



MODEL PAPERS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE



General Certificate of Education- Ordinary Level

(G.C.E. O/L)



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Foreword

This book has been thoughtfully designed to support Grade 11 students in their preparation for the Ordinary Level (OL) examinations. It features four model papers, meticulously structured in alignment with the paper structure of Ordinary Level examination. Each model paper provides an excellent opportunity for students to familiarize themselves with the exam pattern, question types, and time management skills essential for success.

The primary goal of this book is to give students comprehensive practice, helping them build confidence and sharpen their exam-taking strategies. By working through these model papers, students can identify areas where they need improvement and better understand the key concepts expected at the Ordinary Level Examination.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the dedicated writers who contributed their expertise and knowledge to the creation of this book. Their commitment to academic excellence and student success has made this resource an invaluable tool for Grade 11 students. I am confident that this book will serve teachers as a significant step in preparing students for their upcoming Ordinary Level examinations, giving them the foundation they need to perform at their best.

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English Language - Practice Paper 01

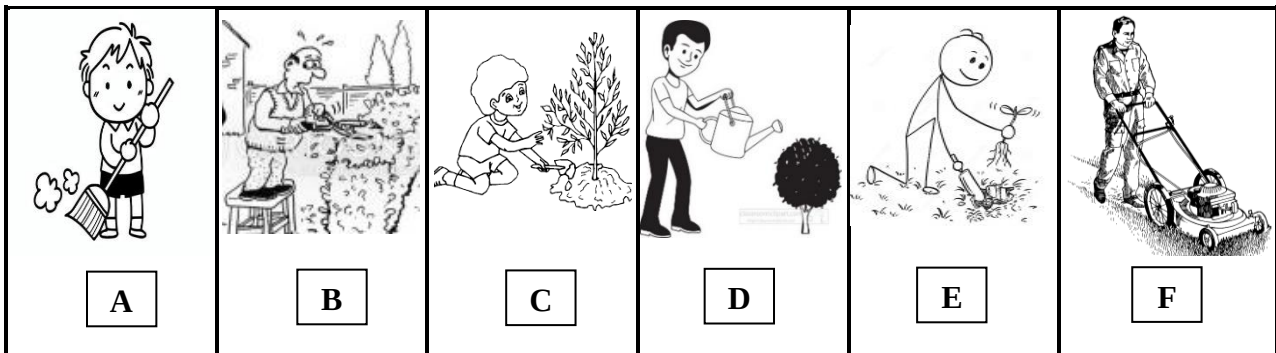
Paper I

One hour

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF

TEST 01

Match the actions with the pictures given below. Write the correct letter of the action in the box given against each word. *One is done for you.* **(1x 5=5 marks)**



Planting
Manuring

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Watering
Sweeping

Pruning
Lawn mowing

TEST 02

Complete the following dialogue using the most suitable words given in the box. Write the correct letter of the word in the blank. *First one is done for you.* **(1x 5=5 marks)**

(A) famous	(B) friendly	(C) good	(D) affordable	(E) favourite	(F) early
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Saman : Hi! I had an (1)**F**..... breakfast today, and now I am starving.

Kamal : Yes me too feeling the same. I want a (2) meal.

Saman : Ok ! Shall we go to that (3) restaurant. I can't remember the name.

Kamal: Ah! you meant "Indian Spice"?

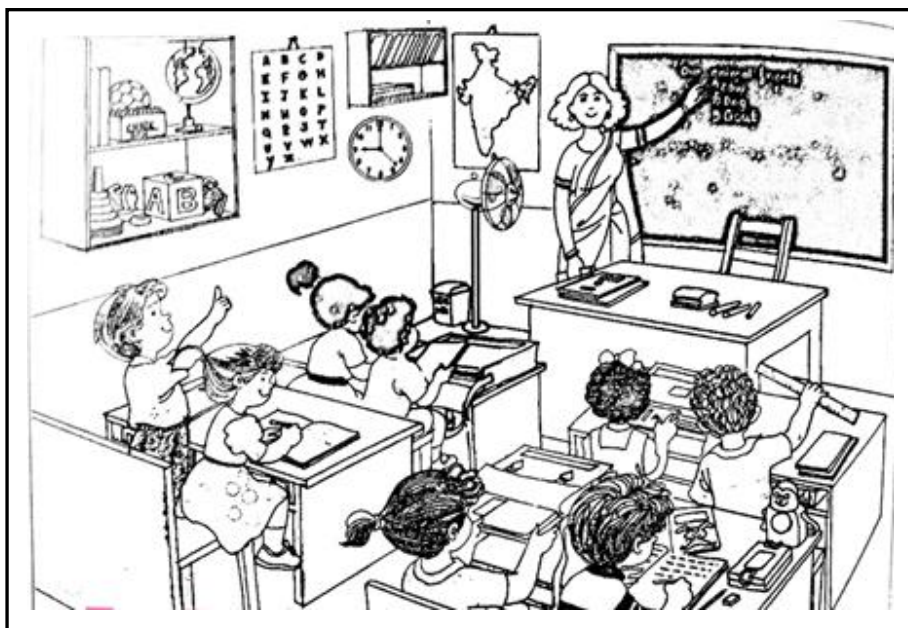
Saman: Of course, very correct. Their food is both (4) and delicious

Kamal : Not only the food but their waiters are (5) too.

Saman: Hurry up Kamal, Let's go and have our (6) dishes.

TEST 03

Study the picture given below. Fill in the paragraph using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the blank. *The first one is done for you.* (½ X 10=5 marks)



- a) happy
- b) dustbin
- c) educational
- d) ~~eight~~
- e) short
- f) books
- g) pointing
- h) saree
- i) alphabet
- j) clock
- k) girl

This is a picture of a classroom. There is a teacher and 1)^d..... students in the classroom. One boy is standing up and 2) something on the board. Next to him there is a 3) writing something in her book. The teacher is wearing a 4) She has 5) hair and she looks 6) Some pens and 7) are on the teacher's table. There is a chart of English 8) hung on the wall. To the right bottom of the chart, there is a 9) A globe and some 10) toys are kept on the wall cupboard. The fan is kept next to the 11)

TEST 04

Fill in the blanks using the words given in the box.

(1X 5=5 marks)

since, in, across, towards, on

James Cook was one of the famous explorers of all times. As a young boy Cook fell (1) love with the sea. (2) in his young age, his ambition was to be a sailor. In 1768, he went on a long voyage (3) the Pacific Ocean. He then started across sailing (4) Tahiti. He became the first white man foot (5) the North Island of New Zealand. Then he continued to sail to Australia.

TEST 05

Read the text and complete the table given below with the information of the text. *One is done for you.* (1x5=5 marks)

Albert Einstein was an American scientist. He was a Jew born into a middle class family. He was interested in science, mathematics and physics. He read the work of others to improve his knowledge. His mission was successful and fulfilled through his reading ability and observations. He was a brilliant teacher. Later he became a professor. He was named as “The Man of the 20th Century” in the Millennium Issue of Times.

Einstein put forward the Theory of Relativity. He won the Nobel Prize for his creativity. He said “Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new”. It shows that our experience guides us to achieve our goals.

1. Race	Jew
2. Two reasons for his success	a. and b.
3. He was named as	
4. The achievement for his creativity	
5. He Put forward	

TEST 06

The English Literary Association of your school has organized an English Drama festival. Write an invitation to be sent to the invitees. Use 40-50 words. (1x5=5 marks)

Include: the date, venue, the chief guest and the time

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TEST 07

Read the passage and answer the questions. (1x5=5 marks)

The bustling village in Sri Lanka, there lived a young boy named Rohan, who was known for his honesty. One day, while on his way to the market, Rohan found a leather pouch on the road. Opening it, he discovered it was filled with gold coins. His heart raced, knowing that those coins could change his family’s life, but he also knew someone must be desperately missing them.

Rohan went to the village community shop and announced his finding, hoping the owner to come up. An elderly man, Mr. Perera stepped forward, his eyes brimming with tears. He explained that the coins were his life saving. They are for his granddaughter’s medical treatment. Overwhelmed with gratitude, Mr. Perera offered Rohan a reward, but he refused saying, “its enough to know your granddaughter will be okay.”

Word of Rohan's honesty spread through the village. His act of integrity impressed everyone. Rohan's family received support and opportunities from the community and their lives improved.

The villagers often told Rohan's story to their children, teaching them that honesty and integrity bring true rewards, far beyond material wealth.

Underline the most suitable answer.

