

G.C.E. (O.L.) Support Seminar - 2013

English Language I

One hour

Important :

* Answer all questions on this paper itself.

Test 1

Complete the following dialogue by selecting the most suitable word from the boxes. Write the correct letter. *The first one is done for you.*

- Hesith : The exam will be over (1)(a)..... month. (a) next
 What are you going to do after that? (b) last
- Navaz : I thought of joining an English course. (a) come
 Do you like to (2)? (b) go
- Hesith : Yes, I do, but I want the (3) (a) vacation
 free. (b) weekends
- Navaz : Why? Are you planning to do (4) (a) anything
 important on Saturday and Sunday? (b) nothing
- Hesith : Mm Yes. I thought of (5) (a) following
 a course on IT. (b) passing
- Navaz : Then you'll be (6) the (a) free
 whole week. (b) occupied
- Hesith : Yes, that's what I call working hard.

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

Test 2

Find the required information from the notice and write them in the spaces provided.

NOTICE

The College Drama Competition
 will be held at
The City Hall
on Saturday the 30th November
at 5.00 p.m.

The Chief Guest is
 the Mayor Hon. W. Perera
All are welcome
 (Contact the Vice Principal for vehicle passes)

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The President - Drama Club

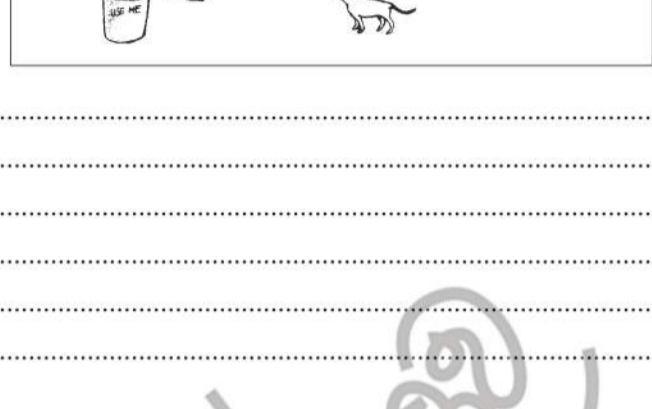
- (1) Occasion
- (2) Venue
- (3) Date
- (4) Chief Guest
- (5) Notice signed by

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

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Test 3

Write five sentences about the picture.



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(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

Test 4

Read the following messages from 'greeting cards'. Decide in which situation you would use them. Match the letter of the card with the situations. *The first one has been done for you.*

Cards

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| <p>a To make you better soon,
 And help the time along,
 Here's love and all good wishes,
 That you will soon be strong !</p> | <p>b A time to sit back and relax
 While enjoying every moment of your new life
 Don't forget to add five more days
 to your weekend.</p> |
| <p>c At this time of year
 There's very good reason
 To wish you good cheer
 For the festive season.</p> | <p>d Today is special,
 So have lots of fun,
 And make the great day,
 An enjoyable one.</p> |
| <p>e You've worked hard
 And done your best.
 Now you deserve a hug
 For your great success.</p> | <p>f I never got the first rank
 Or 'A's in all my tests.
 You always made me feel the best
 Grateful to you for being so nice.</p> |

Situations

- (1) Mr. Gunarathna retired from service. (.....) (b)
- (2) Dasuni has passed the exam. (.....)
- (3) The class teacher receives a card from a student at the end of the year. (.....)
- (4) Tomorrow Vinodini will be sixteen years old. Her friends will send their greetings. (.....)
- (5) Your uncle is recovering after a surgery. (.....)
- (6) Kanchana received a card on the 1st of January. (.....)

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

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Test 5

Match the questions in 'A' with the answers in 'B'. Write the correct letter in the space provided. *The first one is done for you.*

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| A | | B |
| (1) Will you buy me that frock? | (.....) (b) | (a) Oh ! I haven't been to a cinema for a long time. |
| (2) Do you like my new shirt? | (.....) | (b) Sorry, I haven't got much money. It's very expensive. |
| (3) Where's the post office, please? | (.....) | (c) Oh, that's lovely. It really suits you. |
| (4) Do you like the new movie? | (.....) | (d) Yes, could you come here for a moment. |
| (5) Did you call me? | (.....) | (e) No, I've got one. |
| (6) It's going to rain. Do you need an umbrella? | (.....) | (f) It's over there next to the cinema. |

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

Test 6

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

- (a) Benefits of getting up early. Or (b) My contribution to save the environment.

