Ministry of Education, Higher Education & Vocational Education
General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level Examination 2025(2026)
Support Paper 1

English Language I	**Time: One hour**

Index Number: ……

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

○ **Test 1**

Match the following pictures with the descriptions given below. Write the letter of the most suitable picture in the box given against each description. *The first one is done for you.*

Pictures



(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f)

Descriptions

(1) your grocery needs	**c**	(2) all types of fuel	
(3) stationery supplies		(4) travel facilities	
(5) treatments for the sick		(6) all types of garments	

1 x

Total 5

○ **Test 2**

Fill in the blanks of the following dialogue using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the most suitable answer in the space given. *The first one is done for you.*

A: Wow! A lovely dress!

B: Really? Thank you. Do you (1) ……**d**…… it?

A: Yes. From where did you (2) …… it?

B: It's a (3) …… present from my aunt in Australia. I love the (4) …… .

A: Here comes Chathumi. Let's hurry up. It's (5) …… 2.30.

C: I'm (6) ……, I missed the bus.

A: It's ok. Now let's go.

(a) almost
(b) material
(c) sorry
(d) ~~like~~
(e) birthday
(f) buy

1 x

Total 5

○ **Test 3**

Study the picture and 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.*



(a) watering
(b) big
(c) planting
(d) middle
(e) ~~cute~~
(f) windows
(g) brightly
(h) birds
(i) coconut
(j) beautiful
(k) happy

The picture shows a bright and pleasant day in a garden. A (1) ……**e**…….. girl is kneeling on the ground and (2) …….. flowers with great care. She looks (3) …….. and focused on her work. In front of her, there is a (4)…….. can, and her pet cat is playing with it. In the (5)…….. of the garden, there is a (6)…….. house with many (7)…….. There are three (8)…….. trees and another (9) …….. tree in the garden. The sun is shining (10) …….. in the sky, and a few (11) …….. are flying gently. The picture shows a calm and quiet environment.

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Total 5

○ **Test 4**

Fill in the blanks in the following text with the words given in the box. *The first one is done for you.*

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I have decided to start a band after doing my Advanced Level Examination next year. As I am very much interested in music, it has been (1) ……**a**…… dream since my childhood. I have (2) …… ……friends who are also interested in music. One day I talked with them about (3) …… band I am going to start. A (4) …… friends really liked my idea and promised to join me whereas others told me to continue (5) …… studies. However, I wanted to start the band. So, we often met and planned how to do it. Finally, we all agreed to talk to (6) …… parents. They agreed to help us on one condition. That is, we all should pass our Advanced Level Examination.

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Total 5

○ **Test 5**

Read the text on **Pangolins** given below**.** Complete the table with the information of the pangolins. *The first one is done for you.*

Pangolins

Pangolins can swim, though it's rare to see. Pangolins have been caught on camera swimming in places like Kruger Park, South Africa. They aren't fast runners; their strong front legs and big claws are built for burrowing, not for speed. The larger, ground-dwelling pangolins often move on their hind legs. They hunch forward as they go. Researchers from Florida State University have even developed a small camera to record their movements. They call it the pango cam. It can be safely attached to the scales of a pangolin, capturing incredible footage. This helps us understand the elusive behaviour of these shy creatures. There are eight species of pangolin and, sadly, they are all threatened with extinction. They are targeted for trade in meat and body parts.

1	Pangolins caught swimming in	(i) Kruger Park, South Africa
2	Front legs and big claws designed for	(ii) .....
3	Pangolins often move on	(iii) .....
4	Movements of pangolins are recorded using	(iv) .....
5	The number of species of pangolin	(v) .....
6	Pangolins are killed for	(vi) .....

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Total 5

○ **Test 6**

You received the following invitation from one of your friends. But you cannot accept it, therefore write a reply refusing the invitation. Include the reason. Use about 40 to 50 words.

