G.C.E. (O.L.) Support Seminar - 2015

English Language I

One hour

Important :

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

❍ **Test 1**

Complete the following dialogues. Select the most suitable word from the box.

The first one is done for you.

1. Ruwan - Tomorrow is a holiday.
   Saman - Shall we go to the (1) ....***k***.... to watch the latest (2)....***c***.....?

2. Malik - Did you write the letter?
   Sara - Yes. Could you please get me four (3)..... when you go to the (4).....?

3. Mala - I'm hungry.
   Saroja - OK. Let's go to a (5)..... for some (6)..... .

4. Dasuni - Have you finished reading the novels?
   Sithumi - Yes, I'm going to the (7)..... to return the (8)..... this afternoon.

5. Husband - What else do you need?
   Wife - Please stop at the (9)..... to buy some fruits and (10) ..... .

6. Daughter - The course fee is Rs. 10,000.00
   Mother - Oh, then I have to go to the (11)..... to withdraw some (12)..... .

a.	post office
b.	money
c.	~~movie~~
d.	books
e.	fair
f.	restaurant
g.	stamps
h.	library
i.	sandwiches
j.	vegetables
k.	~~cinema~~
l.	bank

(1/2× 10 = 5 marks)

Q. 1

1 ×
Total 5

❍ **Test 2**

Himali and her brother wanted to buy a gift for their grandmother. They went to the nearest 'ATM' to get some money. The following instructions had been displayed at the machine to help the customers. Put them in the correct order by writing the correct number in the boxes. *The first one is done for you.*

(a) Now collect the money from the machine. ☐

(b) Finally take your card back. ☐

(c) First insert your 'ATM' card to the teller machine. **1**

(d) Once the language is selected enter the 'PIN' code correctly. ☐

(e) After inserting the card, select the language. ☐

(f) Next enter the amount you want. ☐

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

Q. 2

1 ×
Total 5

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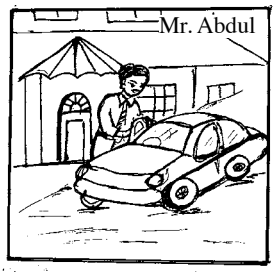
❍ **Test 3**

Write a sentence about each picture. Use appropriate verbs from the list given below.
Follow the example given.

finish, ~~drive~~, play, walk, eat, ride, cut, climb, sweep



(1) *Mr. Abdul is **going to** drive the car.*
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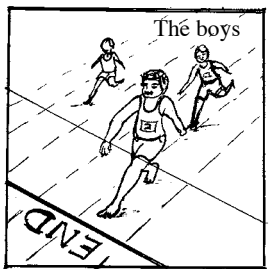

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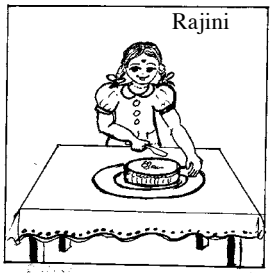

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(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

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Total
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❍ **Test 4**

Read the following advertisment and complete the dialogue given below.

Oasis Sports Centre

We are now open at Nugegoda

with more facilities

Bookings & cancellations:

Both members as well as non members

can book many activities,

at least six days in advance.

Prior notice of 48 hours is required for

cancellations without payment.

Membership

Junior membership (6 - 18 years)	Rs. 2500.00
Senior membership (19 years onwards)	Rs. 3500.00

Lockers

Lockers are available to keep your possessions.
Rs. 500.00 refundable.

Facilities

- *Gymnasium.*
- *Badminton Room.*
- *Table Tennis Room .*
- *Tennis Court.*
- *Swimming pool.*
- *Café.*

Malith : Hello Ravin, are you going for sports practice?

Ravin : Yes, I am on my way to the Oasis Sports Centre.

Malith : Where is it?

Ravin : It's at (1)..... .

Malith : Can I also join you? How much is the membership?

Ravin : Well, as you are sixteen years old you have to get the (2)..... membership. It's only 2500 rupees.

Malith : Should I be a member to practice the games?

Ravin : No, even (3)..... can play if they book (4)..... days earlier.

Malith : How about our belongings during practice?

Ravin : You can safely keep them in a (5)……..... .

Malith : Thanks a lot for all the information. I'll join you soon.

Ravin : You are welcome.

