



# G.C.E. A/L Examination June - 2017

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General English - I

Grade :- 13 (2017)

Time :- Three hours

## Part A Grammar

### Test - 01

Fill in the blanks with a suitable Proposition from the list given below

outof , from , with , through , in  
by , for , to , of , in , sine

while the garbage issue is being debated , BPPL Holdings , one (1)..... the largest backwardly integrated brush ware manufacturing facilities (2)..... south East Asia , has been recycling plastic waste profitably setting bench marks. SriLanka annually imports 9600, tones of raw plastic virgin ( PET) (3) ..... manufacture bottles , packaging and. (4) ..... other requirements. Around 30%is reexpected (5) ..... way of food covers ,Fludid , containers for beverages and packaging , The BPPL group identified this danger and got (6) ..... finding a solution of it. Its chief Executive officer said that they started collecting centres eshablished in each districts (7) ..... where they were transported to the factory in Horana. And they started manufacturing brushes (8) ..... them . Today (9) ..... the 40% plastic waste that is recycled. (10) ..... 2020.

( 1x 10= 10 Marks)

### Test - 02

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verbs in brackets.

Malacca is one of Malaysias' most important states. In the 15<sup>th</sup> century , Malacca (1) ..... (come) under foreign rule . ships (2) ..... (stop) over at Malacca port which is located half way on their journey Eastward or West ward. Traders and sailors from all over the world refuel here and replenish on their supplies before they (3) ..... ( continue) their journey. Admiral change Ho (4) ..... (make) his first official visit to the Part Malacca. He (5) .....(bring) with him Princess hang Li Po and many Chinese young men. They married the local Malay Women. Malacca (6) .....

( grow) into famous port with more and more traders stopping over (7) .....(sell) their goods. The British (8) .....(introduce) CoCo and rubber plantation in Malacca. Even now the influence of Portuguese and British architecture (9) ..... (can see) here. Large number of tourists (10)..... (attract) every year. ( 10 Marks)

**Test - 03**

**Complete the following sentences by putting words in the brackets in correct order.**

1. She is the lady .....  
( in / was/ killed / the / whose / accident / road / husband )
2. This is the high school .....  
( secondary / Dr Kalam / education / where / had / his )
3. Autumn is the season .....  
( leaves / fall / yellow / turn / during / the / and / which / down )
4. The tall man .....  
( plat form / Principal / our / turn / standing / the / on / is )
5. The young man .....  
( met / the / a / lawyer / was / airport / I / at )

(2x5 = 10Marks)

**Test - 04**

**Construct questions to get the underlined words as answers**

- 1] Nirmala was absent from school because her mother was ill.  
.....
- 2] Manjula's Painting was selected for the exhibition.  
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- 3] The central Part of the country is mountainous.  
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- 4] I am using the computer for two hours.  
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- 5] I have three grand children now  
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( 1x5 = 5Marks)

**Test - 05**

**Choose the correct conjunction from the brackets and fill in the blanks in these sentences.**

- 1] I love „K S mahadevan’s music ..... he is not a very popular composer.  
( as though, even though, just as )
- 2] Shanthy did her work with great dedication ..... he works.  
( Who ever, Where ever, how ever )
- 3] My mother does some exercises ..... his doctor had instructed him to do.  
( as if, if, just like )
- 4] A true athlete must complete his race ..... he doesn’t win a place .  
( even if, unless, until )
- 5] I doubt ..... the proposed development project will ever be started.  
( whether, if any, how ever )

(1 x 05= 05 Marks)

**Test - 06**

**Fill in the blanks in this passage choosing the correct words from the list given below.**

Access effectively impact physically storage communication Forecasters messages revolutionary television.

If the past two decades have seen (1) ..... changes in transport. There have been equally striking developments in communications. These began in 1843 with the transmission of (2) ..... by key and code down electric wires they continued with the telephone, the radio,(3) ..... and the satellite, and have reached their present degree of sophistication with the involvement of computers. data (4) ..... and instant electronic recall of information.

It seems clear that the (5) .....of these changes has still to be fully felt. Already we can see how business structures and indeed whole industries, can be transformed by electronics. Branch Offices, for example, have immediate (6) ..... to central records executives can „sit in on’ conferences at which they are not (7) ..... Present and machines built by other machines rather than by human

hand. The contribution of satellites to the development of (8) .....  
System has been Particularly dramatic. A number of to task can now be done much faster and  
just as (9) ..... from the sky. Satellite pictures help weather (10)  
..... and mineral prospectors. People across the world can watch an event  
on television as they happen.