Dear friend,

We have finished building our new house. So, our parents are arranging a House Warming Ceremony. It will be held on 19th December 2026 at 10.00 am. I am inviting all our classmates. Come and enjoy. We can have a nice time.

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○ **Test 7**

Read the text and answer the questions.

① Roald Dahl was one of the most successful writers of children's books who ever lived. He sold millions of books all over the world. Many of his books have been made into films and videos.

Roald Dahl was born in 1916 in Wales and lived for most of his life in England. Roald's parents had emigrated to Britain from Norway. His father was rich but he died of pneumonia at the age of 57 in 1920.

⑤ Roald was very young then and Roald's mother **brought him up**. He hated school and left as soon as he could. Roald went to Africa to seek his fortune, and he spent two years working for an oil company.

In 1939, Roald joined the Air Force as a pilot, but he had a bad crash in the desert. His injuries made him limp for the rest of his life. After this, Roald went to America and he settled down there. While in America, he wrote a story about his adventures as a pilot. It was so good and it was published in a magazine.

Underline the most suitable answer.

1. Which of the following best describes Roald Dahl?
   a) a famous film director
   b) a famous writer of children's books
   c) a well-known book-seller

2. Roald Dahl's parents were
   a) British b) American c) Norwegian

3. Roald Dahl left school as soon as he could because …
   a) he wanted to become a pilot
   b) he did not like school
   c) he wanted to write books

4. Roald Dahl went to America
   a) to spend the rest of his life
   b) to write books
   c) to join the Air Force again

5. What does the phrase '***brought him up'*** in line **5** mean?
   a) sent him to school
   b) supported him to learn
   c) cared for him

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Total 5

○ **Test 8**

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

(a) Advantages of reading (b) My plans after O/L Examination

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English Language II	**Time: Two hours**

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Answe**r all** questions **on this paper itself.**

○ **Test 9**

Select a word from the box which has a similar meaning to the phrase given within brackets and write it in the space provided. *There is one extra word.*

harmful	consequently	sluggish	posture	dangerous	continuously

Scientists and doctors keep warning us of the dangerous effects of T.V. on various systems and organs of our body. Watching T.V. (1) ……. (without stops) for a long time is extremely harmful for the eyes. Everyone on an average watch T.V. for three to four hours daily. (2) ……., (As a result) eye-sight gets weak. Children are the most affected because from their very childhood, their eye-sight gets weakened by watching T.V. and at a close range it is all the more (3) ……. (causing injuries) The harmful effect of watching T. V. on eye-sight has resulted into a general complaint of headache. The high-pitched sound of dance, music, fights and cries in various programmes results into deafness. Watching T.V. continuously in one (4) ……. (the way one holds its body) causes joint pain, backache, and muscle pain. Eating and drinking while watching T.V. causes obesity and also makes our digestive system (5) ……. (slow and not working properly). Scenes of horror and violence are causing psychological problems in our youth. In short, watching T.V. for long hours is harmful for our health and mental growth.

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Total
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○ **Test 10**

Your friend Praveen has sent you the following email. Read it and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given within brackets.

To: Sanuka@gmail.com
Subject: Birthday Party

Hope you have returned after the trip. How was it? By the way, can you remember, we decided to arrange a surprise party for Dinuka on his birthday? It (1) ……. (fall) on 22nd December. We must make sure that he (2) ……. (not get) a clue about it. Hope (3) ……. (invite) our class teacher, all our classmates and Dinuka's parents too. But we have to find a place for that because our house (4) ……. (be) not spacious enough.

As tomorrow is a holiday, can you please come to our house to discuss the other arrangements? Some of our friends are coming. If you call Kasun, he (5) ……. (come) and pick you. Come without fail as there's a lot to finalize.

Regards,
Praveen

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Total
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○ **Test 11**

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

of	help	sun	we	fostered	which	a	from
through	source	are	sunlight	is	mind		many

In Sri Lanka and across many parts of the world, sunlight has long been respected for its healing properties. From an Ayurvedic perspective, the (1) ……is not just a (2) …….. of light- it is (3) …….. vital energy that can (4) …….. balance the body and (5) …….. . However, modern marketing has (6) …….. a deep fear for (7) …….. , especially with the rise (8) …….. the sunscreen industry.