(1× 5 = 5 marks)

Q. 4

1 ×
Total
5

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❍ **Test 5**

Read the paragraph on "My brother". Write a similar paragraph about "My sister". *Use all the information given in the box.*

	My brother	**My sister**
Name	Bimsara (Bindu)	Sumudu (Sudu)
Age	18 years	15 years
Appearance	curly hair and brown eyes	long hair and black eyes
Clothes	jeans, T-shirts, shorts	skirts, blouses, frocks
Interests	pop music, singing, playing cricket	classical music, dancing, playing netball

My brother

My brother is Bimsara and I call him 'Bindu'. He is eighteen years old. He has curly hair and brown eyes. He usually wears jeans and T-shirts as well as shorts. He likes pop music, singing and playing cricket.

My sister

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(5 marks)

Q. 5

1 ×
Total 5

❍ **Test 6**

Write a paragraph on **one** of the following topics in about **50 to 60** words. Use the guidelines given.

(i) The uses of a school library.

- Types of different reading materials available
- How it helps in your studies

OR

(ii) Animals are our friends.

- How animals help us
- How we can protect them (5 marks)

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Q. 6

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Total 5

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❍ **Test 7**

Read the following passage and answer the questions.

Rice is low-fat and high in energy, and you can mix it with just about anything to make a wide variety of tasty nutritious dishes. Ask anyone from any country in the world to tell you their favourite rice recipe and you will get a wide selection, ranging from sushi in Japan to risottos in northern Italy.

Rice is closely connected to the culture of many societies. Hindu and Buddhist religions use rice as a religious offering. Burmese folklore uses rice as a central part of their creation story; the gods gave the first people of Burma rice seeds and directed them to Burma, where the rice would grow well. Chinese myth tells how, after severe floods, there was nothing to eat and the people were starving. One day they saw a dog coming across the fields, and hanging onto the dogs tail were bunches of long yellow seeds. The seeds grew into rice and the people survived.

The demand for rice is growing steadily, with consumption stretching beyond the traditional rice growing areas in Asia. You can find rice fields in Europe, Latin America and Australia. However, Asia is still the biggest rice producer, accounting for 90% of the world's production and consumption of rice.

Rice is a staple food for many countries. As the world population increases, can rice keep up to meet growing demands? Rice production has to be raised by at least 70% over the next three decades. The area devoted to rice cultivation cannot grow so much international research is being done to find ways of growing rice on less land.

1 Name two qualities of rice.
a) …….....…… b) …….....……

2. What did the gods give the first people of Burma?
…….....…….....

3. Where does the biggest harvest of rice come from?
…….....…….....

4. What do the researchers try to find?
…….....…….....…….....

5. The word 'starving' means,
a) very cold b) very thirsty c) very hungry (1 × 5 = 5 marks)

Q. 7
1 ×
Total
5

❍ **Test 8**

The Art Society of your school has organized the " Annual Art Day". You are the secretary of the Art Society. Write an invitation to your Principal and teachers for the event. (Use about **50** words.)
Include the following :

- Name of the function
- Date, time and venue
- The chief guest
- Special events of the programme

(5 marks)

Q. 8
1 ×
Total
5

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English Language II

Two hours

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❍ **Test 9**

Read the sentences and use the correct form of the word given within brackets. *The first one is done for you*.

1. The thief entered the shop and took all the **valuable** …… [value] jewellery.
2. There is an …… [exhibit] on handicraft at the B.M.I.C.H.
3. That plot of land will be sold after …….. [develop].
4. Ruchira's little sister is very talkative and …… [friend].
5. You can never rely on a friend who is not …… [support].
6. My father is working in Oman as a driving …….. [instruct].

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

Q. 9

1 ×
Total 5

❍ **Test 10**

Read the following letter. 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*.

Dear Kasun,

Today is our third day in Galle. My cousins also <u>join</u> us. We took <u>our's</u> dog, Brown also with us. Last evening we <u>play</u> at Galle Fort. We enjoyed a lot <u>watch</u> the setting <u>son</u>. My aunt Rani will <u>coming</u> from Australia tonight. She is going to <u>spent</u> a week with us. My father has bought six <u>ticket</u> for a drama. Tomorrow we'll go to <u>sea</u> it. We're having a <u>real</u> good time. I'll bring you a <u>gifts</u> when I come.