(10 Marks)

**Test – 07**

**Of the option given below each sentence in bold print. Underline the one that expresses its meaning.**

**1] Neither of them has been successful in the examination.**

- a) Both of them have passed
- b) Both of them have failed
- c) only one of them has passed

**2] No sooner had I got the telegram than I went to see Asanka.**

- a) I got the telegram soon
- b) I went to see Asanka as soon as I got the telegram.
- c) I did not get the telegram soon

**3] Not a single English book was left unsold.**

- a) Not a single Person bought any English book.
- b) The English books were all sold out.
- c) Only a single English book was not sold.

**4] Never has there been a large crowd at a book fair.**

- a) There has never been a book fair.
- b) Very few People have come to the book fair.
- c) The book fair has had the largest crowd this time.

**5] Gayan had no permission to have kept away as he has done.**

- a) Gayan was present
- b) Gayan was absent
- c) Gayan was absent without permission

(1x5 = 05Marks )

**Part B**

**Test - 08**

**Read this poem and answer the questions given below.**

**UNCLE ALBERT**

When I was almost eight years old. My uncle Albert came to stay.  
He wore a watch – chain made of gold And sometimes he would let me play  
With both the chain and the gleaming watch. And though at times I might be rough.  
He never seemed to bother much. He smelled of saving soap and snuff.  
To me he was a kind of god, Immensely wise and strong and kind,  
And so I thought it rather odd When I came home from school to find,  
Two strangers meaning and tall. In the parlour looking grim.  
As Albert – suddenly quite small Let them rudely hustle him,  
Out to where a black car stood. Both Albert and his watch and chain  
Disappeared that day for good My parents said he'd gone to Spain.

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- 1] Write two lines from the poem that tell us that the uncle was patient?
- 2] This boy liked his uncle very much. Write the two lines which suggest that?
- 3] Find two words in the poem which means the same as (a) threatening or frightening  
..... (b) Pushing and hurrying .....
- 4] What two words suggest that uncle Albert shrank and submitted himself to the strangers?
- 5] What word suggests that the boy's uncle didn't return after that?

**Test - 09**

**Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

**The happiest person in the world**

Once upon a time there was a man who suffered from severe **depression**. He went to see the best doctors in the land for money was no problem, but nobody seemed able to help him to feel happy. feeling **desperate**. He turned to a leading practitioner of complementary medicine. as a last resort.

After listening in detail to the patient's description **of his** symptoms, the doctor suggested that the patient Could find solace, and at the end of his suffering in love. The man how ever **responded** that **this** had never been loved. The doctor then suggested travelling and seeing other parts of the world. However the poor miserable soul responded that, with out exaggeration, he had already been every where and seen every thing there was to see

“Then how about taking up a new hobby? something completely different to any thing you have ever done before. **That** should do the trick.” But it turned out that the patient had tried that too, several times and found no **relief**.

The doctor began to suspect that the man was an incurable liar. How could he possibly have done so much? But being a good healer, the doctor had a final insight. “Not to worry. **I** have the perfect solution for you. You must attend a performance of the greatest comedian of our day. **He** will amuse for ever. You must attend a performance of the Great Delmonte.”

The man looked at the doctor with the saddest look you can possibly imagine. “It that's your recommendation doctor, then I am truly a lost man and there is no cure for my condition. I am the great Delmonte.

1] What do the following words, highlighted above refer to?

- 1. His..... 2. That .....
- 3. This..... 4. I .....
- 5. He .....

2] Give the meaning of the following words underlined above, as they appear in the text :

- a. depression .....
- b. desperate .....
- c. responded .....
- e. relief .....
- e. solution .....

3] List the four suggestions the doctor made and explain why each of them was not helpful.

4] What was the patient's job?

5] Write down the line that indicates the patient was rich.

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( 5x2 = 10Marks)

**Test – 10 Summarizing**

**Write down the main idea of the following paragraphs in one sentence each, using your own words. No marks will be given if you use more than one sentence.( Uses between 5 and 15 words for each answer)**

1] A School boy in Grade 1 of st John Bosco school in Jaffna died under tragic circumstances when he was thrown accidentally from a fast moving three wheeler when its driver carelessly going round a bend . According to the information the victim was on his way back from school. He had got into the three wheeler of a relation who stopped to offer him a lift home. The driver had been going fast and, When't he boy had been thrown at. Though he was immediately rushed to hospital, he was found dead on admission.

