

# Western Provincial Department of Education

## Year - End Evaluation - 2011

### English Language - Paper I

### Grade 11

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Time : 01 hour

Answer all questions

#### Test 01

Complete the following notices with the correct words from the group of words within brackets. There are extra words. *One is done for you.*

Marks : 05

#### Help Age Fund

Book (1) ..Marks..... in aid of the Help Age Fund are (2) ..... at the school bookshop.

(beautiful, available, marks, buy)

#### Keep the City Clean

Please do not (3) ..... here. Help protect the (4) .....

(litter, garbage, environment, sweep)

#### Car Wash

A Car Wash has been organized next (5) ..... in the school (6) .....

Funds (7) ..... will be donated to the Eye (8) .....

(collected, premises, hall, hospital, Friday, clean)

#### Drama

Students taking part in 'Macbeth' please be (9) .....

..... for a dress (10) .....

..... Please inform your (11) .....

(parents, actors, rehearsal, present)



Read the advertisement and answer the questions given.

<b>DILINI'S SUPER SALE</b>		
Final reductions on a large range of ladies', men's and children's fashions, plus furniture		
9.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Mon - Wed 9.30 a.m. - 8.00 p.m. Thu 9.30 a.m. - 7.00 p.m. Fri & Sat		
<b>BARAGAINS GALORE</b>		
	<u>was</u>	<u>now</u>
<b>Ground floor</b>		
Men's T-shirts	Rs. 700/-	Rs. 550/-
Men's Trousers	Rs. 800/-	Rs. 700/-
<b>First floor</b>		
Ladies' cotton skirts	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 400/-
Ladies' silk blouses	Rs. 900/-	Rs. 750/-
<b>Second floor</b>		
Children's jeans	Rs. 800/-	Rs. 650/-
Children's T-shirts	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 350/-
<b>Third floor</b>		
Men's suits	Rs. 5000/-	Rs. 3000/-
Ladies' sarees	Rs. 3000/-	Rs. 2000/-
<b>Fourth floor</b>		
Sofas	Rs. 10000/-	Rs. 9000/-
Dining tables	Rs. 7000/-	Rs. 6000/-

- (a) The name of the store: .....
- (b) The opening hours on Thursdays .....
- (c) The difference between the price of a ladies' cotton skirt then and now .....
- (d) The most expensive dress you can buy .....
- (e) The things you can buy at the fourth floor .....

