

G.C.E. A/L EXAMINATION

General English - I

Grade 12

Time : 3 Hours

Part A - Grammar

(40 marks)

01. Fill in the blanks using the most appropriate prepositions given in the box. One word can be used more than once.

on, to, of, with, in, at, for

Malini is always optimistic (i)of..... her future. She strongly believes (ii) her talents. Though her parents say that she is good. (iii) music, she is clever (iv) Mathematics competitions. Last year, such a competition was held (v) Colombo. (vi) grade eleven students, so she went there (vii) her parents and got the first place. Her parents were very proud. (viii)her achievement and took her (ix) the leisure park (x) their way back home

(10 marks)

02. Use the correct form of the verbs given, to fill in the blanks.

I'm Rajini. I (i) (be) fifteen years old. I (ii) (Learn) at Vijaya Central College, Matale. I (iii) (have) a nice hobby. It (iv) (be) watching birds and (v) (keep) records about them. As I (vi) (live) in a village I (vii) (get) a grate chance (viii) (watch) many birds. Every evening my brother and I (ix) (go) to the woods in the backyard of our home garden and (x) (wait) to meet out friendly birds. One day there (xi) be a new comer to our birds paradise. My brother (xii) (take) a wonderful photograph of it. I (xiii) (write) a small poem and (xiv) (send) to the " Funny times" with the photograph. when it (xv) (publish) in the newspaper I felt how lucky I was to be a village girl.

(15 marks)

03. Construct questions to get the underlined part as an answers.

(i) Peter played handball yesterday.

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(ii) He has spoken about different examinations.

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(iii) I go to grammer class twice a week.

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(iv) Nilan drove his uncle's car yesterday.

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(v) Anoma will go home next Monday.

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(05 marks)

04. Re-write the following sentences putting the words in the correct order.

(i) ruler / been / righteous / had / a / Devanampiyatissa / king.

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(ii) as / must / be / polythene / as / avoided / much / possible.

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(iii) all / is / homemade / for / the / food / best.

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(iv) diseases / a / will / balanced diet / prevent.

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(v) more / people / wheeled / transport / vehicles.

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(05 marks)

05. Use the most suitable word from the words given in the brackets and complete the sentences.

(i) We helped the little child. He studies in Grade 4.

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(ii) Ravi is doing home work. His brother was playing.

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(iii) It takes a long time to reach the caves. The road is very bad.

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(iv) The result was satisfactory. The test was very difficult.

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(v) He get more money. He will invest in a better way.

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(while, because, if, who, though)

(05 marks)

Part B - Comprehension

(20 marks)

01. Read the poem and answer the questions.

Lessons, tests, writing and reading.
 There is not end for learning
 For children education is a must
 Warning is to do your best

Use knowledge as a better tools.
 It's a blunt weapon for a fool
 Intelligence leads us for a civilized society
 Learned people always look mighty.

Labour to gather knowledge forever
 You may succeed however
 People need wealth some may say
 Wisdom will show you the way.

(i) What is the warning ?

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(ii) How does intelligence help ?

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(iii) For what should we labour ?

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(iv) Write word similar in meaning for the followings.

(i) educated

(ii) Try hard

(v) How may a fool use knowledge ?

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02. Read the following article and answer the questions given below.

(10 marks)

My Favourite City

The most interesting place I ever seen is the Asian City of Melegobi. This strange place used to be one of the safest towns in the world, because it was built entirely underground.

The city had seven floors, the twenty thousand people could live there. It was a real town with churches, houses, food stores and water supplies. It had full air conditioning and even a grave yard. People used to get in to the town through tunnels; and when there was trouble on the surface, the tunnel entrances were closed until the danger passed.

It was impossible to trarve the people underground because they had enough food and water for several years. People who invaded the country used to ignore Melegobi and inhabitants survived for several centuries. The city was discovered by accident in 1963 under the town of Derinkuyu in Central Turkey.

(1) Say whether the following statements are **True** or **False**.