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(2 Marks)

2] Mannar Road leading from Vavuniya has a culvert which has been damaged about two months ago. since this time the authorities responsible have not taken any interest to repair it. In a short time the remaining portion of the culvert will also be damaged. Then thousands of people will have no way of reaching Mullaitivu.

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(2 Marks)

3] Two weeks before the prize giving the class teacher addressed the class. “our prize giving is very close now. All the children must come dressed well in clean clothes. Specially Nimal and Sunil must come dressed well. These two are getting prizes.

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(2 Marks)

4] Antibiotics remain our most effective weapon against disease causing bacteria. Antibiotics have the power to save lives and prevent illness. But when they are overused or misused these drugs make a person more vulnerable to attack by a superbug.

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(2 Marks)

5] Cheques have largely replaced money as a means of exchange for they are widely accepted every where. Though this is very convenient for both buyer and seller, it should not be forgotten that cheques are not real money. They are quite valueless in them selves and a shop keeper always runs a certain risk if he accepts a cheque.

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(2 Marks)









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Time :- 2 ½ hours

**1] Underline the correct word ending selecting given in brackets.**

- 1) He taught his children to be respect ..... (able, full, fully ) of other cultures.
- 2) Take an umbrella just as a precau ..... (tion, tionary, tions).
- 3) I am thoroughly dissastisf ..... (y, action, ied )
- 4) Those sarees are not fash ..... (ion, ionable, ionably)
- 5) She was negleg ..... ( ence, ible, ent )

(1x5=5 Marks)

**2] Under line the correct meaning of the words high lighted in the following sentences.**

**choose from the opting (a) or (b) or (c).**

- 1) Though penniless Raju was a man of integrity
  - a) courage
  - b) wisdom
  - c) honesty
- 2) When the power latent in an atom is released it will solve the words energy problem.
  - a) produced
  - b) hidden
  - c) generated
- 3) The war in srilanka came to an end but development in the North continued as a snail.
  - a) violently
  - b) slowly
  - c) gradually
- 4) The stench from the garbage can was intolerable.
  - a) smoke
  - b) bad smell
  - c) flies
- 5) The police found the charred body of the missing school.
  - a) decayed
  - b) headless
  - c) burnt
- 6) Floods in India divasted hundred of villages
  - a) destroyed
  - b) encircled
  - c) cut off.
- 7) The will, Skill commitment and dedication of NASA scientist brought success to them in most of their endeavors.
  - a) mission
  - b) efforts
  - c) journeys
- 8) The freed captives told the media men the atrocities committed on them by the foreign forces in their prison.
  - a) offences
  - b) sins
  - c) cruelties

9) The destruction caused by heavy rains and floods **eclipsed** the hardship experienced during the war.

- a) neutralized                      b) over shadowed                      c) made worse

10) Adam and Eve ate the **for bidden** fruit and earned the wrath of God.

- a) Prohibited                      b) unripe                      c) delicious

(1x10=10 Marks)

**3] Select any five (05) words the list given below and use each of them in a sentence to bring out its meaning clearly. You may use the verbs in any tense. Do not change the from of the other words.**

Conflict, suspect, survive, slowly, apply, appearance, advertise, efficiently, information, grateful.

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( 2 x 5 = 5 Marks )

**4] Underline the correct word from those given in brackets.**

1) The ( famous, notorious, renowned) Criminal Sahayam, was arrested and punished by law.

2) Every one praised Jayanthy's ( judicious, sensible, practical ) decision to marry a young hand some engineer.

3) The hotal is so expensive they (cost, charge, take ) you Rs. 10, 000 for bed and breakfast.

4) We extremely sorry for the inconvenience (made, done, caused) by us.

5) The principal (did, made, told) an enhancement about our sports meet.

( 1 x 5 = 5Marks)

total = 30 Marks

**5] Fill in appropriately the missing parts dialogue. You should use at least one sentence for each response.**

A . **You want to apply for the computer training programme at the ICBT campus and you are telephoning Mr. Johnson, the director to get some information. Complete your part of the dialogue.**

You :- .....

Mr. Jhonsen :- Yes speaking, how can I help you?

You :- .....  
Mr.Jhonsen :- The next computer training programme starts in October. It was advertised one month ago Have you sent in on application.

You :- .....  
Mr.Johnson :- Oh, I see, But you still have time. The closing date for application is 05<sup>th</sup> September.

