G.C.E. (ORDINARY LEVEL) EXAMINATION 2025 (2026)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE - MODEL QUESTION PAPER - 01

English Unit

Central Provincial Department of Education

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Instructions to Candidates

- Answer **all questions.**
- Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided.

Test 01 (5 marks)

Match the pictures (A–F) with the statements given below. Write the letter of the most suitable picture in the space provided. *The first one is done for you.*

Pictures



A B C D E F

Statements

1. Save water and protect natural resources. (....F....)
2. Smoking is harmful to health. (.....)
3. Keep your surrounding clean. (.....)
4. Be careful during thunderstorms. (.....)
5. Plant more trees to save the environment. (.....)
6. Always help those in need. (.....)

Test 02 (5 marks)

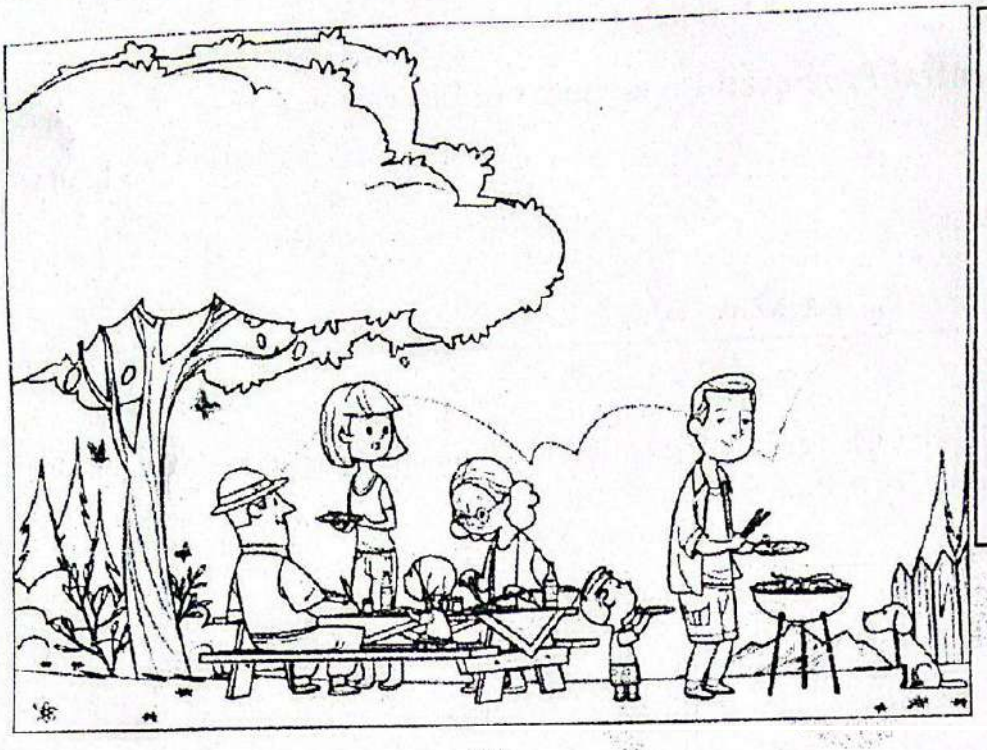
Complete the passage using the most suitable word from those given in the box. Write the letter of the correct answer in the space provided. *The first one is done for you.*

Learning English is very (1) ...a... for students. It (2) ..... them to (3) ..... new things and communicate with others. Students who use English regularly will have a better (4) ..... because it (5) ..... their knowledge and confidence. Using English in our day-to-day life is very (6) ..... in learning the language.

(a) important
(b) helpful
(c) helps
(d) improves
(e) learn
(f) future

Test 03 (5 marks)

Study the picture carefully and fill in the blanks using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in each blank. *One has been done for you.*



a. family
b. benches
c. empty
d. watching
e. shade
f. preparing
g. daughter
h. quiet
i. gathered
j. spectacles
k. waiting

This is a picture of a (1) ....a.... enjoying a picnic under the (2) ..... of a large tree. All of them are (3) ..... around a wooden table with some long wooden (4) ..... around it. The father is (5) ..... some food using an open hearth. Their dog is eagerly (6) ..... him. The son is holding an (7) ..... plate and he seems asking for food. The mother is serving the food and the (8) ..... is helping her. The grandmother, who is wearing a pair of (9) ....., has started enjoying the food. The grandfather, who is wearing a nice hat, is still (10) ..... to be served. All the members of the family seem to be enjoying the (11) ..... afternoon under the tree.

