

# General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level)

Model Paper 1

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## English Language

### Paper I

Time : 1 hour

#### Test 1

Read the following dialogue and fill in the blanks with the given words. One is done for you.

Anul : Shall we (1)...**watch**.....a movie tomorrow? ( look, watch )

Basith : Great idea! What about (2) ..... friends? Will they come? ( our, another )

Anul : Give them a call and (3) ..... I'm sure they will join. (ask, question )

Basith : Are we going in the morning or evening?

Anul : Definitely in the morning. May be we could go out to eat (4).....that.. ( afterwards, after )

Basith : Great! Will your parents allow you?. My parents (5) ..... object, I am sure.  
( want, won't )

Anul : Why don't we (6) ..... some take away Chinese food and have it on our way?  
(by, buy)

Basith : That's a good idea.

( 1x5 = 5 Marks)

#### Test 2

Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition given in the box. There are two extra words. One is done for you.

at, on, for, from, between, with, to, in

### Palaly set to begin flights to India from October 16

The Palaly International Airport will come into operation from October 16<sup>th</sup>, with the start of flights (1).....Jaffna and India.

CAA Director General H.M.C. Nimalasiri said all arrangements had been finalized to begin operations. He said flights would operate (2).....Cochin, Mumbai and New Delhi. According to the transport and Aviation Ministry, two Indian airlines-Alliance Air and Indigo were having talks to operate flights to and (3).....**from**....Jaffna. Other regional flights are set to operate from Jaffna thereafter.

The airport has a runway of 2 300 metres (4)..... a width of 45 metres. The Customs Department also is making arrangements (5)..... its operation. A duty free shop is also to be set up(6) ..... the airport.

( 1x5 =5 marks)

### Test 3

Study the picture and fill in the blanks with the help of the given words.



( past / big / among / floor / bottom / barking / siblings / looking / shelf / watching)

This picture shows a scene of children playing a game of cards. Heshan, Malmi and Nethmi are (1).....and Heshan is the eldest. They are sitting on the (2)..... of the living room. That is their favourite (3)..... time activity. Their mother is sitting in the sofa and (4) ..... them playing. The fish tank is on the book (5)..... and only a few fish can be seen there. There are seven (6)..... books on the top shelf and six are at the (7).....shelf. A dog is lying on the floor and (8)..... at Heshan. The pack of cards has been divided (9)..... them and Malmi is (10)..... at the card in Heshan's hand. They all seem to be happy.

(1/2x10 = 5 marks)

### Test 4

What do you look up to find out the following? Write the number of your answer in the box. The first one is done for you.

#### To find

1. The telephone number of a person
2. The meaning of a word
3. The day and date of a month
4. The exact location of a place
5. A collection of photos
6. The time of a train or a bus

#### To refer

- a. Dictionary
- b. Calendar
- c. Time table
- d. Telephone Directory
- e. Map
- f. Album

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(1x5 = 5 marks)

## Test 5

**Read the following dialogue. Fill in the blanks of the summary given below. Select a suitable word/phrase from the dialogue. The first one is done for you.**

Customer :I want to buy a laptop for my son.

Seller :OK Mam; first tell me what his need is and for what is he going to use it for?

Customer :Basically he needs it for his higher studies. He is doing photography ,so he needs to do editing.Give me the best options you have. I prefer a good brand. Do you have MSI or Apple?

Seller :Yes Mam, we do have Apple but I recommend you MSI because Apple only supports their products but MSI can support others too. Can I know your budget? Then I can show you the ranges that fit you.

Customer :Yes you are correct, but price won't be a matter for me. I want to buy a good product which will be good for my son.

Seller : Mam, you are absolutely right. I know the price is not a problem for you. Then buy this one. It has a one year replace warranty for the mother board and battery. And two years for other accessories.

Customer : OK. That will be fine. I'll buy this.

## Summary

The customer wants to buy a (1) laptop for her (2)-----, He is studying (3)-----and the customer is looking for a (4)-----brand. Her choice is an (5)----- or MSI.

But the seller recommends MSI as it (6)..... other devices . After a brief discussion, the customer agrees with the seller and buys a MSI latest version. ( 1x5=5 Marks)

## Test 6

Your wrist watch has been lost since last Friday. You searched everywhere and could not find it. Write a notice that you would paste on the school notice board. Use about 50 words. Include the following.

- A description of the watch ( brand, colour, make )
- When and where it was lost.
- Person to contact for information
- Any reward planned to give. (5 Marks)

[illegible]

## Test 7

**Read the passage and answer the questions.**

It had been a tiring day and I was looking forward to a quiet evening. My husband would not be back until late and I had decided to spend the evening reading a book in a comfortable armchair in the living room, I put the children to bed early and prepared the dinner and some coffee. Soon I was sitting comfortably with a tray full of food before me and a book by my side.

