

G.C.E. (O.L.) Support Seminar - 2014

English Language I

One hour

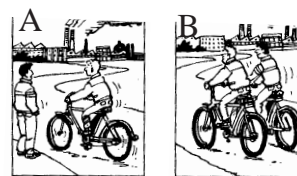
Important :

* Answer **all** questions **on this paper itself**.

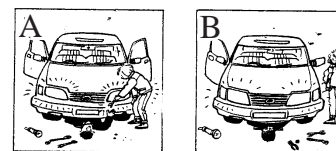
○ **Test 01**

Read the following sentences and select the relevant picture for each sentence. Write the correct letter in each blank. *The first one is done for you.*

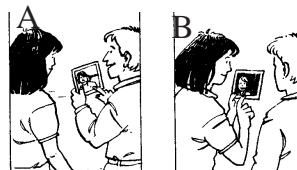
(1) They are cycling to work. *B*



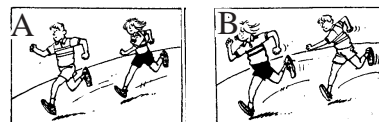
(2) Both car doors are open.



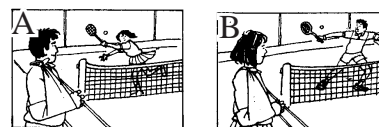
(3) The boy is showing the photograph to his sister.



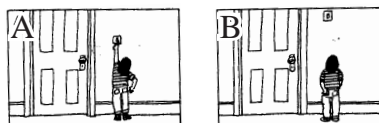
(4) The girl cannot run as fast as her brother.



(5) Nuwan is playing tennis while his sister is watching him



(6) The switch is too high. Rashmi is unable to reach it.



○ **Test 02**

Fill in the blanks in the following paragraph with the correct pronoun.

The first one is done for you.

One day a strange thing happened. A boy in a white uniform was running along the road with a bicycle. When he was running thus for sometime, a kind gentleman saw this. He asked the boy, "Why are you running with (1) *your* (you) bicycle?" The boy replied, (2) "..... (I) bicycle has a flat tyre". Then the man asked, "Why don't you get it repaired?" The boy answered, "I have no time. There is an examination for (3) (I) today. I have only five minutes to go to the exam hall." Then, the kind man took (4) (he) to the exam hall on (5) (he) motorbike. The boy considered (6) (him) to be lucky to have met the kind man.

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○ **Test 03**

Read the following short advertisements and fill in the blanks using the words given within brackets.
The first one is done for you.

House and property

Land blocks from Galle.
 Water (1) supply , electricity,
 Bank loans and easy (2).....
 terms. Rs. 43,000 per (3).....
 (payment, portion, fees, perch, ~~supply~~)

Household items for sale

Electric (4), wooden
 furniture, owner (5)
 Contact – 011 2784222
 (utensils , migrating, appliances, visiting)

Food and Catering
“Yummy Cake Cafe”

All types of (6).....
 birthday cakes, rich cake and
 imported (7)..... for sale.
 (8)..... within 48 hours.
 (ingredients, delicious, delivery, serve,
 spicy)

**Immediate Vacancies in a reputed
 restaurant**

Looking for a Chinese cook, (9).....
 helpers, delivery (10).....and waiters,
 minimum two years (11).....
 Walk-in-interview.
 XYZ food court – Nagoda.
 (boys, kitchen, customers, experience,
 chicken)

○ **Test 04**

Read the description of what Ravi is going to do during the next weekend. Write a similar description about what Ruwani is going to do. Use the information given in the table.

	Name	Places to visit	With whom	Things to do	Accommodation
1.	Ravi	Kandy: visit historical places Botanical Gardens	family members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> take photographs of ruins see the natural scenery and flowers 	at a relation's house
2.	Ruwani	Nuwara Eliya: visit Gregory Lake Ambewela Farms	teachers and classmates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have a boat ride in Gregory Lake Yoghurt production at Ambewela Farms. 	at a hotel

Ravi is planning to visit Kandy with his family members next weekend. They will visit the historical places and the Botanical Gardens there. They will be taking photographs of ruins of the historical places. They will also see the natural scenery and flowers in the Botanical Gardens. They hope to stay at a relation's house.

