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Northern Province  
Pracice Exam – 02



English Language

G.C.E (O/L) - 2024 (2023)

Part 1

Test 1

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

Pictures



a

b

c

d

e

f

Activities

1. Ride bicycle

2. Listen to Music

3. Climb over  f

4.bake cake

5.read books

6.play tennis

## Test 2

Complete the following dialogue .Use the words given in the box.

Write the letter of the correct word/phrase in the space given .The first one is done for you.

Vembadi Girls' High school student has become second in the All-Island at the G.C.E. (O/L) examination. A newspaper reporter interviews the student . Complete the dialogue using the relevant utterances given. One is done for you.

Reporter: Good morning

Student (1) ...Good morning.....

Reporter: Congratulations on your great achievement.

Student: (2).....

Reporter: Did you have a dream of becoming the All- Island best ?

Student (3) .....

Reporter: How did you prepare yourself for the examination?

Student: (4) .....

Reporter: Who helped you for this success?

Nethsara: (5) .....

Reporte: What can you say to your brother and sisters?

Nethsara: (6).....

- a. I planned my work, followed the time table and I never neglected my school homework.
- b. Thank you very much
- c. My parents and my teachers are behind me for this success.
- d. If you set yourself an aim be determined and dedicated to reach your goal.
- e. I never dreamt of becoming the All-Island best. But I had a strong determination to do

### Test 3

Study the picture well and fill in the blanks

( bucket / flying /umbrella/ watching / ball / making / children / resting / beach)



This is a picture of a (1) ..... . There are four (2).....and two adults. Two girls are (3).....a sandcastle. There is a spade and a (4).....beside them. One boy is (5) .....a kite. There is a big (6).....near him. Their parents are (7).....and (8) .....them playing. One boy is in the sea ...9.....the ball and going to have a bath or Swim. There is an...10.....behind the lady.

### Test 4

Fill in the blanks in the following paragraph. Use the prepositions given in the box. The first one is done for you. There are two extra words.

**Into, on, near, of, in, at, along, between**

Subramaniam lived in a small old-fashioned house (1).....in... a rural village. However, he soon got bored of just sitting (2)..... home and being a farmer. So, he decided to go out (3)..... the world and see what other people were doing to make themselves happy. He started to walk (4) ..... the

narrow path that ran through the village. Being tired after walking many miles, he wanted to rest. Finally, he stopped (5) ..... a small way-side boutique. Seeing the stranger the shop owner came out (6)..... the shop hurriedly and greeted him

### Test 5

#### Whales

Whales are the largest animals that have ever lived on earth and are the largest animals that live in the ocean. They are even bigger than the largest dinosaur and it is believed that millions of years ago, whales probably walked upon land. Their back legs disappeared over time and their front legs became flippers. Blue whales can weigh over 150 tons and be over 100 feet in length.

Humpback Whales are also big, weighing up to 45 tons. Flippers of the humpback whale can be as long as 15 feet.

Since whales are not fish, they do not have gills so they cannot breathe underwater, although they can hold their breath for a really long time. For example, a sperm whale can hold its breath for 90 minutes, while the record is held by a Cuvier's beaked whale that can hold its breath for 220 minutes!

A baby whale is called a "calf", a female whale is called a "cow", and a male whale is called a "bull" Whales live a long time. A humpback whale can live for 45 years while a blue whale can live as long as 90 years. They can have babies every two to four years.

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| 1.The approximate weight of Blue whales  |  |
| 2.The whale that can hold its breath for |  |
| 3.Length of a Whale                      |  |
| 4.blue whale can live                    |  |
| 5.male whale is called                   |  |
| 6.The life span of humpback whale        |  |

## Test 6

01. Complete the following note using the phrases given in the box.

.....,

Our family is organizing a trip to...Anuradhapura... We are planning to go on this..... We

will be very ..... if you could join us. Ask your ..... and write me a.....

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|--------------|--------------|
| Sahan        | Anuradhapura |
| Parents      | weekend      |
| Dear Malindu | happy        |
| reply        |              |

Imagine that you have receive the above note. Your parents gave you permission to join the trip and you are eagerly waiting to know more information about the trip.