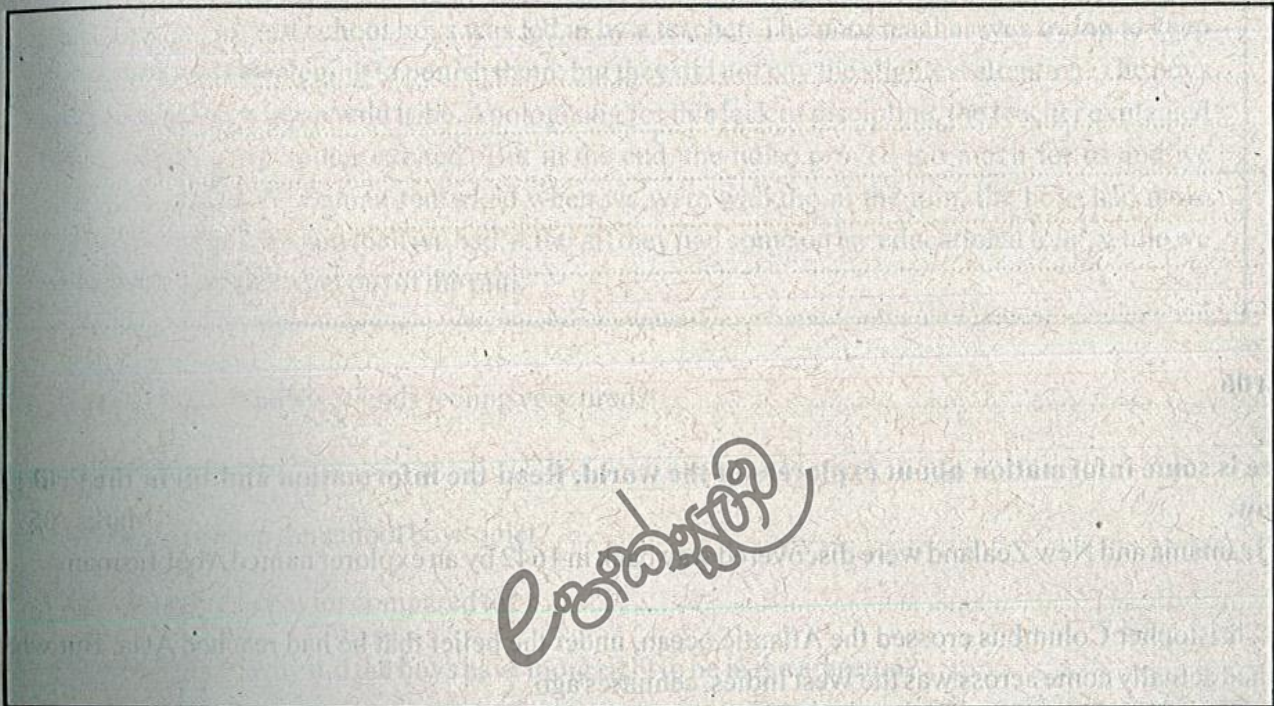


Test 03

Read the following news item and draw a poster to be displayed on the notice board.

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The Agriculture Association of Vijaya Vidyalaya Gampaha has organized a workshop on making composed fertilizer. There will be a demonstration by Mr. Sisira Perera, on June 30<sup>th</sup>, at the school premises commencing at 10.30a.m. The chief guest will be the Zonal Director of Education. Some rare varieties of plants will be sold at the end of the demonstration. Admission free.



Test 04

Complete the dialogue using the given utterances. Write the correct letter in the blank.

Marks : 05

Sanduni : Hello! I'm really glad to see you.  
This is for you.

Dilini : (1).....  
The doctor says they're good for me.

Sanduni : Are you alright now?

Dilini : (1).....  
But there's a slight pain in my stomach.

Sanduni : (1).....

Dilini : He said that I'd be fine in a few days.  
Anyway what happened at the drama competition?

Sanduni : (1).....  
There was a big competition among the schools.

Dilini : But we managed to get a place. Didn't we?

Sanduni : (1).....  
We were very happy about it.

- (a) We got the second place
- (b) Yes, I'm much better now
- (c) Wow! Grapes! Thank you.
- (d) What did the doctor say about it.
- (e) Yes! everyone praised us



**Test 05**

Write a paragraph about one of the following. Use about 50 words. Marks: 05

- (a) Reading - The best way to spend one's leisure (b) Water - can we live without it?

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**Test 06**

Here is some information about explorers of the world. Read the information and fill in the grid given below. Marks: 05

1. Tasmania and New Zealand were discovered way back in 1642 by an explorer named Abel Tasman
2. Christopher Columbus crossed the Atlantic ocean, under the belief that he had reached Asia. But what he had actually come across was the West Indies, centuries ago.
3. Between 1910 and 1930, Roy Chapman Andrews explored the Gobi Desert and Tibet.
4. In 1513, a man named Vasco Nunez de Balboa, crossed the Panama and made a great discovery. Know what? The Pacific Ocean.
5. Heard of the famous Victoria Falls of Africa? We may never have known, it's beauty, if not for David Livingstone, who discovered it more than a century ago in 1855.

Place	Person	Time
Tasmania and New Zealand	Abel Tasman	1. ....
2. ....	Christopher Columbus	Centuries Ago
Gobi Desert and Tibet	3. ....	Between 1910 and 1930
The Pacific Ocean	Vasco Nunez de Balboa	4. ....
5. ....	David Livingstone	In 1815



**Test 07**

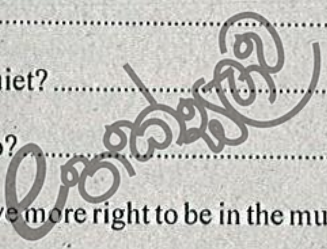
Read the text and answer the questions given below.

Marks : 05

Dark clouds in a dull sky meant one thing only: there was going to be a thunderstorm. Not one of us had brought an umbrella, or even a raincoat, so when Saman suggested that we should go to the museum, we all agreed immediately. As we had been shopping all morning and were now feeling very tired, it would be a pleasure to sit down. We took a bus and arrived just as large drops of rain were beginning to fall.