- 1) What did Rohan find on the road?
a) a large parcel
b) a leather bag
c) a leather pouch
d) a wallet
- 2) Who owned the gold coins?
a) Mr. Rohan
b) Mr. Perera
c) Mr. Robert
d) Mr. Senarath
- 3) The gold coins are for.....
a) granddaughter's medical treatments
b) granddaughter's higher education
c) grandson's hair treatments
d) grandson's antique shop
- 4) Rohan became famous in the village for his,
a) bravery
b) cruelty
c) generosity
d) honesty
- 5) The word 'desperately' in line 5 means
a) happily
b) aggressively
c) hopelessly
d) calmly

TEST 08

Write a paragraph on any of the following topics.

(5 marks)

1. A train journey I enjoyed
2. My favourite food

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English Language - Practice Paper 01

Paper II

Two hours

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF

TEST 09

Read the text and underline the most suitable word given within brackets. (1x5 =5 marks)

Animals are wonderful, lovable and sometimes cruel and fearful. But people rear them for various 1) (use, useful, used) purposes. Animals are chiefly killed for their meat. Skins and the body parts are other uses out of them. Leather is a byproduct derived from the skins of those animals. 2) (Obtaining, Obtains, Obtained) long lasting, flexible and attractive leather from hides involves a series of chemical process. The skins are soaked in chemicals to 3) (remove, remove, removing) bacteria that naturally rot and decay. They are then 4) (dried, dries, dry) and scraped of any remaining fat, flesh and dirt. Dyes are used 5) (various, variously, varied) to colour the leather which is then oiled with castor bean or cod liver oil. When dry lacquers or waxes are painted on the leather, it gives shine and the protection from moisture and bacteria entering in it.

TEST 10

Read the following text and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given within brackets. (1x5 =5 marks)

If silica is melted and allowed to cool slowly, the result is glass. Glass is more difficult to (1) (make) than pottery, and the first all-glass containers did not appear until 1500 BC. Glass (2) (make) then by melting raw silica held by a glass thread on a sand core to form a bottle or shaping it in a mould. It was not until 1350 BC that the technique of blowing glass was developed. A wine glass was made by (3) (blow) melted glass in a mould, adding a steam, shaping the foot and trimming. Press moulding (4) (be) an even more modern technique. Glass-working tools include blowpipe, rod, tongs, shears and rolling plate. Glass was originally melted in a crucible. Later they (5) (use) bell and cone furnaces.

TEST 11

Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box. There is one extra word. (½ X 14 = 7 marks)

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feeling you emotions in we give can

To handle your emotions well, you must first recognize and accept them. There is nothing wrong with having 1) feelings even the most unpleasant ones. 2) all feel jealousy, or fear or 3) hatred at times. If something bothering 4), take some time to sort out 5) emotions. Think about what you are 6) and why you are upset. Then 7) some thoughts to how you might 8) the problem best.

One constructive way 9) handle feelings is to express them 10) and directly. When you express your 11) to another person, be considerate of 12) feelings. When you can't express them 13) words, there are other things you 14) do to help yourself. As you gain more experience in judging situations, you'll become better at handling your emotions.

TEST 12

Read the dialogue given below and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given within brackets. (1x5 = 5 marks)

Interviewer : Hello, I'm here to start a conversation with some interesting questions.

Oh! here is one person.

Good morning sir, I'd like to ask some questions. Do you have a minute?

Passer by : Sure. I'm curious! (1) (interview) by anyone.

Interviewer : Well, then this one will be your first.

What traditions (2) (practise) in your family?

Passer by : Traditions! Mm... we always meet on the 31st of December to have a family dinner together

Interviewer : That's something good. What presents (3) (exchange) among you

Passer by : Ah! I (4) (give) a computer last time.

Interviewer : Great! Usually what games (5) (play) by your family members?

Passer by : Really very interesting games are planned by the youngsters.

Interviewer : Thank you very much for your cooperation. Good day!

Passer by : Bye!

TEST 13

Read the following descriptions and match with the headings given. Write the number of the description in the box in front of the heading. **(1X5 = 5 marks)**

A. Fatal disease	B. Refugees	C. Value of holidays
D. Monsoon rains and bad weather	E. Human Differences	F. Readings on life predictions

Descriptions	Answer
1. Thousands of people were affected. Many lives had been lost and properties damaged. Tents, medicine and food were sent immediately. Rescue teams, boats and dry rations were sent to people.	
2. People are not equal in their appearance and qualities. Society identifies them in many ways. Many influential factors affect the people to act in many ways.	
3. In a dry gloomy morning the sun hiding behind the clouds when media sets out to capture the lesser known sleepy villages in the deep interior of the district. Its moods and its people battered by the nature	
4. The man who allows himself a fair amount of rest from labour thereby prolongs his life. Thus he improves quality living for a greater number of years and increases the quantity of his work.	
5. The disease is caused by the bite of the female Annopheles mosquito which passes the Malarial parasites from one human to another. The obvious symptom is high fever but there can be other symptoms too.	

TEST 14**(10 marks)**

Imagine that you won the championship of All Island Inter School Chess Tournament. Write a letter to one of your friends describing the achievement. Use about 100 words.

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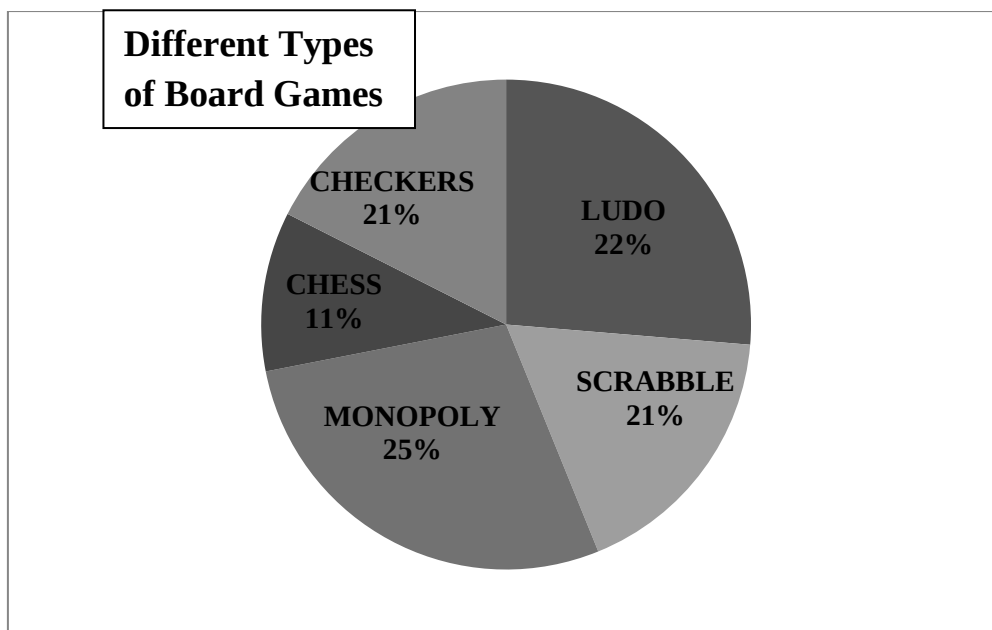
- How you practised/who helped you
- about the competition
- prizes you received and your future plans

OR

(b) The following bar chart shows the different types of board games that students of Weluvana Primary School like to play during their school vacation. Study it and write a description about it. Use about 100 words.

You may use the following words in your description.

More, most, least, more/less than, equal



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TEST 15

Read the following text and answer the following questions

(08 marks)

What is your name? Why do you have it? Where did it come from? Of course, you can answer the first question. But can you answer the other two? Perhaps your parents will be able to help you or some sources like dictionaries, encyclopedias and books about names will be useful.

People have probably had names almost since language began. The very first words of the language used that may have been the names people used to identify themselves. It is likely that long ago each person had only one name. Much later, people began to have more than one name.

Today almost everyone has a family name. It's called the surname. Family names or surnames became important because there were mix-ups among people with the same given name. Long ago, the last names were often the jobs what people did. For example, if a person named John who was a weaver, and then he became John Weaver. If a person named John who was a tailor, he was John Tailor.

Surnames were given for other reasons too. If someone lived in a house on a hill, his last name might have been Hill as John Hill. If he lived in a wood, he might be John Wood. Hall, Church, and Temple are surnames that probably came from buildings where those people had worked.

So you see, there are stories behind people's names. Perhaps, in the future there would be some new names that come from words for new inventions, explorations of space and new ways of life.

1. State whether the following statements are True, False, or Not Given. Put a tick (✓) in the relevant column. (½ x 4= 2 marks)

	True	False
1) Only dictionaries and encyclopedias help us to find the history of the beginning of the names.		
2) People had names since language began.		
3) At the beginning a person had more than one name.		
4) In the future there would be new ideas to create names for people.		