Now write a reply!

### Bob The Bookworm

Bob spends most of his day reading books. These books could be of any kind, ranging from fiction novels to books about nature. But his favourite books are mystery novels such as Nancy Drew, A to Z and The Famous Five.

Bob's friends call him a bookworm and tease him about his habit. He is often laughed at because instead of playing video games he spends his free time reading books. While his friends tease him, his parents and teachers are proud of him. They think that reading improves a person's vocabulary and expression.

One day Bob was reading a book about Dinosaurs which really interested him. He

read about the T-Rex, Raptors, Dracorex, Troodon and many more. The next week, in a "Just a Minute" competition Bob had to pick up a chit and speak about that topic for a minute. This competition was amongst various schools in his town. To his surprise, his topic was 'T-Rex'. This made Bob very excited because he knew a lot about dinosaurs.

Bob spoke very well and focused on the details.

Even though he did well, he was not expecting to win. As the results were being announced, Bob became very nervous. But he got excited when his name was announced for first place. Bob didn't only make his parents proud, but his entire school.

This was the first "Just a Minute" competition the school had ever won. Soon everybody wanted to become Bob's friend. No one laughed or teased him anymore. Bob was happy that his hobby got him success

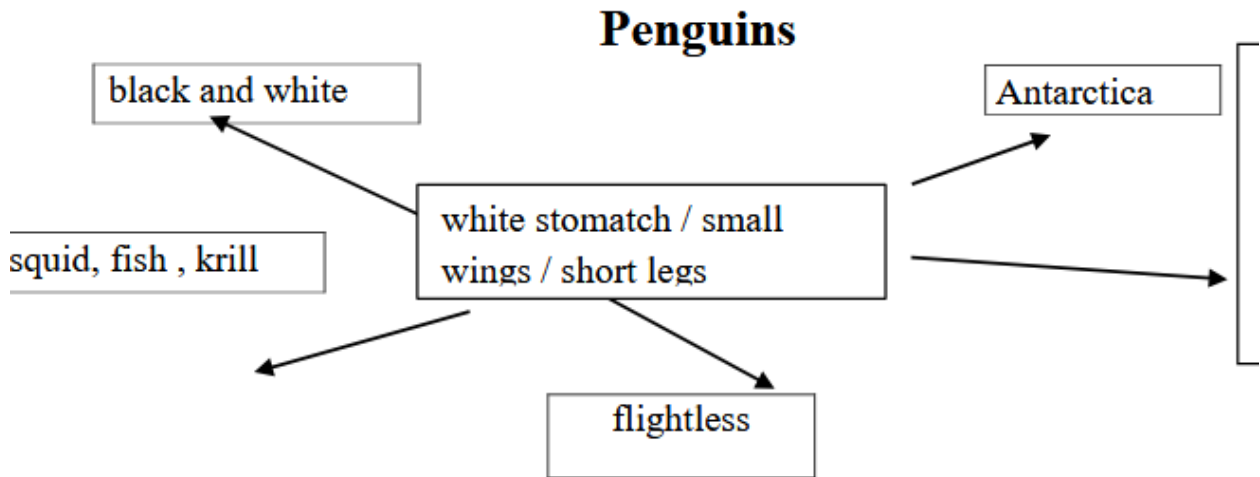
Answer the following questions:

1. What do Bob's teachers and parents think about his habit?  
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2. What do Bob's friends call him and why?  
.....
3. What surprising event took place during "Just a Minute"?  
.....
4. What made Bob happy in the end?  
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5. What are Bob's favourite books?  
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### Test 8

Read the mind map about the “penguins” and write a paragraph

Use the information given in the diagram



Penguins are

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### Part 2

#### Test 9

Complete the sentences selecting a word. There are two extra words.

(1) **interest, interested, interesting, interestingly, interests**

- a. All grade 5 students participated in the camp .....
- b. It was a very ..... experience to them.
- c. They paid very much .....from the beginning.

(2) **presenter, presentation, present, presenting, presented**

- a..... at the meeting was compulsory for everyone.

