Department of Education - Western province

G.C.E. (O/L) Support Question Paper - 2020

Grade: 11 | English Language | Paper - I | Time: One hour

Answer all questions on the paper itself.

Test 1

This is a page from Amanda's diary. Match the places with the diary entries. *The first one is done for you.*

(05 marks)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Watched a children's movie. It was very interesting	The exhibits were very creative. Learnt a lot.	Bought many kinds of sweets for my birthday party.
(a)	(b)	(c)
Thursday	**Friday**	**Saturday**
Delivered a speech on 'Responsibilities' in the morning assemble.	Withdrew money sent by my father	Borrowed on interesting book today
(d)	(e)	(f)

1. Exhibition [*b*]
2. Bank [ ]
3. Library [ ]
4. School [ ]
5. Confectionary [ ]
6. Cinema [ ]

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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.* (05 marks)

a) online
b) phone
c) ~~way~~
d) favour
e) birthday
f) time

Inura : Hello Dhanuka,

What brought you this (1) ..... way ..... ?

Dhanuka : Hope you are not busy now. I need a (2)..... from you.

Inura : What's it Dhanuka? Anything serious?

Dhanuka : I'm interested in (3)..... banking. I feel that it is easy and (4).....saving.

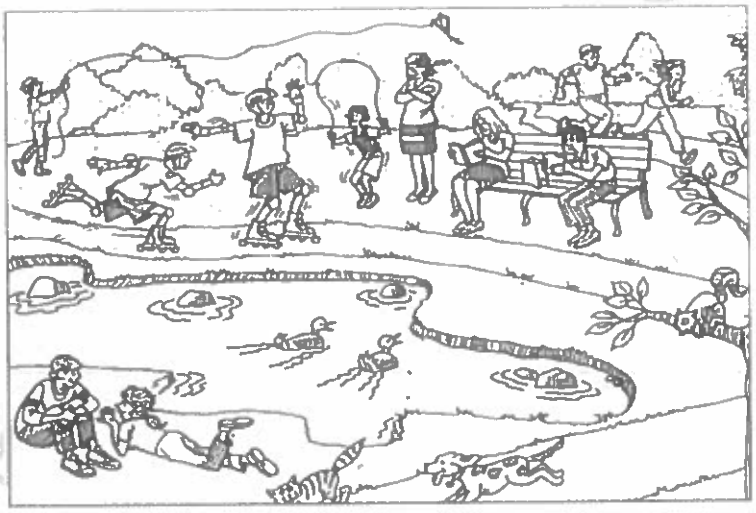
Inura : Why not? I can help you to install that. Have you got a smart (5)..... with you?

Dhanuka : Yes, this is the gift I got on my (6).....

Test 3

Study the picture given below. 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 = 05 marks)



a. road
b. people
c. squirrel
d. kite
e. ducks
f. woman
g. stones
h. shorts
I. bench
j. skipping
k. ground

This is a picture of a park. There are many (1) ___*b*___ in the park, doing different activities. A girl who is sitting on the (2) _____ is reading a book. We can see a man and a (3) _____ jogging in the park. One boy is flying a (4) _____. There is a boy and a girl chatting with each other. The boy is sitting and the girl is lying on the (5) _____. Two boys are skating on the (6) _____ near the pond. They are wearing (7) _____. There is a boy with a (8) _____ rope and there is a lady near him. There are two (9) _____ swimming in the pond and there are some (10) _____ in the pond. A dog is running after a cat and a (11) _____ is sitting on a branch of a tree. Everyone in the park looks busy.

Test 4

In each line of the given paragraph, one word is missing and it is marked. Write the missing word in the space provided. *The first one is done for you.* (05 marks)

Santhuli

Why didn't you come? We missed you / lot.	(1) ……*a*……
In the meeting, our teacher said / we have to	(2) ……
be / school before 6.00 a.m. as we are leaving	(3) ……
the school premises / 6 o'clock in the morning.	(4) ……
Don't forget / bring a cap, enough water and your	(5) ……
breakfast. Everyone has to hand / Rs. 800 to the	(6) ……
class teacher. Bring it when you come.	

