

Zonal Education Office –Kandy  
Term Test  
Grade 11  
First term 2020  
English Language

**Part I**

**Test 1**

**Complete the following sentences using a suitable word from the box. First one is done for you. (5 marks)**

(remember, obtain, get, pay, possible, give, )

It is always (1)possible to enter a local or a foreign University if you work hard and (2) ..... good results at the GCE A/L examination. But we should always (3) .....to serve our motherland and (4)..... the gratitude. The more you (5) .....the more you (6) .....

**Test 2**

**Fill in the blanks with a suitable pronoun from the list given below. Use each preposition only once. (2 1/2 marks)**

he	I	We	your	<del>you</del>	us	him
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- A: Kumari, Good morning!
- B Good morning! Aren't you going for swimming today?
- A: I'm getting ready to go. Will 1) . . **you** . . . . . join me?
- B: Sure 2) . . . . . will.
- A: 3) . . . . . are already late. Our instructor is very strict.
- B: Will 4) . . . . . scold 5) . . . . .
- A: Let's hurry up.
- B: Don't forget to take 6) . . . . . swim suit and the goggles.
- A: Oh, thank you.

Test 3

(5 marks)



Study the picture and fill in the blanks in the text with the words in the brackets.

This is a picture of a village (1) fair. There are many (2) .....and buyers in the fair. They seem to be busy buying the (3) ..... they need. The woman in the front is selling (4).....and the buyer who is standing in front of her is asking for the price of the vegetables. He is wearing a (5)..... and a shirt. The woman in the stall next to her is selling (6).....and she has kept them on a mat. The (7) .....is hanging beside her (8)..... . The ice-cream seller with his (9) ..... is behind her. There are two women under the huge (10)..... in the far corner. This is the day that most of the (11).....get together for their transactions.

(fair, coconuts, bicycle, stall, vegetables, villagers, sarong, goods, balance, tree, sellers)

Test 4:

Each underlined word in the following text is incorrect. Write the correct word in the space provided. One is done for you. ( 2 1/2 marks)

Sri Lanka is one of the many country that have an indigenous community- People who have inhibit the country long before other settling came in. In more cases, these “ foreign” settlers lately dominate the population, leaving the indigenous people in the margins.

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| 1. ...countries.. |
| 2. ....           |
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| 6 .....           |

**Test 5**

**Read the text and find the information. The first one is done for you. (05 marks)**

Jack lived with his widowed mother in a small cottage on the edge of a wood. They were very poor, and had to sell all their possessions in order to get food. The time came when all they had left to sell was a cow. Jack was told to drive the cow to the market and sell her for as good a price as he could possibly get.

He set off, but he had not gone very far before he met a man who offered to buy the cow. But he did not offer Jack money. Instead he offered a handful of beans, and simply Jack accepted them, giving the cow in exchange. When he reached home again, you will never believe how angry his mother was. She was so furious that she snatched the beans from the boy and threw them out of the window.

1. Jack lived with his .....widowed mother..... .
2. They had to sell all their .....in order to get food.
3. The last thing that they could sell was ..... .
4. Jack was asked to take the cow to .....to sell.
5. The man who met on the way gave Jack ..... .
6. When he returned home mother was ..... .

**Test 6**

**(05 marks)**

You received the following note from your friend.

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Palika,

I am happy to hear that you have been selected to the University of Peradeniya to follow medicine this year. Congratulations! I also have good news to tell. I have been selected to the Pasdunrata College of Education. I hope to visit you soon with my sister. Please let me know whether you are at home during this weekend.

Kaveetha

Write a reply including,

- \*Thanking your friend and wishing her for her success
- \*Suggesting a date for the visit
- \*Requesting her to come with the sister

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**Test 7**

Read the paragraph given below and answer the questions. (5 marks)

Suppose that you live among the Inuit people in Northern Alaska. You'd never get direct sunlight that close to the North Pole. It would therefore be very cold all the time. You might go to school by riding on a snowmobile.

Once you arrived, you'd probably get a hot breakfast to warm you up. In Northern Alaska you'd be in the land of the midnight sun. This means that in the middle of the summer, you have 24 hours of sunlight each day. That is when the North Pole tilts towards the sun.

But in winter you'd see hardly any sunlight. That's when the North Pole tilts away from the sun. Imagine a day when the sun didn't rise.

Underline the most suitable answer.