- b. The ..... was factual and very effective.
- c. Everyone appreciated the ..... who delivered it.

(3) examining, examination, examiner, examined

a. The ..... asked all the candidates to get their documents checked.

b. The candidates have to wait until the ..... starts.

4. It is not easy to (g) ..... a big company. You have to be a highly competent

(h).....

(management , manage, managing, manager).

### Test 10

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

.The first one is done for you

Read the text and underline the most suitable word given within brackets. The first one is done for you.

Once a month, I go to the public library in my town. Last week, I visited the library

and (1) ..... [(a) bought (b) borrowed (c) provided ] a book from the lending section. "How long can I (2) ..... [(a) keep (b) lend (c) save ] the book?" (3) ..... [(a) asked (b) told (c) spoke ] the lady at the lending section. The book I found was a novel written by a British Author. The(4) ..... [(a) title (b) caption (c) heading ] of the novel was Invisible man. It was a small book with (5) ..... [(a) pretty (b) handsome(c)beautiful ] pictures. It took one week for me to (6) ..... [(a) finish (b) end(c) close ] reading the book as I was very busy. However, I enjoyed the book very much.



## Test 11

Fill in the blanks with the following words.

that, familiar, puzzled, while, me, soup, in, door, each other,  
never, restaurant, which, man, around, that, keeping, obvious

I went into the restaurant, which was already crowded, and ordered my meal

(1) ..... I was waiting for the soup to arrive, I looked  
(2) ..... to see if I knew anyone in the (3)  
..... It was then that I noticed (4) ..... a  
man sitting at a corner table near the (5) ..... kept glancing in  
my direction, as if he knew (6) ..... I certainly did not know  
him, for I (7) ..... forget a face. The man had a newspaper  
open in front of him, (8) ..... he was pretending to read,  
though all the while I could see that he was (9) ..... an eye  
on me. When the waiter brought my (10) ..... the man was  
clearly  
puzzled by the (11) ..... way in which the waiter and I  
addressed (12) ..... He become even more (13)  
..... as time went on and it grew more and more (14)  
..... that I was well known in the restaurant. Eventually he  
got up and paid his bill and left without another glance in my  
direction.

## Test 12

complete the following passage using the most appropriate form of the verb  
given within brackets

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The first one is done for you

P. Sara Oval is one of the oldest cricket grounds in Sri Lanka. It (1) is  
considered

(consider) historic cricket venue of the country for many reasons. First, this  
ground

(2) ..... (host) Sri Lanka's first Test match against England in 1982.

Further, in 1985 it (3) ..... (become) the venue for Sri Lanka's first ever test win over India. Next, the ground (4) ..... (use) as a neutral venue for

a Test match series between Australia and Pakistan in 2002. So far, 15 test matches, 12 ODIS and one T20 (5) ..... (play) at P. Sara Oval. This historic stadium (6) ..... (located) in Colombo, the commercial capital of the country.

### Test 13

Here are some vacancies displayed on a website. Select the suitable job for the following

people according to their qualifications. Write the relevant letter in the box.

#### VACANCIES

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| <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="text" value="A"/></p> <p><b>System Administrator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Knowledge in database administration</li><li>- One year IT experience in Hotel Sector</li><li>- Be willing to do nightshifts</li></ul>                  | <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="text" value="B"/></p> <p><b>Maintenance Supervisor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- DAE Mechanical</li><li>- At least 3-5 years experience in assembling machines</li></ul>   |
| <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="text" value="C"/></p> <p><b>Public Relations Officer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Should have worked at the same position at least for 1 year</li><li>- Ability to handle social media</li><li>- Communicative and flexible</li></ul> | <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="text" value="D"/></p> <p><b>Gardener</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Previous experience in gardening</li><li>- Hardworking</li><li>- Ability to work with flexible time</li></ul>   |
|   | <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="text" value="E"/></p> <p><b>Chef</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Should be able to work independently</li><li>- Qualified from a recognized hotel school</li><li>- Should be innovative and be able to introduce new global trends in the culinary field</li></ul> |

## Descriptions of people

1) Kamal Weerasinghe has worked at Ceylon Tea Company as a Public Relations

officer. He has a flair for dealing with customers.