2. Write the sentence in paragraph 2 which says that very first words of language had taken as the name of a person. (1 mark)

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3. **Underline** the correct answer to complete the sentence given below. (2 marks)

At the beginning

- a) the jobs , the buildings or the places that people lived were their surnames.
- b) their ancestors' names were their surnames.
- c) the qualities of the people were taken as their surnames.

4. **Underline** the incorrect answer

Surnames are important, because

- a) There are many common first names
- b) They help to recognize their jobs.
- c) There are many common surnames.

5. Find the word from the passage that is closest in meaning to each of the following.

(2 marks)

- a) Something found newly -
- b) Different things or places where information can be obtained -

6. Underline the most suitable title for the given text.

(1 mark)

- a) Names of people
- b) How surnames were given
- b) Jobs and names
- d) Names in the future

Write on **one** of the following topics. Use about 200 words.

- a) Write an article to a local newspaper describing an exhibition recently held in your school.
- Introduction of the exhibition – date, time, venue, chief guest etc:
 - Exhibits and their educational value
 - Benefits for the society
- b) Write an essay on “Good qualities shape a good personality”
Include the following,
- What the good qualities are
 - How to practise good qualities
 - How they affect personality development
- c) Write a speech you would make at the school assembly on “Let’s reuse our waste through recycling”
Include the following
- What recycling is
 - How it can be done at school
 - Advantages of recycling
 - Encourage the public for reusing recycled things
- d) Complete the story line below.

It was 6.00 pm in the evening. I was returning home after work by train. It was crowded when I got in but at that time, I was the only passenger in the compartment. Suddenly

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English Language - Practice Paper 02

Paper I

One hour

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF

Test 01

Match the following pictures with the descriptions given below. Write the letter of the most suitable picture in the box given against each description. *The first one is done for you.*

(05 marks)

					
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)

(1)	The road is under construction.	d	(2)	The table is laid for dinner.	
(3)	The businessman is doing a presentation.		(4)	People are waiting in a queue.	
(5)	The weather is bad today.		(6)	Father is helping his son to do homework.	

Test 02

Fill in the blanks in the following dialogue using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the space given. *The first one is done for you.* **(05 marks)**

Nethm : Hey, Shehan, do you have any plans for the weekend?
 Shehan : Not really, I was thinking about going 1)^c..... a movie. Have you seen anything good lately?
 Nethu : Actually, yes! I saw "The Grand Escape" 2) week and it was fantastic. Would you like to go and see it together?
 Shehan : That sounds great! Can you suggest a 3)?
 Nethu : How about Saturday afternoon? The 2.30 p.m. show would be perfect, 4)it leaves us time for a coffee afterward.
 Shehan : That sounds perfectly alright. Let's 5)at the cinema entrance.
 Nethu : Agreed! I'll book the 6)See you there.

- a) date
 b) since
 c) for
 d) last
 e) tickets
 f) meet

Test 3

Study the picture and fill in the blanks in the paragraph using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the blank. *The first one is done for you.* (05 marks)



can
chimney
net
cooking
window
trying
background
mat
basket
corner
roof

This is the view of Ama's home garden on a day in summer. Her house is in a 1) **corner** of the garden. The smoke that goes out of the 2) indicates that her mother is busy with 3) The cat is lying still on the 4) Ama's elder sister is looking through the 5) Ama is watering a flower plant with a watering 6) There are birds in the woods in the 7) Ama's brother is lying on a 8) after playing with his dog. Ama's little sister is 9) to catch butterflies with a butterfly 10) Ama's father is coming back home with flowers in his 11) Ama's family lives a relaxed life in a beautiful surrounding.

Test 04

Fill in the blanks in the following text with the words given in the box. *The first one is done for you.* (05 marks)

to at **with** of by for

Entering the luxury hotel, I felt transported to a realm of elegance and comfort. The lobby exuded sophistication (1) **with** its soft lighting and stylish decor. The staff greeted me warmly, setting the tone (2) a welcoming stay. As I entered my suite, I was struck (3) its beauty and tranquility. The room boasted stunning city views and all the amenities for a comfortable stay. During my visit, I savored delicious meals (4) the hotel's restaurants. Each aspect (5) my experience was carefully crafted (6) ensure a memorable stay. As I reluctantly bid farewell to the hotel, I left with cherished memories and a longing to return to this oasis of luxury.

Test 05

Read the following passage about “The Mystery of Honeybees’ navigation” and complete the table given below with the relevant information. *The first one is done for you.* **(05 marks)**

Honeybees possess a remarkable ability to navigate, which has intrigued scientists for decades. They use the sun as a compass, even on cloudy days, thanks to their ability to detect polarized light—a skill that humans do not naturally possess. Research has shown that honeybees communicate directions to one another through a complex dance known as the "waggle dance." During this dance, the duration and direction of the movements convey precise information about the distance and direction to a food source relative to the sun's position. This dance allows a bee that has found a good source of nectar or pollen to inform her hive mates, who can then follow the directions to find the food. Understanding how bees communicate these directions could lead to advancements in navigation technology and artificial intelligence, showcasing once again how much humans can learn from nature.

1.) Which is used as the compass	a) Sun
2.) Bees have the skill to	b)
3.) Method of communication	c)
4.) Two things communicate using this method	d) e)
5.) Bees use the communication method to	f)

Test 6

The Interact Club of your school has organized a blood donation camp next week to commemorate the teachers who have passed away. You are the Secretary of the interact Club. Write a notice to be put up on the notice board informing all the students and parents about it. Use about **40 to 50** words. **(05 marks)**

Include: date
 time duration
 venue
 purpose.

Test 07

Read the text and answer the questions. **(05 marks)**

Diora had always loved baking. From young age, she spent hours in the kitchen with her grandmother, learning to make cakes and cookies. After finishing school, Diora decided to turn her passion into a business and open her own bake house.

Starting the bake house was not easy. Diora saved money for equipment and ingredients, but finding a suitable location was difficult. She finally found a small shop in the city centre that needed a lot of work. With the help of family and friends, she renovated it. When Diora opened her bake house, the first few months were tough. Few people came to her shop, and she struggled to pay the bills. She worked long hours and learned about marketing to attract customers.

Gradually, word spread about her delicious treats. Her customer base grew, and she introduced new items to her menu. After a year of hard work, Diora's bake house became popular in the neighbourhood. She hired a small team to help her and felt proud of her achievement. Diora's determination had paid off, and she was finally living her dream.

Underline the correct answer.

1. What inspired Diora to open her bake house?
 - a) Her love for cooking savory dishes.
 - b) Her childhood passion for baking.
 - c) A business course she took in college.
2. What was one of the first challenges Diora faced when starting her bake house?
 - a) Hiring skilled bakers.
 - b) Designing a logo for her bake house.
 - c) Saving money for equipment and ingredients.
3. The word “struggled” in the text most nearly means
 - a) strived
 - b) flourished
 - c) fought
4. Which phrase indicates that her bake house became popular?
 - a) Word spread about her delicious treats.
 - b) She hired a team.
 - c) She introduced new items.
5. Diora worked to make her business well established.
 - a) lazily
 - b) ambitiously
 - c) happily

Test 08

Write a paragraph on one of the following topics. Use about **50 to 60** words. **(05 marks)**

- a.) My dream job
- b.) A successful day in my life

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English Language - Practice Paper 02

Paper II

Two hours

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF

Test 9

Read the text and underline the most suitable word given within brackets. **(05 marks)**

Research has identified three main ways in which we learn a foreign language. Firstly, experts talk of us (1) (acquired, acquiring, acquirable) language or language acquisition. This means the same as picking up language. They say that to learn a foreign language (2) (successfully, successful, success) we need lots of (3) (exposed, exposable, exposure) to it and that we learn from being (4) (surrounded, surrounding, surround) by language. We need to hear and read language which is rich in (5) (various, variety, variably), interesting to us and just difficult enough for us, just beyond our level, but not too difficult.

Test 10

Read the telephone conversation of Sarala and Chathuli and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given within brackets. **(05 marks)**

Sarala : Hi! Chathuli, how are you?

Chathuli : Hi Sarala, I'm good, thanks! How about you?

Sarala : I'm doing well. I (1) (hear) an interesting public announcement today about a vaccination program for dogs at the Community Centre.

Chathuli : Oh, that sounds great! Do you know when it's happening?

Sarala : Yes, it (2) (schedule) for this Saturday from 9 AM to 1 PM. They are offering free vaccinations for all dogs in the neighborhood.