With love,

Lahiru.

1. **joined**
2. .....
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10. .....
11. .....

Q. 10

½ ×
Total 5

(½ × 10 = 5 marks)

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❍ **Test 11**

Picking teams

When we pick teams in the playground,
Whatever the game might be,
There's always somebody left until last
And usually it's me.

I stand there looking hopeful
And tapping myself on the chest,
But the captains pick the others first,
Starting, of course, with the best.

Maybe if teams were sometimes picked
Starting with the worst,
Once in his life a boy like me
Could end up being first!

- Allan - Ahlberg



Read the poem and answer the questions given below.

- Underline the correct answer.

1. The poem is about

   a) selection for a drama b) selection for a team c) selection for an orchestra.

2. Write the line which says that the boy is waiting to be selected to the team?

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3. Who picks the best players?

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4. Write words which rhyme with the following words.

   a) be …… b) chest ……

5. (a) What do you feel for the boy in the poem?

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   (b) Why? ……

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

Q. 11

1 ×
Total 5

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❍ **Test 12**

Here are some utterances between a teacher and some students about going on a trip.
Write what they said in " reported speech"
The first one is done for you.

(1) 

The teacher

You have to come at 5 a.m.

The teacher **said that we had** to come at 5 a.m

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(2) 

Sandun

I will bring breakfast for all

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(3) 

Samadhi

I will not be able to come by 5 a.m.

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(4) 

Pathum

I am going to borrow my brother's guitar

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(5) 

Menushi

I bought a new cap for the trip

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(6) 

Rizmina

I'll be joining my friends on the way

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(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

Q. 12

1 ×
Total
5

❍ **Test 13**

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

avoiding	even	hot	kidney	unbearable
day	foods	if	problem	you
due	glasses	in	to	

It was believed that only people above 40 years can have problems with stones in the kidney. But (1) ..... youth are suffering from this (2) .....nowadays. This ailment arises mainly (3) ..... to wrong eating habits. Present (4) ..... youth are interested in consuming (5) ....., spicy, salty and fatty fast (6)..... together with artificially sweetened drinks. (7) ..... you feel irritation while passing urine (8) .....should consult your doctor early. (9) .....pains are also signs of stones (10) .....the kidney. It is easy (11) ..... prevent stone formation in the (12) ..... by drinking six to eight (13) ..... of water daily and also (14) ..... acidic items like tomato, grape fruit, pineapple etc. should be done. Native doctors say that some local herbal medicines are good for kidney.

(½ × 14 = 7 marks)

Q. 13

½ ×
Total
7

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❍ **Test 14**

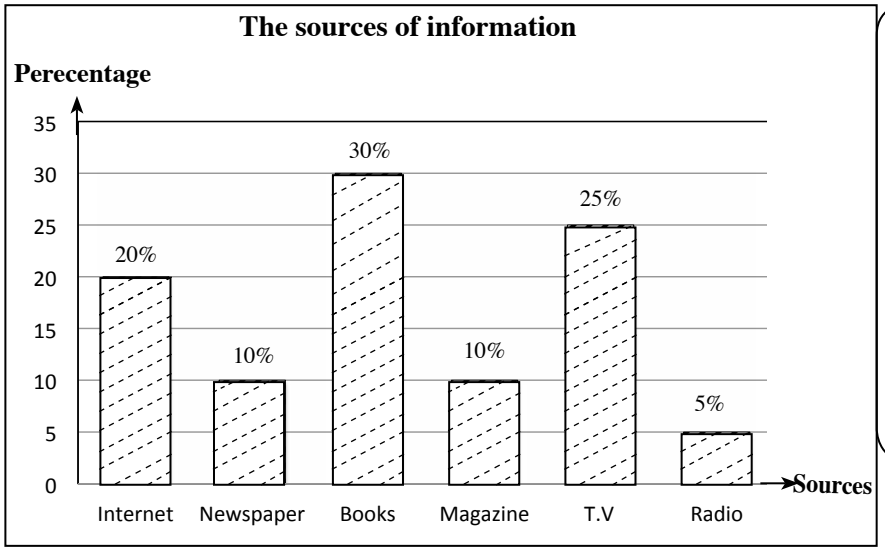
You attended your cousin's wedding last week. Write a letter to your aunt in Canada describing the event. (Use about **100** words.)