2) Jeevani Kulathunga has a degree in data analysis and worked at Jade Hotels for the past year. Favours working on any shift basis.

3) Ruwan Cooray is energetic and hard working. Worked at the National Botanical Gardens and is dedicated towards his work.

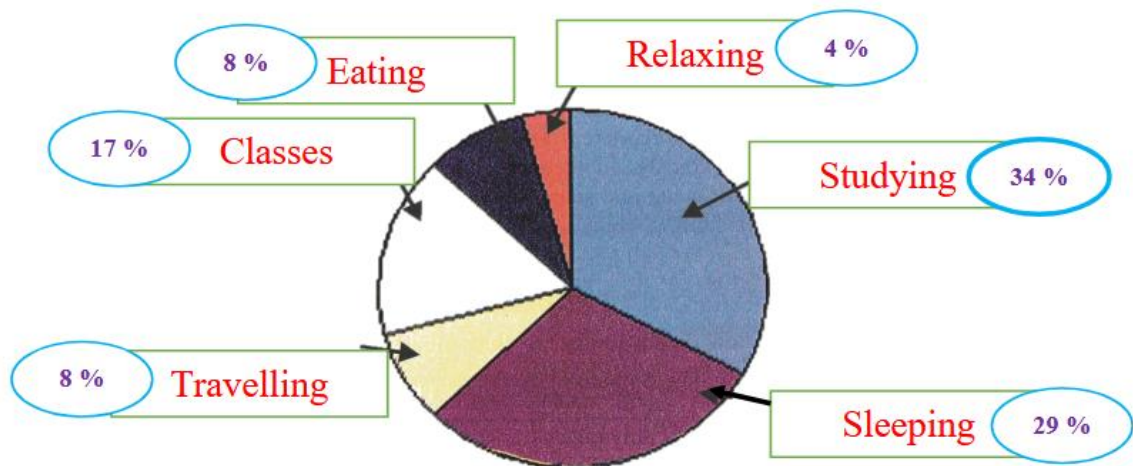
4) Shane Gomes is a multi-tasker in cookery and vegetable carving, qualified from Hotel School. He worked in an international hotel chain as well.

5) Kumara Vithana worked overseas at a mechanical workshop as a qualified technician.

## Test 14

Study the following pie – chart and fill in the blanks using the most appropriate word given in bracket .

Percentage of time spent on different activities



The above pie chart ..... ( depict / depicts ) the percentage of time spent on different..... ( activities / activity ) by a grade eleven student of Jaffna Central College

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**Test 15**

The first underground train

Today there are underground train systems in over 40 countries. For example, you can take underground trains in Paris, New York and Tokyo. Modern underground systems use electric trains, and they are clean, safe and quiet. They usually arrive on time. There are no traffic jams. Most people are happy to use them. But the first underground train systems were quite different from the modern systems we see in big cities all around the world.

The first underground trains ran in London in 1863. It was a very busy city and the streets were full of traffic. There were too many people, horse carriages, houses and buildings. There just wasn't enough space above ground, and so people decided to put the trains underground. But unlike today, there were no electric trains in 1863 and all of the trains used steam engines-which made power from fire and water.

In 1863, all of the trains used steam engines. Because these engines were powered by very hot water and fire, the tunnels were smoky, steamy and noisy. People wanted some fresh air, but it was difficult to get it into the tunnels and stations. The tunnels were dark, too. The train cars and stations were made of wood, and lighted with gas. Sometimes there were accidents because of fires.

Before the London Underground opened, people were very scared about the idea of going into underground tunnels. Many were afraid of the tunnels full of the smoke, the steam and the noise from the train engines. And indeed, travelling in the tunnels of the first underground system was a very noisy, dark, and smelly experience. But on the first day, the new London Underground carried 40,000 passengers. It was very quick, and the trains ran every 10 minutes. The people of London fell in love with their new train system.