Chathuli : That's really helpful! My dog, Bruno, is due for his shots. Do you know if we need to (3) (register) in advance?

Sarala : I believe so. The announcement (4) (mention) that it's better to register ahead to ensure they have enough vaccines for everyone. They provided a phone number and an online form for registration.

Chathuli : Perfect. I (5) (make) sure to register Bruno right away. Thanks for letting me know, Sarala. I'll spread the word to other dog owners in the neighbourhood too.

Test 11

Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box. There are two extra words. (07 marks)

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invasive	role	pollinate	crops	primary	loss	to	of

Biodiversity, or biological diversity, refers to the variety of life forms on Earth, including plants, animals, bacteria, and fungi. This diversity is crucial for maintaining the balance of ecosystems and providing essential 1) to humanity, such as clean air 2) water, fertile soil for agriculture, and 3) for shelter and medicine. Each species, 4) matter how small, plays a significant 5) in the eco-system. For example, bees 6) plants, which are essential for food 7) Similarly, forests absorb carbon dioxide, helping 8) mitigate climate change.

However, biodiversity is under 9) from human activities. Habitat destruction, pollution, 10) species, and climate change are among 11) causes of biodiversity loss. The destruction 12) rainforests for agriculture, such as palm 13) plantations, not only leads to the 14) of habitat for countless species but also contributes to global warming. Protecting biodiversity is therefore not only an environmental issue but also a necessity for human survival.

Test 12

The following is a part of an article written comparing fish and aquatic mammals. Fill in the blanks of the article selecting the most suitable words given in the box. (05 marks)

even though	while	so	however	as well as
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Marine creatures are interesting living beings. (1) fish comes to mind automatically when this particular word is heard, certain mammals are also living in the sea such as whales, dolphins etc. All fish are aquatic (2) mammals can live in the land (3) in the water. All the fish lay eggs and the young ones come out of eggs when they are hatched, (4) mammals bear the live young and feed the young with milk produced by mammary glands. Fish have gills to absorb oxygen they need directly from water, but mammals breathe air through nostrils into their lungs. (5)..... aquatic mammals cannot breathe underwater like fish.

Test 13

Read the following extracts taken from a health magazine. Select the most suitable caption for each extract and write the letter of the caption in the box given against the text. There is one extra caption. (05 marks)

Captions

(a) Avoid bright light before sleep.	(b) Get moving.	(c) Get rid of excessive belly fat.
(d) Meditate.	(e) Limit sugary drinks.	(f) Drink plenty of water.

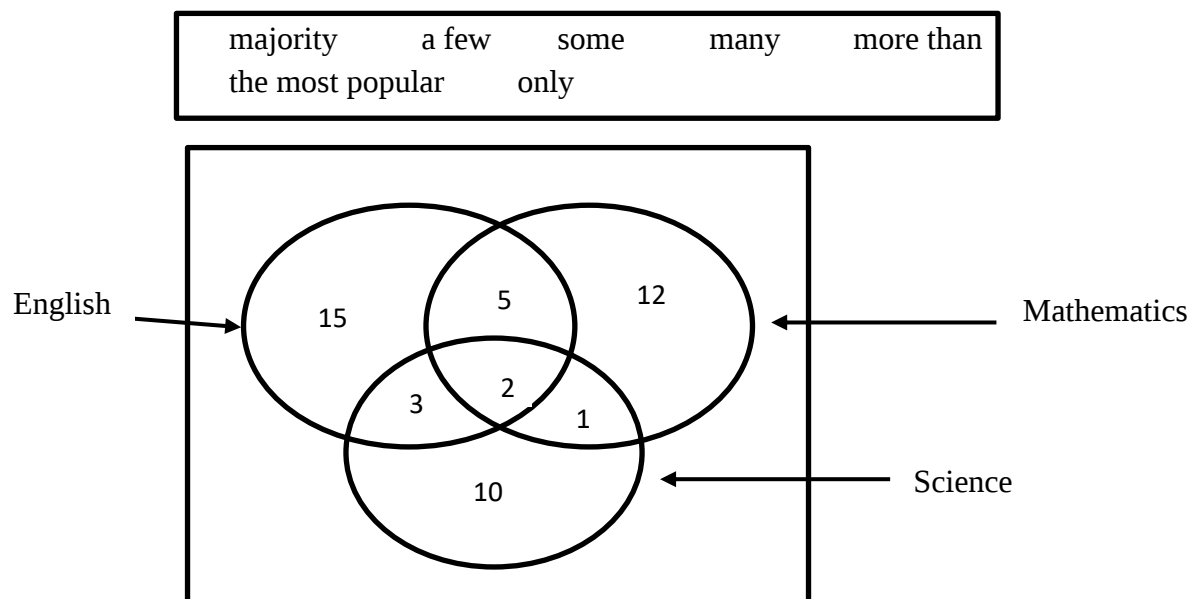
Extracts		
1	Excessive abdominal fat, or visceral fat, is a uniquely harmful type of fat distribution that is linked to an increased risk of cardiometabolic diseases like type 2 diabetes and heart disease. For this reason, your <u>waist size</u> and waist-to-hip ratio may be much stronger markers of health than your weight.	
2	Doing aerobic exercise, or <u>cardio</u> , is one of the best things you can do for your mental and physical health. It's particularly effective at reducing belly fat, the harmful type of fat that builds up around your organs.	
3	Stress has a negative effect on your health. It can affect your blood sugar levels, food choices, susceptibility to sickness, weight, fat distribution, and more. For this reason, it's important to find healthy ways to manage your stress. Meditation is one such way, and it has some scientific evidence to support its use for stress management and improving health.	
4	Sugar-sweetened beverages are also uniquely harmful for children, as they can contribute not only to obesity in children but also to conditions that usually do not develop until adulthood, like type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.	
5	Some ways to help reduce your blue light exposure is to wear <u>blue light blocking glasses</u> — especially if you use a computer or other digital screen for long periods of time — and to avoid digital screens for 30 minutes to an hour before going to bed. This can help your body better produce <u>melatonin</u> naturally as evening progresses, helping you sleep better.	

Test 14

(10 marks)

- a.) Imagine you have recently moved to a new city for studies, and you haven't been in touch with your friend for a few months. Write an email to your friend to catch up and suggest meeting soon.
- Update him/her on what you have been doing recently.
 - Ask about his/her recent activities.
 - Suggest a plan for meeting up sometime soon.

- b.) The following Venn diagram shows the favourite subjects of grade 11 students in your school. Write a description about it. Use about 100 words. The following words and the phrases given in the box may help you.



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Test 15

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

(08 marks)

He had never thought that he could feel so superior about it. Now it seemed to him worth all the money and the pangs of separation. “My son is in America,” he said to a dozen persons every day, puffing with pride on each occasion. It delayed his daily routine. On his way to the shop he had only to detect the slightest acquaintance on the road, and he would block his path, and instead of discussing weather or politics, as was his custom, would lead the talk on gently to the topic of America and of his son’s presence there. After days and days of hopeless waiting, when a colourful airmail letter had arrived by post, he had almost felt the same joy as if Mali had come back. He hardly had the patience to read the instruction. “To open cut here,” but thrust his finger in desperately and gashed the air letter until it split longitudinally, forcing him to piece it together like a jigsaw puzzle for deciphering.

The message simply said, “Arrived. New York is big. The buildings are very tall, not like ours. Thousands of motor cars in the street. Food is difficult. I am in a hostel. Next week I go to school. “Jagan read it with pleasure, although he was somewhat disturbed at the boy’s mention of “school “rather than “college. “ It had arrived by the first post, and he sat in the hall bench and poured over it for nearly an hour, scanning every word and visualizing Mali in that enormous background. He could not keep the good news to himself. The first entrance open to him was the Truth Printing Works. Nataraj was at his desk, ever affable and welcoming visitors.

The door was only half open, and when the light was blocked Nataraj looked up from his proofs and smiled, and immediately Jagan made the announcement: “Mali has reached_”

- (1) Say whether the following statements are true or false. Put a tick in the relevant column.

	True	False
(1) Jagan felt inferior about his son going to America.		
(2) Earlier he used to discuss about weather or politics.		
(3) Mali is in a hostel in school.		
(4) Jagan kept the good news to himself.		

(1/2 X 4 = 2 marks)

Underline the correct answer for question 2, 3 and 4 from the options given for each of them.

- (2) Jagan thought that the money he spent for Mali was useful because,

- (a) Mali saved money in New York
- (b) Jagan wanted Mali to enjoy his life.
- (c) Jagan was proud about Mali being in America.