Nethuli

Test 5

Read the brief extract about Arthur C Clark. Write the necessary information in the space given below. (05 marks)

Arthur Charles Clarke was born in England on 16th December 1917, to Charles Wright Clarke & Nora Mary (Willis). Clarke's father died when he was fourteen.

Clarke started to write "fantastic" stories. He became interested in science in early age, and constructed his first telescope at thirteen. In 1936 he moved to London after attending Huish's Grammar School but he lacked the means for higher education.

He worked as a government auditor. Clarke served in the Royal Air Force and from 1941 to 1946 becoming a radar instructor and technician. While in the service he published his first science-fiction.

After the war Clarke entered King's College, London, and took his B.Sc. in 1948. His first book "Interplanetary Flight" was published in 1950, which is non-fictional.

In the middle of 1950s Clarke was interested in undersea exploration. In 1954 Clarke set sail for Australia to dive on the Great Barrier Reef and in 1955 dived off the coast of Sri Lanka. He moved to Sri Lanka in 1956.

In 1973 Clarke received all three of the major Sci-Fi awards (the Hugo, the Nebula Awards and the John W. Campbell Memorial Award) and BSFA award for his novel "Rendezvous with Rama".

Arthur C Clarke

1. Names of his parents: ***Charles Wright Clarke and Nora Mary***
2. Construction at the age of 13: ……
3. Duration in the Royal Air Force: ……
4. Name of the first non-fictional book: ……
5. Reason for sailing to Australia: ……
6. Name three major awards received: ……
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Test 6

Your friend wanted some plants to grow because he started home gardening recently. You have some extra vegetable plants that you can give him. Write a note to your friend asking him to come and collect the plants. (05 marks)

Include:

- some names of plants that you have
- when he could come to collect the plants.

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Test 7

Read the letter and answer the questions. (05 marks)

Dear Mother mouse,

It's been a long time since you had a letter from your daughter. I'm sorry I'm so slow in writing. After Mousy and I married it was very hard to find a place to build our nest in. At last we found one. But what a place!

Do you remember where the old inventor lived? That's where we built our nest. Right in his house! Right in his latest invention! The invention was a big shiny thing on wheels. A trapdoor in its back was open. Mousy and I jumped in. We **crawled** all the way up to the top. There were all sorts of cog wheels and wires and lights and tubes up there.

There was even a big glass eye we could look out of. It was our own picture window- what more could we want! We build our nest there and settled in, all snug and comfortable. One day the old inventor invited all those guests in for lunch. That was the day we found out what we were living in. It was a robot waiter!

Love,

Daughter Ratty.

Underline the most suitable answer.

1.The letter is written to.

(a) Mousy (b) Mother mouse (c) Ratty

2. What is most interesting about Mousy and wife's nest?

(a) It in the latest invention (b) It has a picture window (c) It has a trapdoor.

3. The nest was

(a) untidy and ugly (b) small (c) comfortable

4. What did the inventor invent?

(a) a robot (b) a big glass eye (c) a robot waiter

5. The word "crawled" in paragraph 2 means

(a) crept (b) jumped (c) sniffed

Test 8

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

(a) My personal goal in life (b) A wonderful vacation I spent

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Test 9

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.

(05 marks)

gutter, occasionally, possess, impression, device, blurred, unique, vividly,

The wonderful power of seeing the world in one's own (1) ……**(being the only one of its kind) way is what gives the artist his style. It is the result of dreaming with your eyes open, one of the most rewarding seeing** (2)…… **(a gadget, utensil or tool) of all. Children use it well. All of us** (3)…… **(be endowed with) this ability to dream with our eyes open. But in growing up we usually suppress it out of fear of being thought different. We ought to lay aside these fears** (4)…… (from time to time) and see the beauty around us. "Seeing is believing", the maxim says. But more than that, seeing is living. The more (5)…… (brilliantly or radiantly) you learn to see, the more alive you are.