Test 04 (5 marks)

Complete the paragraph using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct answer. *The first one is done for you.*

(a) favourite	(b) valuable	(c) cupboards	(d) learn	(e) enjoy	(f) library

My (1) ...a... place in the schools is the (2) ..... . It helps me to (3) ..... many new things. I (4) ..... searching for new things, roaming around (5) ..... . There are lots of (6) ..... books in the library and we are allowed to borrow some of them as well.

Test 05 (5 marks)

Read the sentences below and match them with the topics given in the table. Write the sentence number against each topic. *The first one is done for you.*

Elephants

1. The elephant is the largest land animal in the world.
2. Elephants mainly live in forests and grasslands.
3. There are two main types of elephants in the world, namely African and Asian elephants.
4. They eat grass, leaves, and fruits.
5. Elephants are very intelligent and social animals.
6. Elephants are important to Sri Lankan culture and traditions.

Topic	Sentence Number
a. Habitat	2
b. Food	
c. Size	
d. Abilities	
e. Cultural importance	
f. Varieties	

Test 06 (5 marks)

Your English teacher has scheduled a practice session for English Drama Competitions in the evening. But you are unable to go to school as you are suffering from a bad cold and fever. Write a note to your best friend, asking him / her to inform the English teacher about your condition. Use about 40 – 50 words.

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Test 07 (5 marks)

Read the poem and underline the most suitable answer.

The Scarecrow

By Kahlil Gibran

Once I said to a scarecrow,
"You must be tired of standing in this lonely field."
And he said,
"The joy of scaring is a deep and lasting one, and I never tire of it."
Said I, after a minute of thought,
"It is true; for I too have known that joy."
Said he,
"Only those who are stuffed with straw can know it."
Then I left him,
Not knowing whether he had complimented or belittled me.
A year passed, during which the scarecrow turned philosopher.
And when I passed by him again I saw two crows building a nest under his hat.

1. What did the poet think of the scarecrow at the beginning?
   a. That it must be bored. b. That it must be tired. c. That it must be lonely.
2. The scarecrow ..... scaring others.
   a. enjoyed b. hated c. did not like
3. Who can know the joy of scaring others, according to the scarecrow?
   a. Those who can build a scarecrow.
   b. Those who like to talk with people.
   c. Those who are stuffed with straw.
4. What has happened to the scarecrow after a year?
   a. He turned into a bully. b. He became a philosopher. c. He was destroyed.
5. What were the two crows doing when the poet saw the scarecrow after a year?
   a. They were feeding their young.
   b. They were building a nest under the scarecrow's hat.
   c. They were destroying the scarecrow.

Test 08 (5 marks)

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

(a) The most beautiful place I have visited. (b) The place I would like to visit one day.

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Test 09 (5 marks)

Read the passage and underline the most suitable word given within each bracket.

Sri Lanka is one of the world's (1) ..... (good / better / best) tourist destinations. It is famous for its (2) ..... (amaze / amazing / amazed) wildlife. (3) The Wildlife Parks ..... (there / their / them) attract many visitors. It is no (4) ..... (wonder / wonderful / wondering) that tourism is growing rapidly. It is the (5) ..... (response / responsive / responsibility) of every Sri Lankan to keep the country clean and safe.

Test 10 (5 marks)

Complete the passage using the correct form of the verbs given within brackets.

Last year, our school decided to introduce a new digital learning platform. At first, many teachers were unsure how it would work, but after a few training sessions, they (1) ..... (begin) to feel more confident. By the time the second term started, most of them (2) ..... (complete) the basic training and (3) ..... (use) the platform regularly in their lessons. However, some technical problems (4) ..... (occur) while students were taking online tests. These days the IT team (5) ..... (work) hard to solve the issues.

Test 11 (7 marks)

Read the paragraph and fill in the blanks using the words given in the box. There is one extra word.

Late evening, Maya stayed behind at the old city library, (1) ..... unaware that something unusual was about to (2) ..... . As she walked between the shelves, a sudden noise behind her (3) ..... her attention, and she slowly turned around. The building, which had always seemed silent and (4) ..... during the day, now felt very (5) ..... in the dim light.

When Maya reached the history section, she noticed a book that appeared to have been (6) ..... on the table. Before she could touch it, the pages began to turn on their own, revealing a story that had been (7) ..... for centuries. Although it briefly (8) ..... her, curiosity quickly took control of her thoughts.