1. What is the name of the country mentioned in the paragraph?  
(a) Northern Alaska      (b) North Pole      (c) Pole
2. Why is it very cold there all the time?  
(a) because they get midnight sun.      (b) because they never get direct sunlight.  
(c) because you get a hot breakfast.
3. "Snow mobile" is  
(a) an animal      (b) a mobile phone      (c) a vehicle
4. When do they get 24 hours of sunlight?  
(a) in the middle of the summer.      (b) When you arrive      (c) in the mid night.
5. The word "tilts" in line 6 means:  
(a) slopes      (b) sunlight      (c) north pole.

**Test 8** (5 marks)

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

- i. The animal I like
- ii. An unforgettable experience

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Part II

Test 9

Find the appropriate word and fill in the blank.

(5 marks)

People with (1).....(please, pleasing) personalities always need no (2).....(introduce, introduction). They are (3) .....(appreciate, appreciated) by everyone. As a result they work (4).....( efficiency, efficiently) in any given situation. Thus workers are held (5).....(responsibility, responsible) for the success of their institution. As a nation, our responsibility is to take this as a turning point to lead the country towards its (6).....(sustainability, sustainable)

Test 10

(5 marks)

Rewrite the sentences beginning with the word/s in brackets making the necessary changes. The first one is done for you.

1. Goods were being bought and sold. ( The villagers )  
.....The villagers were buying and selling the goods. .....
2. The jeep will be sent at seven o'clock in the morning.( My father)  
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3. The excess fruits were dried in the sun. (The farmers)  
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4. The problem of finding raw materials had to be solved. (The weavers)  
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5. Herd of elephants can be seen from the bungalow in the National park. ( They)  
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6. The pictures have been drawn and displayed very enthusiastically. (the children)  
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Test 11

Select the most appropriate word from the bracket and fill in the blank. One is done for you. (1/2x14- 07 marks)

Many folk stories are hundreds or even thousands of years old and the same stories can be found in many different parts of the (1)..... world ..... . “Beauty and the Beast” (2).....told in classical Greece and (3).....India ; the story Hansel and Gretel (4).....been found in the West Indies, (5)..... the African villages and among (6)..... the American Indians. The story of Cinderella was (7).....in China by the Arabs (8)..... the Zuny Indians. Many were (9)..... written down until the Frenchman Perrault and the Grimm Brothers (10).....Germany collected the (11)..... and published them. (12).....were not only for children; the (13) .....family used to sit

(14).....the fire to listen to the story teller. The  
(15).....often begin with a family situation.

(stories, not, They, the, whole, stories, ~~world~~, and, from, They, told, round, has, ancient, was)

### Test 12

Fill in the blanks using the correct verb form. The first one is done for you.

( 5 marks)

Mr. Silva 1).....,comes...(come) to office from Peradeniya. He (2).....  
( come) from Peradeniya since he (3).....was promoted.....(promote) to  
the present position. According to Mr. Silva he has been (4) .....(work) as an  
accountant for twenty-five years. When he (5).....(retire) in 2022  
he (6).....(serve) for 28 years.

### Test 13

Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follows.

( 8 marks)

#### **I keep six honest serving-men....**

I keep six honest serving-men

(They taught me all I knew);

Their names are What and Why and When

And How and Where and Who.

I send them over land and sea,

I send them east and west;

But after they have worked for me,

I give them all a rest.

I let them rest from nine till five,

For I am busy then,

As well as breakfast, lunch, and tea,

For they are hungry men.

But different folk have different views;

I know a person small-

She keeps ten million serving- men,

Who get no rest at all!

She sends 'em abroad on her own affairs,

From the second she opens her eyes-

One million Hows, two million Wheres,  
And seven million Whys!

