

General Certificate of Education (Advance Level)
Practice Test
2019

Answer all the questions on this paper itself.

Time: 3 hours

PAPER I

PART A- GRAMMAR AND VOCUBULARY (25 MARKS)

Question 1- (5 marks)

Fill in the blanks in the following text using the prepositions given in the box. Use each preposition only once. There is one preposition extra.

towards / to/ about/ on/ of/ above

Most of us take seasonal changes (i) mood for granted. According (ii) a new study, the cause may be the seasons tinkering with chemicals in our brain. As reported in journals, researchers found the evidence (iii) seasonal differences in dopamine, a chemical messenger involved in motivation, pleasure and learning. Many countries have funded (iv) this venture. There are many researches (v) seasonal changes and their impacts.

Question 2- (5 marks)

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given within brackets.

One Day Ramu and Lal (i) (decide) to go on a trip to the nearby beach. They (ii) (pack) a bag full of food items and water, a big bottle of shampoo and (iii) (bring) a towel that had a picture of an elephant on it. The beach (iv) (crowd) but there (v) (be) a few spacy spots. Both of them (vi) (want) to learn how to surf. So Lal and Ramu got into their swimming trunks and hopped into the water. Suddenly a life guard (vii) (blow) on his whistle because someone was (viii) (swim) too far into the ocean. They saw a tide (ix) (approach) at a distance, both of them (x) (swim) immediately towards the shore.

Question 3- (5 marks)

Underline the correct word from those given within brackets to fill in the blanks in the following text.

Man is a social being. He lives in the society. As a gregarious and a social being he lives and interacts with so many people all through (i) (him/ his /himself) life. In our interactions with people, we make (ii) (many/ a/ those) friends. We enjoy (iii) (a/ an/ the) company of (iv) (yourself/ our/ ourselves) friends, in fact that is why they (v) (is/ were/ are) our friends. We influence our friends and likewise our friends influence us. Friendship (vi) (whether/ therefore/ since) has a great bearing on our lives. In a real friendship that has matured (vii) (until/ yet/ over) time, there are (viii) (no/ few/ any) expectations between two friends. (ix) (as/ though/ unless) each sacrifice is understood it cannot be a real friendship. Even (x) (before/ whether/ after) many years of friendships people break up.

Question 4- (5 marks)

Underline the correct word from those given within brackets.

- (i) It is a must to good qualities in the youth.
(implement, introduce, include, inculcate)
- (ii) Kamala's practical helped all her friends to come out of the problem.
(development, invention, introduction, solution)
- (iii) of a person's character depends vastly on his experience.
(Development, Creativity, Expression, Increment)
- (iv) She her gratitude to the outgoing board members.
(contributed, appreciated, expressed, spoke)
- (v) The new Rotary Club president has many projects in the neighboring schools.
(enclosed, implemented, decreased, refused)

Question 5- (5 marks)

Underline the correct word endings, selecting from those given within brackets.

Good food does not mean costly food. The food which is (i) help..... (ed, less, ful) for our health is (ii) consider (able, ably, ed) as good food. Generally a balanced diet contains all elements of food; carbohydrate, protein, fat, vitamin, mineral and water. We cannot avoid (iii) eat..... (en, ing, able) food because it gives us energy and the (iv) nutri (tion, tional, ent) we need. Fruits and vegetables are essential in (v) promo..... (tion, ted, ting) a healthy life.

PART B- READING AND WRITING SKILLS (15 MARKS)

Question 6- (5 marks)

Underline the option that best expresses the meaning of the sentences given below.

- (i) By the time I went to the hospital, my friend Prabath was transferred to the Intensive Care Unit.
- a) I was able to see my friend in the ward.
 - b) After I came to the hospital, my friend was transferred to the Intensive Care Unit.
 - c) My friend was transferred to the Intensive Care Unit before I went to see him.
 - d) Prabath will be transferred to the Intensive Care Unit next week.
- (ii) The recent heavy rain destroyed all the plants in the Southern fields.
- a) The recent heavy rain was very useful to the farmers.
 - b) The farmers of the Southern area were benefitted from the recent heavy rain.
 - c) The recent heavy rain ruined the plants of the Southerners.
 - d) The Central region too felt the impact of the rain.
- (iii) If Nishanthan had worked a little harder, he could have obtained better results.
- a) Nishanthan worked hard to obtain good results.
 - b) Nishanthan did not work very hard in order to obtain good results.
 - c) Nishanthan put a lot of effort to get good results.
 - d) Nishanthan should work hard to obtain good results.

- (iv) Only Romesh volunteered to help to pull the car from the mud hole, while others were playing.
- a) Out of the boys, only Romesh helped to get the car out of the mud hole.
 - b) Romesh's friends helped to get the car out of the mud hole.
 - c) Romesh's friends were farming in the fields.
 - d) Though Romesh wanted to help, he couldn't.
- (v) Had I known, I would've gone to meet her on time.
- a) I did meet her.
 - b) I was planning to meet her.
 - c) I will meet her.
 - d) I couldn't meet her.

