

G.C.E. (O.L.) Support Seminar - 2013

English Language I

One hour

Important :

* Answer **all** questions **on this paper itself**.

○ **Test 1**

Complete the following dialogue by selecting the most suitable word from the boxes.

Write the correct letter. *The first one is done for you.*

Hesith : The exam will be over (1)(a)..... month.

(a)	next
(b)	last

What are you going to do after that?

Navaz : I thought of joining an English course.

(a)	come
(b)	go

Do you like to (2) ?

Hesith : Yes, I do, but I want the (3)
free.

(a)	vacation
(b)	weekends

Navaz : Why? Are you planning to do (4)
important on Saturday and Sunday?

(a)	anything
(b)	nothing

Hesith : Mm Yes. I thought of (5)
a course on IT.

(a)	following
(b)	passing

Navaz : Then you'll be (6) the
whole week.

(a)	free
(b)	occupied

Hesith : Yes, that's what I call working hard.

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

○ **Test 2**

Find the required information from the notice and write them in the spaces provided.

NOTICE

The College Drama Competition

will be held at

The City Hall

on Saturday the 30th November

at 5.00 p.m.

The Chief Guest is
the Mayor Hon. W. Perera

All are welcome

(Contact the Vice Principal for vehicle passes)

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The President - Drama Club

(1) Occasion

(2) Venue

(3) Date

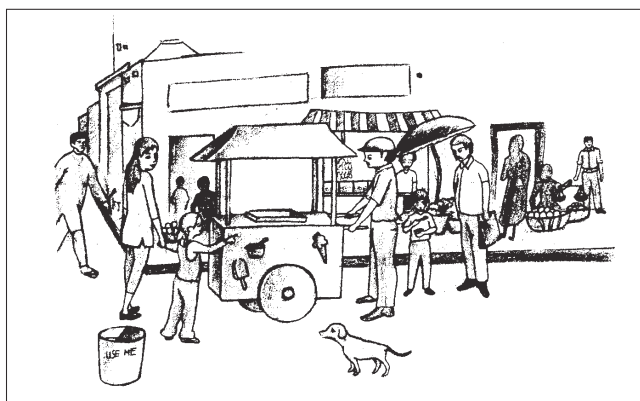
(4) Chief Guest

(5) Notice signed by

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

○ **Test 3**

Write **five** sentences about the picture.



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(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

○ **Test 4**

Read the following messages from 'greeting cards'. Decide in which situation you would use them. Match the letter of the card with the situations. *The first one has been done for you.*

Cards

a To make you better soon,
And help the time along,
Here's love and all good wishes,
That you will soon be strong !

b A time to sit back and relax
While enjoying every moment of your new life
Don't forget to add five more days
to your weekend.

c At this time of year
There's very good reason
To wish you good cheer
For the festive season.

d Today is special,
So have lots of fun,
And make the great day,
An enjoyable one.

e You've worked hard
And done your best.
Now you deserve a hug
For your great success.

f I never got the first rank
Or 'A's in all my tests,
You always made me feel the best
Grateful to you for being so nice.

Situations

- (1) Mr. Gunarathna retired from service. (..... **b**)
- (2) Dasuni has passed the exam. (.....)
- (3) The class teacher receives a card from a student at the end of the year. (.....)
- (4) Tomorrow Vinodini will be sixteen years old. Her friends will send their greetings. (.....)
- (5) Your uncle is recovering after a surgery. (.....)
- (6) Kanchana received a card on the 1st of January. (.....)

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

○ **Test 5**

Match the questions in 'A' with the answers in 'B'. Write the correct letter in the space provided. *The first one is done for you.*

A

B

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| (1) Will you buy me that frock? | (..... b) | (a) Oh ! I haven't been to a cinema for a long time. |
| (2) Do you like my new shirt? | (.....) | (b) Sorry, I haven't got much money. It's very expensive. |
| (3) Where's the post office, please? | (.....) | (c) Oh, that's lovely. It really suits you. |
| (4) Do you like the new movie? | (.....) | (d) Yes, could you come here for a moment. |
| (5) Did you call me? | (.....) | (e) No, I've got one. |
| (6) It's going to rain. Do you need an umbrella? | (.....) | (f) It's over there next to the cinema. |

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

○ **Test 6**

Write a short paragraph on **one** of the following topics. *Use about 50 words.*

- (a) Benefits of getting up early. **Or** (b) My contribution to save the environment.

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(5 marks)

○ **Test 7**

Read the text and answer the questions.