Test 10

Use the correct form of the passive to complete the dialogue. ***The firs one is done for you.***

(05 marks)

Nethu: There's a bad news Raini. The flower shop next to my home (1) *was removed* (remove) yesterday.

Raini: Oh, what a bad news! The flowers for dressings at my salon (2) …… (buy) from them everyday.

Nethu: Don't worry. Another (3) …… (open) at the same place next month. How about your make up stuff?

Raini: The makeup stuff (4) …… (prepare) at the moment by my assistants. Natural ingredients (5) …… (use) to prepare the stuff.

Nethu: Earlier it was different. You used artificial stuff when the brides (6) …… (dress) by you. Weren't you?

Raini: Yes, but now I have my own products.

Test 11

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

(1/2 x 14 = 07 marks)near,

slowly, calendars, tide, moving, of, notice, near
come, fifty, point, for, moving, the, ago, a,

Did you ever have to pick up your towels and lunch basket and move higher up on the beach because the tide was coming in? The water of the sea is always (1) ..... on the shore and then (2).....going back again. Mark the high-(3)..... point on the beach with (4)..... stick. Note the time this (5)..... is reached. Do the same (6)..... next day. Does high tide (7)..... at the same time as (8)..... day before? Continue your observations (9)..... a few days. You will (10)..... that high tide comes about (11)..... minutes later each day. Long (12) .....,just before the time of (13) ..... and clocks, people who lived (14) ..... the sea noticed that the high-tide point came later each day.They also noticed that the moon too rose later each day.

Test 12

Complete the following passage using the most appropriate form of the verb given within brackets. ***One is done for you.*** (05 marks)

I have been learning French for five years now. But last year I (1) ..... (not work) hard enough for French. I (2) ***want*** (want) to pass my French exam successfully at the beginning of next year. Just after my O/L exam last year, my parents (3) .....(send) me to do a French course in Colombo. At the moment I (4) ..... (revise) French lessons I learnt. Now I have much more fun in learning French than I (5) ..... (have) before. If I pass my exams successfully, I (6) .....(start) an apprenticeship in September. I know there is no any time to be lost.

Test 13

Read the poem and answer the questions given.

(05 marks)

Peace

I'd like to build the world a home
And furnish it with love.
Grow apple trees and honeybees
And snow-white turtle doves.
I'd like to teach the world to sing
In perfect harmony.
I'd like to hold it in my arms
And keep it company.
I'd like to see the world for once
All standing hand in hand:
And hear it echo through the streets
For peace throughout the land.
Last night I had the strangest dream
I ever had before.
I dreamt the world had all agreed
To put an end to war.

(1) Complete the sentence.
The poet wants to furnish the home. .....

(2) Write 2 things that the poet likes to grow
a. ..... b .....

(3) Write rhyming words for the given words.
a. harmony - ..... b. land - .....

(4) What does the poet like to see the world for once?
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(5) Who wants to put an end to war?
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Write a letter to the chairman, Urban Council in your area to complain about a garbage disposal on either side of your lane. Use about 100 words. (10 marks)

Include the following.

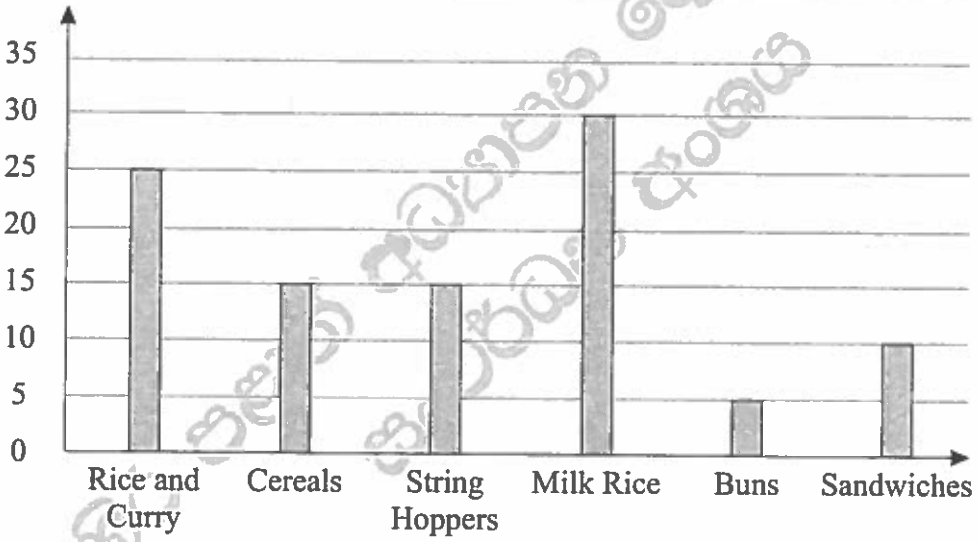
- The people who do it
- Bad effects of it
- The importance of protecting the nature
- Making a request to take necessary steps