The museum was quite deserted and very peaceful. We sat down in the main hall and listened to the rain beating against the windows. Suddenly there was a great disturbance at the entrance. Then a large party of school boys was led in by a teacher. The poor teacher was trying to keep them quiet and threatening to punish them, but they did not pay the slightest attention. The boys ran here and there like a wild tribe. Apologizing for this lack of discipline, the teacher explained that the boys were 'rather excited'. But in the end, the noise proved too much for us and we decided to leave. As Saman remarked when we were walking in the rain, the boys had more right to be in the museum than we had. After all they had come on an 'educational tour', while we had simply wanted to get out of the rain.

- (a) Why were the writer and his friends feeling very tired? .....
- (b) When did it begin to rain? .....
- (c) Who was trying to keep the school boys quiet? .....
- (d) What were the boys' behavior compared to? .....
- (e) According to Saman, why did the boys have more right to be in the museum? .....



**Test 08**

The Commerce Day of your school will be held next month. Write an invitation to be sent to all the parents and past pupils. Include when and where it will be held and who the chief guest is. Mention the special events for the day.

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#### Test 09

Read the following letter. 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.*

Marks : 05

Dear Kanchana,

Thanks you for your letter. It was very nice to hear from you.

Thank

I am really look forward to seeing you at Nuwara Eliya

But there are a few things me would like to ask you. What's

a weather usually like in the season. I don't really know

which to pack and I don't have a very big traveling bag.

Can you come and meeting me at the Railway Station?

If not, just let me know how to get to the station but you can

pick me there. I have one more question - how many money

should I bring? Is it easy to use a credit card or would it

being better for bring cash? Just let me know, I have to

decide about it. Please give my regards to you parents.

Please write soon,

Lots of love,

Buddhi

#### Test 10

First read the rules for hostelers. Then complete the letter appropriately.

Marks : 05

Rules for the hostelers  
Bandaranayaka Vidyalaya  
Gampaha

1. You make tea and coffee in your rooms, but no cooking of food is allowed
2. Visitors are welcome to stay in your room until 6.00 p.m.
3. Do not play loud music after 8 p.m.
4. There is a TV in the common room for students to watch but only till nine o'clock.
5. Do not hang clothes out of the windows to dry.
6. Students are asked to use the public phone booth for calls.
7. Lights will be switched off at 10 p.m.
8. Don't keep doors open of your rooms when you are away. Always keep them locked.



Dear Thilina,

Well, here I am at last! The hostel seems all right. But there are so many rules! For example - we (1) can make tea and coffee in our rooms, but we (2) ..... in our rooms. The other thing is, we (3) ..... loud music after 8 p.m. isn't it a bit early?

One good thing here is there's a TV in the common room, but we (4) ..... it after nine o'clock. The biggest problem is to call you. We (5) ..... the public phone booth but it will be crowded always. There may be many thieves around that's why we (6) ..... the doors of our rooms open when we are away.

Write to soon

Dilini

Test 11

Underline the most suitable word that fills the blank. One has been done for you.

Marks : 05

For many years prices have been (1) ..... rising

(continue, continouely, continuation)

We pay more and more for goods and for the (2) ..... workers, It is now very (3) ..... to employ a workman. A house painter for example, may want at least Rs. 1000/- for a (4) ..... People have therefore learnt to do many jobs all by (5) .....

(services, serve, server)  
(cost, costly, costing)

(day, days, daily)

(himself, themselves, oneself)

House painting can be learnt (6) ..... well in a short time.

(reason, reasonably, reasonable)



### He was a strong but simple man

He was a strong but simple man  
Who plodded the mountain track,  
And four fierce bandits from the woods  
Rushed out and pounced upon his back

There was a desperate, mauling flight,  
It took three men to hold him down;  
The fourth one searched his clothes and snarled,  
"Only a three-pence piece! The clown"

They let him go and staggered back,  
And dabbed each bloody mouth and nose,  
"Why fight so hard for just three pence?"  
One bandit groaned, "The Devil knows"

The peasant nursed a blackened eye,  
And crawled to rest against a rock  
"But I was sure you meant to get  
The golden sovereign in my sock"

Gregory Harrison

(a) How many attackers came from the forest?

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(b) What did the fourth thief do?

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(c) Write the sentence which says the thieves were injured?

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(d) Where did the peasant rest?

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(e) Where had he hidden the golden sovereign?

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Test 13

Fill in the blanks with the words given.