Asitha is an absent minded person who forgets where he keeps his things. He loses so many things. He thinks that they just get up and walk. Perhaps he has never admitted it, even to himself, but he is extremely jealous of people who are orderly and have never lost anything. They seem to have a place for everything and everything is in its place. Some things have a terrible habit of making themselves disappear the moment Asitha needs them. Pencils and pens are never anywhere near the telephone when it rings. Tin openers and screw drivers always manage to wander out into the garden and, as a result, screws remain loose and tins remain unopened.

The situation was getting so much out of control that Asitha finally decided to organize himself. He had a large cupboard put into the kitchen. On the shelves, he neatly arranged a number of boxes and tins and clearly printed in ink on the outside the names of items they contained. Asitha had one box for pins, another for nails, and a special place for screw drivers. Soon everything was tidily arranged in its place, from pairs of scissors to spare bulbs. Having made such a sincere attempt to prevent them from running away, he felt very proud of himself. But it was not long before the matches disappeared and the hammer was found in the waste paper basket. To end this problem, Asitha had a lock fitted to the cupboard and thus made sure that nothing is lost. This was an admirable solution until Asitha lost the only key to the cupboard.

(1) Underline the correct answer

Asitha

(a) never loses things

(b) always loses things

(c) keeps things in order

(2) When does Asitha need pencils and pens ?

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(3) Underline the correct answer

He kept the cupboard in

(a) the kitchen

(b) a tidy place

(c) a store room

(4) How could he identify the contents of boxes and tins ?

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(5) What was his final solution to the problem ?

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(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

○ **Test 8**

Your friend Rani is going abroad for higher studies this weekend. You are unable to see her before her departure. Write a note to be sent to her with a small present. (50 words)

- express your happiness on the news.
- apologise for not meeting her.
- ask her to accept the present.
- wish her.

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(5 marks)

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English Language II

Two hours

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○ Test 9

Read the following passage. In each line one word is **incorrect** and it is underlined. Write the correct word in the space provided. *The first one is done for you.*

As Sanduni entered her new office, one of the men look at his watch, clapped his hands, and said something to the others. Immediate they all went to their tables. At once everyone were busy. No one took some notice of Sanduni at all.

At lastly, she went to the person whom was sitting near the door and explained that these was her first day. He said, "Sit there and wait to the manager."

The manager arrived prompt at nine. Everyday the work in the office start just before the manager come. The clap was the signal to start work.

- (1) **looked**
(2)
(3)
(4)
(5)
(6)
(7)
(8)
(9)
(10)
(11)

(½ × 10 = 5 marks)

○ Test 10

Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the word given at the end of each line. *The first one is done for you.*

One of his favourite pastimes is collecting clocks. He already has a most remarkable (1) **collection** which won much (2) of his friends. The most (3) is an old Dutch clock which had been made in the seventeenth century. It had been in the (4) of his family for several (5) Every morning he makes a round of all his clocks winding them up and (6) any that were going fast or slow.

- **collect**
..... **admire**
..... **value**
..... **possess**
..... **generate**
..... **adjust**

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

○ Test 11

Read the text and select the correct word from the singular and the plural forms given within brackets.
The first one has been done for you.

A large number of (1. company / companies) (2. has / have) developed (3. website / websites) in the last few years. Trading using the internet is called (4. e-commerce / e-commerces) and (5. this is / these are) divided into two kinds. Many (6. business / businesses) have to use the internet to sell directly to (7. its / their) customers , but large numbers have experienced trouble with (8. security / securities) of goods and other practical issues. In addition, the high start up costs and many (9. expense / expenses) of advertising (10. means / mean) that (11. companies / company) often struggle to make a profit.

($\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$ marks)

○ Test 12

Read the poem and answer the questions given.

Haren

*It's the school vacation
And Haren doesn't live here anymore
He lives across the street,
Spends his time with the willow bat,
Drives, cuts, hooks,
With the willow bat.
Spends his time with arguments
And **sweaty friends**
And not with us
He's moved away.

Comes home just to eat and sleep
And sometimes pats my head
Then goes back to his place
To bowl googlies, flippers, dhoosras,
And to bat,
And to field
Thinks he's 'Sanga'
And not my Brother.*

(01) Where does Haren live during the vacation ?

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(01 mark)

(02) Underline the most suitable answer.

Sweaty friends mentioned in the poem are

(a) his family members

(b) his classmates

(c) his playmates (01 mark)

(03) Why does he come home ?

