



# G.C.E. A/L Examination July - 2015

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Grade :- 12 (2016)

General English

Time :- Three hours

## 1. Fill in all the gaps, with the right article (a, an or the).

Be careful to capitalize the words correctly.

(10 Marks)

I am sitting in (1).....office in (2) .....university somewhere in (3).....UK, looking at (4).....desk. On(5).....desk there is(6).....piece of paper, under (7).....piece of paper there is(8).....photograph of (9).....elephant. Next to (10).....desk there is (11).....window. Looking out of (12).....window I can see (13).....young man. He is wearing (14).....uniform and carrying (15).....umbrella.(16)..... uniform is blue and (17).....umbrella is black. (18).....young man is crossing (19).....road. He is walking towards ( 20)..... car.

## 2. Read the sentence and write down which word you think is the adjective. (10 Marks)

1. It's a small problem. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I have a great idea. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The price is cheap. \_\_\_\_\_
4. I like hot food. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The flowers are pretty. \_\_\_\_\_
6. He is my new friend. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The bus is slow. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Winter is cold. \_\_\_\_\_
9. I want a different haircut. \_\_\_\_\_
10. She arrived early. \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Rewrite the following sentences so that the verbs will be in the active voice. (10 Marks)**

a) We are taught grammar by Ms Shanthini

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b) He was praised by the teacher.

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c) The injured were taken to the hospital by the firemen.

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d) The town was destroyed by an earthquake.

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e) The teacher was pleased with the boy's work.

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f) The building was damaged by the fire.

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g) You will be given a ticket by the manager.

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h) We will be blamed by everyone.

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i) The trees were blown down by the wind.

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j) The thieves were caught by the police.

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**4. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions. Choose your answers from the options given in the brackets. (10 Marks)**

a) This material is different ..... that. (from / to / with)

b) You should explain this ..... them. (to / at / with)

c) He has been absent ..... Monday. (since / for / from)

d) I haven't been to the theatre ..... a long time. (since / for / from)

e) He goes ..... school by car. (to / at / on)

f) This is a comfortable house to live ..... (on / at / in)

g) They are called ..... different names. (by / with / for)

h) We should not spend money ..... luxuries. (for / on / with)

i) The new term begins ..... June 1st. (on / in / from)

- j) He poured the tea ..... the mug. (into / on / in)

**5. Read the following passages and answer the questions that follow. (25 Marks)**

- 1) There was a coffee shop in front of my house where one man in his sixties always came and spent his whole day. Out of curiosity one day I went to the shop, ordered some coffee and sat next to him. Before I could speak, he asked me about my home and family. After that he became quite nostalgic. Suddenly his eyes filled with tears as he told me that I reminded him of his granddaughter Julli, who was in the US. I got to know his son was in the US for the last five years. He had been staying alone after his wife passed away a year ago. A retired officer with enough wealth, yet there was no one to take care of him. Speaking over the phone with his granddaughter was not enough. All he needed was love and care from his children. From that day onwards we became friends. He calls me granddaughter and loves me very much. From my meeting with him I learnt that nothing is greater than the family, and that money cannot buy happiness. The key to a happy family is love and care.

- A. Match the following:  $4 \times 0.5 = 2$

**Column A Column B**

A		B	
a)	coffee shop	1)	a retired officer
b)	The man's son	2)	to give him affection
c)	The old man	3)	in front of the narrator's house
d)	The narrator succeeds	4)	in the United States

- B. Choose the correct answers to complete the following sentences:  $4 \times 0.5 = 2$

- a) The narrator was ..... the man.  
(i) the grand daughter of      (ii) the wife of      (iii) a stranger to
- b) The man's wife.....  
(i) left him away (ii) had already died (iii) is also in the US
- c) The man's age was ..... years old.  
(i) sixty      (ii) below sixty      (iii) between sixty to seventy
- d) In spite of enough wealth, the man was .....  
(i) cheerless      (ii) family-less      (iii) happy

- C. Answer the following questions:  $3 \times 1 = 3$

- Why did the narrator actually go to the coffee shop?
- How did the man become alone in his house?

- What is the most important thing in man's life?

2) **Read the advertisement and answer the questions given below:**

**Vacancy**

Nepal CRS Company, the pioneer of social marketing in the country (promoting family planning and health related products for the last 3 decades) seeks a suitable candidate to fill the position of **Marketing Officer**.

The applicant should possess:

MBA/MBS from a reputed University

FMCG Marketing experience

Salary Negotiable.

Equal Opportunities:

Nepal CRS Company is committed to being an equal opportunity employer and welcomes applications irrespective of gender and race.

Candidate for the above must be a Nepali citizen

Eligible candidates are required to apply with hand-written application including testimonials, passport size photograph, CV and contact address to the managing Director, Post Box 842, Kathmandu on or before 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

Only short-listed candidates will be invited for written test and interview.

Nepal CRS Company

Gongabu, Kathmandu, Nepal.

- a) Form the advertisement, find the closest words in meaning to the following words:

3x 1 = 3

- (i) innovator                      (ii) communicated                      (iii) regardless

- b) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from the advertisement:

3x1=3

- (a) CRS Company is serving in the field of .....

There will be no bias in selection according to .....

The applications should be addressed to .....

- c) Answer the following questions:

4x1=4

1. How long has the company been running?
2. What are the academic qualifications required to the candidate for the post? 3
3. What is the deadline for the applications?
4. Why can't all the applicants get the opportunity to sit in the test and interview?

