Ministry of Education
English & Foriegn Language Branch

General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination
Model Paper

English Language
Paper I

Time : 1 hour

Name :- ..... **class :** -..... **Index no :-** .....

Test 1

Complete the advertisement using the words given in the box. The first one is done for you.

a. paper	b. occasion	c. wholesale	d. cards
e. reasonable	~~f. handmade~~		

Beautiful (1). .....f..... Greeting (2).....
made of recycled (3) .....
for every (4).....
(5) ..... prices
Available (6) ..... and retail at
No. 55 Cross Street, Negambo

(1 x 5 = 05 marks)

Test 2

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

him	it	~~my~~	myself	I	them

Lekha: What's that?
Shiva : It's a photograph of (1)...my..... family.
Lekha: Can I see (2).....?
Shiva : Sure. This is my father.

Lekha: (3)..... know. I have seen (4) ..... Who is this?

Shiva : That's my mother.
Lekha: Wow. Her hair is very long.
Shiva : Yes. She loves her hair. These are my twin brothers.
Lekha: They look so much alike. Can you tell (5) ……..a part?
Shiva : Of course .
Lekha: It is a lovely photograph
Shiva : Thank you. I took it (6) ……

(1 x 5 = 05 marks)

Test 3

Study the picture. Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box. The first one is done for you.



~~children~~
wall
sofa
reading
hills
window
cushion
standing
rainy
pictures
cat

This picture shows a living room. There are three (1) …children… inside it. A girl is sitting on a (2)…….. and (3) …… a book. There is a (4) …… sitting on a (5)…… near her. There are two (6) …… hanging on the (7) ……... A boy is (8) …… near the window. Next to him, there is a girl sitting on a chair. They are looking out of the (9) ……... It is a (10) …… day. Some trees and (11) …… can be seen in the background.

(1/2 x 5 = 05 marks)

Test 4

Match the warning signs with their meanings.

1. No entry
2. No photographs
3. No pets
4. No parking
5. No food or drinks allowed







(1 x 5 = 05 marks)

Test 5

Read the notice and complete the dialogue. Use only one word in each blank. The first one is done for you.

Interruption to Electricity Supply

Consumers are kindly informed that the power supply will be interrupted from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Monday November 5th for the installation of new transformers in the following areas.

- Ja Ela area
  - Wattala
  - Ragama
- Gampaha area
  - Yakkala
  - Ganemulla

In case of rainy weather the date may be postponed until further notice.
We apologize for the inconvenience caused.

CEB

Rajesh	:	There's going to be a (1)…power…….. cut next week.
Janaka	:	When?
Rajesh	:	It's on 5th, the next …….. .
Janaka	:	How long will it be?
Rajesh	:	For nine hours. from (3)…….. a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Janaka	:	Is it because of some repairs?
Rajesh	:	No. They are going to install new (4)…… .
Janaka	:	Is it only in our area?
Rajesh	:	No. Both in JaEla and (5)…… areas. But it will be (6)…….. if it rains.

(1 x 5 = 05 marks)

Test 6

You are the secretary of the Young Artists' Club of your school. Your club has organized an art exhibition. Write a notice to be put up on the school noticeboard inviting the teachers and the students to see the exhibition.

Include – date, time, venue, name of the exhibition

(1 x 5 = 05 marks)

Test 7

Read the story and answer the questions.

An old man was walking across the beach when he came across a young boy throwing something into the breaking waves. Upon closer inspection, the old man could see that the boy was tossing stranded starfish from the sandy beach, back into the ocean.
Whatare you doing, young man?" He asked.
"If the starfish are still on the beach when the sun rises, they will die," the boy answered.
"That is ridiculous. There are thousands of miles of beach and millions of starfish. It doesn't matter how many you throw in; you can't make a difference."
"It matters to this one," the boy said as he threw another starfish into the waves. "And it matters to this one."

Adapted from https://livelifehappy.com/live-life-happy-stories/

1.Where was the old man when he saw the young boy?

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2.What was the boy doing?

.....

3.Why was he doing it?

.....

4.the word "ridiculous" in the story means

a. absurd b. serious c. logical

5.Write the sentence which says that the boy believes he is making a difference.

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(1 x 5 = 05 marks)

Test 8

Write one of the following topics. Use about 50-60 words.

a. A journey by a train
b. My favourite book

(1 x 5 = 05 marks)

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Test 9

Complete the sentences selecting the correct word. There are two extra words.

1. Elephants are very (a)..... of their young. They (b) ..... their young until they become independent.
   (protection, protect, protecting, protective)

2. The scientist proudly declared that his experiment was (c)..... .
   He attributed his (d).....to determination and hard work.
   (success, succeed, successful, successfully)

3. (e)..... a good painting is not easy. The artist needs to be (f)..... and imaginative.
   (creation, creative, creating, create)

4. The managers (g)..... to have a meeting to discuss the demands of the workers.
   The workers are (h)..... that the management will find solutions to their problems.
   (hope, hoping, hopeful, hopefully)

5. Our teachers always (i)..... our good work.
   Their (j)..... motivates us a lot.
   (appreciation, appreciate, appreciative, appreciatively)

(1/2 x 5 = 05 marks)

Test 10

Complete the following passage using the most appropriate form of the verb given in the brackets. The first one is done for you.