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(01 mark)

(04) Write the line which says Haren likes the writer.

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(01 mark)

(05) Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the poem.

Haren is writer's , though
he believes he is

(01 mark)

(5 marks)

○ **Test 13**

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

air,	brain,	it,	environment,	movement,	our,	the,
become,	carry,	has,	loudness,	or,	result,	when,

NOISE POLLUTION

If there were no sounds in the world, it would be a strange world. Sound is our chief means of communication. It gives us warnings that often save lives. It provides beauty in the form of music.

Sound is made by (1) This movement causes vibrations (2) waves to push through (3) air. These unseen waves reach (4)..... ears. Sensitive nerves soon (5) the messages to the (6) , and sound is heard.

7) sounds of different types, (8) , and frequency fill the (9) at the same time, the (10)..... is noise. Noise has (11) a danger in our (12)

In many cities, noise (13) reached a level where (14) can damage people's health. Too much noise can injure the sensitive nerves in the ears. So, steps should be taken to limit noise pollution.

($\frac{1}{2} \times 14 = 7$ marks)

○ **Test 14**

(a) Last week you went to the "Public Library" in your area to collect information for a project. You were not happy about the arrangement, cleanliness of the place and the facilities available for the readers.

Write a letter to the librarian about your experience. Use about **100** words.

- Include
- arrangement of resources.
 - cleanliness and facilities available.
 - inconvenience caused.
 - suggestions for improvement.

