

General Certificate of Educations (Ord. Level) Examination, December 2025 (2026)

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English Language I,II
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Part I

Test 1

(1x 5 = 5 marks)

Complete the following sentences with suitable words from the box.

- A big gathered there.
- Where did you keep your of spectacles?
- A of thieves had entered the house last night.
- Mother is carrying a of clothes on her head.
- It is better, if you add of salt to the potato curry.

committee	pinch
pile	herd
gang	pair
crowd	bunch

Test 2

(1x 5 = 5 marks)

Use the correct form of the given verbs.

- Poorni her homework every day. (do)
- Mother..... a cup of tea now.(prepare)
- The principal all the boys in our class yesterday. (punish)
- They on a trip to Katharagama tomorrow. (go)
- The security officer when the thieves entered the bank. (sleep)

Test 3

(1/2x 10 = 5 marks)

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.

((a) walking (j) park (b) car (k) man (c) tall (d) buildings (e) middle (f) two (g) food (h) bicycle (l) birds)



This is a picture of a park.It is not busy.In the (1) middle of the park we can see (2)..... big trees which have grown (3)..... A man is (4) with his pet dog. Three (5)..... can also be seen looking for their (6)..... Around the (7) we see some (8)..... A (9)..... is riding on his (10)..... behind a (11)

Test 4**(1x 5 = 5 marks)****Use the question words appropriately.**

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| 1) text book is that? | It's mine. |
| 2) do you visit your friends? | Once a week. |
| 3) is your new frock? | It's Rs.750. |
| 4) can I find a book shop? | Walk along this road and turn right. |
| 5) is the baby crying? | Because he is hungry. |
| 6) is the cat? | It's under the table. |

Test 5**(1x 5 = 5 marks)****Read the poem and answer the questions given below.**

Little children,
never give
Pain to things that feel and live,
Never hurt the timid hare
Peeping from her green ,glass lair,
let her come and sport and play,
On the lawn at close of day
The little lark goes soaring high
To the bright windows of the sky,
Singing as if were always spring,
And fluttering on an untired wing
Oh ! let him sing his happy song,
Nor do these gentle creatures wrong.

- 1) What does the poet ask the children to not to do?
.....
- 2) Where does the hare like to run and play?
.....
- 3) What is the name of the bird mentioned in the poem?
.....
- 4) Give words similar in meaning to the followings from the poem
1) Hurt - 2) rabbit -
- 5) Write the opposite of the following words
1) Wrong - 2) happy -

Test 6**(5 marks)**

Imagine that you are the secretary of the Sports Club of your village. The club has decided to postpone the cricket match which was scheduled to be held at this weekend. Write a notice to inform about that. Give a suitable reason for the postponement. Include the next date, time, venue and all the necessary details.

-----Use a separate paper for your answer-----

Test 7**(1x 5 = 5 marks)****Read the following text and answer the questions.**

In the modern society people are very busy with work. So they are fond of instant meals. As children you too prefer too much fatty and salty fast food like Koththu, Pizza, Nasiguran etc., but don't you know too much fat and salt harm your health? Because of these food habits you will have a greater risk of getting heart diseases. But in some countries like Italy and Spain, people use less fatty and salty food. So it is said that fewer of people in these countries get heart diseases. So it is becoming more and more important to eat right food. As too much sugar, fat and salt can harm our health. Let's avoid those fast food and taste our local meals that fulfill our health demands.

