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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level Examination 2025(2026)
Support Paper 2

English Language I	**Time: One hour**

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○ **Test 1**

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

Pictures



Instructions

1. Bring your own bag, say no to polythene. [C]
2. No lifeguard on duty. [ ]
3. Road is slippery, drive carefully. [ ]
4. Do not touch, tease or disturb. [ ]
5. Keep your Earth green and clean. [ ]
6. Switch off when not in use. [ ]

1 x
Total 5

○ **Test 2**

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

a) available	b) easier	c) safe	d) ~~cash~~	e) service	f) card

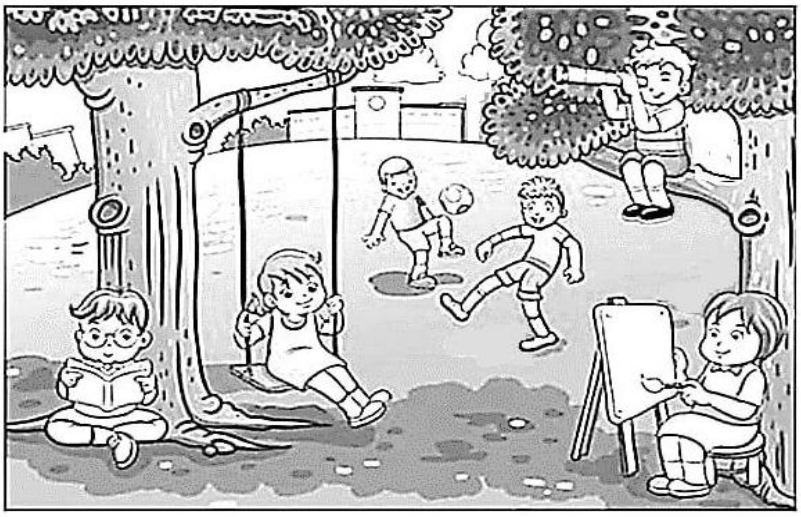
Easy Banking

In the past people had to visit a bank during working hours to withdraw money. Nowadays they can use a 1. ……**d**……. machine at any time; day or night, because banks provide 24-hour 2…… . Cash machines are 3 …… everywhere. You can find them in super markets, stations and other public places. One can take out cash or check the balance using his/her bank 4 …… and the pin. This makes managing finances much 5. …… than waiting in queues at banks. Also, cash machines help to stay 6. …… because you don't need to carry large amount of cash around.

1 x
Total 5

○ **Test 3**

Study the picture and fill in the blanks 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) ball
b) stool
c) relaxed
d) ~~open~~
e) drawing
f) happy
g) one
h) run
i) observing
j) clear
k) reading

This picture shows a group of children spending time outdoors on a sunny day. They are enjoying different activities in an 1._____d_____ park. The park looks grassy and spacious, giving children room to 2. …… and play freely. The boy sitting under the tree is 3. …… a book, calm and focused. The girl on the swing looks 4. …… . Two boys are playing with a 5. …… in the middle of the park and 6. …… boy is kicking the ball. The girl sitting on a 7. …… is painting a picture fixed on to a 8. …… board. The boy with a telescope is 9. …… the sky. It is a bright day with a 10. …… sky and the whole place looks calm and everyone seems 11. …… . It is an interesting place to spend the time leisurely.

½ x
Total
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○ **Test 4**

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

before, in, ~~on~~, with, by, to

To: neesha@gmail.com

Subject: Meeting arrangements

Dear Neesha, I hope you are doing well. I am writing to confirm our meeting 1. _____on Monday morning. The meeting will take place 2. …….. the main conference room, and we will discuss the new project plans 3. …….. the marketing team. Please make sure to bring all relevant reports 4. …….. the meeting. If you have any issue, feel free to contact me 5. …….. e-mail or phone. Don't forget to submit your progress report 6. …….. Friday.

Best regards,

Emma

1 x
Total
5

○ **Test 5**

Read the text and complete the table given below. *The first one is done for you.*

Comoros

Comoros is a group of islands in the Indian Ocean located between Madagascar and the eastern coast of Africa. It has three main islands and some smaller ones. The capital city Moroni has narrow streets and old buildings made of stones. People in Comoros mainly speak Comorian, French, and Arabic. Fishing and farming are important jobs for many families on the island. It is known for its beautiful beaches, green mountains, and warm tropical climate. It has many active volcanoes, including Mount Karthala, which is very tall. Many people visit Comoros to enjoy its peaceful environment and explore its unique culture.