(01 mark)

- (3) When Jagan got the airmail letter, he

- (a) patiently opened the envelope.
- (b) Cut the top of the envelope to take the letter out.
- (c) tore the envelope in a hurry.

(01 mark)

- (4) Complete the following sentence.

Jagan had been reading the letter for an hour, **(01 mark)**

- a) with a less interest
- b) scanning every word in the letter with the visual picture
- c) visualizing the enormous background in India.

- (5) Find a word or phrase from the passage that is closest in meaning to each of the following. **(02 marks)**

- (a) a feeling of sudden pain. -
- (b) free and friendly manner -

- (6) Find the most suitable sentence from the passage that gives the idea that Jagan wanted to understand how Mali spend time in America. Write it below. **(01 mark)**

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Test 16

Write on **one** of the following topics. Use about **200** words. (15 marks)

- (a) Write an essay on “The Importance of Using Ecofriendly Products for the betterment of the Environment”. Include the following.

Types of ecofriendly products

How they support to protect the environment

Steps that can be taken to promote using ecofriendly products among people

- (b) Write an article to a local newspaper giving your opinion on “The effects of migrating young generation to developed countries”.

Include the following.

- What migration is
- Reasons for migrating
- Factors that attract the youth to developed countries
- Its effects to the home country

- (c) Imagine that you are a prefect in the school and you were requested to make a speech on “**Let’s behave as responsible students in the school**” at the function of welcoming grade 6 students to the school. Write the speech you would make at the event.

Include the following.

- Duties of a responsible student
- Effects of being an irresponsible student
- Benefits of being responsible in the school

- (d) Imagine that the following statement is a situation given to you at the Zonal level creative writing competition. Complete the story starting from the given statement.

I got the rare opportunity of selecting to represent Sri Lanka in an international student exchange programme to be held in Japan. When I heard the news I was super excited and.....
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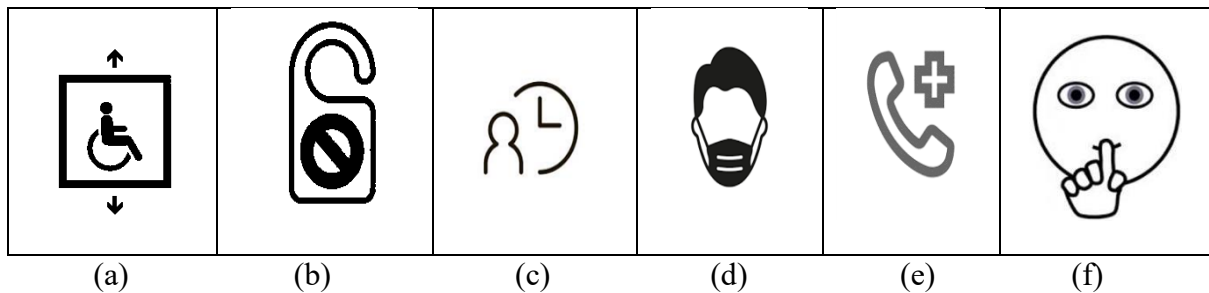
Paper I

One hour

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF

Test 1

The following are some signs played at a hospital. Write the most suitable letter of the signs with the instructions given below. *The first one is done for you.* **(5 marks)**



- (1.) Respect patients' privacy at all times. (b)
- (2.) Masks are mandatory in all patient care areas. (....)
- (3.) Visiting hours are from 8 am to 8 pm. (....)
- (4.) In case of an emergency, dial 111 from any hospital phone. (....)
- (5.) Priority use of elevators is for patients and staff. (....)
- (6.) Please maintain a low noise level in patient care areas. (....)

Test 2

Fill in the blanks in the following dialogue. Use the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the space given. *The first one is done for you.* **(5 marks)**

Dilani : What did you do yesterday?

Malika : I (1) **b** to a movie.

Dilani : Sounds (2) What (3)
of movie did you see?

Malika : We saw a zombie movie. It was a little (4)

Dilani : I see. What did you do (5) the movie?

Malika : We had lunch. We went to a great (6)

Dilani : That sounds really nice.

Malika : How about you? What did you do yesterday?

Dilani : Nothing special. Just worked yesterday.

- (a) after
(b) ~~went~~
(c) scary
(d) kind
(e) restaurant
(f) good

Test 3

Study the picture and fill in the paragraph using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the blank. *The first one is done for you.* (1/2 x 10 = 5 marks)



- a. watermelons
- b. standing
- c. small
- d. purse
- e. ~~villages~~
- f. looking
- g. roof
- h. dog
- i. boxes
- j. birds
- k. come

Miss Lucy has a fruit stall. Her fruit stall is popular among the (1)^e..... as she sells fresh fruits every day. The stall has a lot of (2) with full of fruits such as apples, oranges, and (3) Some people have (4) to her stall to buy fruits. A woman, and a (5) boy are at the stall. Lucy is (6) at the boy. There are an old woman and an old man (7) in front of the stall. They have shoulder bags and the old woman has a (8) in her hand. A young man with a cap is holding a bag of vegetables. There is a woman with a (9) walking away from the stall. She is wearing a hat and she has a bag in her right hand. Some (10) and a cat are on the (11) of the stall and another cat is near the old man.

Test 4

Fill in the blanks of the following dialogue using the words given in the box. *The first one is done for you.* (5 marks)

after,	around,	at,	on,	under,	with
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- Sarah: Hey Jade, did you hear about the new café that opened next to the park?
- Jade: Yeah, I walked through it yesterday (1) **on** my way home. It looks pretty cool.
- Sarah: I went inside (2) Emily last weekend. The desserts are amazing!
- Jade: Really? I usually just pass by it. What's good there?
- Sarah: You have to try their chocolate cake. It's even better than the one (3) the bakery downtown.
- Jade: Wow, that's a bold claim! Let's go there (4) school tomorrow.
- Sarah: Sounds like a plan! We can sit (5) the big tree outside if the weather is nice.
- Jade: Perfect! I'll bring my sketchbook. See you (6) 4 pm.

Test 5

Read the text on "Hummingbirds" given below. Complete the table with the information. *The first one is done for you.* (5 marks)

Hummingbirds

Hummingbirds are small birds. They have long, slender bills. Many hummingbirds have brightly coloured feathers. Often the males are the most colourful. The birds are named for the humming sound made by the rapid beating of their wings.

There are about 320 kinds of hummingbirds. All hummingbirds are small, and many are tiny. The largest of these birds is only about 20 centimetres long. It is called the giant hummingbird. The bee hummingbird is slightly longer than 5 centimetres. It is the smallest living bird of any kind.

Hummingbirds have long wings and muscular bodies. They can fly forward, sideways, straight up or down, and even backward. They also hover, or hang in one place while beating their wings. Some small hummingbirds beat their wings 80 times per second.

(1)The shape of the bills	long and slender
(2) The most colourful hummingbirds	
(3) The body parts that produce the humming sound	
(4) the number of types of hummnigbirds	
(5)The length of the giant hummingbird	
(6)The smallest living bird	

Test 6

One of the students in your school has won the first place in a national level competition. You have to announce it in the morning tomorrow as you are a member of the Media Club in your school. Write how you announce this victory. Use about 40 to 50 words. **(5 marks)**

Include:

- the name of the competition, performing event/ item
- when and where it was held
- prizes, certificates etc.
- other relevant information

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Test 7

Read the story and answer the questions.

(5 marks)

As the final school bell rang, Mark rushed out, eager to beat the rain. But he wasn't fast enough. The sky opened up, releasing a torrential downpour. Mark sighed, resigning himself to getting soaked. Suddenly, he spotted an old bookstore across the street with a flickering neon sign that read "Adventures Await." Intrigued, he dashed inside.

The musty smell of old books greeted him as he explored the narrow aisles. Lost in the sea of stories, Mark stumbled upon a hidden corner filled with dusty volumes. One book, in particular, caught his eye—a weathered journal with an ornate lock.

Curiosity piqued, he pried it open and began reading tales of daring adventures and faraway lands. Time flew by as Mark devoured the pages, oblivious to the rain outside. By the time he

emerged, the storm had passed, leaving behind a rainbow arching across the sky—and a newfound sense of wonder in his heart.

1. Why did Mark rush out of school?
 - a. because he was late for the school bus.
 - b. because he wanted to beat the rain.
 - c. because he wanted to go to the bookshop.

2. What type of book did Mark find in the hidden corner of the bookstore?
 - a. Weathered journal
 - b. Mystery thriller
 - c. Science fiction

3. What was Mark's reaction to the environment while reading?
 - a. He was distracted by the rain outside.
 - b. He was aware of the rain but continued reading.
 - c. He was unaware of the rain and continued reading.