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(5 marks)

Test 7

Read the text and answer the questions.

Asitha is an absent minded person who forgets where he keeps his things. He loses so many things. He thinks that they just get up and walk. Perhaps he has never admitted it, even to himself, but he is extremely jealous of people who are orderly and have never lost anything. They seem to have a place for everything and everything is in its place. Some things have a terrible habit of making themselves disappear the moment Asitha needs them. Pencils and pens are never anywhere near the telephone when it rings. Tin openers and screw drivers always manage to wander out into the garden and, as a result, screws remain loose and tins remain unopened.

The situation was getting so much out of control that Asitha finally decided to organize himself. He had a large cupboard put into the kitchen. On the shelves, he neatly arranged a number of boxes and tins and clearly printed in ink on the outside the names of items they contained. Asitha had one box for pins, another for nails, and a special place for screw drivers. Soon everything was tidily arranged in its place, from pairs of scissors to spare bulbs. Having made such a sincere attempt to prevent them from running away, he felt very proud of himself. But it was not long before the matches disappeared and the hammer was found in the waste paper basket. To end this problem, Asitha had a lock fitted to the cupboard and thus made sure that nothing is lost. This was an admirable solution until Asitha lost the only key to the cupboard.

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- (1) Underline the correct answer
 Asitha
 (a) never loses things (b) always loses things (c) keeps things in order
- (2) When does Asitha need pencils and pens ?

- (3) Underline the correct answer
 He kept the cupboard in
 (a) the kitchen (b) a tidy place (c) a store room
- (4) How could he identify the contents of boxes and tins ?

- (5) What was his final solution to the problem ?

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

Test 8

Your friend Rani is going abroad for higher studies this weekend. You are unable to see her before her departure. Write a note to be sent to her with a small present. (50 words)

- express your happiness on the news.
- apologise for not meeting her.
- ask her to accept the present.
- wish her.

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(5 marks)

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English Language II

Two hours

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Test 9

Read the following passage. In each line one word is **incorrect** and it is underlined. Write the correct word in the space provided. *The first one is done for you.*

As Sanduni entered her new office, one of the men look at his watch, clapped his hands, and said something to the others. Immediate they all went to their tables. At once everyone were busy. No one took some notice of Sanduni at all.

At lastly, she went to the person whom was sitting near the door and explained that these was her first day. He said, "Sit there and wait to the manager."

The manager arrived prompt at nine. Everyday the work in the office start just before the manager come. The clap was the signal to start work.

(½ × 10 = 5 marks)

Test 10

Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the word given at the end of each line. *The first one is done for you.*

One of his favourite pastimes is collecting clocks. He already has a most remarkable (1) collection collect which won much (2) of his friends. The most (3) is an old Dutch clock which had been made in the seventeenth century. It had been in the (4) of his family for several (5) Every morning he makes a round of all his clocks winding them up and (6) any that were going fast or slow.

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

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Test 11

Read the text and select the correct word from the singular and the plural forms given within brackets. *The first one has been done for you.*

A large number of (1. company / companies) (2. has / have) developed (3. website / websites) in the last few years. Trading using the internet is called (4. e-commerce / e-commerces) and (5. this is / these are) divided into two kinds. Many (6. business / businesses) have to use the internet to sell directly to (7. its / their) customers, but large numbers have experienced trouble with (8. security / securities) of goods and other practical issues. In addition, the high start up costs and many (9. expense / expenses) of advertising (10. means / mean) that (11. companies / company) often struggle to make a profit.

(½ × 10 = 5 marks)

Test 12

Read the poem and answer the questions given.

Haren

*It's the school vacation
 And Haren doesn't live here anymore
 He lives across the street,
 Spends his time with the willow bat,
 Drives, cuts, hooks,
 With the willow bat.
 Spends his time with arguments
 And sweaty friends
 And not with us
 He's moved away.*

*Comes home just to eat and sleep
 And sometimes pats my head
 Then goes back to his place
 To bowl googlies, flippers, dhooras,
 And to bat,
 And to field
 Thinks he's 'Sanga'
 And not my Brother.*

- (01) Where does Haren live during the vacation ?
 (01 mark)
- (02) Underline the most suitable answer.
Sweaty friends mentioned in the poem are
 (a) his family members
 (b) his classmates
 (c) his playmates (01 mark)
- (03) Why does he come home ?
 (01 mark)
- (04) Write the line which says Haren likes the writer.
 (01 mark)
- (05) Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the poem.
 Haren is writer's , though he believes he is

(5 marks)

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