1. Name of the island	Comoros
2. Located between	……
3. Capital city	……
4. Languages spoken	……
5. Main occupations	……
6. A volcano	……

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Total 5

○ **Test 6**

You are moving to your newly-built house. Write an invitation to your friend for the house warming ceremony.

Include the following,

- The occasion
- Date, time, and venue
- A polite request to attend the ceremony

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○ **Test 7**

Read the following text and underline the correct answer.

Pavement Picasso

① "Pavement Picasso" is another name for Jullian Beever, a chalk artist from Britain. He has been creating chalk drawings on the pavement for over ten years now. He has worked in cities all over the world, from Brussels to New York.

He works in chalks, so his art, which takes about three days to complete, can easily be destroyed by a ⑤ shower of rain. The most important thing for him is to get a photo at the end before that happens.

He first started pavement drawing with copies of famous paintings like the Mona Lisa in the streets of Europe. Then he painted portraits of famous people; for example, when princess Diana died, he did a portrait of her on a London pavement. His art is well known because it is creative, realistic and brings a sense of fun and surprise to ordinary streets.

1. "Pavement Picasso" is …….. .

a. a famous museum painter **b**. a chalk artist **c**. a street photographer

2. How long has Jullian Beever been creating pavement drawings?

a. ten years **b**. about ten years **c**. more than ten years

3. What material does Jullian Beever use for his street art?

a. paint and chalk **b**. Ink and chalk **c**. chalk only

4. Why does Jullian Beever take photos of his drawings as soon as he finishes them?

a. Because the colours fade in sunlight. **c**. Because he sells them on the spot

b. Because they may be destroyed by rain.

5. which word best describes the meaning of the word "portrait"

a. a painting of a person **b.** an image of a person **c**. a photo of a person

1 x
Total 5

○ **Test 8**

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

(a) My favourite food (b) How I spent my last weekend

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

○ **Test 9**

Read the text and underline the most suitable word given within brackets.

Yesterday I spent the afternoon home because it was raining heavily. The clouds were 1. ……. (gloom, gloomy, glooming), hanging low and dark over the city. Raindrops 2. ……. (pattered, pattering, patter) softly on the roof and tapped gently against the windows. I watched people 3. …… (quick, quickly, quicken) walking with colourful umbrellas. The smell of the wet earth and flowers was 4. …… (refreshing, refresh, refreshed), filling the air with a fresh, calming scent. Puddles on the streets 5. …… (rippled, rippling, ripples) as cars drove, splashing water onto the sidewalks. A rainbow appeared suddenly in the distance making the sky even more dramatic. The whole afternoon felt peaceful yet alive, as if the rain had given the city quiet, reflective mood.

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Total 5

○ **Test 10**

Fill in the blanks with words given in the box.

whose,	where,	whom,	who,	which

Last year, I spent a week in a mountain village, 1. ……. many hikers consider one of the most peaceful places in the region. I stayed with an elderly couple, 2. ……. hospitality made me feel completely at home. Every morning, the old lady 3. ……. prepares a traditional breakfast with fresh bread, local cheese, and herbs had worked as a chef at Hotel Ramsey. I was fascinated by her cooking. During my stay there, I met a young teacher, with 4. ……. I went for a long walk through the forest trails. She showed me a hidden place from 5. ……. people can see both the valley and the distant lakes shimmering in the sunlight.

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Total 5

○ **Test 11**

Fill in the blanks of the following passage with the words given in the box. There is an extra word.

trash,	one,	sends,	the,	companies,	such,	cardboard,	
made,	in,	found,	her,	is,	paper,	to,	has

You might think trash is just something you throw away. But some people have 1 …… creative way to turn. 2…… into cash. Trash has 3. …… people rich and Cheung Yen 4…… one example. She is 5…… of the richest women 6. …… the world. Cheung Yen buys 7…… garbage in America and 8…… it to China for 9. …… factories. In her factories 10…… paper became cardboard boxes. 11. …… in China use her 12…… boxes to send products 13. …… as TVs and microwaves 14. …… Europe and United States. When people in the United States throw the boxes away, Cheung Yen starts her trash to-richest process again.

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Total 7

○ **Test 12**

Read the dialogue between two friends about their class trip. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given within brackets.