Mr. Raj is a technician and lives in a small town in Nagoda. Every day he (1)...gets..... (get) up at 5 o'clock in the morning. He (2)..... (help) his son to get ready to go to school while his wife (3)..... (prepare) breakfast. This morning, his wife (4)..... (burn) her hand. So, Mr. Raj (5)..... (take) her to the doctor. After the doctor (6)..... (treat) her, Mr. Raj (7)..... (come) home with his wife. Today, his wife (8)..... (rest) at home. Mr. Raj (9)..... (attend) to the housework and (10)..... (do) the cooking. Tomorrow he (11)..... (take) his wife to the doctor for a review.

(1/2 x 10 = 05 marks)

Test 11

Fill in the blanks with the words given within the box. There are two extra words.

the	they	and	called	common	have	used	temerature	still
kangaroos	means	of	safe	sixty	degrees	climate		

Kangaroos live only in Australia. They are marsupial animals which (1)_____ the mothers keep the young (2)_____ and sound in pouches for many weeks after birth. Kangaroos (3)_____ in their mothers' pouches are (4)_____ joeys. There are nearly (5) _____ different types of kangaroos, all (6) _____ which have some features in (7)_____. All kangaroos have very long (8)___ powerful hind legs which are (9)_____ for hopping. The majority of (10)_____ live on the open plains _____ central Australia. (11)_____ feed on grass and vegetation. (12)_____daytime temperatures can reach over thirty(13)_____ Celsius. Fortunately, kangaroos (14)_____ bare forearms, which they lick to cool the blood.

THE AMAZING WORLD OF LIVING THINGS –Peter Haddock Publishing, England

(1 x 7 = 07 marks)

Test 12

Complete the conversation between Charuni and her brother Sanith using the passive voice. The first one is done for you.

Charuni : Brother, tell me about the Cricket World Cup.

Sanith : Well, (1) Itis held every four years.

Charuni : Is it very popular

Sanith : Of course. This is a sports eventwhich (2).....(watch) by millions of fans over. . It is (3) ..... (consider)the flagship event of the international cricket calendar."

Charuni : When did world cup tournament start?

Sanith : The first World Cup (4) ..... (play) in England in 1975. It (5) ..... (win) by West Indies.

Charuni : Was there a World Cup tournament this year?

Sanith : Yes, there was.

Charuni : Who won it?

Sanith : England. They are the current world champions.

Charuni : What about the next world cup?

Sanith : It (6) ..... (hold) in India in 2023.

(1 x 5 = 05 marks)

Test 13
Read the poem and answer the questions.

The Mountain and the Squirrel

The mountain and the squirrel
Had a quarrel;
And the former called the latter 'Little Prig.'
Bun replied,
'You are doubtless very big;
But all sorts of things and weather
Must be taken in together,
To make up a year
And a sphere.
And I think it no disgrace
To occupy my place.
If I'm not so large as you,
You are not so small as I,
And not half so spry.
I'll not deny you make
A very pretty squirrel track;
Talents differ; all is well and wisely put;
If I cannot carry forests on my back,
Neither can you crack a nut.'

Ralph Waldo Emerson
https://poets.org/poem/fable

1. Who had a quarrel?

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2. What name did the mountain call the squirrel?

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3. Who do the words 'former' and 'latter' stand for?
   former –
   latter-

4. Find a word from the poem that is
   i) similar in meaning to the the word 'active' - .....
   ii) opposite in meaning to the word 'foolishly' - .....

5. The message conveyed in this poem is …

i. big and powerful are important I this world.

ii. small and clever are more important than the others..

iii. everyone has his or own place and importance in this world.

(1 x 5 = 05 marks)