You :- .....  
Mr. Johnson :- Well, you can collect an application form from our office in Maharagama between 9 and 5pm on any ..... day.

You :- .....  
Mr.Johnson :- No, there is nothing else for you to do, Just fill in application form and send it to us with self addressed envelope.

You :- .....  
Mr.Johnson :- You are welcome.

( 1x5 = 5Marks)

**B.** This is a dialogue between Shankar and Kumudu they are telling each other how they spent long weekend Imagine you are kumudu and complete the dialogue.

Shankar :- hi kumudu, how did you spend the week end?

kumudu :- .....

Shankar :- That sounds interesting. Did you visit the Botanical garden?

kumudu :- .....

Shankar :- oh it's a pity. It's such a lovely place.

kumudu :- .....

Shankar :- Well, when to Anuradapura

kumudu :- .....

Shankar :- No, We stayed with some friends there.

kumudu :- .....

Shankar :- No she didn't have time to see Isurumuniya.

( 1x 5 = 5Marks)

**C] Your friend is the opinion that tuition classes very important for A / L students. But your view is that merely school education is enough for advanced level students. Write the conversation that took place between you and your friend in the form of dialogue Each of you must speak at least five times.**

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( 10Marks )

**6] Comprehension**

A) Memo

Date :- 01<sup>st</sup> June 2016

To :- All Department Managers.

CC :- Managing Director.

From :- Personal Manager

Re :- Need for new memo format.

It has come to my attention that important information relating to Company policy has not been communicated effectively to the relevant personal. I would therefore like to propose that we develop a consistent memo format that is recognized by all staff as the official means of communicating important information like company directives.

This is a simple solution that will help effective communication with in the organization reaches all staff speedily. Please inform me any suggestions and recommendations for a new common memo format that will be used for all in house communication by 12p.m on your 07 June 2016. After finalizing a new format the staff will be duly notified

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Ravi.

- 1) To whom is the memo addressed?  
 ..... (1Mark)
- 2) What is the sender's designation?  
 ..... (1Mark)
- 3) When has the memo been sent?  
 ..... (1Mark)
- 4) What is the subject of memo?  
 ..... (1Mark)

- 5) What problem is indicated in the first paragraph?  
 ..... (1Mark)
- 6) What solution has been proposed.  
 ..... (1Mark)
- 7) What actions are required from the recipients?  
 ..... (1Mark)
- 8) Give the meaning of the following words as they appear in the text.
1. effective .....
  2. Consistent .....
  3. Suggestion .....
- (10 Marks)

B) Read the following text and do the activities that follow.

In srilanka, there is are place where elephants are not also respeated It is called the Elephant Tronsit Home in Udawalawa National Park. It was Established in 1995, and there were 12 000 wild elephants living in Srilanka’s tropical environment. Now that Number has dwindled to fewer than 6000. What caused devastation? The primary cause has been the increasing competition between people and elephants for land and resources.

Today, The human population of Srilanka has surpassed over 30 million. People are bulldozing torests into farm lands. they are building highways over centuries – old elephant migrating routes. Elephants are being squeezed out of their habits. This changes causes increased number of conflicts between elephants and humans.

The Elephant transit Home is to protect and nurture baby elephants that wild. In most cases the baby animals have been separated from their mothers and their herd. Without protection of other elephants, the calves are danger of porishing.

Every year 30 baby elephants in need refuge As Many as possible brought to the Trinsit Home. After What is often long and difficult journey, the elephant calves arrive at Udawalawe. There they are given food, shelter and medical care. Most important they are given the oppportunity to be with other elephants and become members of a herd. There are normally between 15 and 30 elephants in this place the range in age from three week to four years.

A day at the refuge begins early in the morning when the baby elephants are given first feeding of milk. During the cause of the day, each baby will drink an average of gallons of milk. Older elephants are fed mostly coconut leaves as well as other native plants. Then the

elephants are released to roam on the preserve's land, grazing on the grass and forming a herd.

The cost of caring for the baby elephants is high. The transit home spends approximately 12 million rupees each year on powdered milk for the calves. To help pay for food and medicine supplies the elephants need. The elephant transit Home has a foster parent programme. Any one, even school children can become a benefactor by donating money to care for a baby elephants take photographs of them and even help released them into the wild.

At the refuge, workers try to minimize human contact with the elephants they also try to maximize bonds between the elephants the goal of the orphanage is for the wild. It usually takes three years for a baby elephants to be released into its natural habits. The elephants are released together with other orphans are released together with other orphans with whom have bonded. This programme helps them return to the wild 95 members of a herd that communicate with each and take care of each other.