- 1) Why do people in modern society fond of instant meals?
.....
- 2) What do children prefer most?
.....
- 3) Why are fatty and salty foods not so good for our health?
.....
- 4) Write two countries which eat less fatty and salty food?
.....
- 5) Find synonyms for the followings from the text.
Like most - Of great value -

Test 8**(5 marks)****Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics. Use about 50 to 60 words.**

1. Value of home gardening
2. Importance of a hobby

-----Use a separate paper for your answer-----

Test 9**(1x 5 = 5 marks)****Read the text and underline the most suitable word given within brackets.**

If you like birds and do not like to see them shut up in (1)..... (nests/cages/homes) you can still have the pleasure of (2).....(seeing/looking/watching) them live in their natural state in your (3).....(garden/cage/house) First you must (4).....(build/make/set) up a bird table. Use a (5).....(heavy/long/high) pole driven into the ground near a tree or shrubbery. Wind some barbed wire round bottom of the pole to (6)..... (keep/prevent/protect) intruders from climbing up to the table.

Test 10**(1x 5 = 5 marks)****Fill in the blanks with the suitable form of the verbs. You can change or add helping verbs if needed.**

If it (i)_____ (rain) tomorrow, we will cancel the trip. We really want to go hiking, but if the weather (ii)_____ (be) bad, it will be difficult to climb the hill. Last time, we couldn't go because we (iii)_____ (not check) the weather forecast. If we (iv)_____ (prepare) well in advance, we would not have faced so many problems. Anyway, if the sky is clear this time, we (v)_____ (enjoy) the day together.

Test 11**(1/2x 14 = 7 marks)****Fill in the blanks with the words given within the box. There is one extra word.**

The history of (1)..... making goes back thousands of years. It is generally believed that the Chinese (2)..... the first form of paper around 105 A.D. The material they used (3)..... mainly bark, rags, and fishing nets. These substances were (4)..... in water and beaten until they became soft and pulpy. The mixture was then (5)..... into thin sheets and left to dry in the sun. Later, the art of papermaking (6)..... slowly spread to other countries through trade and travel. In the Middle Ages, paper (7)..... replaced parchment as the main writing surface. The invention of the printing press (8)..... the value of paper even more, as books could now be produced (9)..... and cheaply. Over time, new materials such as wood pulp (10)..... introduced to make production faster. Today, paper (11)..... a vital role in education, communication, and packaging. However, large-scale use (12)..... caused environmental problems such as deforestation. Many countries are now (13)..... recycling programmes to reduce waste and protect nature. The story of paper (14)..... the creativity and progress of humankind.

were | gradually | pressed | reflects | was | invented | increased | soaked | paper | promoting | plays | quickly | has | was

Test 12**(1x 5 = 5 marks)****Complete the following passage using the most appropriate form of the verb given within brackets. The first one is done for you.**

- Teacher: "You must finish your homework by tomorrow."
The teacher said that we (i)_____ our homework by the next day.
- Teacher: "I will check your assignments carefully."
She said that she (ii)_____ our assignments carefully.
- Student: "I forgot to bring my notebook today."
The student said that he (iii)_____ to bring his notebook that day.
- Teacher: "I will give you another chance if you submit it tomorrow."
The teacher said that she (iv)_____ another chance if he (v)_____ it the following day.
- Students: "We will work harder from now on."
The students said that they (vi)_____ harder from then on.

Test 13

(1x 5 = 5 marks)

Refer the dictionary page and answer the questions given below.

gargle² /'gɑ:gl/ noun **1** [C/U] a liquid that you use for cleaning your mouth and throat **2** [singular] the process or sound of gargling

gargoyle /'gɑ:ɡɔɪl/ noun [C] a stone STATUE of an ugly creature, used mainly on old churches for directing water away from the roof



gargoyle

garish /'geərɪʃ/ adj very bright and colourful in an ugly way: *garish colours / pictures / signs* — **garishly** adv, **garishness** noun [U]

garland¹ /'gɑ:lənd/ noun [C] a ring of flowers, leaves etc that you wear around your head or neck or use for decorating something

garland² /'gɑ:lənd/ verb [T] *mainly literary* to decorate someone or something with flowers

garlic /'gɑ:lk/ noun [U] ★ a round white vegetable with small sections called **cloves** which you add to food for a strong pleasant flavour. The whole garlic is called a **bulb**. — *picture* → C11