(a) Melegobi was safe because it was underground. (.....)

(b) It was invaded once. (.....)

(2) How many people could live there ?

(3) What did they do when there was trouble on the surface ?

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(4) When was it discovered ?

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(5) Find word in the text that mean

(a) A place where dead people are buried.....

(b) To pay no attention to something

(05 marks)

(3) **Underline the most meaningful expression given below in each sentence.**

(i) **If she had some money, she would give you some.**

a) She had some money and she gave some to you.

b) She did not have money and she did not give some to you.

c) She had some money but she did not give you some.

(ii) **Unless you work hard you will fail the exam.**

a) If you work hard, you will pass the exam.

b) If you work hard, you will fail the exam.

c) If you do not work hard, you will pass the exam.

(iii) **Although it rained hard, we went to school.**

a) We did not go to school.

b) We went to school in the rain.

c) We could not go to school due to heavy rain.

(iv) **I wish I had helped him in his studies.**

- a) I helped him in his studies.
- b) I didn't help him in his studies.
- c) I will help him in his studies.

(v) **Except Gamini all the students answer the question.**

- a) Gamini answered the question
- b) Gamini did not answer the question
- c) Gamini and the all students answered the question.

(05 marks)

Part C - Summarizing

(10 marks)

A) Read the following text and write a summary of not more than 25 words. If you exceed the word limit, you will not be given marks.

Green plants use energy of sunlight to make their own food. This is called photosynthesis. Leaves are a plants's factories for making food. The green stuff in leaves is called chlorophyll; takes energy from sun light. The chlorophyll uses carbondioxide from the air and water from the soil to make sugary food from the plant.

25 words (04 marks)

B). Read the following text and write a summary of not more than 30 words. If you exceed the word limit you will not be given marks.

An invention is new way of making or doing something. Many inventions save time and effort and make life easier. Some inventions improve safety standards. others just add more fun and enjoyment to life. People discovered natural fire many thousands of years ago. When they understood how useful fire could be, they invented, fire making tools. Some inventions help people to live happily, early people discovered that rubbing two pieces of wood together could

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General English - II

Grade 12

Time : 2½ Hours

Part A - Vocabulary

(25 marks)

01. Match the meanings with the following idiomatic phrases.

- (1) When I demanded a new lap-top my rich aunt looked at me as if I was asking for the moon.
- (2) When I realized that victim of the accident was at the death's door. I immediately rushed him to the hospital.
- (3) If you ask him to perform a dance, do it at the top of a hat.
- (4) After the dispute the police understood that there had been bad blood between the two families for a long time.
- (5) Working in a bank is a far cry from what I have been planning to do.

- A. Unfriendly feelings
- B. a very different experience
- C. asking for something difficult to give
- D. about to die
- E. willingly

(05 marks)

02. Here is a part of a News Report appeared in a leading newspaper. Study it carefully and do the task.

Heavy Rains Play Havoc in City and suburbs.

Heavy rains accompanied by strong winds from early Friday had caused havoc in several parts of the country, leaving many families homeless. Several huge trees which got uprooted had caused obstruction to traffic in several areas in and around Colombo. A massive tree which had fallen across Park Road and was removed after chopping off the trunk of the tree, the residents said.

According to reports reaching Colombo heavy rains have caused damages to houses, roads and cultivations in the Kalutara district and over 2000 families have to move out to safer places as Kaluganga is in spate, inundating low line area which have gone under water.

Supply with similar words or phrases from the text.

- (i) gale
- (ii) destruction
- (iii) displaced
- (iv) giganticl
- (v) cutting in to small pieces
- (vi) inmates
- (vii) downpours
- (viii) loss
- (ix) flooded
- (x) crops

(10 marks)

03. Select any 5 words from the list given below and use each of them in meaningful sentences. You may use the verbs in any tense. Do not change the form of the other words.

Comfortable, expensive, enjoyable, interesting, tiresome, manificent,
heavy - loaded, carpeted, encourage, enchanting.