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○ **Test 05**

Complete the following telephone conversation using the expressions given in the box. Write the correct letter in the space provided. *The first one is done for you.*

Suresh : Hello! May I speak to Kasun please?
Anjana : Oh, sorry. He has gone out.
(1)...~~f~~..... who is speaking there?
Suresh : I'm Suresh, one of his friends.
Is that Kasun's brother, Anjana?
Anjana : Yes Suresh, (2) for Kasun?
Suresh : Yes. could you please tell him that we have planned
to go on a trip to Badulla?
Anjana : Sure. When are you going?
Suresh : Next Monday. I want to know whether Kasun can join us.
Anjana : All right Suresh, (3) to Kasun.
Suresh : Thanks Anjana. Can you please ask him (4)?
Anjana : All right I'll ask him (5)
Suresh : Thanks Anjana.
Anjana : (6)..... your telephone number.
Suresh : It's 0112678840.
Anjana : Thanks. Bye!

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| b. | to call me back |
| c. | is there any message |
| d. | to call you back |
| e. | Please give me |
| f. | May I know |

○ **Test 06**

Write a paragraph on **one** of the following topics. Use about **50** words.

- (1) The job I like to do in future.
- (2) Let's eat home made food.
- (3) An interesting day I spent with my family.

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○ **Test 07**

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

I shall never forget the first time I travelled by train. My uncle who was working at Vavuniya, invited me to visit him. Early in the morning I went to the Polgahawela station to catch the train. I had to wait in a long queue to get my ticket. With the announcement of the station master the Yal Devi express train appeared on the platform with a terrifying roar. I was swept on to the train by people pushing from behind. It was packed tight with people and I could not see the names of stations where it stopped. I had to get off at the sixth station from Polgahawela. I counted the number of stops and got off. My uncle had promised to pick me up at the station. It was mid night and all the people who got off, rushed out of the station. I was alone and afraid. Mistakenly, I had got off at the wrong station. I spoke to some people. They could not understand what I said in Sinhala. Then I spoke to them in English and with the bit of Tamil I knew. They took me to the station master who telephoned my uncle waiting at the next station. In a short while, my uncle came to pick me up. We thanked the station master and left for Vavuniya. On my way, I told my uncle what happened. My uncle who was fluent in all the local languages; Sinhala, Tamil and English convinced me the value of knowing many languages when living in a multilingual society like ours.

(1) Who expected the writer to come to Vavuniya?

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(2) Which two words in the passage tell us that the train made a big noise?

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(3) Write the sentence which says that the writer did not get off at the correct station.

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(4) How did the station master help him?

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• Underline the correct answer

(5) The word '**convinced**' means

(1) made him think

(2) made him aware

(3) made him realize

○ **Test 08**

You celebrated the Teachers' Day in your school recently. Write a note to a friend describing the event.

Use about **50** words.

When and where you had the function.

How you showed your gratitude to the teachers.

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○ Test 09

Fill in the blanks in each sentence by using the correct form of the word given within brackets. *The first one is done for you.*

1. This balm is an extremely *effective* (effect) cure for a backache.
2. A green building means an environment (friend) house, factory or office.
3. Rajendra wants to get the (member) of the public library.
4. The textile industry needs young and (create) individuals.
5. The affectionate relationships among family members (strength) the family bonds.
6. The poet has manipulated the words(skilful) to create interest in the reader.

○ Test 10

Match the headings with the descriptions. Write the letters in the boxes provided. *The first one is done for you.*

Headings	
a. Location of Lifelong Stores.	d. Ordering furniture from home.
b. Special offers for the season.	e. Saving money by not paying interest.
c. Guidance on purchasing furniture.	f. A wide range of furniture.

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Want to buy a small coffee table or a dining table? Lifelong Furniture has a variety of your choice.

2

The Lifelong Furniture Stores offer one year interest free, instalment scheme on every purchase.

3

You are entitled to a 20% discount if you pay the full amount by cash, cheque or credit card.

4

No need of visiting Lifelong Furniture showrooms. Send us a purchase order. Furniture will be delivered to your doorstep.

5

For more information about latest furniture styles, a staff member is available in every store to give you advice free of charge.