garlicky /'gɑ:liki/ adj smelling or tasting of garlic

garment /'gɑ:mənt/ noun [C] *formal* ★★ a piece of clothing. This word is used especially when talking about the production and sale of clothes: *waterproof outer garments* ♦ *The garment workers were being paid very low wages.* ♦ *the fashion garment industry*

garner /'gɑ:nə/ verb [T] *formal* to collect or obtain a large amount of something useful or important: *His lawyer has garnered considerable evidence in his defence.*

garnet /'gɑ:nɪt/ noun [C/U] a dark, clear, red stone used in jewellery

Garnett, Alf /'gɑ:nɪt, ælf/ someone with old-fashioned right-wing opinions who does not like changes such as people coming to live in England from other countries

From a character in the British television programme *Till Death Us Do Part*.

garnish¹ /'gɑ:nɪʃ/ verb [T] to add something to a dish of food to make it look more attractive: **garnish sth with sth** *Garnish the fish with lemon slices.*

garnish² /'gɑ:nɪʃ/ noun [C] something that you add to a dish of food to make it look more attractive: *Use some of the parsley as a garnish.*

garret /'gærət/ noun [C] a very basic room just under the roof of a house

garrison¹ /'gærɪs(ə)n/ noun [C] a group of soldiers living in and defending a particular place: *The army's regiments spread over the area in small garrisons.* **a.** the place that a group of soldiers are living in and defending: *a garrison town*

garrison² /'gærɪs(ə)n/ verb [T usually passive] to put soldiers in a place to live there and defend it: *International troops are now garrisoned in the area.* **a.** to live in a place and defend it as a soldier: *The district is garrisoned by 1,200 troops.*

garrotte¹ /gə'rɒt/ verb [T] to kill someone by pulling something very tight round their neck, especially a wire

garrotte² /gə'rɒt/ noun [C] a wire that is pulled tight round someone's neck to kill them

garrulous /'gærʊləs/ adj a garrulous person talks a lot — **garrulously** adv, **garrulousness** noun [U]

garter /'gɑ:tə/ noun [C] **1** a ring made of ELASTIC that you wear around your sock or STOCKING to prevent it from falling down **2** *Am E* a SUSPENDER

garter belt noun [C] *Am E* a SUSPENDER BELT

garter snake noun [C] a small harmless snake in North America that usually has three white STRIPES on it

gas¹ /gæs/ noun ★★★

1 [C/U] a substance such as air that is neither a solid nor a liquid: *regulations to cut the emissions of gases such as carbon dioxide* ♦ *They detected high levels of radon gas in the building.* **1a.** [U] a gas burned as fuel, for example to heat your house or cook food: *a gas cooker / heater /*

1. Write the meaning of these words

a. Garret:-

b. Garnet:-

2. What is the adjective of the word "garlic"

3. Find the words that gives the meaning

a. A piece of clothing -

b. a ring of flowers -

4. Fill in the blank with the suitable word given.

My aunt has _____ the cake with chocolate syrup. (garnered, garnished, garter)

5. What is the name of the reptile mentioned in the dictionary page?

Test 14

(10 marks)

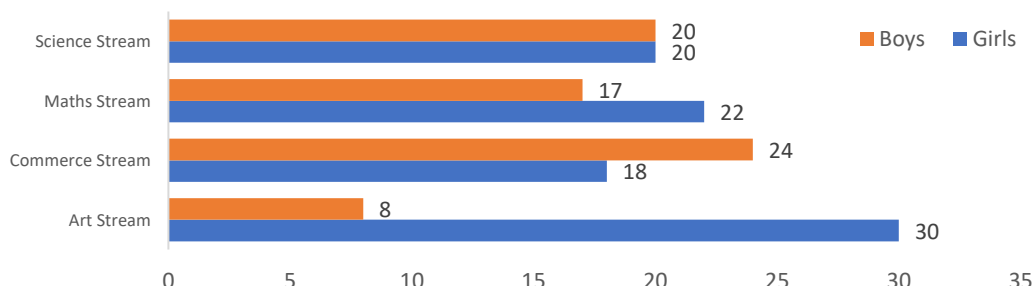
Write on one of the following. Use about 100 words.