Sunscreens, (9) …….. claim to protect us (10) …….. the sun's harmful rays, (11) …….. now a staple in (12) …….. people's daily routines. But (13) …….. sunscreen really the solution (14) …….. have been led to believe?

In reality, many sunscreens contain harmful chemicals that may do more harm than good. Ingredients like oxybenzone, found in many sunscreens, have been linked to hormone disruption and could potentially increase the risk of skin diseases, including skin cancer.

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Total 7

○ **Test 12**

Read the following passage and underline the correct answer.

Roshan and Shehan play cricket for the same club. They had a club meeting yesterday, but Shehan was absent. Therefore, he came a little early for practice today. As soon as he saw Roshan, he asked him what had happened at the meeting yesterday. Roshan explained to him what had happened.

"The coach was very serious. During the club meeting, the coach spoke to us about improving our performance. First, he said that (1) …….. ((a) we had needed to come (b) we need to come (c) we needed to come) for practice regularly. You know, he was angry when he remembered the last match. So he said angrily that (2) …….. ((a) we had not come (b) we didn't come (c) we have not come) for practice regularly, so we had lost the match. After discussing the schedule, he continued to say that (3) …….. ((a) we have to start (b) we will have to start (c) we had to start) the morning practice from the following Monday. He also warned us that (4) …….. ((a) we should take (b) we have to take (c) we shall take) a proper rest after each session. Before ending the meeting, he asked (5) …….. ((a) whether there is anyone (b) whether there was anyone (c) whether was there anyone) who could not come for morning practice."

1 x
Total 5

○ **Test 13**

Read the following paragraphs. Select the relevant main idea for each paragraph and write the letter of the main idea in the box given against each paragraph.

	Paragraphs	
(1)	Staff **Benda Bilili** is a band made up of disabled members. The members are Ricky, a founder; Coco, the band's composer; Junana, the group's choreographer; and Coude, a bass player and singer. A nondisabled teenager, Roger, plays the satongé, a one-string guitar he designed and built himself.	☐
(2)	The band's name, Benda Bilili, means "look beyond appearances" and it describes the group's mission. Its audience was at first made up of poor street people, just like the band members themselves. The band wanted to tell its audience to be positive and strong, even in difficult circumstances.	☐
(3)	The band members themselves are examples of their message. They never see themselves as disabled, but as rock musicians. Their energetic performances show this. For example, when the group is playing, Junana sometimes jumps out of his wheelchair and dances around the stage on his hands.	☐
(4)	Some filmmakers amazed by Staff Benda Bilili's music and their life stories made a documentary about the band. The film follows them as they play their music in Kinshasa, the capital of a country that had many wars in its recent past. These wars affected millions of people. The documentary illustrates how Staff Benda Bilili's music helped them survive in this very difficult environment.	☐
(5)	Problems experienced in their lives by the members become songs. Many of the songs offer solutions to the problems. For example, "Polio" is about living with polio and getting around the city on crutches. The song also tells parents to have their children vaccinated against the disease.	☐

Main Ideas
(a) Showing the members' strength, energy, and determination despite being disabled
(b) Highlighting the band's impact on society and their recognition by film producers
(c) Introducing Staff Benda Bilili and its members, including their roles in the band
(d) Offering advice and solutions for problems faced, through experiences
(e) Explaining the meaning of the band's name, its first audience, and its aim

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Total 5

○ **Test 14**

(a) Grade 10 students are planning to hold a concert at the end of the third term. You are the Secretary of the organizing committee and write a letter to one of your cousins describing your preparation for it. Use about 100 words.
Include the following:

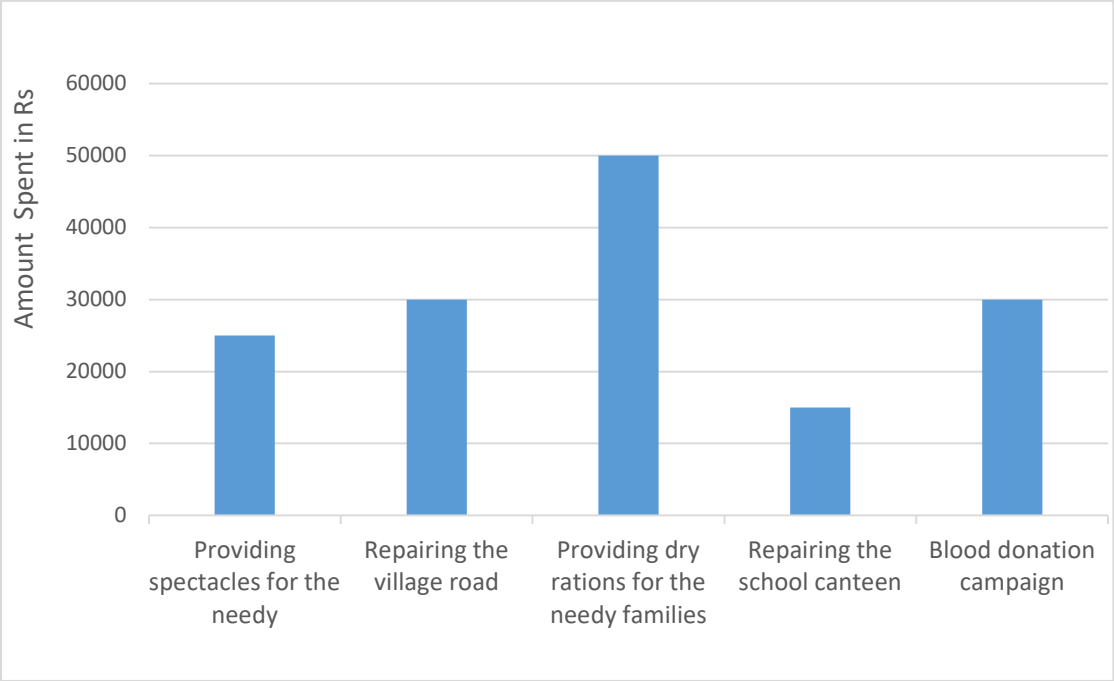
- Items you are practising
- the role you are playing and the item/s you are participating in
- invitation to him/her

OR

(b) The Community Centre in your village completed several community services this year. The bar chart below shows how much money was spent on each service. Study the chart carefully and write a description of the information presented. Use about 100 words.
The following words and phrases will help you.

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○ **Test 15**

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

① Every Monday at 9 am, Kamlesh Ratnu leaves the vibrant blue city of Jodhpur on his motorbike and heads east to the rural village of Chandelao in Rajasthan, India. Each week, he works behind a set of heavy wooden doors that open onto a courtyard lined with low red sandstone buildings and a traditional thatched hut. The square is adorned with clouds of pink bougainvillaea, henna, frangipani and West ⑤ Indian jasmine, creating a picturesque setting for the workshop – 'Sunder Rang'. Founded in 2007, this non-profit crafts collective has become an economic lifeline for local artisan women. Forty-year-old Kamlesh has worked for the organisation for more than a decade as a fashion designer and manager. "I've always been drawn to fashion, especially festive Indian wear," he says. "I saw a famous Indian fashion designer's interview when I was a teenager, and I instantly knew that fashion was my calling."

⑩ Before joining Sunder Rang, Kamlesh taught pattern making, garment construction, portfolio and design collection at the International Institute of Fashion Design in Jodhpur. Teaching these young artisans led him towards Sunder Rang, which has community development at the heart of its altruistic ethos.