- When and where it was held.
- Who you went with.
- What you saw at the wedding.
- Your feelings about the event.
- Any interesting experience.

OR

The following bar chart shows how the grade 11 students of City Central College get information. Study the bar chart and write a description about it. (Use about **100** words.)

The words/phrases given in the box will help you.



most of the students ...
the majority of ...
lowest number of ...
most popular ...
less popular than ...
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equally ...

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❍ **Test 15**

Read the following passage and answer the questions

The silence of the Reference Library was broken only by an occasional cough now and then by the scarcely audible sound of pages being turned over. There were about twenty people in the room, most of them with their heads bent over their books. The assistant librarin who was in charge of the room sat at a desk in one corner. **She** glanced at Prabath as he came in, then went on with her work.

Prabath had not been to this part of the library before. He walked around the room almost on tiptoe. He was afraid that he would disturb the industrious readers with his heavy shoes. The shelves were filled with thick volumes: dictionaries in many languages, encyclopaedias, atlases, biographies and other works of reference. He found nothing that was likely to interest him, until he came to a small section on photography, which was one of his hobbies. The books in this section were on a high shelf out of his reach, so he had to fetch a small ladder in order to get one down. Unfortunately, as he was climbing down the ladder, the book he had chosen slipped from his grasp and fell to the floor with a loud crash. Twenty pairs of eyes looked up at him simultaneously annoyed by this unaccustomed disturbance. Prabath felt himself go red as he picked up his book, which did not seem to have been damaged by its fall.

He had just sat down when he found the young lady assistant standing alongside him. "You must be more careful when you are handling these books," she said severely. Satisfied that she had done her duty, she turned to go back to her desk. Then a sudden thought struck her. "By the way, how old are you?", she asked Prabath. "Thirteen," he told her. "You're not allowed in **here** under the age of fourteen, you know," the assistant said. "Didn't you see the notice on the door? Prabath shook his head. He expected the assistant to ask him to leave. Instead, in a more kindly tone, she said, "Well, never mind, but make sure that you don't disturb the other readers again, otherwise I shall have to ask you to leave."

Adapted by - Donn Byrne

1. Say whether the following statements are true or false. Write **'T' or 'F'** in the given boxes.
   (a) The Reference Library was calm and quiet. ☐
   (b) Prabath was not familiar with this part of the library. ☐
   (c) He found nothing interesting in the reference library. ☐
   (d) Prabath was fourteen years old. ☐ (1/2 x 4 = 2 marks)
2. Name **two** types of books that were on the shelf?
   (a) ..... (b) ..... (1 mark)
3. Write the sentence that says that Prabath moved around the room as quietly as he could.
   ..... (1 mark)
4. Mention Prabath's hobby given in the text ..... (1 mark)
5. What happened as he was climbing down the ladder? ..... (1 mark)
6. What do the following words in the passage refer to?
   (a) "She" in line 4 .....
   (b) "here" in line 18 ..... (1/2 x 2 = 1 mark)
7. Find the word from the paragraph which is closest in meaning to the following words.
   (a) pastimes .....
   (b) happening at the same time ..... (1/2 x 2 = 1 mark)

Q. 15

Total 8

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❍ **Test 16**

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

(*a*) Write an essay on the following topic.

"Strong family bonds are becoming weak in the modern world"

include the following

- importance of family bonds
- reasons for weak family bonds
  - social competition
  - attention to money
  - busy life style
  - new technology (computer, internet, mobile, TV, etc)

(*b*) - Write the speech you would make at the Environment Day celebrations at your school.
"Trees : a valuable gift of nature"

(*c*) - Write an article to the school magazine on **"Importance of a balanced diet".**

(*d*) - Ravi and Nuwan are two friends studying in the same class for the G.C.E. O/L examination. Ravi doesn't do any extra activity but he studies hard. Nuwan is a clever volleyball player. He gets absent in most of the afternoon classes. Ravi is worried about his friend and decides to talk about it with him.

Write the dialogue that would take place between Ravi and Nuwan.

Start in the following way:

Ravi : Oh. Nuwan, even today, you have missed your class. Please stop practices now. We have only three more months for the exam.

Nuwan : But I should attend practices regularly as we have our final matches next week. You know Ravi, I study at night. Why don't you think that sports and games are also important?

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Q. 16

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