4. Fill the blank with a suitable word.
Mark's reaction when he emerged from the bookstore was
 - a. Disappointment
 - b. Eagerness to explore
 - c. Surprise at the rainbow

5. Underline the best title for the text
 - a. A Rainy-Day Adventure
 - b. The Secret of the Flickering Neon Sign
 - c. Bookstore Visit

Test 8

Write a paragraph on any **one** of the following topics. Use about **50 to 60** words. **(5 marks)**

- (a) How to care for pets
- (b) The most beautiful place that I have visited

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Paper II

Two hours

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF

Test 9

Read the text and underline the most suitable word given within brackets. **(5 marks)**

Ants are fascinating insects that live in complex, organized colonies. Each ant colony has a distinct social (1) (structuring/ structure/ structured) typically consisting of a queen, workers, and soldiers. The queen's primary role is to lay eggs, ensuring the colony's (2) (growing/ grow/ growth) and survival. Worker ants take on various tasks such as gathering food, caring for the young, and maintaining the nest. Soldier ants protect the colony from predators and (3) (rivaling/ rival/ reviled) ant colonies. Communication within the colony is highly sophisticated, relying on chemical signals called pheromones to convey messages about food sources, (4) (dangers/ dangerous/ dangerously) and more. Ants are incredibly strong for their size, capable of lifting objects many times their own weight. They are found all over the world, in (5) (diversify/ diversity/ diverse) environments ranging from rainforests to deserts. Their ability to work together so effectively makes them one of the most successful groups of animals on Earth, demonstrating the power of cooperation and teamwork.

Test 10

Read the dialogue given below and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given within the brackets. **(5 marks)**

- Eshani: Hey, did you hear about the art exhibition that's being held in the school hall?
- Sonali: Yes, I heard it's (1) (organize) by the art club, and all the paintings have been curated by the art teacher.
- Eshani: That's interesting. I wonder whether any prizes (2) (award).
- Sonali: I heard that a panel of judges has been selected by the principal, and they (3) (assess) the art works throughout the week.
- Eshani: That sounds exciting. I hope my painting gets noticed, even though it (4) (do) at the last minute.
- Sonali: Don't worry, I'm sure it will stand out. The art teacher mentioned that each piece (5) (appreciate) for its unique expression.

Eshani: Well, let's go check it out after class. I heard the exhibition will be open all week, so we'll have plenty of time to admire the artworks.

Test 11

Fill in the blanks with the words given on the box. There is **one** extra word. (7 marks)

status	a	also	designing	Clothes	only	personal		
important		us	to	and	available	industry	also	the

Clothes are an essential part of our daily lives. They not (1) provide protection and comfort but (2) allow us to express our (3) style. From t-shirts and jeans (4) dresses and suits, there is (5) wide variety of clothing options (6) for different occasions and preferences. (7) can reflect our cultural heritage, social (8) and individuality. Additionally, the fashion (9) plays a significant role in (10) and producing new trends, influencing (11) way we dress. It is (12) to choose clothes that make (13) feel confident and comfortable while (14) considering the environmental impact of our fashion choices.

Test 12

Fill in each blank in the text selecting the most suitable word from the box. (5 marks)

furthermore	also	in order to	until	As
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Effective studying requires a strategic approach to maximize learning and retention. First, create a study schedule and stick to it (1) your tasks are completed. Begin with the most challenging subjects when your mind is freshest. (2), take regular breaks to avoid burnout and keep your focus sharp. (3) you study, use active learning techniques like summarizing information in your own words and teaching the material to someone else. (4) reinforce your knowledge, use practice tests and flashcards. But don't just passively read your notes; instead, engage with the material actively. Additionally, ensure your study environment is free from distractions and well-organized. Collaborating with classmates can (5) be beneficial, as discussing topics can deepen your understanding. Remember to get enough sleep and eat healthily, as these factors.

Test 13

Read the following paragraphs on different transport facilities around the world. Select the most suitable caption for them and write the letter of the paragraph. **There is one extra caption.** (5 marks)

A

The Shinkansen is a network of high-speed railway lines in Japan, known for their sleek design, punctuality, and safety record. These trains can reach speeds of up to 320 km/h (200 mph), connecting major cities like Tokyo, Osaka, and Kyoto efficiently. Passengers enjoy comfortable seating, onboard amenities, and scenic views during their travels

B

Tuk-tuks are ubiquitous three-wheeled motorized vehicles found in Thailand and other parts of Southeast Asia. They are often brightly decorated and provide a quick and convenient mode of transportation, especially in congested urban areas where larger vehicles may struggle to navigate. Tuk-tuks offer a unique and memorable travel experience, allowing passengers to soak in the bustling street scenes and vibrant atmosphere.

C

Camel caravans have been an essential mode of transport across the vast Sahara Desert for centuries. Led by experienced guides, these caravans traverse the challenging terrain, carrying goods and travelers between oasis settlements and trading posts. Camel treks offer adventurous travelers a chance to immerse themselves in the rugged beauty of the desert landscape and connect with ancient traditions of nomadic life.

D

Gondolas are traditional flat-bottomed boats used for transportation along the canals of Venice, Italy. Operated by skilled gondoliers, these iconic vessels offer a leisurely and romantic way to explore the historic city's waterways. Passengers can admire stunning architecture, glide beneath picturesque bridges, and experience the enchanting ambiance of Venice from a unique perspective.

E

Rickshaws are human-powered carts commonly used for short-distance travel in cities and towns across India. They come in various forms, including cycle rickshaws and auto rickshaws, and are a popular choice for navigating crowded streets and narrow alleyways. Rickshaw rides provide an immersive and eco-friendly way to experience local culture and daily life.

	Topic	Letter of the paragraph
1.	A quick and convenient ride through the congested streets	
2.	Human-powered, eco-friendly travel option	
3.	Navigating through historic canals	
4.	The evolution and impact of air travel in the modern world	
5.	Extraordinary feats of engineering and technological innovation.	
6.	Immerse yourself in the rugged beauty and ancient nomadic traditions	

Test 14

(10 marks)

- (c) As a member of the School Environment Society, you have developed a plan to plant a herb garden in your school compound with a team of volunteers. Write a letter to the officer of the Regional Agricultural Centre of your area, informing about it. Use about 100 words.

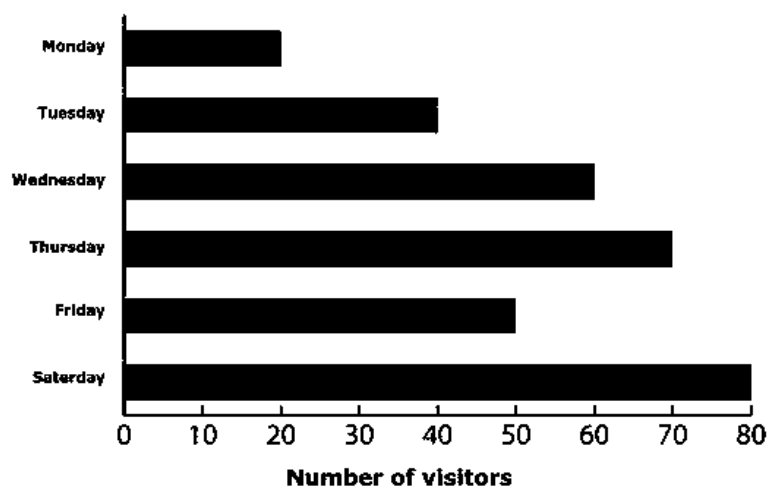
Include the following:

- description of your plan
- what you expect to grow
- when and where implement it
- the help you expect from Regional Agricultural Centre

OR

- (b) The following bar chart displays the number of visitors to the museum day wise. Write a description about it. Use about **100** words. The following words and phrases will help you.

many,	some,	a few,	most,	more than,	less than
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Test 15

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

(8 marks)

Once upon a time in a bustling city, there lived a young entrepreneur named Alex. At just 15 years old, Alex had a passion for technology and a knack for solving problems. It all began when he noticed that many of his classmates struggled to keep their smartphones charged throughout the school day. Inspired by this common issue, Alex came up with an idea to create portable, solar-powered phone chargers.

"Why don't we have a charger that doesn't need an outlet?" he wondered aloud.

Determined to bring his idea to life, Alex spent countless hours researching solar energy and battery technology. He reached out to a science teacher for advice.

"Mr. Jenkins, can you help me understand solar cells?" Alex asked.

"Of course, Alex. Let's explore how they convert sunlight into electricity," Mr. Jenkins replied enthusiastically.

