3) religious ritual.
 - (4) cultural identity and migration.
21. Improvisation requires actors to
 - (1) memorise scripts.
 - (2) respond creatively in the moment.
 - (3) follow strict blocking.
 - (4) depend on narration.
22. The climax of a drama is the point where
 - (1) characters are introduced.
 - (2) setting is explained.
 - (3) background is revealed.
 - (4) conflict reaches highest intensity.
23. Which feature best suits children's theatre?
 - (1) Complex symbolism
 - (2) Dark lighting
 - (3) Clear action and visual storytelling
 - (4) Minimal movement
24. Which dramatist contributed significantly to university theatre culture?
 - (1) Jerome de Silva
 - (2) Ruwanthi de Chickera
 - (3) E.F.C. Ludowyke
 - (4) Ernest MacIntyre
25. Jerome de Silva's plays are recognised mainly for their
 - (1) mythological themes.
 - (2) social awareness and local context.
 - (3) musical dominance.
 - (4) ritual healing focus.

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26. Ruwanthi de Chickera's theatre style can best be described as
 - (1) experimental and political.
 - (2) classical and conservative.
 - (3) myth-based.
 - (4) dance-oriented only.
27. Costume colour can primarily suggest
 - (1) stage dimensions.
 - (2) audience reaction.
 - (3) script length.
 - (4) character status or mood.
28. Which performance relies heavily on stylised movement and music?
 - (1) Documentary drama
 - (2) Musical theatre
 - (3) Naturalistic drama
 - (4) Radio drama
29. The rehearsal process mainly helps actors to
 - (1) design sets.
 - (2) develop character and coordination.
 - (3) market the play.
 - (4) edit the script.
30. Iranganie Serasinghe is especially admired in Sinhala theatre for her
 - (1) Nurthi singing voice.
 - (2) ritual dance performances.
 - (3) powerful character portrayal in modern drama.
 - (4) comic folk acting.
31. The play **Raja Kapuru** draws its subject matter mainly from
 - (1) urban social realism.
 - (2) sinhala historical legend.
 - (3) absurd theatre.
 - (4) street improvisation.
32. Which space is most commonly used in street theatre?
 - (1) Open public areas.
 - (2) Formal auditorium.
 - (3) Television studios.
 - (4) Classrooms only.
33. The main aim of theatre games is to
 - (1) entertain the audience.
 - (2) train technical staff.
 - (3) replace rehearsals.
 - (4) develop performance skills.
34. Character motivation refers to
 - (1) costume choice.
 - (2) stage position.
 - (3) scene duration.
 - (4) reason behind a character's actions.
35. Which performer strongly influenced experimental theatre practice in Sri Lanka?
 - (1) Indu Dharmasena
 - (2) Iranganie Serasinghe
 - (3) Gamini Hattotuwegama
 - (4) Jerome de Silva
36. Which of the following enhances realism?
 - (1) Stylised gestures
 - (2) Natural speech patterns
 - (3) Masks and chorus
 - (4) Direct narration
37. Which playwright is closely associated with socially critical modern Sinhala drama?
 - (1) Ediriweera Sarachchandra
 - (2) Sugathapala de Silva
 - (3) Henry Jayasena
 - (4) P.B. Alwis Perera
38. The ending of a tragedy usually results in
 - (1) comic relief.
 - (2) celebration.
 - (3) resolution through suffering or loss.
 - (4) open improvisation.
39. Which factor most affects audience engagement?
 - (1) Ticket price
 - (2) Emotional and visual impact
 - (3) Length of programme notes
 - (4) Seating arrangement only
40. Theatre-in-education mainly aims to
 - (1) train professional actors.
 - (2) promote learning through performance.
 - (3) entertain tourists.
 - (4) preserve rituals.

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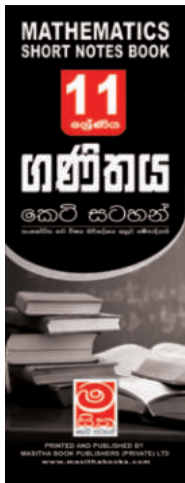
* Answer five (05) questions only, including question one and four other questions.

1. Read the following extract from **Let's Give Them Curry** and answer the questions below it.

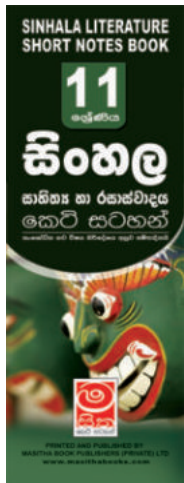
"They don't need to beat us anymore. We've learnt to stand in line and say thank you."