She soon realized that the library was not just a place for reading, but a space where forgotten ideas could be (9) ..... again. By the time the clock struck (10) ....., Maya had completely forgotten her (11) ..... plan to go home early. As the first signs of morning (12) ..... through the windows, the magical atmosphere slowly began to fade.

In the end, Maya quietly left the building, knowing she would never again see the library as the (13) ..... place, and promising herself she would return, no matter how frightening the (14) ..... might be.

happen	ordinary	midnight	awakened	abandoned
same	dawned	truth	vibrant	frightened
caught	mysterious	completely	forgotten	original

Test 12 (5 marks)

Select and underline the correct word from the options given within brackets.

The students knew they would not be able to complete the project on time, (1) ..... **(because / although / unless)** they plan carefully. They divided the tasks among themselves (2) ..... **(so that / whereas / until)** everyone would know exactly what to do. (3) ..... **(Unless / Although / Since)** the instructions were clear, some members still made mistakes at first. The teacher allowed extra time, (4) ..... **(but / so / if)** the group could do the work well. The project was challenging, (5) ..... **(or / because / yet)** the students did a nice job.

Test 13 (5 marks)

Read the descriptions of the news items and match them with the correct titles. Write the letter of the title in the relevant box. *One has been done for you.*

Titles

A. Weather Tomorrow
B. Fashion Today
C. Art and Culture
D. Young Scientist
E. Daily Politics
F. Financial Times

	Descriptions	Title
1	There will be light rains in the Central Highlands and the rest of the island will be windy.	A
2	Sri Lanka's main stock market index, the ASPI, rose to 23654 points on January 9, 2026.	
3	The Annual State Drama Festival opened on Friday evening, drawing a large crowd.	
4	Asha Herath has won the national science innovation award for inventing a low-cost water purification device that uses solar energy.	
5	Hanna Karim launched her latest sustainable fashion collection at Paris Fashion Week.	
6	Sri Lanka's Parliament yesterday debated proposed economic reforms.	

Test 14 (10 marks)

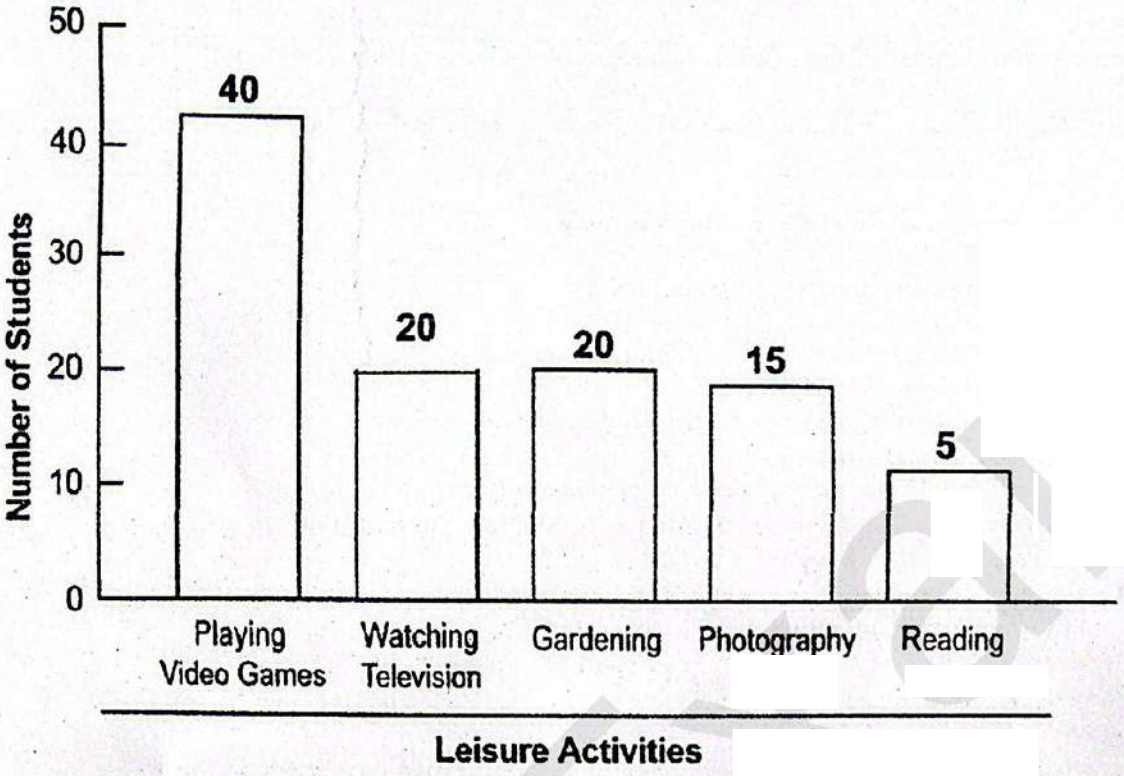
Write on **one** of the following topics. Use about **100 words**.

