G.C.E. (O/L) Support Seminar - 2016

English Language I

One Hour

Important :

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

❍ **Test 1**

Fill in the blanks in the following advertisement. Use the words given in the box. Write the correct letter in the blank. *The first one is done for you.*

(a) lessons (b) starting (c) school (d) details (e) ~~course~~ (f) director

LIKE TO BE A PHOTOGRAPHER?

JOIN NOW!

- Three-month certificate (1) ***e*** ..... on photography for (2) ..... leavers.
- Classes (3) ..... on Saturday , 28th December 2016 at 9 a.m.
- (4)..... conducted by Mr. G. A. Fernando, (5)..... , Royal School of Photography, Sri Lanka.
- Course fee - Rs. 15,000/-
- For (6)..... contact - 3132527



Q. 1

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Total
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❍ **Test 2**

Read the following dialogue and fill in the blanks. Use the words given in the box. There is one extra word. *The first one is done for you.*

into, from, for, on, of, along, ~~to~~

Sumudu : Excuse me, could you tell me the way (1) ..***to***.. the library, please?

Amitha : Yes, go (2) ..... this road until you come to a set (3) ..... traffic lights.

Sumudu : OK. After that?

Amitha : Then, turn left (4) ..... Vajira Road.
The library is the first building (5) ..... the left.

Sumudu : Thanks. Is it far (6) ..... here?

Amitha : No, it'll take only a few minutes.

Q. 2

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Total
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❍ **Test 3**

Study the picture and fill in the blanks in the text given below with suitable words.



This is a picture of a park. Many people are relaxing there. The (1) ……. is shining and some (2)……. are flying in the (3)…… . Four (4) ……. are dancing in a circle. They are holding their (5) …….. . Two boys are on the two (6)……. while some others are playing with a (7)…….. . An old man is walking with his (8) ……..along the path. He is carrying a walking (9)…… in his hand. There are some tall (10) ……..in the background.

Q. 3

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Total 5

❍ **Test 4**

Here are some entries from Shani's diary with the comments she made. Match the entries with the comments by writing the relevant letter in the space provided. *The first one is done for you.*

Diary Entries		**Comments**
Saturday 2 nd May 1. I went to see a comedy film with my parents.	.....*e*.....	a. I played really hard. It was tiring but fun.
Sunday 3 rd May 2. I spilt my fathers's coffee in the morning.	.....	b. I browsed the internent to find more about the planet.
Monday 4 th May 3. I heard on the news that the scientists at NASA are doing experiments to send a man to Mars.	.....	c. It wasn't my fault. The bus broke down on the way home.
Tuesday 5 th May 4. The teacher asked me to rewrite the essay.	.....	d. I wish I had checked grammar and spelling in it.
Wednesday 6 th May 5. I spent the whole evening practising netball.	.....	e. It was so funny and we had a good laugh.
Thursday 7 th May 6. My mother was worried because I got home late today.	.....	f. Some important papers got wet and I was very upset.

Q. 4

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Total 5

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❍ **Test 5**

Match the following advertisements with the requirements of the people. Write the relevant number of the advertisement in the box provided. *The first one is done for you.*

Advertisements

(1) Newly built modern house, 2 bedrooms, calm and quiet surrounding. 24, Temple Road, Kelaniya. Call : 3282847	(2) A house with 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, ample parking space, big garden Rs - 7.3 million Call : 0521234
(3) Attractive land blocks with all facilities. Bank loans and easy payment terms available. Call : 424635	(4) Two roomed house with furniture, hot water and two attached bathrooms. For genuine buyers only. Call : 0667235
(5) A house within 5 minutes' walking distance to 177 & 190 main bus route. No Brokers. Can see by appointments only. Call : 0221654	(6) A block of land facing carpeted road. 15.5 perches suitable for business. Rs. 150, 000 per perch Call : 0123947

Requirements

a) You are looking for quick access to public transport. 5

b) Your parents are looking for a beautiful place to build a house.

c) Mr. Rizvi who has three cars and a van is looking for a house.

d) Mrs. Mendis is looking for a house with tables, chairs, and other fittings.

e) Mr. Gamage, a university lecturer, would like to live in a peaceful neighbourhood.

f) A reputed bank is looking for a place to build a new branch.

Q. 5

1 ×
Total 5

❍ **Test 6**

You saw the following notice on the school noticeboard.

Notice

There will be a meeting for the students who have applied for Junior Prefectship at 10.30 a.m. on Monday the 3rd, December in the school main hall, to make them aware of the interview procedure.