The London Underground had three classes of travel. First class was the most expensive and most comfortable. Second class was less expensive but still comfortable. Third class was the opposite of first class. When the London Underground opened, the third class tickets were the most popular. About 70% of

the tickets sold were these cheap tickets for ordinary working people. Nowadays the prices have gone up, but the underground experience around the world is definitely cleaner and quieter!

1. How many countries are there in the world that use underground train system?.....

What are the two advantages of having underground trains?  
.....  
.....

3. Say whether the following sentences are True or False by writing 'T' or 'F' against each of them.

- a. The underground train system is one of the best ways for the traffic. ( )
- b. The steam engines were powered by using water and fire .....

4. What do the following words in the passage refer to?

- a. They (paragraph 1) - .....
- b. Their (paragraph 4) - .....

5. Underline the best title for the paragraph 2.

- (a) Modern underground train systems.
- (b) Tickets for the first underground train system.
- (C) Why the first underground train system was built.

6. Write the sentence in paragraph 5, which says that most of the workers travel in the third class.

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7. Why did the people of London fall in love with their new train system?

.....

8. Find adjectives for the following nouns.

a. .... tickets

b. .... city

Test - 16

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

1. You have been offered a scholarship to study in London and you are about to leave Sri Lanka next month.

Write an essay on,

"If I win a scholarship to London for higher education"

You may include,

- Why you like to learn in a foreign country
- Advantages and disadvantages of it
- The impact of it on the native country

2. Write an article to a children's newspaper on the following topic

"Online education"

You may include the following,

- what online education means
- advantages and disadvantages
- how you feel about it

3). A speech that you would deliver at the English Literary Association on the topic

‘Discipline moulds one’s character’.

Include the following

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



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## எங்கள் குறிக்கோள்

எண்ணிம உலகத்தில் மாணவர்களிற்கென சிறந்ததொரு கற்றல் கட்டமைப்பை உருவாக்குதல்.

அனைத்தும் டிஜிட்டல் மயப்படுத்தப்பட்ட இந்த காலத்தில் பல்வேறு துறைகளும் கால ஓட்டத்துடன் இணைந்து டிஜிட்டல் தளத்தில் பல்கிப்பெருகி வருகின்றன. அந்த வகையில் கல்வித்துறையும் இதற்கு விதிவிலக்கல்ல. இணையவழி கல்வியின் மூலம் கல்வித்துறை புதியதொரு பரிமாணத்தை எட்டியுள்ளது. குறிப்பாக கொரோனா பேரிடர் காலத்தில் நாடே முடக்கப்பட்டிருந்தது. இதனால் மாணவர்களிற்கும் பாடசாலை, கல்வி நிறுவனங்களிற்கு இடையிலான தொடர்பு துண்டிக்கப்பட்டது. அந்த இக்கட்டான சூழ்நிலையில் இணையவழி வகுப்புகள் மாணவர்களிற்கு வரப்பிரசாதமாக அமைந்தது என்பதே உண்மை.

இன்று தொழில்நுட்பம் மாணவர்களை தவறான பாதைக்கு இட்டு செல்வதாக ஓர் எண்ண ஓட்டம் மக்கள் மத்தியில் உள்ளது. தொழில்நுட்பம் என்பது ஒரு கருவி மட்டுமே அதை எவ்வாறு பயன்படுத்துகிறோம் என்பதில் அதன் ஆக்க மற்றும் அழிவு விளைவுகள் தீர்மானிக்கப்படுகிறது. உளியை கொண்டு சிலையை செதுக்க நினைத்தால் அவன் நிச்சயம் சிற்பி ஆகலாம். இங்கு பிரச்சினையாக காணப்படுவது மாணவர்களை வழிப்படுத்த தொழில்நுட்ப உலகில் ஓர் முறையான கட்டமைப்பு இல்லாமையே. அதை உருவாக்குவதே எங்கள் நோக்கம். அதை நோக்கியே எங்கள் பயணம் அமையும்.

**எமது இணையத்தினூடக ஊடக உங்களிற்கு தேவையான பரீட்சை வினாத்தாள்களை இலகுவான முறையில் தரவிறக்கம் செய்து கொள்ளமுடியும்.**

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