a. You are the Secretary of the Science Club of your school. Your school is organizing a Science Exhibition to showcase students' innovative projects. Write a letter to the Principal of another school inviting him/her to attend the exhibition as the Chief Guest. Include the following details:

The date, time, and venue of the exhibition
A brief description of the activities planned

The purpose of the exhibition
A polite request to accept the invitation

b. The following table shows students favorite A/L subject streams. Refer the bar graph and describe it.



-----Use a separate paper for your answer-----

Test 15**(8 marks)****Read the text and complete the tasks given below.**

Read the following text and complete the tasks given below. (8 marks) On the eve of World War II in September 1939, children were evacuated from England's cities, particularly London, due to the waves of Nazi bombs that were soon to fall on the city during the London Blitz. Willie Beech is evacuated to a small village, Little Weirwold, in the English countryside, where the alien sights and sounds terrify him, at first.

Through the persistent, gentle caring of Mr. Tom, Willie learns to trust and love another human being. Tom Oakley, who understands why Willie arrived covered with bruises, without proper clothing, and terribly thin, comes to love Willie like a son.

Slowly, Willie begins to make friends at school, including his best friend, Zach. He learns that he is talented at drawing. He learns to trust that Mr. Tom and others will not hurt him. In turn, the reclusive Mr. Tom opens his heart again. After the deaths of his wife and baby son about 40 years ago from scarlet fever, he became the village recluse.

Called back to London by his mother Willie has no choice but to go, though he dreads it. Days passed. Feeling that something has gone terribly wrong as Mr. Tom does not hear from Willie, Mr. Tom gets on the train to London in search of him. Mr. Tom dreads the city, having never travelled outside the area containing his village, but his love for Willie encourages him to overcome his fears. He convinces a policeman to break down the locked door to Willie's mother's place. They find a horrible stench: Willie locked into the closet.

Mr. Tom returns to Little Weirwold with Willie where his life starts to prosper

State whether the following statements are True or False by putting a tick in the relevant column.

Statement	True	False
(1) Willie Beech was evacuated to London to save him from bombs.		
(2) Mr. Tom treated Willie lovingly.		
(3) Willie was weak and poorly dressed by the time he reached Mr. Tom.		
(4) Willie did not ever get a chance for schooling.		
(5) Willie was not treated well at London.		
(6) Finally Willie came back to Mr. Tom's small village		

Task 2

(1) Write a word from the text closest in meaning to each phrase given below. (02 marks)

- (a) make somebody feel extremely frightened (paragraph 1)
- (b) a person who lives alone (paragraph 3)

(2) Write the sentence in paragraph 3 which says that Mr. Tom changed himself due to Willie.

.....

(3) Underline the word that does not explain the behaviour of Mr. Tom Oakley.

- (a) caring (b) understanding
- (c) irresponsible (d) thoughtful

(4) Underline the most suitable title for the given text.

- (a) Mr. Tom's village life. (b) Childhood of Willie Beech
- (c) Willie Beech in London (d) September 1939

Test 16

(15 marks)

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

- A. As the president of the English literary association, write an article to the school magazine on “English opens the doors to the world of work”.**

Include: • place of English in the school curriculum • ways and means of improving English

- B. Imagine you are the president of the nature club. Write a speech you would make at the school assembly on “school property belongs to all of us”.**

Include: • some school property Eg: furniture, taps • some damages done • how to prevent

- C. Write an essay on ‘Sports – a valuable training for life’.**

Include: • place in the school curriculum • different types of sports and games • advantages of sports

- D. Write a story. Begin as follows.**

I was sitting by the window reading a rather frightening mystery story and I suddenly heard a loud cry of “help, help”

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