Mark

**MEN, WOMEN AND CRICKET**

Every body knows that men and sport go together - and it's a relationship that most women neither share nor understand. Most women can't work out (1) ..... why ..... their men get so excited (2) ..... this popular, fairly normal sport (3) ..... why physically strong individuals should (4) ..... such huge amounts of money. (5) ..... most men however, cricket is (6) ..... complicated, skillful game which they (7) ..... played themselves for years. Weekends (8) ..... cricket would have no meaning. (9) ..... threatens some women partly because (10) ..... shows them that they might (11) ..... be the most important thing (12) ..... men's lives and partly because (13) ..... consider it such a waste (14) ..... time. How can you respect (15) ..... who spend ten hours a week shouting insults at the television screen? For women It's a frustrated, passive pastime.

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| in | it   | have  | men     | not     | of  |
| or | they | to    | why     | without | yet |

Test 14

Shop lifting has become a big problem these days and the super market management is carrying out a bag to bag search on customers which has embarrassment to many customers.

Write a letter to the management stating that is reasonable and essential but to use some other ways for searching.

- Suggest - to use cameras  
 - to display warning signs  
 - to search in a more polite way.

Use about 150 words.

Or

Write a letter to a friend inviting him/her to go on a trip after the examination.

- Include - Where you have planned to go  
 - how you would go  
 - things to take

Marks : 10

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Test 15

Read the following text and answer the questions given.

Marks : 08

1. Three young men were playing with a gun in a quiet area of the town after dark when one of them fired it by mistake without aiming at anything. The bullet broke a window in an old lady's house.

2. The young men made off at once when they saw the damage they had done, but the old lady looked out of the window when she heard the explosion, and she recognized one of them as the son of a man and woman who lived not far from her.

3. The old lady complained to the police, and a detective came to her house. The old lady gave him a detailed account of everything that had happened, and then the detective asked her if she knew where the young man lived. The old lady told him that too, so the detective went to the young man's house. He and his companions tried to hide, but the detective found them and the gun and took them to the police station.

4. There his chief officer questioned the young men to find out which of them owned the gun, but none of them was willing to say. The young man who owned the gun did not dare to admit that he did, because he did not have a license for it.

5. At last the chief officer decided to put an end to the conversation, so he turned to the detective and demanded to know whether he had got an officer's permission to take the gun away from the young man who owned it.

6. The detective felt anxious when he heard this question. "No, sir," he answered nervously, "I didn't get it."

7. "In that case," the officer declared angrily, "you were quite wrong to take it away from him. You'd better return it immediately or there'll be trouble!"

8. This made the young men smile happily at each other, and as soon as the detective held the gun out and said, "Here you are," one of them put his hand out in order to get it back.

9. That is how the officer finally discovered whom the gun belonged to.



(1) Underline the correct answer.

(i) What broke the old lady's window?

- (a) A bullet      (b) A gun      (c) Some fire      (d) The damage

(ii) Who asked the young men questions at the police station?

- (a) The old lady      (b) The detective      (c) An officer      (d) A man and a woman

(2) Write the sentence which says the young men ran when the window was broken?

(3) Why didn't the young man who owned the gun admit that the gun was his?

(4) Why did the officer tell the detective to hand over the gun?

(5) In the end, who took the gun from the detective?

(6) What do the following refer to?

(a) it in para 05, line 03

: .....

(b) I in para 06, line 02

: .....

(7) Find words from the passage which have the same meaning as the following?

(i) At once : .....

(ii) Found : .....

## Test 16

Write on one of the following in about 200 words

Marks: 15

(a) You are asked to make a speech on 'Road Safety' at the English Literary Association in your school. Write the speech including the need to know all road rules for

Pedestrians - walking on the right side

- crossing the road

- using the pavement

Cyclists - using the correct lane

Motorists - road signs

- signals

- correct speed



b) A multinational company has taken over a piece of land in your area to put up a factory. Write an article to a newspaper explaining the advantages and the disadvantages of this proposal. You may include the following:

- the benefits and the development
- the life styles of the villages
- unemployment problem
- the environment

c) Write an essay on the following topic:

School children should not be allowed to bring mobile phones to school! Feel free to express your views. You may agree or disagree.

d) Complete the story

It is my sixteenth birthday. My father has promised to give me a computer as the birthday present. It is almost six o'clock but he has not turned up yet.

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