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We have stores in every major city. For our branch network, just check your telephone directory.

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○ **Test 11**

Complete the following dialogue between two friends about their sportsmeet. Use the **passive form** of the verb given within brackets. *The first one is done for you.*

- Tharindu : Hello! Raja. What are you doing these days?
I didn't see you for a long time.
- Raja : Well Tharindu, we are getting ready for the sportsmeet.
- Tharindu : Oh I see.
- Raja : Already we (1) have been grouped (group) into three houses by the teachers.
Yesterday, the students (2) (select) for different events.
- Tharindu : So, are you taking part in any of the events?
- Raja : Yes, I'm a member of the relay team. Next week we (3) (train)
after school, by the coach.
- Tharindu : Really! How nice. Who is organizing the final ceremony?
- Raja : That (4) (organize) by the prefects with the help of the principal.
A special meeting (5) (call) for by now.
- Tharindu : How about the tents and the refreshments?
- Raja : They (6) (provide) by the parents.
- Tharindu : It's going to be a great event. Can I also help you?
- Raja : Sure, the winners will get cash prize. Can you please help with that?
- Tharindu : Yes. Sure.

○ **Test 12**

Read the following text. In each line one word is **incorrect** and it is underlined. Write the correct word in the space provided.

- One day we decided to go for a walk
in the beach during our August holidays. (1) on
- After some times we reached the (2)
- branch of a river flow into the sea. (3)
- There was a sign there which say, (4)
- "Warn ! Beware of Crocodiles". (5)
- My friend want to take a photograph (6)
- of me stand in front of the sign. (7)
- He took the photo and then scream. (8)
- I looked behind me and saw a (9)
- enormous crocodile coming to me. (10)
- We ran as fast as we can and escaped. (11)

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○ **Test 13**

Fill in the blanks in the following text using the words given in the box.

drank	farmer	uninviting	his	milk	was	near
away	the	hungry	mansion	realized	blade	milking

A man was walking along a country road. He was chewing a (1) of grass because he (2) hungry. He saw a (3) milking a cow in (4) compound. The man sat (5) the farmer and watched the (6) being done. The farmer (7) that the man was (8) and offered him some (9) which was raw and (10)..... . However, the hungry man (11) the milk and went (12)..... .

After a few days, (13) farmer was invited to the (14) of a rich man. The hungry man who drank the farmer's milk was none other than the richest man in the country who had got lost while walking in the countryside.

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○ **Test 14**

Write on **one** of the following.

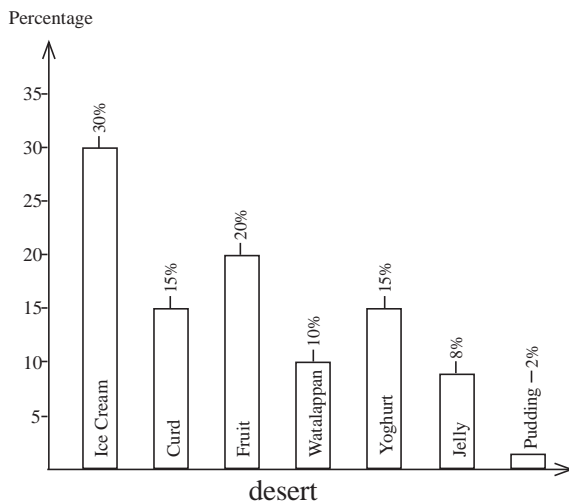
(a) Members of the "Environmental Club" of your school wish to visit Sinharaja forest. As the secretary of the club write a letter to the Director of the Department of Forestry, Nugegoda asking for permission to visit the place. Use about **100** words.

Include the following.

- Date and time of the visit.
- Number of members participating.
- Duration of your stay at Sinharaja
- Request the service of a guide.

OR

(b) The following bar graph shows the results of a survey done with a group of 100 students in your school on their favorite desert. Study it and write a description about it. Use about 100 words.



The following words and phrases will help you.

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lowest number of
most popular
least popular
more than
less than
equal

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○ **Test 15**

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

The fragments of broken glass must have been thrown away by my aunts on that narrow stretch of garden where no one trod. Gazing at the bits of coloured broken glass opened for me a magic world of fantasy. I thought that I should carry home this treasure.