Raj : Did you see the newly renovated auditorium? It looks completely different now.

Maya : Yes, indeed. It 1. …….. (paint) last week for the annual prize giving.

Raj : I noticed that the old chairs 2. …….. (already replace) with new cushioned ones.

Maya : That's great! What about the sound system? It is said that it 3. …….. (donate) by the Old Pupils Association before the renovation started. Am I correct?

Raj : Yes, you are correct. It 4. …….. (install) soon.

Maya : How about the decorations?

Raj : They 5. …….. (usually do) by the organizing committee.

Maya : Everything seems to be well-planned and organized.

Raj : I'm eagerly waiting for the occasion.

Maya : So am I.

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Total 5

○ **Test 13**

Read the following extracts and match them with the headings given below. Write the relevant letter of the heading in the box given against each extract. There is one extra heading.

Headings

(A) Immunization schedule
(B) Community health event
(C) Public safety health guidelines
(D) Operating instructions for medical equipment
(E) Path to well-being
(F) Choices for better life

Extracts

1.Before using the digital thermometer ensure the device is clean and fully charged. Press power button and wait for the screen to display 'Ready'. Place the thermometer tip under the tongue, close the mouth gently and remain still until you hear the beep sounds. Then remove the thermometer and check the displayed temperature. Clean the tip before storing it in a dry, cool place.	
2.Our centre now offers a complete wellness package including Yoga classes, personalized fitness coaching, nutrition advice and guided breathing exercises. Each participant begins with a full health check-up. Progress is reviewed weekly. Special discounts are available for new members.	
3. A balanced lifestyle plays a vital role in preventing long-term health problems. Doctors recommend at least 150 minutes of exercises per week such as brisk walking, cycling or swimming. Reducing salt intake, drinking plenty of water and limiting highly processed food can help maintain a healthy heart. Set aside time each day for relaxation to reduce stress. Regular medical check-ups are strongly advised.	
4. Your appointment for the annual 'tetanus' booster vaccination has been scheduled on December 2nd at 9.15 a.m. at the Public Health Centre. Please bring your vaccination card and wear clothing that allows easy access to your upper arm. Inform the medical officer if you are ill, take medicine, or experience unusual allergies. Late arrivals may have to wait for the next available time slot.	
5. The Lions Club of Hanwella will host a health and wellness program on 20th December at the town ground. Activities include free medical consultation, fitness demonstration, healthy cooking workshop, and mental health counselling. Families are encouraged to attend. A special session will be held on child nutrition and elderly care. Entry is free.	

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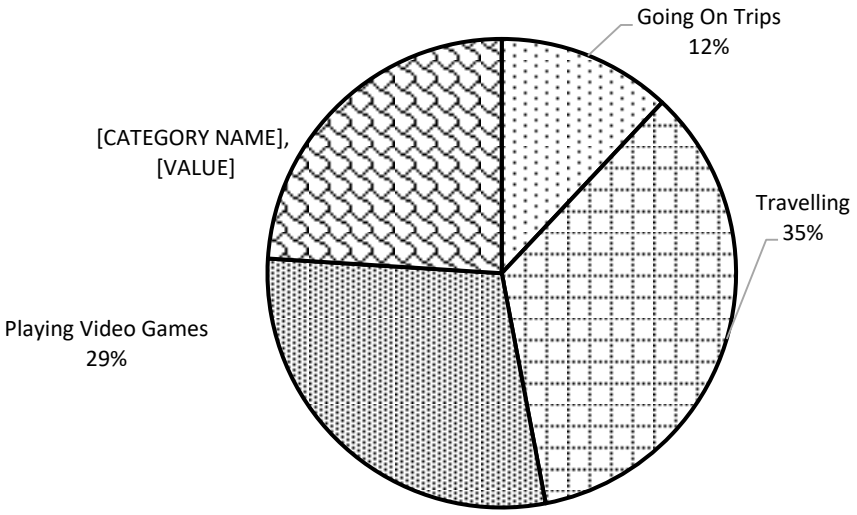
○ **Test 14**

a) The Science Society of your school has organized a field trip to the Botanical Garden of Peradeniya. Write a letter to the transport manager of the deport of your area requesting a bus for the trip. Include,
   - the date and the starting time from the school
   - number of participants
   - request for the confirmation for the bus.