- (i) Identify the speaker. (01 mark)
 - (ii) Identify the character whom the speaker addresses. (01 mark)
 - (iii) Briefly explain the situation in which this line is spoken. (02 marks)
 - (iv) What does this line reveal about the condition of the people represented in the play? (02 marks)
 - (v) Identify the tone of the speaker in his line and justify your answer with reference to the words used. (02 marks)
 - (vi) Name one theme highlighted through this line. (02 marks)
 - (vii) Explain how this line reflects the social criticism intended by the playwright. (02 marks)
2. (i) How does Violet Perera respond to crisis and insecurity? (06 marks)
 - (ii) Explain your view of the character Kamala. (06 marks)
3. (i) Describe how voice and movement contribute to characterisation in drama. (06 marks)
 - (ii) Explain why physical expressiveness is important in non-verbal theatre forms. (06 marks)
4. (i) Define ritual performance. (06 marks)
 - (ii) Examine its social and cultural significance in Sri Lankan society. (06 marks)
5. (i) Explain how realistic drama differs from stylized drama. (06 marks)
 - (ii) Describe the special acting skills required to perform realistic drama. (06 marks)
6. (i) How important is music in traditional folk drama? (06 marks)
 - (ii) Select a traditional Sinhala or Tamil folk drama of your choice and explain its impact on society. (06 marks)
7. (i) Select a modern Sinhala, Tamil or English drama of your choice and explain its most successful feature. (06 marks)
 - (ii) Explain how audience impact matters in modern drama. (06 marks)

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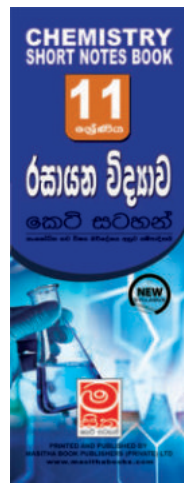
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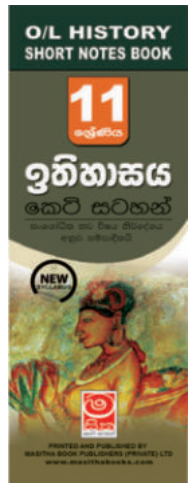
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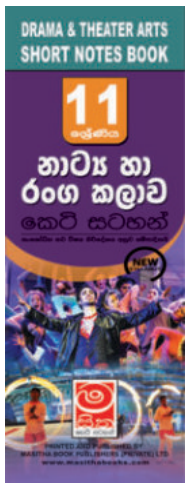
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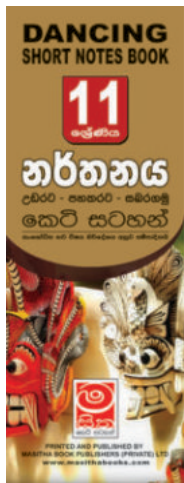
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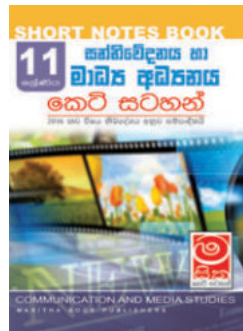
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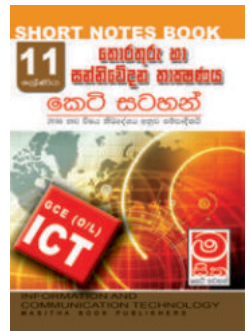
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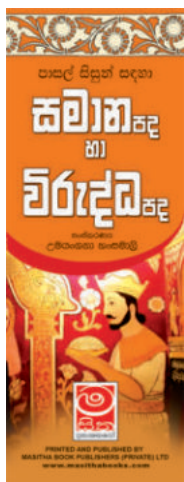
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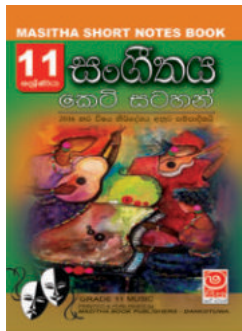
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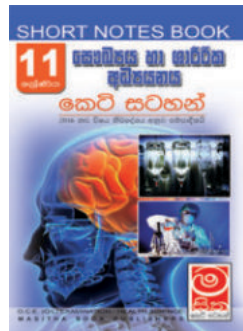
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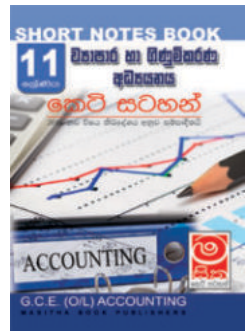
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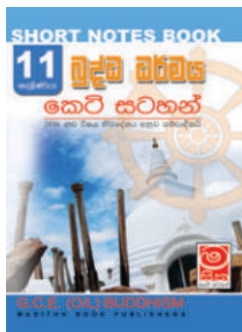
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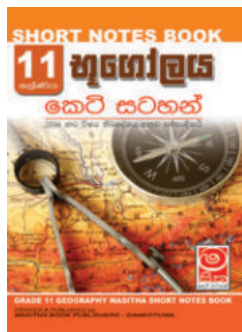
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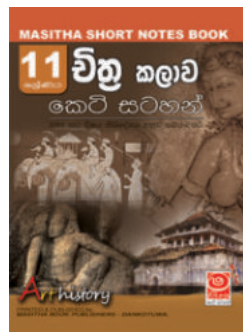
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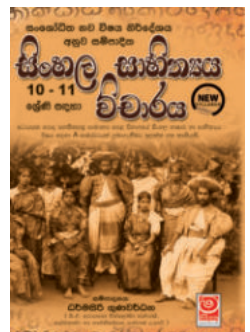
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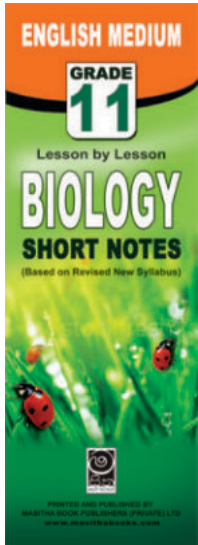