(a) Imagine that you are the secretary of the English Literary Association of your school. Write a letter inviting a guest speaker to deliver the key-note speech in the Annual Drama Festival.

OR

(b) The graph given below shows **students' leisure activities**. Write a description referring to the graph. You may use the following words in your description.

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Test 15 (8 marks)

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

The Harry Potter novels, written by J. K. Rowling, follow the life of a young boy who, on his eleventh birthday, discovers that he is a wizard and has been accepted to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. At Hogwarts, Harry learns not only magical spells and potions but also important life lessons about friendship, bravery, and making difficult choices. Throughout the series, Harry faces many challenges, including dangerous creatures, complex mysteries, and the constant threat of the dark wizard Voldemort, who killed his parents and seeks to dominate the wizarding world. Alongside his loyal friends, Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley, Harry uncovers secrets, fights injustices, and grows into a courageous and wise young man.

Beyond the magical adventures, the novels explore themes such as the struggle between good and evil, the power of love and sacrifice, and the importance of loyalty and empathy. The books also highlight the value of education, teamwork, and standing up for what is right. Rowling's detailed world-building, from Hogwarts to the wizarding communities of Diagon Alley and Hogsmeade, captivates readers and makes the story vivid. The Harry Potter series has had a lasting impact on popular culture, inspiring movies, stage plays, theme parks, and fan communities. Millions of readers have fallen in love with the characters, the magic, and the life lessons, making it one of the most beloved literary series of modern times.

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

	True	False
(a) Harry Potter discovers he is a wizard on his eleventh birthday.		
(b) Voldemort is Harry's school friend who helps him learn magic and face challenges.		
(c) The novels explore themes such as love, loyalty, and the struggle between good and evil.		
(d) Rowling's world-building includes places like Narnia, Mount Adam and Atlantis.		

(2) What does Harry learn at Hogwarts besides magic?
- (a) Sports and singing
- (b) Friendship, bravery, and making choices
- (c) Cooking and dancing

(3) What challenge does Harry face throughout the series?
- (a) Competing in a singing contest
- (b) Dangerous creatures, mysteries, and Voldemort's threats
- (c) Traveling to other planets

(4) How has the Harry Potter series impacted popular culture?
- (a) It inspired movies, stage plays, theme parks, and fan communities.
- (b) It led to a series of video games only.
- (c) It remained a book series without adaptations.

(5) Why do millions of readers love the series?
- (a) Because of the story, characters, magic, and life lesson
- (b) Only because of the magical spells.
- (c) Only because it has a dark villain.

(6) Underline the phrase that is closest in meaning to the following, referring to the above passage.

(i) "dangerous or threatening situations"
(a) adventures (b) challenges (c) movies

(ii) "imaginary world created by an author"
(a) spells (b) world-building (c) sacrifices

Test 16 (15 marks)

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

1. Write an essay on "***The Importance of Reading in the Digital Age.***" Include the following.
   - Importance of reading for knowledge, imagination, and personal growth
   - Compare reading books with other digital activities like social media or video games
   - Suggest ways students can develop a reading habit in their daily life

2. Write the speech you plan to do in the morning assembly on ***"How Students Can Contribute to Environmental Conservation"***. Include the following.
   - Begin with a greeting and introduce the topic clearly.
   - Give examples of small actions students can take (e.g., planting trees, reducing waste, saving water).
   - End with a motivating conclusion encouraging classmates to act responsibly.

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3. Write an article to the school magazine on ***"The Rising Popularity of Social Media among Teenagers"***. Include the following.
   - Introduce the topic and explain why social media is popular among teenagers.
   - Discuss both positive and negative effects of social media on teenagers.
   - Give suggestions or advice for responsible and safe use of social media.

4. Aruna was arranging an old cupboard in his late grandfather's room. He finds an old folder and there were some letters in it. There was one letter which changed everything about Aruna's life. Write a story about ***"The Mysterious Letter That Changed Everything"***.

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