With the support of his parents, who provided a small loan, Alex bought the necessary materials and started working on prototypes in his garage. After several months of trial and error, Alex finally developed a functional prototype. Excited by his progress, he decided to showcase his invention at the school science fair.

"Check this out," Alex said, demonstrating his charger to a crowd. The response was overwhelmingly positive; students, teachers, and even parents were impressed by the practicality and innovation of his solar-powered charger.

Encouraged by the feedback, Alex decided to turn his project into a real business. He named his company "Eco Charge" and began producing a small batch of chargers to sell locally. To market his product, Alex created a simple website and promoted Eco Charge on social media.

"Look, Mom! We got our first online order!" Alex exclaimed.

His dedication paid off as orders started pouring in not just from his school, but from the wider community. However, the journey wasn't without challenges. Alex had to learn about business licenses, manage his finances, and deal with production delays.

"This is harder than I thought," he admitted to his mentor.

"There will be tough times, but remember why you started," the mentor advised.

By the time Alex turned 17, Eco Charge had grown significantly. He was able to hire a small team to help with production and customer service. Alex's story became an inspiration to other young people in his community, showing that with creativity, hard work, and perseverance, anyone can turn a simple idea into a successful business. Alex's journey as a young entrepreneur was just beginning, but he had already made a significant impact, proving that age is no barrier to innovation and success.

- (1.) Say whether the following statements are True or False. Put a tick (✓) in the relevant column.

		True	False
1.	Alex has a talent in problem solving.		
2.	Alex created a phone charger that needs an outlet.		
3.	What he only wanted to study was battery technology.		
4.	His parents gave him all the money he needed.		

(1/2x4=02 marks)

- (2.) Underline the correct answer.

What inspired Alex to create his first product, the solar-powered phone charger?

- a) He wanted to win a science competition.
- b) He noticed his classmates struggling to keep their smartphones charged.
- c) His parents encouraged him to start a business.
- d) He was influenced by a popular tech company.

(1 mark)

- (3.) What was the name of Alex's company?

- a) Solar Charge
- b) Tech Solutions
- c) Eco Charge
- d) Sun Power

(1 mark)

- (4.) Science teacher ((a.) excitedly (b.) eagerly (c.) curiously) supported Alex for his new invention.

(1 mark)

- (5.) Find a word/phrase from the passage that is closest in meaning to each of the following.

- (a) persistence in doing something despite difficulty in achieving success
- (b) permits from an authority to carry on a trade

(02 marks)

- (6) Find the most suitable sentence from the passage that gives the idea that Alex was an example for the others. Write it below.

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(01 mark)

Test 16

Write on one of the following topics. Use about 200 words.

- a. Write an article to a newspaper on the topic of **“Navigating the Digital Age”**. Use the guidelines given.
- Explain the concept of the digital age and its impact on everyday life for teenagers. communication, education, entertainment, and social interaction.
 - The importance of privacy in the digital world and explain common privacy risks.
 - How to protect from online threats such as malware, viruses, and phishing attacks.
 - The dos and don'ts of social media usage.
- b. Write an essay on **“The Importance of a Balanced Diet for Our Health.”**
Include the following:
- How to have a balanced diet
 - The benefits of eating a balanced diet
 - Steps that could be taken to make it popular among school children
- c. Write an essay on **“Creative minds change the world”**.
Include the following:
- what creative minds are
 - two examples of creative minds that changed the world
 - benefits and pit falls
 - as a student how you change your school with your creativity
- d. Your mother gave you some money and ask you to buy a present for your brother's' birthday from the shop nearby the school. You went to the shop with a friend but you didn't like the presents there. The birthday party was to be held in the evening. Describe what happened and how you and your friend solved the problem.

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Paper I

One hour

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF

Test 1

Match the following places with the instructions. Write the correct letter in the blank. *The first one is done for you.* **(1 x 5 = 5 marks)**

A	B	C	D	E	F
Swimming Pool	Restaurant	Train Station	Cinema	Hospital	Supermarket

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| I. Use the ladder to get out. | A |
| II. Throw away your trash into the bin after the movie. | |
| III. Weigh your fruits and vegetables before taking to the cashier. | |
| IV. Wait patiently for your food to arrive. | |
| V. Keep your medical records safe. | |
| VI. Find your platform on the information board. | |

Test 2

Fill in the blanks in the following advertisement using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the space given. *The first one is done for you.* **(1 x 5 = 5 marks)**



It's a holiday season.

Don't miss out (1)**a**..... deals in this festive season.

Are you looking for luxurious (2) or stylish linen?

Here's the place.

With (3) up to 50%, upgrade your wardrobe.

Hurry, these limited-time offers won't last long!

Visit us (4) 13th of April.

We are open (5) 9.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.

every day of the week.

You could also place (6) online

Visit our website <https://www.beefashion.com/>.

- (a) fantastic
 - (b) discounts
 - (c) fabrics
 - (d) orders
 - (e) before
 - (f) from

Test 3

Study the picture and fill in the blanks in the paragraph using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the blank. *The first one is done for you.*

(½ x 10 = 5 marks)



- (a) book
- (b) homework
- (c) table
- (d) school
- (e) toy
- (f) curtain
- (g) window
- (h) pot
- (i) parachute
- (j) pillows
- (k) bed

This picture shows Asheli's room. Her (1)**d**.....bag is kept on the floor. The (2)of the room is open and a (3)is partly open. There is a (4) of flowers on the window sill. Asheli has arranged her (5)neatly. The two (6)are kept on the bed. Her (7)teddy bear too is on the bed. The chair is near the (8) It seems like Asheli has finished her (9)a few minutes ago. A (10) is kept open on the table. A photo of a (11) is hanging on the wall. Her room looks tidy.

Test 4

Fill in the blanks in the following dialogue using the words given in the box. *The first one is done for you.*

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

we | she | you | us | me | ~~her~~

Saman : Did you meet the new student who came to our class today?

Mala : Yes, I met (1)**her**..... in the morning.

Saman : Did (2) talk to her?

Mala : Yes, her name is Meena.

She told (3) that she is from Gampaha.

Saman : That's nice, (4) should help her feel welcome.

Mala : Indeed! Maybe we can invite her to study with (5) in the evening.

Saman : Great idea! I think (6) will like it.

Mala : I'll ask her to join us.

Saman : That's great.

Test 5

Read the text and complete the table given below. *The first one is done for you.*

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

Birds in Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is home to a diverse array of bird species, making it a paradise for birdwatchers. The island hosts over 400 bird species, including 33 endemics found nowhere else in the world. Common birds include the Sri Lanka blue magpie, red-faced malkoha, and Sri Lanka junglefowl. Many of these birds inhabit the country's lush rainforests, wetlands and coastal areas. The Yala and Sinharaja forests are particularly renowned for bird watching. Migratory birds from as far as Siberia also visit Sri Lanka during the winter months. The country's varied ecosystems support the rich avian diversity, highlighting the importance of conservation efforts to protect these habitats and their feathered inhabitants.

Number of bird species	400
Number of endemic bird species	
Two common birds	
Two places of habitats	
Two forests renowned for bird watching	
Visitors in winter months.	

Test 6

You happened to read a notice in the school notice board about a Science Exhibition which is going to be held soon. Write a note to your friend in another school inviting him/her to see the exhibition with you. Use about 40-50 words. **(5 marks)**

Include the following:

- date | time | venue | theme | other relevant information | invite him/her to join.

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Test 7

Read the story given below and answer the questions.

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

Lily had always dreamed of visiting Paris. Growing up, she had plastered her bedroom walls with posters of the Eiffel Tower and pictures of French cafes. When she finally saved enough money from her part time job, she booked a flight to the city of lights.

Upon arriving, Lily was overwhelmed by the beauty of charm of Paris. She spent her days exploring famous landmarks like the Louvre and Notre Dame cathedral, and her evenings walking along the Seine river. One sunny afternoon, she decided to climb the Eiffel Tower. The view from the top was breathtaking, and also could see the entire city spread out below her.

One evening, while sitting at a small café in Montmartre, she struck up a conversation with the local artist named Pierre. He invited her to his studio, where he painted her portrait. They talked about art, life, and their dreams, forming a fast friendship. Before she knew it, her two week vacation was over, and it was time to go home.

As she boarded her flight back, Lily felt a mix of sadness and joy. She had fulfilled her dream, and she knew she would return to Paris someday.