The crafts collective (Sunder Rang) was founded by local businessman Praduman Singh and Norwegian entrepreneur Kristin G Andersen, with an aim to uplift the local community, empower artisans and ⑮ **preserve** the art of traditional Rajasthani handicrafts. Today, the organisation employs around 35 women from the local village, providing **them** with a stable income and fair wages. Any additional profit is used to expand the project and support the wider community in areas of development, sanitation and education.

Sunder Rang's products come in a bright palette of colours and range from tote bags to pouches, cushion covers, bed linens, beaded jewellery and block-printed kurtas (traditional tunics). "The artisans blend ⑳ traditional designs with a contemporary twist in every creation," Kamlesh explains.

One of the many techniques used at Sunder Rang is block printing - an ancient Rajasthani art that uses hand-carved wood blocks on fabric dyed with natural colours, derived from the likes of turmeric and pomegranate. It's a time-consuming process requiring a lot of skill and can be seen on a variety of Sunder Rang's products, including tiered dresses, voluminous weekend bags and habutai silk scarves.

㉕ Another popular design technique is gudri work - a vibrant hand-embroidered method that uses a continuous running stitch. "Gudri in Rajasthan is essentially a style of bedding, made by using old, discarded clothes. We patch and layer them on, and then sew them together using the running stitches," Kamlesh states proudly.

1) State whether the following statements are **True** or **False.** Put a tick (**√**) in the relevant cage.

	True	False
(a) Every Monday Kamalesh travels to Chandelao.		
(b) Only local women work in Sunder Rang that creates handmade crafts.		
(c) Kamalesh is employed at an organization that is profit-oriented.		
(d) Kamalesh has been interested in fashion since he was a child.		

(½ x 4 = 02 *marks*)

Underline the correct answer.

2) Before Kamalesh joined Sunder Rang, he worked as …… at the International Institute of Fashion Design in Jodhpur.
(a) a fashion designer (b) a Pattern maker (c) a manager (d) a teacher (1 *mark*)

3) Sunder Rang was started by ……..
(a) Praduman Singh (b) Kamlesh Ratnu and Kristin G Andersen
(c) Praduman Singh and Kristin G Andersen (d) Kristin G Andersen (1 *mark*)

4) Which is **true** about Sunder Rang's products?
(a) made of cloth (b) come in simple colours
(c) come in traditional designs (d) come in a wide range of items (1 *mark*)

5) Which is the **incorrect** statement / phrase about block printing?
(a) a technique used at Sunder Rang (b) an ancient art that uses natural colours
(c) a process that requires very little skill (d) a time-consuming process (1 *mark*)

6) What does the following word in line **16** refer to? Write your answer in the space given.
'**them'** - …….. (1 *mark*)

7) The phrase that is closest in meaning to the word '**preserve'** in line **14**.
(a) protect for the future (b) understand the importance
(c) use to earn money (d) improve the standard (1 *mark*)

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Total 8

○ **Test 16**

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

(a) Write an essay on **Sports should be made compulsory in the school curriculum**.
Include the following:
- School curriculum and the place for sports in the curriculum at present
- Importance of sports and how sports help physical and mental well-being
- Facilities needed in schools for making sports compulsory

(b) Write an article to your school magazine on **A great personality you admire**
Include the following:
- Brief introduction of the person and the reason for being great
- Description of the qualities you admire in him/her
- How the person has inspired you

(c) Write a speech you would make in the morning assembly suggesting **three improvements that can be made to make Sri Lanka a better place to live in**.
Include the following:
- The purpose of your speech and the present condition of Sri Lanka
- Three practical improvements with short explanation for each
- Significance of motivation of students towards the target

(d) You have planned to go on a trip to hill-country with your friends during the vacation. But your best friend is completely against it as this is the rainy season. You want to know why. Complete the dialogue between you and your best friend.

You : Suneth, I have planned a trip to hill-country during the vacation. I hope all our class-mates will Join. What about you?

Suneth : I don't think this is the right time to go on a trip.

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