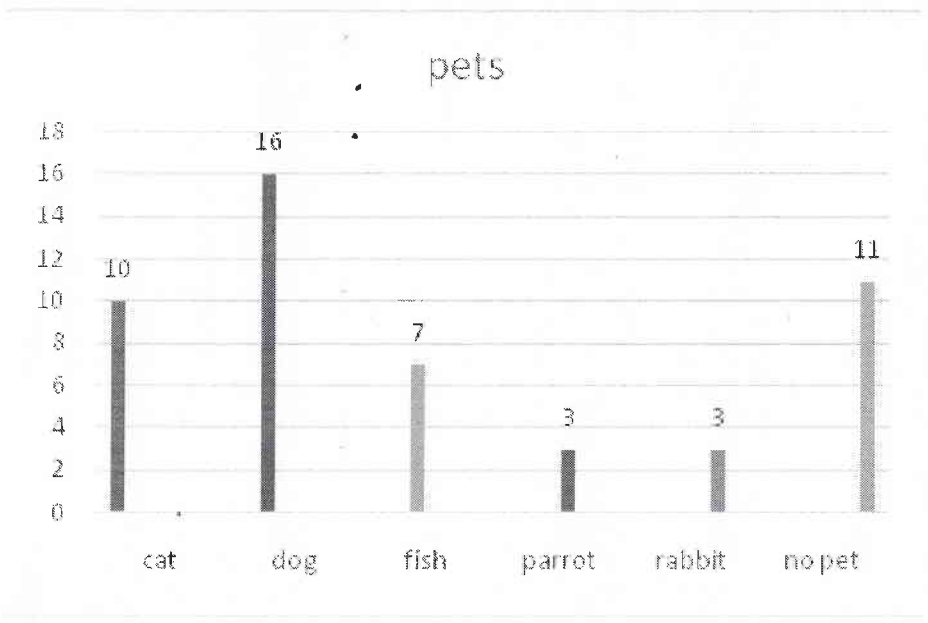
Test 14

a). Your class is planning to go on a trip after the examination. Write a letter to your principal requesting permission. Include the following:

- places you are planning to visit
- duration of the trip and
- how you plan to find the necessary expenses
- teachers/parentswho would be accompanying you

Or

b). The following bar graph shows the results of a survey conducted among 50 children about the pets they have at home. Study the graph and write a description. The following words will help you.



highest, most, many, least, less, higher, equal, lowest

Start like this.

This bar graph shows the pets,a group of 50 children have at home. …….

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Test 15

Read the following text and answer the question given below it.

1) Sunlight appears colourless but really it is made up of different colours. Sometimes you can see these colours- on the surfaces of bubbles or if there is oil on water. You may also see colours across the sky in the form of a rainbow. In each case, "white" light is being separated into colours called the spectrum.

2) When the sun comes out during a shower you may see a rainbow. The sunlight shines on the droplets of rain and gets separated into the colours of the spectrum.

From a distance the light appears as a coloured arc across the sky. People divide

the rainbow into seven bands of colour- red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. The colours always appear in the same order with red on the outside and violet on the inside of the arc.

3) Sometimes a dazzling displays of coloured lights appear in the sky at nights in parts of the world which are far away from the equator. These lights are caused by huge explosions on the surface of the sun known as "flares". During a flare, millions of tiny particles are sent out from the sun. They travel very fast and some eventually reach the Earth's atmosphere. The Earth's magnetism bends the paths of the particles so they only reach the Earth's atmosphere near the poles. As theytravel through the airthey bump into other particles. These collisions produce light. In the North they can be seen best in parts of Canada but they can also be seen in northern Scotland and Scandinavia. They are called the Northern Lights or " Aurora borealis' . similar lights can be seen in the South where they are called "Aurora australis".

THE GIANT BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE –YOUNG LEARNER PUBLICATIONS- New Delhi

1. What is sunlight made up of?

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(1 x 1 = 01 mark)

2. When do we see a rainbow in the sky?

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(1 x 1 = 01 mark)

3. Name two countries where the Northern Lights can be seen.

a. .....

b. .....

(1/2 x 2 = 01 mark)

4. Say whether the following statements are True (T) OR False (F) by writing 'T' or 'F' in the space given.

a. The band of colours seen in a rainbow is called the spectrum. (.....)

b. The order of the colours in a rainbow varies from time to time. (.....)

5. "Flares" are ... (1/2 x 2 = 01 mark)

a. tiny dazzling lights

b. eruptions on the sun

c. colours of the rainbow

(1 x 1 = 01 mark)

6. Find the words from the text which mean the following.

a. the shape of part of a circle, or other curved line - .....

b. a layer of gases surrounding a planet - .....

(1/2 x 2 = 01 mark)

7. What do the following words in the text refer to?

a. it (paragraph 1 line 1) - .....

b. they (paragraph 3 line 4) - .....

(1/2 x 2 = 01 mark)

8. Study the headings given and underline the most suitable heading to the text.

a. Colours of the Rainbow

b. Colours of the Sun

c. The Northern Lights

(1 x 1 = 01 mark)

Test 16
Write on one of the following. Use about 200 words.

a. Write an essay on "Sports keep us healthy." Include the following.

- Why sports are important -makes us physically fit, relaxes the mind, prevents diseases
- What sports can we engage in to stay healthy
- Diseases caused by the lack of physical exercises

b. Write an article to a children's newspaper on the topic "Internet: its advantages and disadvantages"

- Source of knowledge and information
- Form of entertainment
- Can get addicted
- neglect studies and outdoor activities

c. Write a story. Begin as follows.
When I went to the school playground in the morning, I saw some students gathered.....

d. Mr. Jake, a foreign tourist is at a souvenir shop. Complete the dialogue between him and the shopkeeper.
Shopkeeper: Good afternoon, Sir. How can I help you?
Mr. Jake: Well, I am looking for some .....

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(1 x 5 = 05 marks)