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(5 marks)

04. Underline the most appropriate word from those given in brackets.

- (i) By treating or planet as a community, we can (safe, save, guard) our natural riches for the future generation.
- (ii) Carbon dioxide is the chief villain in (global, universal, worldly) warming.

- (iii) Some people learn the value of (petrol, fuel, water) only when the wells run dry.
- (iv) Chemical fertilizer makes the (land, soil, field) more compact and more likely to dry out.
- (v) Fossil fuels pollute the air and (cool, soak, heat) the planet.
- (5 marks)

Part B - Dialogues

(25 marks)

01. Read the following situations. Write the response using only one sentence or question for each beginning with the word/s given.

- (a) You left behind your red pen. Make a request from a friend to get a red pen.
Could
- (b) Your friend has invited you to go on a trip. But you are unable as you have to go for an interview.
I'm sorry,
- (c) You are hungry. You want to eat something. Suggest your friend to go to the canteen.
Shall
- (d) You want to know the time from a stranger.
Excuse me
- (e) You have lost your way. Ask the directions to the bus station from a passer-by.
Excuse me

(5 marks)

02. Complete the following conversation using the suitable responses.

You meet the Director of a Computer Institution as you want to follow a Computer Course.

You : Good morning sir,

Director : (i)

You : Thank you. I would like to follow a Computer Course. What are the courses available?

Director : (ii)

You : Can I know the duration of the Diploma Course, please?

Director : (iii)

You : How about the course fee?

Director : (iv)

You : When do you commence the course?

Director : (v)

You : I'd like to join the course.

Director : You're welcome. Please fill in this form.

(05 marks)

Part C - Comprehension

(25 marks)

01. Read the following passage and answer the questions.

One night in 1975, I was driving on Long Island New York. At about 3 a. m. I ran out of gasoline. I went in to a coffee shop to ask the way to a gas station. I came out of the coffee shop and walked down the road towards a free way

Suddenly I heard a voice. It was a young guy in a black Cadillac. He offered me a lift to the gas station. He even loaned me a dollar to buy the gas.

I was so surprised and I told him that I wanted to pay him back, so, he wrote his name, address and telephone number on a piece of paper. His name was Harry Bush. Soon afterwards I telephoned the number and asked for Mr. Harry Bush. A woman answered. "Harry Bush has been dead for three years", she said. "He was my husband."

I was shocked. This was so strange, that I decided to visit the woman. I took with me the piece of paper, with the address. She told me that it was definitely her husband's hand writing. I describe the clothes of the man in the Cadillac.

"My husband was buried in those clothes." she said. Did I see a ghost? I don't know. I will never forget the incident, but I can't explain it.

(i) When did the incident occur?

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(ii) Where was the speaker?

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(iii) a) What was the problem speaker faced with?

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b) What was the time?

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(iv) Why did the speaker go to the coffee shop?

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(v) From where did the speaker hear the voice?

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(vi) Mention two things done by the stranger on behalf of the speaker?

1.

2.

(vii) What was on the piece of paper ?

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(viii) What made him to give that piece of paper ?

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(ix) Could the speaker contact Mr. Harry Bush ?

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(x) What do you think about this strange incident ?

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(10 x 2 = 20)

02. Read the following poem and answer the given questions.

Soft Feelings

When I bring to you,
 Coloured toys my child,
 I understand, why
 There is such a play of colours.
 On clouds, on water
 And why flowers are painted
 In tints
 When I give coloured toys to you, my child.

When I sing to
 Make you dance
 I truly know why
 There is music in leaves,
 And why waves send.....
 There chorus of voice to the heart.....
 Of the listening earth
 When I sing to make you dance

By Ravindranath Tagore.

(1) What does the speaker bring to his child ?

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(2) What are the natural resources he reminds ?

a. b. c.

(3) Why does the writer sing to his child ? .

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(4) Where does he find music ?

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(5) To where do waves send their chorus ?

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(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