I was just beginning to eat when the telephone rang. I kept the tray of food aside and hurried to answer it. By the time I got back to the living room, my coffee had got cold. After I finished my dinner, I began drinking cold coffee with my book opened on page one. Suddenly there was a loud knock at the door. It gave me such a surprise that I spilt the coffee and made an ugly stain on my skirt. A stranger had lost his way and wanted me to direct him. It took ages for me to get rid of him.

I managed to sit down again and actually read one whole page without further interruption- until the baby woke up. He began crying loudly and I rushed upstairs. The baby was still awake when my husband came home at midnight. I could have screamed when he asked me if I had spent a pleasant evening.

1) The writer prepared..... after she had put the children to bed

- a) a cup of coffee                      b) the dinner                      c) the dinner and some coffee

2) What disturbed her for the second time?

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3) What made an ugly stain on her skirt?

.....

4) How many pages had she read?

.....

5) When did her husband come home?

.....

( 1x 5 = 5 Marks )

## Test 8

**Write a description on one of the following.**

- a). My favourite food.  
b). Reading is a good habit

( 5 Marks)

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( 5 marks)

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Paper II

Time : 2 hours

### Test 9

Write the correct word for the blank selecting from the given list. The first one is done for you.

#### (1) favour, favourite, favourable, favouritism, favourites

- a) My .....favourite..... sport is volleyball.
- b) ..... is not encouraged in schools.
- c) The solution given by her for my problem was not a..... one.

#### (2) Respond, respondent, response, responsibility, responsible

- a) Don't ..... to unnecessary inquiries.
- b) We are writing in ..... to your letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019.
- c) ..... must be shouldered ; you cannot carry it under your arms.

#### (3) produces, production, productivity, productive , products

- a) Sri Lanka ..... good tea and exports to many countries.
- b) Our efforts in changing the attitudes of .the young is .....
- c) These ..... are not healthy for long use.
- d) The ..... process has been run smoothly for the last few weeks

### Test 10

Select a word from the box which has a similar meaning to the word / phrases given within brackets and write it in the space given . There are two extra words.

disappointed , orphan, tactful. cope, exhausted, stumbled, bewilderment, approached

This morning, I nearly (1).....**stumbled**... ( **hit the foot against something** ) over a fawn nestled on a local hiking path. We just stared at each other in (2)..... ( **a feeling of being completely confused** ). Where was its mother? Was it an (3)..... ( **a young whose parents are dead** )? I didn't know what to do, and I think it sensed my confusion. It stood up and (4) ..... ( **came near to** ) me. At first I wanted to hold it, but I remembered that my scent on its fur might drive its mother away. It was so cute, but this was no time to let my emotions get the best of me. My mom says that I'm very (5)..... ( **careful not to do anything that will upset others** ) for my age. Still, this was tough. I didn't want to leave it to ( 6)..... ( **manage** ) with the dangers of the woods on its own. Yet, I knew that was exactly what I had to do. As I walked away, its mother returned. She was only waiting for me to leave.

( 1x5 = 5 Marks)

## Test 11

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word from the given list.

another ,	eggs,	try,	novel ,	easy,	circus,	tools,
rocks,	that	uprooted,	nests,	count,	trees,	leaves

Like humans, some animals have learned to use a variety of tools. Chimpanzees use sticks to break open ant or termite (1) ..... These clever animals also chew (2) ..... and poke them into hollow (3)..... to sponge up water for drinking.

One kind of vultures picks up (4)..... with its bill and throws them at ostrich eggs. If the (5)..... do not break open right away, the bird is certain to (6) ..... again and again. Mother elephants use (7) ..... kind of tool when training their young. With an (8)..... tree they spank a baby elephant to make it behave. What a (9)..... idea!

Even sea animals use (10) ..... The sea otter has a habit of floating on its back while smashing clams against a rock (11)..... it balances on its belly. Although that is not an (12)..... exercise to perform, the otter does it well.

Animals have been trained to do various tricks for (13) ..... acts and other shows. For example horses seem to (14) ..... out numbers with their hooves. This act deceives the public. The horse does not possess the ability to count. What seems to be 'horse sense' is actually the horse moving one hoof each time its trainer gives it a silent click.

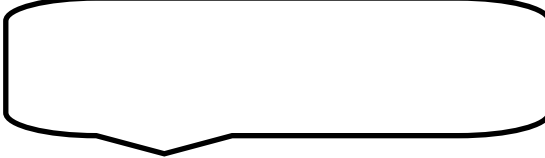
( 1/2x 14= 7 Marks )

## Test 13

Read the following utterances and write them in reported speech. The first one is done for you

1. 

Venuja

2. 


Piumi

3. 

Rahal

4. 

Komali

5. 

Kumuditha

6. 