3) **Read the following text and do the activities given below:**

Nowadays schools and colleges have become the abode of indiscipline. Everybody knows that students have become undisciplined. At the time of examination police are called. Who will be happy when he sees a policeman standing at the gate with a stick in his hand? One is tempted to ask, "What is the use of this education where policemen are needed for conducting examinations?" The aim of education is to wipe out the existence of the force. When a father sends his son to school, does he think that his son will become a thief? So it is not an irony that parents spend money to see student thieves, who copy in the

examination hall at the point of a knife, stick, or , pistol ,are no better than robbers. Can any father be happy when does he see this?

The cause of such indiscipline is that students don't read and teachers don't teach. Generally, in many places inefficient teachers are appointed by the authorities on the basis of recommendation. Sometimes they select inefficient hands to pay less. The result is that the schools and colleges play with the lives of the young students. Among teachers, there is friction. Sometimes principals harass teachers and sometimes teachers unite against them. The result is that schools/colleges become places of petty party politics.

Another cause is that schools and colleges are over-crowded. Ill-fed, ill –clothed and tuition hunter teachers are there to teach. Papers are out. Students are tempted to go to the safest way of tuition. When there is no work, indiscipline comes in. An idle man's mind is the devil's workshop.

A. From the passage find the words which mean: 4x0.5=2

- (a) the place where somebody lives
- (b) minor
- (c) lured
- (d) the strange aspect of situation

B. Answer the following questions: 3x2=6

- (a) What types of students are called thieves?
- (b) Why is the security force managed at the exam centers?
- (c) Mention the meaning of "An idle man's mind is the devil's workshop".

**6. Rearrange these words to make meaningful sentences. (10 Marks)**

1. ship /violently /the storm /rocked /the  
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2. masterpiece /artist /painstakingly /the /his /worked /at  
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3. gift /free /a /Dad /offered /firm /by /the /was.  
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4. I /read /paper /in /the burglar/ been /caught/ had /the /that.  
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5. nightfall /began /cricketers /the/ at /their /piercing /calls.  
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6. wore /a /hat /he /of coconut /made /fiber /his /on /head.  
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7. parts /many /coffee /popular /in /world /the /is /very /of.  
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8. cave /could /explore /not /they /torch /the /without /a.  
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9. the /storm /shed /damaged /the /was /during.  
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10. the dog /James /talking /sat /next /to himself /to.

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**7. Complete the dialogue with missing parts**

(10 Marks)

1. Cynthia : I've got to read this report before I go to the meeting tomorrow.

Rafi : It's not a big deal. If you start now, you will finish it soon.

Cynthi : -----

Rafi : Then you should have started reading it a long time ago.

A) But the report has got over two hundred pages.

B) I guess you're right. I must go back to my room now.

C) I would like to read it, too. I've got plenty of time.

D) You don't have to. No one will notice that you've lost it.

E) We don't need to attend the meeting. It's not mandatory.

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2. Jill : Tom has got very good ideas but he cannot explain them very well.

Sam : -----

Jill : He takes notes of his creative ideas, and I've read some of them.

Sam : I would like to be able to have a look at them.

A) I know. He would be a great scientist if he were given a good education.

B) Stop telling me about Tom. You know I don't like him at all.

C) I used to have some great ideas too, but no one was interested.

D) How do you know that he has got very good ideas?

E) I don't want to sound rude, but I simply do not care.

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3. John : I'm an idiot. I failed the mathematics course again.

Gaby : -----

John : Who am I going to blame then?

Gaby : Put the blame on the system. That's what most students do.

A) Again? I can't believe you. It's time you started to study

B) Don't blame yourself. You studied as hard as you could.

C) You shouldn't criticize him so harshly.

D) I don't think you should worry about it

E) What about the other courses? Are you doing any better?

4. Harry : A group of foreign investors are going to take over our company.

Nell : -----

Harry : I'm sure i will have some trouble.

Nell : Then you had better start looking for a new job.

A) Actually, I don't think it's true.

B) When did you realize that you would never be promoted?

C) Do you think this will affect your status?

D) If I had so much money, I would do the same thing.

E) We had a lot of trouble finding the block where she worked.

5. Daniel : Do you believe in rumors saying Alice will quit?

Nora : -----

Daniel : I know there are but do you believe them?

Nora : I don't know what to believe.

A) I asked her about it but she didn't say anything

B) I can't figure out why there is such an accusation about her.

C) There are some people saying that.

D) Yes, I do. What about you?

E) Of course I don't but you never know.

8. You have seen the following job advertisement on the notice board of your local language school:

**CLUB ORGANISER NEEDED!**

**(MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY EVENINGS ONLY)**

**OUR LANGUAGE SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR A PERSON TO HELP ORGANISE A FILM CLUB FOR STUDENTS OF ENGLISH. OUR FILM CLUB WILL MEET TWICE A WEEK TO WATCH A FILM IN ENGLISH FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION OF THE FILM.**

- **DO YOU HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH?**
- **DO YOU LIKE WORKING WITH GROUPS OF PEOPLE?**
- **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FILMS?**

**IF YOU THINK YOU WOULD BE A SUITABLE PERSON TO ORGANISE OUR FILM CLUB THEN WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. PLEASE SEND A LETTER TO THE SCHOOL SAYING WHY YOU ARE SUITABLE FOR THE JOB.**

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**9.** Imagine that you are requested by your class to make a short speech on ‘Teachers Day’. Write the speech you are going to make on Teachers Day (10Marks)



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