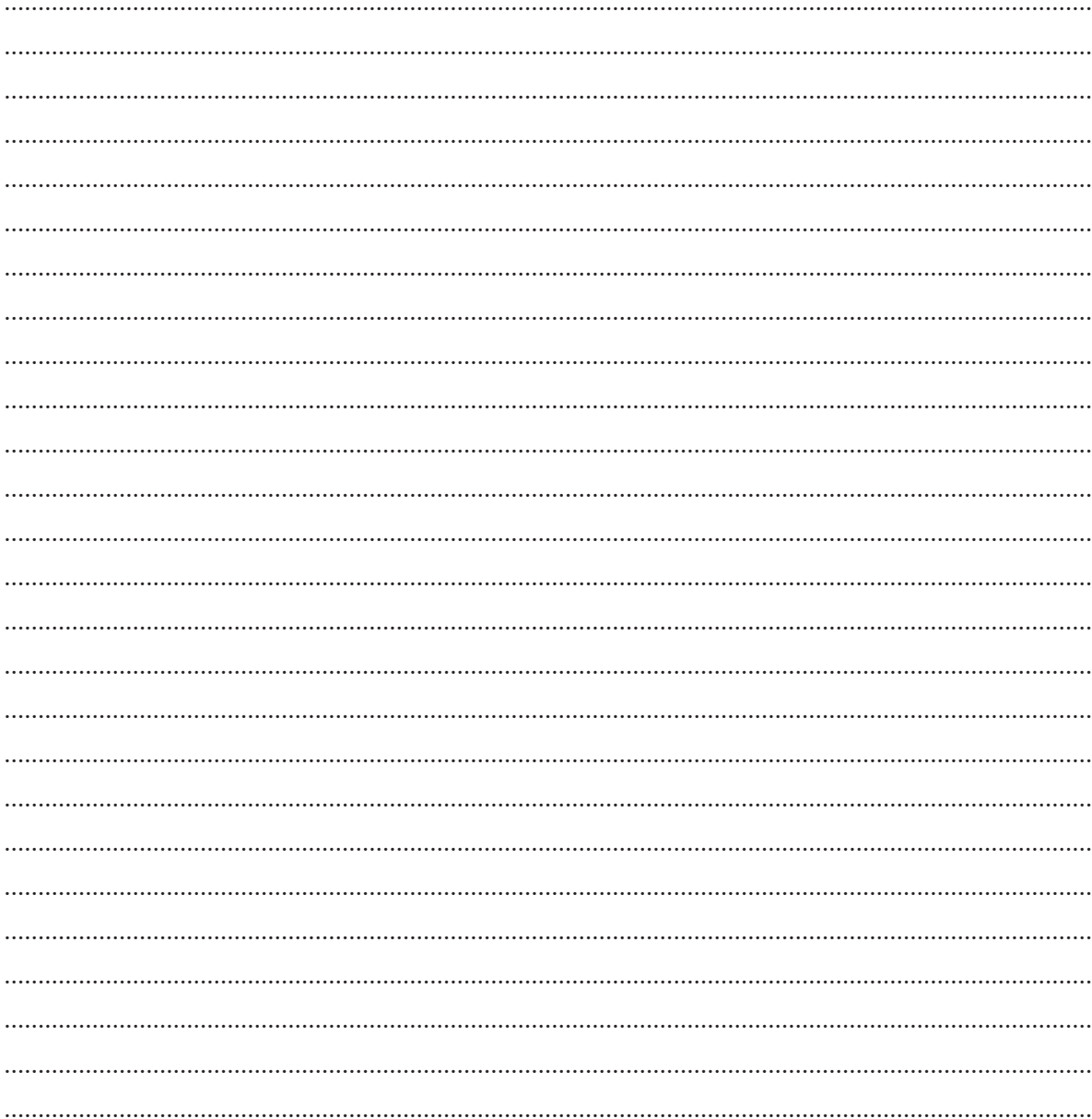
Or

(b) The following chart shows how the students of Kandy Central College come to school. Study the chart and write a description about it. Use about **100** words.

“How students of Kandy Central College come to school”

The following words and phrases will help you

Most of the, Most popular, More than, lowest number of, equally



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○ **Test 15**

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

Thilak insisted that he should do the cooking for a change. He had always liked to cook and never failed to remind his wife of the grand parties he had had before they married. Thilak would ask, how he had managed to feed as many as twenty people. Dilini however had other ideas. She remembered Thilak's parties but never liked them. But Thilak was so insistent, that in the end Dilini reluctantly agreed to let him have a free hand.

Dilini determined to make use of the situation to relax, went to the garden to read. She had no sooner settled down, when Thilak began calling to her from the kitchen. She had half expected this would happen, so she smiled to herself, and continued to read. Thilak shouted louder than ever and seeing that there was no response, finally came to the garden, obviously in a troubled state. How could he possibly work with no equipment, he demanded. He could not find bowls, cups, dishes, or even a single spoon. Dilini calmly told him where everything was and Thilak rushed back only to find that milk had boiled over. He mopped the mess up hastily and set to work. In no time, nearly everything that had been in the sideboard and in the pantry was splendidly arrayed before him on the kitchen table.

About two hours passed and Dilini could not understand why things were so quiet. She thought Thilak must be managing after all. The smell of something burning quickly proved her wrong and she threw her book and dashed to the kitchen. Thick smoke greeted her when she opened the door. She could dimly make out the figure of Thilak trying to extract something from the oven and burning himself in the process. Thilak produced a blackened object, quickly dropped it into the sink and turned on the tap. His cake was a little overdone, he explained, but otherwise all right. Apart from this, he had put sugar into the dhal curry instead of salt, but he did not think it would do the curry any harm. When the smoke cleared, Dilini was horrified. Her kitchen, once spotless now resembled a battlefield!

- (01) Complete the blanks in the following sentence. Use only two words in each blank.

Thilak who was fond of cooking used to tell about the
..... he held for his friends before their marriage. (01 mark)

- (02) Say whether the following sentences are true or false. Write **T** or **F** in the box given in front of each sentence.

(a) About twenty guests attended Thilak's parties ☐
(b) Thilak's wife was very pleased to attend his parties ☐ ($\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 01 \text{ mark}$)

- (03) How did Dilini decide to relax once Thilak started cooking ?

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(01 mark)

- (04) Why did Dilini rush to the kitchen ?

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(01 mark)

- (05) Write the sentence which says that Dilini's kitchen was in a mess after Thilak's cooking

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(01 mark)

(06) Find words from the passage which are very much similar to the following

(a) beautifully :

(b) identify :

($\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 01$ mark)

(07) What do the following phrases mean

(a) this would happen :

(b) in the process :

($1 \times 2 = 02$ mark)

(8 marks)

○ **Test 16**

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

(01) Write a speech on “Home Accidents”

You may include : - common home accidents

- places at home where accidents can happen

- how to prevent home accidents

- some instructions to avoid them

(02) Write an article to a newspaper about “The purpose of a school”.

Use the following guidelines

- a centre for gaining knowledge

- a place to develop a balanced individual

- a place for gaining a wealth of experience

- a place for healthy competition

(03) Complete the following story.

These are my last few days in grade 11 class. This has been a long year for me. When I

think back

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(04) After watching a science programme on TV, you and your friend discuss what will happen to our country in the future. Write a dialogue that takes place between you and your friend on, “Sri Lanka in the year 2020”

Include the following : - modes of transport

- education in schools

- methods of communication

- job opportunities

- ways of entertainment

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