Singithi

1. Venuja said that their cricket team had gone on a tour to England the previous week..
2. Piumi said that .....
3. Rahal said .....
4. Komali.....
5. ....
6. ....

(1x5 = 5 Marks)

## Test 12

Read the poem and answer the questions.

### The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both,  
And be one traveller, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth:

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there,  
Had worn them really about the same.

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I \_  
I took one less travelled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

1. Where were the two roads?

.....

2. Why did the poet choose the second road?

.....

3. In what way were the both roads similar?

.....

4. Write the line in 4<sup>th</sup> stanza which says that the poet has gone on a road that many have not gone earlier.

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5. Find a word from the poem which has a similar meaning to the following

a) trampled\_ .....

b) separated\_ .....

( 1x5 =5marks)

#### Test 14

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

A) Write a letter to your friend who left the school and migrated describing the events took place in the school during the first term.

Include the following

- Events held in the first term ( Co-curricular activities)
- Your participation in each and every event.
- Things that you achieved from that

**Or**

B) You are a member of the Media Club in the school and you have planned to interview an eminent Sri Lankan author. Write a letter to him requesting a date and time for an interview which will be broadcast on air. Include the following.

- Brief description about the Media Club
- State your intension
- Request an appointment





**Read the text and answer the questions given below.**

He came into the room to shut the windows while we were still in bed and I saw he looked ill. He was shivering. His face was white, and he walked slowly as though it ached to move. “What’s the matter, Schatz?” He said “I’ve got a headache”. “You better go to bed . I’ll see you when I’m dressed”

But when I came down stairs he was sitting by the fire, looking a very sick and miserable boy of nine years. When I put my hand on his forehead I knew he had fever.

When the doctor came he took the boy’s temperature. “What is it?” I asked him. “One hundred and two”

The doctor left three different medicines in three coloured capsules with instructions for giving **them**. One was to bring down the fever, another for purgation, the third to overcome an acid condition. He said nothing to worry about if the fever did not go above one hundred and four degrees. This was a light epidemic of flu and there was no danger if you avoided pneumonia.

Back in the room I wrote the boy’s temperature down and made a note of the time to give the various capsules. “Do you want me to read to you?” “All right. If you want to”, said the boy. **His** face was very white and there were dark areas under his eyes. He lay still in the bed and seemed very detached from what was going on.

I read aloud from Howard *Pyle’s book of Pirates*: but I could see he was not following what I was reading. So I stopped. “About what time do you think I’m going to die?” he asked

“You are not going to die. What’s the matter with you?” “Oh, yes. I am. I heard him say a hundred and two”

“People don’t die with fever of one hundred and two. That’s a silly way to talk” I said. “I know they do. At school in France the boys told me you can’t live with forty four degrees. I’ve got a hundred and two”

“You poor Schatz, It’s like miles and kilometers. You aren’t going to die. That’s a different thermometer. On that thermometer thirty seven is normal. On this kind, it’s ninety eight.

“Are you sure?”

“Absolutely” I said

‘A Day’s Wait’ By Ernest Hemingway

1. State whether the following statements are true or false

- |  |                |
|--|----------------|
| a. Schatz was not well   | (            ) |
| b. He was taken to the doctor  | (            ) |
| c. The doctor gave two different capsules of three colours           | (            ) |
| d. The boy didn’t have any interest of what was happening around him | (            ) |

(1/2x 4 = 2)

2. How old was Schatz?

.....

(1 mark)

3. What is the illness he was suffering from?

.....(1 Mark)

4. What is the name of the book the writer was reading to him?

..... ( 1 Mark)

5. Write the sentence which says that the boy had a misunderstanding of the temperature.

.....

(1 Mark)

6. Find words from the passage which have the same meaning as follows.

i) sad - .....

ii) separated - .....

(1/2x 2= 1)

7. What do the following pronouns refer to

i) them ( line 7 ) - .....

ii) his ( line 12) - .....

( 1/2x2 = 1)

(8 Marks )

### Test 16

Select one of the following and write about it using 200 words.

1) Write an article to the Newspaper on ‘ What would the world have been like if the wheel had not been invented’

Include the following

- i. Invention of the wheel
- ii. Development took place after invention.
- iii. Your ideas of a world without wheel

2) . Write an essay on ‘ My heart-throb holiday destination ’ Include the following

- i) Description of the place and location
- ii) What you saw there and things that attracted you
- iii) Any importance of the place

3) Write a speech that you would deliver at the English Literary Association on the topic ‘Discipline moulds one’s character’. Include the following

- i. What is discipline?
- ii. Importance of having discipline
- iii. How to inculcate discipline and promote well- being in the society

4) Complete the Story.

It was the last period in the school. When we were seated in a half circle .....

.....C-  
.....L-  
.....O-  
.....M-

( 15Marks)