One afternoon, when my mother was reposing at midday, I took my glass treasure to my sister, where **she** was dreaming over her patchwork quilt. I spread the treasure before her eyes. She hissed like an angry cat. "What have you brought? Glass! Throw it away at once. You will hurt your fingers." "I want to keep them all my life," I wanted to tell her. But I didn't.

I picked out an amber coloured fragment of glass and looked through it at the sunlit countryside. I saw an enchanting golden world through it. I asked my sister to do likewise. She did so at my request. But she saw no magic through it.

I kept looking through each piece of coloured glass separately and saw before my eyes green trees in blue, houses in pink, and skies in purple. It was an extraordinary pastime. And there was something more to it. Looking at the landscape all around through coloured glass, I was able to imagine there were fairies flying about on the backs of birds with gorgeous plumes. When I looked through a piece of purple glass I thought I was in heaven mysteriously enchanting. Looking through the red glass was a fearsome experience. It seemed as though the demons would emerge from behind the trees, with white curling teeth.

This was indeed an intriguing pastime for me and I had to find a suitable hiding place for my well earned treasure. Mother's reaction if she saw these pieces of broken glass would certainly be much worse than that of my sister's.

Grandma saw the bewildering wonderment of my childlike discovery and never seemed alarmed. Instead she smiled down at me tenderly. I was most certain that the memory of her own childhood may have flooded **her** innermost vision at that time, and she was happy as a little child, just for an instant once more.

I believe that, that joy has been everlasting in my mind. And so to this day I know that the child in me has been my guiding light all along the way forever reminding me of the enchanting wonderment, mystery and charm of the fantasy world of little children.

Adapted from "The Child in Me" Sybil Wettasinghe

(1) Say whether the following sentences are true or false by writing 'T' or 'F' against each of them.

- (a) The writer's sister admired the pieces of glass collected by the writer.
- (b) The writer saw a colourful world through the coloured glass.
- (c) The discovery of the writer took grandmother to her childhood.
- (d) The writer is the only person who was able to admire the treasure found in the garden.

(2) What did the writer want to tell her sister when she was asked to throw away the treasure?

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(3) Write the sentence which says that the happiness remains in the writer's mind forever.

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(4) Underline the correct answer.

If mother saw the pieces of broken glass she would have reacted

- (i) with a better understanding
- (ii) in a harsh manner
- (iii) in an interesting way

(5) Write a word from the passage which is very much similar in meaning to the words/ phrases.

- (a) resting -
- (b) a valuable thing -
- (c) large feathers -
- (d) surprise -

(6) What do the following highlighted words in the story refer to?

- she (line 5) -
- her (line 23) -

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○ **Test 16**

Write on **one** the following use about **200** words.

(1) You are expected to make a speech at the morning assembly on
“Sports and Games ; a valuable training for life.”

Include the following in your speech.

- a short introduction explaining the types of sports and games you are involved in at school.
- say how such sports and games have helped you become stronger in mind and body.
- the enjoyment of playing as a team.
- persuade your schoolmates to get more involved in sports and games.

(2) The Internet has become the latest source of knowledge and information in the world today.

Write an essay on **“The numerous uses of the internet.”**

Explain how the internet has influenced the following.

- Education
- Science
- Commerce
- Communication

(3) Global warming is one of the biggest environmental issues in the world today. It happens due to the increase of green house gases in the atmosphere.

Write an article for your school magazine on the following topic.

“Global warming – a serious environmental issue”

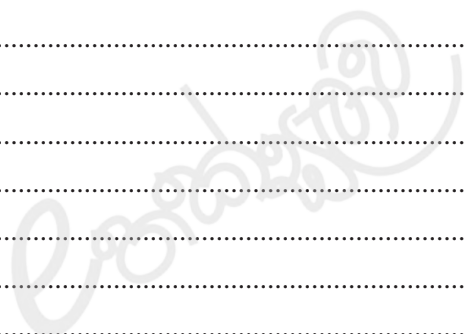
Include

- how it happens
- human activities which cause the issue
- the results of this issue
- what we can do as individuals to control this

(4) Complete the following story.

It was the last period. The teacher came to the class with a smiling face. Everybody was excited.....

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