Mrs P. Vijayani
Teacher-in-Charge
Junior Prefects' Board

Your friend who has applied for Junior Prefectship is absent from school. Write a note asking him/her to attend the meeting mentioned in the notice.

Use about **40 - 50** words.
Include the following.

- date
- time
- venue
- purpose of the meeting

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❍ **Test 7**

Read the following text and answer the questions given.

> Many folk stories are hundreds or even thousands of years old and the same stories can be found in many different parts of the world. 'Beauty and the Beast' was told in classical Greece and ancient India ; the story 'Hansel and Gretel' has been found in the West Indies, in African villages, and among the American Indians. The story of 'Cinderella' was told in China, by the Arabs and the Zuni Indians. Many were not written down until the Frenchman Perrault and the Grimm brothers from Germany collected the stories and published them. They were not only for children ; the whole family used to sit round the fire to listen to the storyteller.
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> The stories often begin with a family situation - 'Once upon a time there was a poor woodcutter who lived near the forest with his wife and two children.' The endings are often alike too: 'so they were married and lived happily ever after.' Also in the stories the hero is usually handsome and the heroine is often beautiful.
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> Folk tales usually deal with feelings and experiences. Some of them are love, courage, jealousy and revenge. Therefore, these stories prepare children to face the real world. They teach children that in order to succeed in the world, you need to be skilful, determined, intelligent, brave and good.

1. Underline the correct answer :

   The story that was told in Greece and ancient India was ...

   (a) Hansel and Gretel (b) Beauty and the Beast (c) Cinderella

2. Who told the story 'Cinderella' in China?

   a) .....

   b) .....

3. Where did the whole family usually gather to listen to the stories?

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4. According to the passage, how do the stories often start?

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5. What are folk tales generally about?

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Q. 7
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Total 5

❍ **Test 8**

Write a paragraph on **one** of the given topics. Use about **50 - 60** words.

- Let's protect public places.
- The day I enjoyed most.

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English Language II

Two Hours

Important :

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❍ **Test 9**

The following sentences are taken from a paragraph on peanuts, written by a student. There is a mistake in each sentence. Rewrite the sentences correcting the mistake. *The first one is done for you.*

Peanuts

Peanuts, also known as groundnuts, are a popular snack around the world. Peanuts are not actually nuts but they are really the seeds of the peanut plant.

1. Peanuts are grow in many countries.
   Peanuts are grown in many countries.
2. Argentina and Brazil are two of they.
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3. The nutritional value of peanuts are very high.
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4. They contains many vitamins and minerals.
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5. Peanut butter is popular in some country.
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6. Peanuts are also a important source of cooking oil.
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Q. 9

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Total
5

❍ **Test 10**

Read the following text and fill in the blanks with suitable words given in the box. There are two extra words.

a, an, all, at, available, animals, giving, hundred, include, locals, major, over, other, project, will, wildlife

Animal Park

For the first time in South Asia, a 500-acre animal park is being designed in Hambanthota. The idea is to let the animals wander freely while the visitors get a good view not only in daytime but also in the night. Government hopes to invest five (1) …… million rupees for this (2) …….. , which will be a (3) ……. tourist attraction for both (4) …….. and tourists. The park (5)…… be open for visitors (6) …….. the experience of exploring (7) …….. in a tropical jungle (8)……. night. The park will (9) …… African lions and many (10) …… species that are not (11)……. in Yala Park. The (12) …… will roam freely while (13) …… visitors will be caged. (14)…… electrical wire will be installed for the safety of the visitors. This will be a good resting point for pilgrims to Kataragama.

Q. 10

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Total
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❍ **Test 11**

Select a word from the box which has a similar meaning to the phrases given within brackets and write it in the space given. There are three extra words. *The first one is done for you.*

resist	escape	common	~~persuasion~~	attract
favourite	mental	abundance	consumers	

Advertisements

No one can pretend to remain unaffected by advertisements. It is impossible to turn a blind eye to the (1) ...***persuasion***... (causing people to believe something) caused by advertisements to buy various types of products that fill our streets , newspapers, and magazines. Even in the sanctity of our living room, advertisers are ready to pounce on us as we tune in to our (2) …….....…. (most enjoyed) radio or television programmes. In time, no matter how hard we (3) …….....…. (try to remain strong against), clever little tunes and catchy phrases of the advertisements seep into our subconscious minds and stay there, sometimes persuading us to buy something that we actually do not need. Though they seem so varied, all these advertisements have one thing in (4) …….....…. (shared by two or more groups): they make strong appeals to our emotions. The impact of advertisements on (5) …….....…. (people who buy goods and services) is so huge that no one can (6) …….....…. (get away from something) it. When a crunchy, honey-filled chocolate bar stares up at you from a glossy page, what else can you do but rush out and buy one?