Rudyard Kipling

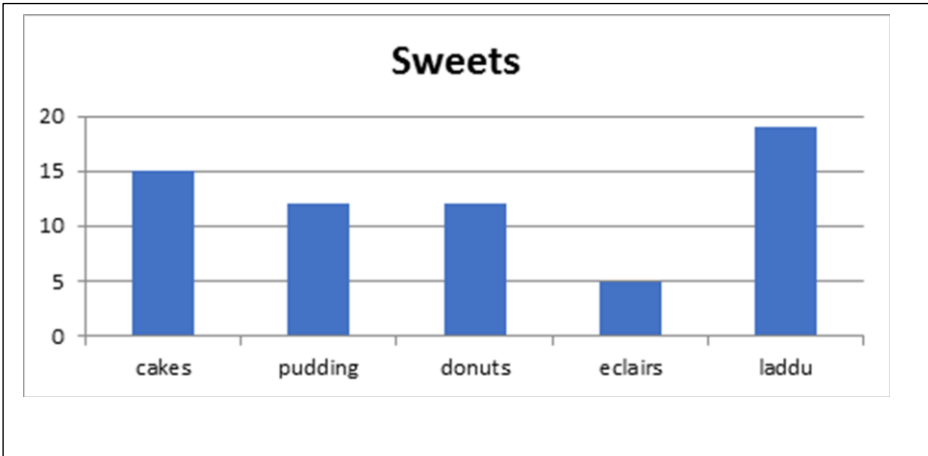
1. What are the names of poet's six serving men?  
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2. Where did the master send them for work?.....  
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3. When the poet says that he sends his men over land and sea he means to say that
  - i. He asks questions about everything around him and the whole world
  - ii. He keeps these men as servants and makes them work for him
  - iii. He travels with these men as they are his friends
4. Do they have rest after work?  
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5. Find 2 pairs of opposite words from the poem.  
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6. The poet let these men rest from .....because  
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7. The person that the poet refers to is very curious to nature. True/False
8. Write the line which says that master gives the serving- men freedom when he is on duty.....  
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**Test 14**

(!0 marks)

14. A. The following graph shows what types of sweets the students liked in grade 06. Use the words given below to write a paragraph in about 100 words.

Most, least, an equal, majority, minority



B. Imagine that you and your family are visiting Galle in the coming vacation. You plan to visit some beautiful places. Write a letter to a manager of the inn requesting for the following details.

- The places you could visit
- How you could go to these places
- The cost of the hotel charges

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**Test 15**

Read the paragraph and answer the questions given below. (10 marks)

**Two Geniuses**

Many people regard Albert Einstein as one of the greatest geniuses. He was a physicist whose researches made such inventions as nuclear energy, space travel and television possible.

Stories about Einstein show that he had great sense of humour.

One such story tells that as a young man with a growing reputation, he received many invitations to go to universities to explain his theories. On these trips he was always chauffeured by the same person - a man called Hans. Hans often said to him, "it's a pleasure to driver a genius like you, Doctor Einstein".

One evening on their way to a remote university, Einstein said, "I wish I didn't have to give my lecturer tonight, Hans. I'm so tired but, I can't let my audience down, Can I?".

"You don't need to" said Hans. "we will change places, and I will give the lecture for you. I have listened to it dozens of times. I don't understand it, but I know it by heart. And no one knows you at the university, do they? No one will find out".

Einstein eventually agreed with Hans. But said to him, "Don't try to answer any questions, whatever you do".



They changed places, at the university Hans was greeted and let to the platform in a great hall crowded with professors and students. Einstein joined the audience and listened to Hans give his lecture perfectly, and joined in the applause at the end.

However, before Hans could get off the platform, a professor shouted from the audience, "I'd like to ask you a question. It's very difficult, but please answer it". He then asked a question so difficult that Hans had no idea but he was talking about.

Einstein thought, "Oh dear, now we're in trouble. "But Hans just laughed and said, "That's not a difficult question, sir. In fact, it's so easy that even my driver knows how to answer it. Hans, stand up and . . . . ."

Einstein stood up and answered the question perfectly.

They left the university, with Einstein driving. A little later, Hans offered to take over from him. "No my friend, laughed Einstein, "it's pleasure to driver a genius like you".

1. What did Einstein study?  
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2. What were his inventions, write two of them mentioned in the text?  
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3. Who is Hans?  
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4. Why did he receive many invitations to go to universities?  
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5. Why did Hans offer to give the lecture in place of Einstein?  
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6. What did Einstein ask Hans not to do? Why did he do so?  
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7. What does the phrase "take over from him "means?  
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8. Find the meanings of the following words from the text. ( ½ marks for each answer)
  - a) Driver .....
  - b) Correctly .....

**Test 16**

**( 15 marks)**

**Select only one question and write your answer.**

1. Sri Lankans are blessed with water resources, in spite of this there are many places that experience water shortages.  
Write a speech to be delivered on World Environment day on "Water, the need of the hour."
2. Computers have changed the classrooms, students and life style of children. Write a composition on "Computers, a part of education today."

You may include the following guide lines.

-What are computers?

-Where do we find computers?

-What do we learn from computers?

-How can we make it a part of life?

3. The Grade 11 students of your school participate in an English debate. Two students are talking about a topic they found interesting.

“The working mother is more important in the happiness of the family.”

Write the dialogue between the two friends.

A: Do you like to have a working mother?

B: .....