1. Why did Lily save enough money?
 - a. To draw pictures of French cafes
 - b. To visit city of lights in Paris
 - c. To plaster pictures of Eiffel Tower
 - d. To explore famous landmarks.
2. What did Lily climb to see the breathtaking view of Paris?
 - a. Notre-Dame cathedral
 - b. Montmartre
 - c. The Louvre
 - d. The Eiffel Tower.
3. Where did Lily first meet Pierre, the local artist?
 - a. At the Eiffel Tower
 - b. At a café in Montmatre
 - c. At the Louvre
 - d. At Notre-Dame cathedral.
4. Underline the word that best explains the feeling of Lily after she returned from Paris.
 - a. happy and joy
 - b. sad and miserable
 - c. sad and joy
 - d. happy and delight
5. Write a word closest in meaning to the following words from the text.
 - a. wonderful -
 - b. photograph -

Test 8

Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics. Use about **50 to 60** words. (5 marks)

a) Trees are our friends

b) An unforgettable day in my life

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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF

Test 9

Select a word from the box which has a similar meaning to the phrase given within brackets and write it in the space provided. *The first one is done for you.* **(1 x 5 = 5 marks)**

quality, accessible, talented, dedicated, enduring,

C.W.W. Kannangara is known as the father of free education in Sri Lanka. He was born in 1884. He was a (1) ***dedicated*** (showing strong commitment) educator and politician. He worked hard to give (2) (easy to reach or obtain) education to all children, no matter how rich or poor they were. His (3) (having a clear idea of what should be done in the future) reforms included starting central schools which offered (4) (standard) education to rural areas, and giving scholarships to (5) (having a natural ability to do something well) students. C.W.W. Kannangara's efforts have left an (6) (lasting for a long time) impact on Sri Lanka, ensuring that education became a right for every child.

Test 10

Complete the following passage using the correct form of the verb given within each bracket. **(1 x 5 = 5 marks)**

Mr. Perera enjoys spending time outdoors. He (1) (love) to visit the park near his house. Sometimes, he brings a book to (2) (read) under a tree's shade. On other occasions, he and his daughter (3) (play) games near the pond. He used to visit the park with his father when he (4) (be) young. They observed the birds and squirrels bustling about. He loves to be outside as being in nature (5) (bring) him joy. It allows him to escape from any worries he may have.

Test 11

Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box. There is one extra word.

(½ x 14 = 7 marks)

saying	makes	traditions	experience	it	also
care	kind	world	and	their	respecting
to	chores	from			

Respecting elders is very important. Elders have a lot of knowledge and (1) We can learn many things (2) them. Respecting them means listening (3) their stories, valuing their opinions, (4) helping them when they need (5) Simple acts, like helping with (6), spending time with them, and (7) thank you, show respect. By (8) elders, we show that we (9) about their life experiences. It (10) teaches younger people to be (11), patient, and humble. Respecting elders (12) family bonds stronger and keeps (13) alive. In today's fast changing (14), respecting elders is a timeless and important value that helps make our lives and communities better.

Test 12

Seetha and Ruwan had a discussion to plan the class trip. Given below are some statements / questions from the conversation that took place among them.

Rewrite each of them using reported speech. *The first one is done for you.* (1 x 5 = 5 marks)

Ruwan



1. When are we leaving the school?

2. We have to leave early in the morning.



Seetha

3. We need to prepare list of names.

Ruwan



Seetha

4. Did you ask a teacher to accompany us?



Ruwan



5. I asked Mr. Silva to join us.

Seetha

6. I will inform the principal too.



1) Ruwan asked when they were leaving the school.

2) Seetha said that

3) Ruwan said that

- 4) Seetha asked if
- 5) Ruwan said that
- 6) Seetha said that

Test 13

Read the poem and answer the questions.

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

In a tank so clear, alone fish glides,
Does he miss the ocean, the rolling tides?
With no friends to share his days,
Does he dream of far-off bays?

His world is small, but his heart is wide,
Does he long for places where he can hide?
In the silent water, so still and blue,
Does he wish for something new?

He swims in circles, round and round,
Does he seek a world more profound?
With only reflections for company,
Does he yearn to be wild and free.

1. Where does the fish live?
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2. Write two things the fish misses, according to the poem.
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3. What is small and wide in him?
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4. How does the poet describe the water? Write two words.
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5. Write the line that describes the movement of the fish in the water.
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Test 14

A. You are the head prefect of Ranmini Vidyalaya. Write a letter to a guest speaker to deliver a speech at the English Week, use about 100 words. **(10 marks)**

Include the following:

- Tell him what the occasion is.
- Explain what an English week is.
- Invite him/her telling the date, time and venue
- Make a polite request to confirm his/her acceptance

Or

B. The following table shows the percentage of students who follow aesthetic subjects in grade 10 based on gender in Jayabha school. Study the table and write a passage. Use about 100 words. You may use the following words. **(10 marks)**

Lowest percentage / Highest percentage / Equal / More than / Less than

Aesthetic Subject	Girls	Boys
Drama	20 %	22 %
Kandyan Dancing	25 %	8 %
Bharatha Nattaym	30 %	20 %
Art	10 %	30 %
Music	15 %	20 %

Test 15

Read the following text given below and answer the following questions. **(8 marks)**

It was a bright and sunny afternoon when Clara decided to visit the old bookstore that she had heard so much about. The shop, nestled in the heart of the city, was known for its collection of rare and antique books. As **she** stepped inside, the musty smell of old paper greeted her, mingling with the faint scent of lavender coming from the dried flowers hanging above the entrance.

The bookstore was quiet, save for the occasional rustle of pages being turned. Clara wandered through the narrow aisles, her fingers brushing against the spines of countless books. Each shelf seemed to tell the story of its own, filled with volumes that had seen generations of readers

As Clara reached the back of the store, she noticed an old, leather bound book sitting on a small wooden table. **It** had no title on the cover, just an intricate gold pattern. Curious, she picked it up and carefully opened it. To her surprise, the book contained handwritten notes in the margins, detailing the thoughts and reflections of previous readers.

Intrigued, Clara sat down in a cozy armchair by the window and began to read. Hours flew by as she lost herself in the stories and annotations within the pages. It felt as if she were having a silent conversation with people from the past, their thoughts interwoven with the original text.

Suddenly, the shop's bell rang, signaling a new visitor. Clara looked up to see an elderly man with the kind smile enter the store. He greeted the shopkeeper warmly and then, noticing Clara's interest in the book, approached her.

"Ah, I see you have found 'The Forgotten Chronicles'" he said. "That book has a special history. It's been passed down through generations, and each owner has added their own notes and thoughts."

Clara smiled, feeling a connection not just to the book, but the people who had come before her. She thanked the man and decided to buy the book, knowing that she too would add her own story to its pages.

1. State whether the following statements are true or false by putting a tick (✓) in the relevant column. **(2 marks)**

Statement	True	False
i. The old bookshelf is in the corner of the city.		
ii. Clara had heard about the old books store earlier.		
iii. The book shop consisted with popular new books.		
iv. Clara thought of adding her own story to books she borrowed.		

Underline the correct answer for question 2 and 3 from the options for each of them.

(1 x 2 = 2 marks)

2. What initially drew Clara to the old bookstore?
- The shop's reputation for rare and antique books
 - Its location in the heart of the city
 - The scent of lavender
 - The quiet atmosphere.
3. What was unique about the book Clara found at the back of the store?
- I had an elaborate gold pattern on the cover
 - It was a newly published bestseller
 - It contained handwritten notes from previous readers
 - It was written in a foreign language.
4. Where did Clara sit to read the book? **(1 mark)**
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5. Who entered the bookstore while Clara was reading? **(1 mark)**
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6. Find a word from the passage that is similar in the meaning of each of the following words. **(1 mark)**
- fragrance -
 - amazement -

7. What do the following words in the passage refer to? (1 mark)

i. 'she' in the 1st paragraph:

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ii. 'It' in the 2nd paragraph:

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Test 16

Write on **one** of the following topics. Use about **200** words. (15 marks)

(a) An article for a school magazine on "The Importance of Learning English". Use the guidelines given.

- Helps us to communicate
- Gives access to get information
- Provides better job opportunities.

(b) A speech you would make in the morning assembly on "The challenges of wild life conservation".

Include:

- Explain the wild life
- Importance of wild life
- Challenges faced by the wild life
- Remedial measures that can be taken for conservation.

(c) An essay on "Using mobile phones as a tool for learning".

Include:

- Advantages of using mobile phones.
- Disadvantages of using mobile phones.
- Your point of view on using mobile phone in learning.

(d) Nimal and Mohamed are friends. They are discussing about their weekend activities. Nimal loves outdoor adventures while Mohamed prefers staying indoors. Complete the dialogue between them.

Mohamed : What are your plans for this weekend?

Nimal : I am planning to go for a hike. What about you?

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