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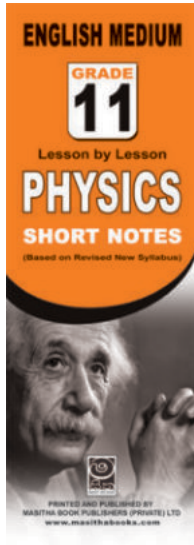


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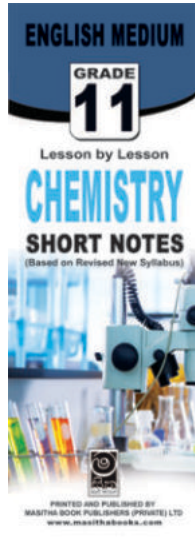
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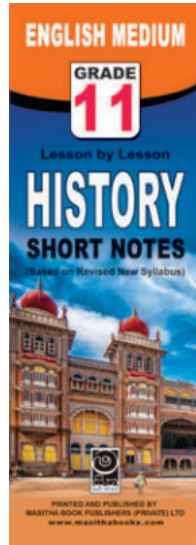
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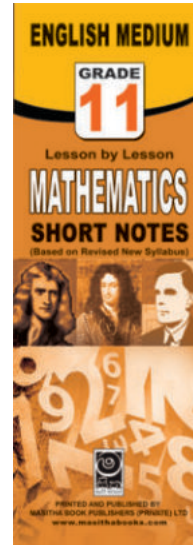
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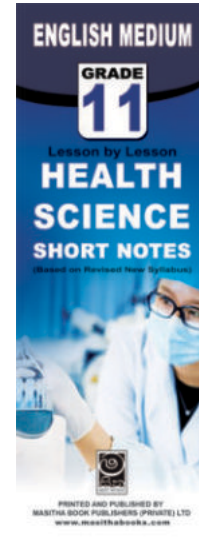
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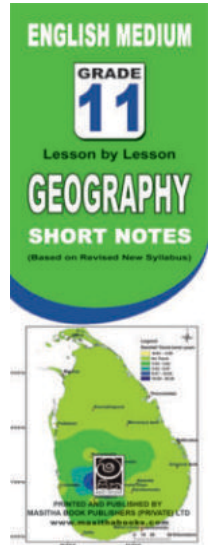
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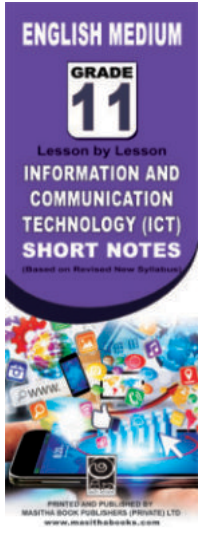
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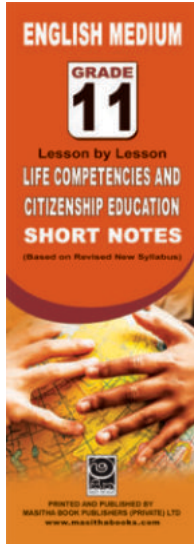
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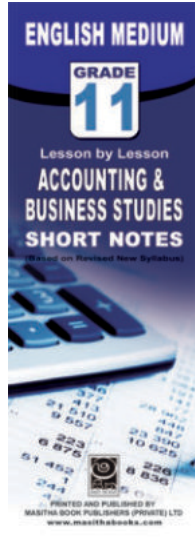
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