OR

The following bar chart shows the percentages of sale of different meal items in the school canteen per day. Study the bar chart and write a description about it. Use about 100 words.

The following words will help you.

equal amounts, minimum number, maximum number, lowest sale, highest sale, less than



Test 15

Read the following text and complete the tasks given below.

(8 marks)

Weekend is always a holiday in my school. I look forward to holidays but I never quite know what to do with them. I am a boarder in my school and my home is too far away for me to go there and return to school the very same day. It is always a tiring journey. I sometimes go out for picnics with some of my school friends. But last Saturday they all went for a basketball match in another school and I was left alone with the school matron.

I sat on the steps leading to my dormitory feeling quite sorry for myself when I got a surprise. The matron sent me a message informing me that I had a visitor. I wondered who it could be. My parents always let me know in advance if they were coming to visit me. I could think of no one else.

I walked slowly towards the front office where visitors had to wait and I saw a tall figure stand up as I entered. I was very happy. It was my elder brother who had gone abroad three years ago and whom I thought I'd never see again. He gave me a tight hug and lifted me into the air like a father.

After requesting for permission to take me out for the day, he told me of his plans. He was going to give me an outing to remember. He kept to his word. We went for a movie and then he took me shopping. He bought me clothes, a pair of track shoes and a nice school bag. My old one was all torn and shabby. After that we went out for a late lunch and laughed over our delicious meal.
It is an unforgettable day in my life.

Task 1

State whether the following statements are **True**, **False** or **Not given** by putting a tick (✓) in the relevant column.

		True	False	Not given
(1)	Saturday and Sunday are holidays in my school.	✓		
(2)	I don't like to go home every weekend.			
(3)	I go out for picnics with my friends and matron.			
(4)	It was a long way to the front office from the dormitory.			
(5)	I saw my elder brother after four years.			
(6)	My brother got permission to take me out for the day.			

(½ x 6 = 03 marks)

Task 2

(1) Write a word from the second paragraph closest in meaning to each phrase given below.

(a) an unexpected event .....

(b) go to see and spend time .....

(1 x 2 = 02 marks)

(2) Write the sentence in paragraph 3 which says that the boy had a warm welcome from his elder brother.

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(01 mark)

(3) Underline the word that best explains the meal they ate.

(a) horrible (b) healthy (c) scrumptious (d) enough (01 mark)

(4) Underline the most suitable title for the given text.

(a) Weekends are lonely (b) How I spent my last weekend

(c) Spending time in the dormitory (d) Meeting visitors

(01 mark)

Test 16

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

(a) Write an article to the Sunday observer, Children's corner on "Time is gold"

- why this is valuable
- what the advantages are of working on time
- how a student can plan with time
- how it helps his/her studies.

(b) You have asked to deliver a speech on "Leisure is an essential part in our lives" at the morning assembly in your school.

Include

- why leisure is important
- how it affects our health
- how it helps to become creative
- how can we balance our life style.

(c) Write an essay on "Why we should love the nature?"

- what mother nature gives us
- harmful effects of destroying mother nature.
- what you can do to protect the nature as a student.

(d) Write a story beginning as follows.

While I was coming home I saw a strange thing floating in the river .....