The Elephants Transit Home is Considered one the best animal protection sites in the world the elephants are cared for and treated with respect and dignity. Most importantly, these magnificent mammals go back to live in the wild where they belong.

1] Write short answers to the following questions.

- (a) What fundamental reason is given by the writer to explain the decline of elephant population in srilanka?
- (b) How long will a baby elephant Usually stay in the Elephant Transit Home before it is sent back to the wild?
- (c) Write one thing that a foster parents can do offer he or she becomes a benefactor of this programme.

(1 x 3 = 3Marks)

2] Write down one sentence from the text which conveys the idea that the Elephant Transit Home works towards enhancing relationships among elephants during their stay at the Elephants Transit Home.

(2Mark)

3] Which of the following best summarizes, this text?

Underline the most appropriate answer.

- (a) The mission of Elephants Transit Home is to protect and nurture baby elephants that are found injured or living without their mothers in the wild.
- (b) In order to help the srilanka elephant population the Elephants Trinsit Home raises baby elephants that are injured or separated from their mother Until they can be returned to the wild.

- (c) Elephants arrive at the Elephant Transit Home and are given food, shelter, and medical care, as well as the opportunity to be with other elephants and become members of a herd.
- (d) The Elephant Transit Home has a Foster Parent programme where workers try to minimize human contact with the elephants and maximize bonds between the elephants.

(1Mark)

4] Write one word for each blank selecting from the passage, which means the same as each or the given words / phrases.

- (a) To become gradually less .....
- (b) great destruction / damage .....
- (c) become greater than .....
- (d) aim / something that is hoped to achieve .....
- (e) set somebody free / let somebody come out of a place where they have been kept .....

(1x5 = 5Marks)

5] Who or What do the pronouns in bold print in the text refer to?

- (a) they (page 4)
- (b) they (page 7) (2 Marks)

6] Fill in the blanks in the following advertisement using the information in the above text. Do not use more than two words in each blank.

**“Elephant Transit Home (E.T.H) Udawalawe” National Park, Sri Lanka Invitation to contribute to our foster parents programme to care for Baby Elephant.**

**About us**

Established in (1) ..... Elephant Transit Home (ETH) in Udawalawe National Park in Sri Lanka is one of the best animal protection sites in the world where elephants are protected and respected.

**Our Mission & Goal**

Our Mission is to protect and nurture baby elephants who are found (2) ..... or living without their mothers in the wild. We ensure the highest protection of baby elephants at ETH and ultimate return of them to the (3) .....

**Our Activities**



Annually almost (4) ..... baby elephants in Srilanka require refuge when they are brought here, We give them food, shelter and medical care In particular, We give them the opportunity to be a herd.

We begin our day here early in the morning when we give the baby elephants their first feed of (5) ..... Each baby will drink an average amount of (6) ..... of milk aday. During their stay here, they are released to roam on the preserve's land grazing on the grass and forming a herd. our annual expenditure on (7) ..... for the baby elephants is about 12.5 million rupees.

To help pay for food and medical supplies, we have a foster parent programme Any one, even school children, can became a (8) ..... by donating money to name their a dopted elephants, take photographs of them, and even help release them into the wild.

Director

Elephant Transit Home

Udawalawe National Park, Srilanka

(1x8=8Marks)

Writing

total = 20Marks.

07] 1] You are the secretary of Leo club of your school. you have planned to invite a guest speaker.

Inspector of police, Traffic unit – vavuniya to deliver a speech the students of your school on Awareness on road Traffic rules. Write a notice inviting the students of Gr. 11 and Advanced Level.

include the following

date, time, place, name of the speaker, purpose of this awareness programme.

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(5 Marks)

08] 1] Write on one of the following essay.

1) The following are some of the things people do the destroy nature. Write an article for your school magazine base on these points and making an appeal to the young generation to stop the destruction. say how we should look after our environment.

(a) Cut down trees, set fire to jungles, kill wild animals and birds.

(b) Put garbages every where, block sewage and drains, Use pesticides in agriculture.

(c) Pollute rivers and streams, remove sand from river beds.

or

2) Life in the year 2050

Describe what the following would be like

a) environment

b) transport

c) population

e) education.

or

3) Complete the following story

It was about 10.30p.m I was coming home on foot after watching the cinema at the theatre. I missed the last bus. suddenly.

(15 Marks)