Q. 11

1 ×
Total 5

❍ **Test 12**

Read the following notice. Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb given within brackets. *The first one is done for you.*

Golden Opportunity for Talented Actors!

The English Literary Association of Rangama Vidyalaya (1)***is planning*** (plan) to stage the Caucasian Chalk Circle, a drama (2) ..... (write) by Bertolt Brecht, to mark the English Day. It (3) ..... (stage) in the third week of November at the school main hall.

In order to make this event a success, we (4) ..... (look) for talented students who would like (5) ..... (act) in this drama, which (6) ..... (last) for two hours. If you (7) ..... (interest), please submit your application to the Secretary of the English Literary Association before the 15 th of October.

A specimen application form (8) ..... (display) on the school noticeboard already. The venue and date for the auditions (9) ..... (announce) later.

For more details, you (10) ..... (request) to contact your English teacher now.

(11) ..... (not miss) this golden opportunity!

1st October, 2016 Organizing Committee

Q. 12

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Total 5

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❍ **Test 13**

St. Sebastian's College, Kandy, won the Boys' overall championship at the Sir John Tarbet Athletics Championships this year. A journalist is interviewing Shan de Silva who won the gold medal in the Boys under - 16 Triple Jump. Match the questions with the answers by writing the letter of the question in the space given. *The first one is done for you.*

a. Who has supported you?
b. What's your next step?
c. You are a professional athlete, what do you do for fun?
d. Tell me, what made you enter the world of sports?
e. Is there anything you'd like to tell the up-and-coming athletes of our country?
f. Have you any unforgettable memories in the event?

Journalist : Shan, you won the gold medal in the Triple Jump at the last Sir John Tarbet Athletics Championships and you're in the limelight today.

(1) .....***d***.....

Shan : Well, my father's a sportsman. Ever since I was a kid I've been in the field with my father. So I simply followed in his footsteps. My father is the one who identified my hidden talents first and he directed me to the correct path.

Journalist : (2) .....

Shan : My parents, my brother and my coach. They have always been with me in my failures as well as successes. No matter what, their blessings are always with me. Without their help I wouldn't have become a champion today.

Journalist : (3) .....

Shan : Mm... I managed to set a new Sri Lankan record in Triple Jump at the Sir John Tarbet Athletics Championships and it was a dream come true. There's nothing like winning the gold medal, being on the podium, representing my school after so much of hard work.

Journalist : (4) .....

Shan : Well, my aim is to take part in the South Asian Junior Athletics Championships in India next month. It won't be easy to beat highly talented athletes. I practise very hard every day and I'm fully committed to become a big challenge to the other competitors who take part in this event.

Journalist : (5) .....

Shan : Well, I watch movies and listen to music. I like classical music a lot. This doesn't mean I don't like pop music. Music helps me to relax and when I'm free I play the guitar.

Journalist : (6) .....

Shan : Yes, nothing is impossible. All you have to do is pursue your goals with determination, confidence, commitment and resilience. If you don't have these qualities, you always find a way not to win!

Journalist : That's a nice way to put it, Shan. It's been nice talking to you. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Shan : Thank you.

Q. 13
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Total
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❍ **Test 14**

(a) You are the Secretary of the Young Inventors' Club. You have decided to invite a lecturer of a leading university to speak on 'Modern Technology and Inventions' as part of the Science Day programme. Write a letter to invite him / her. Use about **100** words.

Include the following:

- date
- time
- venue
- purpose
- request for an early reply

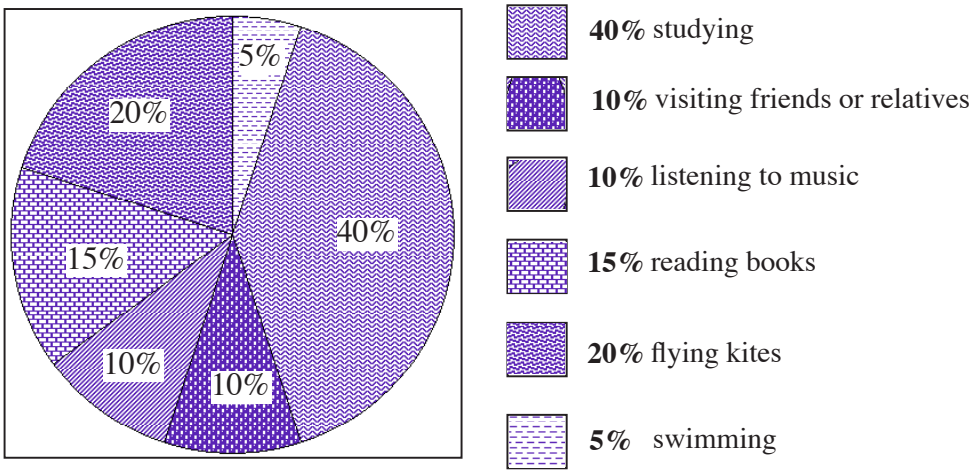
OR

(a) The following pie chart shows the results of a survey done to find what Grade 11 students of Walasgala Maha Vidyalaya usually do during the weekend. Study the pie chart and write a description about it.

Use about **100** words.

You may use some of the words given in the box.

highest, lowest, equal, less, more, percentage, majority, most, least



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Total 10

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❍ **Test 15**

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

The great midnight feasts we used to have are one of the happiest memories of our hostel life. Our hostel master, Mr. Fernando, was a terror and had an evil reputation and these feasts had to be organized with considerable skill. Each feast was something of an adventure and afforded countless opportunities of deeds of daring.

I remember one occasion particularly well. The new term had begun and of course, a feast had been arranged because everyone has brought food from home. There was great excitement during the day and our masters must have wondered what it was all about. There were remarkably few complaints at tea time and some boys did not eat anything at all. Later that evening, punctual as ever, Mr. Fernando turned the lights off at ten o'clock. We could be punished for talking after 'lights out', but it was difficult to keep quiet. At about eleven o'clock, Saman and Sisira at last overcame their fears. They crept up to the window and drew the curtains slightly to see if Mr. Fernando's light had been turned off. **It** was still on and we waited impatiently for ages, sorry to have given our hostel master so much marking to do.

When his lights went out at last, we all jumped out of bed. Thilina produced a wax candle which he set in the middle of the floor. In no time the place was covered with cakes, fruits, nuts and gallons of soft drink. We even persuaded the fat Kanchana to give up his mother's fruit cake, which was not an easy thing to do. Even then we found that he had reserved a very large piece for **himself**, wrapped up in one of the sheets. It must have been about one o'clock – when some of us were falling asleep on the floor and only a few hardy ones were still eating – that Kanchana dropped his mother's cake tin. There was a loud crash and gathering up the remains of the feast which we slipped under the bed-clothes, we quickly retired to bed. It was a good thing we acted so rapidly, for a few minutes later the door opened and Mr. Fernando appeared- only to find twenty little boys sleeping gently.

(1) Say whether the following statements are True or False by writing **T** or **F** against them.

(i) The hostel master was not popular among the children. ……

(ii) A feast was arranged because the new term had begun. ……

(iii) None of the children ate anything at tea that day. ……

(iv) Usually the lights went out at eleven o'clock at night. ……

(½ × 4 = 2 mark)

(2) What were the boys not allowed to do after 'lights out'?

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(1 mark)

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(3) Write the sentence which shows that Kanchana was reluctant to share his fruit cake

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(1 mark)

(4) What made the feast end suddenly?

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(1 mark)

(5) What did the hostel master find out at the end?

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(1 mark)

(6) What do the following words refer to?

(a) it (line 7 - 2 nd paragraph) ; …….

(b) himself (line 4 - 3 rd paragraph) : …….

(½ × 2 = 1 mark)

(7) Find the words from the passage which have the same meaning as the following.

(a) crawled ; …….

(b) convinced : ……. (½ × 2 = 1 mark)

Q. 15

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Total
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❍ **Test 16**

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

(a) Write an article to your school magazine on "Spending Leisure Time Usefully'
Include the following:
- a short introduction to what leisure activities are.
- some useful leisure activities.
- advantages of engaging in them.

OR

(b) Write the speech you would make at your school assembly on 'Time is Precious'.
Include the following:
- importance of managing time.
- what results from wasting time.
- how should one allocate time for studies, play etc.

OR

(c) Complete the following story.
It was a holiday. I was alone at home. I invited some friends to spend the day with me .....

OR

(d) Complete the following dialogue.

Vindya : What are you going to do for your A/L's?

Dilini : My parents want me to study Maths or Commerce. But I don't know, I'd love to study Music.

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