OR

b) The following pie chart shows the favourite holiday activities of a group of grade 11 students of Rajarata Central College. Write a description of it. Use about 100 words. The following words / phrases will help you.

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○ **Test 15**

Read the following text and answer the questions given bellow.

① Thirsty and hot, twelve elephants plod across the hot and dry African landscape. The water hole is less than a mile away now, and everyone in the group is looking forward to a good, long drink. Tired calves-baby elephants want to stop, but mothers and aunts gently push them along. The older animals make soft, soothing noises." We're almost there," they seem to say. "Just keep walking a little longer."

⑤ Suddenly every one stops. Huge ears stretch out like satellite dishes. After a minute or two of what seems like silence, the animals turn and quickly walk away from the water hole. As they go, the adults stay close to the calves. So, what happened? Why did the elephants change their path? They seemed to be listening to something. And whatever it was, they got the message to **flee**! Yet human ears were unable to hear the sounds. Elephants make lots of sounds that humans can hear such as barks, snorts, roars, and ⑩ trumpet-like calls. Often, a group of elephants use such sounds to talk with other elephants.

For years, scientists were puzzled by this type of elephants' behaviours, but now they have solved the mystery. **They** discovered that elephants have a 'secret language' they use for communicating over long distances.

This special talk is based on infrasound - sounds so low that humans can't hear them. But elephants can ⑮ hear them. The sounds can travel for several miles, allowing the six-ton animals to communicate across grasslands and forests in Africa or Asia.

Studying infrasound helps scientists understand elephant behaviour. For example, the elephants heading to the water hole may have heard warning calls from another group of elephants. Perhaps those elephants saw a lion **slurping** water at the water hole. The lion looked hungry and it could not kill an adult ⑳ elephant, but **it** might kill a calf. No drink would be worth that risk, so the herd turned away.

(1) State whether the following statements are true or false. Put a (√ } in the relevant cage.

	True	False
1. A group of elephants walked across the African land in search of water.		
2. The elephants drank plenty of water from the hole and walked away happily.		
3. The elephants can hear lots of sounds that humans can't hear.		
4.The calves pushed the older elephants towards the water hole		

(½ x 4 = 2 marks)

(2) What do the older elephants say to their calves with their soothing noises?

(a) To drink water as much as possible
(b) To walk a little fast to get to the water hole
(c) To walk a little ahead more
(d) To be careful of the strange noises (1 mark)

(3) What is meant by the phrase 'infrasound'?

(a) Low sounds that cannot be heard by humans.
(b) Sounds made by animals.
(c) Sounds such as barks, snorts, roars
(d) The sounds that can't travel for several miles (1mark)

(4) What do the following word in the text refer to?

'**they**' in line 12 in paragraph 3 ……,

'it' in line 20 in paragraph 5 …….. (½ x 2 = 1 mark)

(5) Underline the phrase that is closest in meaning to the following.

(a) '**flee'** in line 8 in paragraph 2

1. run away from a place
2. come quickly to a place
3. to hide from a place quickly
4. to leave a place

(b) '**Slurping'** in line 19 in paragraph 5

1. drinking with a sucking noise
2. roaring of a lion
3. sleeping near a waterhole
4. bathing in a waterhole (1x 2 =2 marks)

(6) Write the most suitable sentence from the passage that tells infrasound can travel long distances.

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(1 mark)

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Total 8

○ **Test 16**

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

(a) Write an article for your school magazine on the "**Importance of protecting school property**". Include the following;

- What includes school property (desks and chairs, laboratories, buildings)
- Why you should protect them (to ensure facilities for students, to reduce waste, to save money)
- Steps that can be taken to protect them. (monitoring and awareness programs)

(b) A speech you would like to make at the Literary Association of the school on "**The challenges I have faced in my life**". You may include the following;

- What challenges are (competitive situations, achieving a difficult task etc,)
- Your life experiences (realistic examples)
- How you have overcome them (steps you took, skills you used, efforts you made)

(c) Write an essay on the topic, "**My dream job**".
include the following;

- A description of the dream job (name, responsibilities, skills need)
- Reasons for your choice (your skills, talents and service for the society)
- Benefits of it (salary, recognition, status)

(d) Given below is a situation you faced unexpectedly. Complete the story stating what you did to the photograph in the package.

"I received a package with no return address containing a single photograph of the place I have never seen……."

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