Question 7- (5 marks)

Read the following poem and underline the correct answer.

The Pedlar's Caravan

I wish I lived in a caravan

With a horse to drive, like a pedlar-man!

Where he comes from nobody knows,

Or where he goes to, but on he goes.

His caravan has windows two,

And a chimney of tin that the smoke comes through;

He has a wife, and a baby brown,

And they go riding from town to town.

Chairs to mend, and delft to sell!

He clashes the basins like a bell;

Tea-trays, baskets ranged in order,

Plates, with the alphabet round the border.

PAPER II

PART A- READING SKILLS (20 MARKS)

Question 01- (10 marks)

Read the passage given in which some words are given in bold type. Then, underline the meaning that is most appropriate to the context for the words given in bold type from 1 -10.

One of the most deadly and (i) **destructive** of all the (ii) **diseases** that prey upon mankind is malaria. Over one million people die of it every year in India alone. It is the cruel (iii) **enemy** of both the white and the coloured races in most tropical countries. Some scholars declared that the break-down of the ancient Greek (iv) **civilization** was caused by great (v) **epidemics** of malaria. In the Middle Ages people realized that the infection was most prevalent in places where water was (vi) **stagnant**, places such as marshes and swamps, Thinking that the air was to be blamed, they gave the disease the name malaria, 'bad air'. Not until nearly the end of the nineteenth century was the great (vii) **discovery** made that it was not stagnant water, nor was the (viii) **marshy** air, which spreads malaria. The guilty factor was actually the mosquito (ix) **breeding** in such water and (x) **conveying** the malarial parasite to healthy human beings. (155 words)

(i) destructive	adverse	devastating	fortunate	lucky
(ii) diseases	sickness	soundness	wholeness	well being
(iii) enemy	friend	foe	ally	colleague
(iv) civilization	barbarism	chaos	culture	society
(v) epidemics	plague	limited	local	scarce
(vi) stagnant	running	flowing	immobile	fresh
(vii) discovery	failure	finding	concealment	confusion
(viii) marshy	loco	boggy	solid	swamp
(ix) breeding	bleeding	found	birth	reproduced
(x) conveying	carried	brought	transplanted	found

Question 02- (10 marks)

Read the following text and answer the questions below

Kandy to Jaffna Bike Ride

The bike ride starts at Pallekelle International stadium, Kandy.

Your start time is printed on the address label on the envelope. Please arrive no earlier than 30 minutes before that time. We allocate an equal number of cyclists for each start time to ensure steady flow. Please keep to the time you've been given so we can keep to schedule and avoid delaying other riders.

Ride Carefully

We put together as many facilities as possible to ensure you have a trouble-free day. But we also rely on you to ride safely. Although many roads are closed to oncoming traffic, this is not always the case and you should be aware that there could be vehicles coming on the opposite direction. Please do not attempt reckless overtaking – remember it is NOT a race.

Wear a Helmet

Every year we are delighted to see more riders wearing protective helmets, but we would like to see every cyclist on the ride wearing one. More than half of reported injuries are to the head and a helmet gives the best protection.

Requesting Assistance

If you have an accident, ask official organizers for help, they are on contact with the support services. To call for help from our official organizers give a 'thumbs down' signal.

Refreshment Steps

Look out for those along the route. Most are organized by voluntary clubs and their prices give you real value for money. They are also raising money for their local communities, so please give them your support.

(A) Underline the most appropriate response in each of the questions from 1- 5.

- (i) The text is most likely to be,
- An advertisement published in a newspaper about the bike ride.
 - An information guide sent to participants of the bike ride.
 - A note on the rules and regulations of the bike ride.
 - A news item giving the details of the bike ride.

- (ii) Which of the following is not indicated in the text?
- Why it is important to wear helmets during the ride.
 - Why it is important for each participant to report on time.
 - What should be done in case of an accident.
 - What should be done if a 'thumbs down' signal is not responded.
- (iii) Which of the following is true?
- According to the text, this event is organized annually.
 - Over 50% of the accidents during the event occur due to alcohol.
 - The winner of this event will be given awards.
 - All the roads are closed to oncoming traffic on this day.
- (iv) Which of the following should a cyclist do if there is an accident?
- Communicate it directly to support services.
 - Communicate it to volunteers working there.
 - Communicate it to official organizers.
 - Give a 'thumbs up' signal.

(B) Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text? Write True, False or Not Given

True	If the statement is correct
False	If the statement is wrong
Not Given	If there is no sufficient information on this

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(v) The destination of the Peace Bike Ride will be Jaffna.	
(vi) Cyclists should not arrive more than half an hour before their allocated starting time.	
(vii) Rider Identity Card of each cyclist will be sent before the event.	
(viii) Refreshments are given free of charge to all participants during the ride.	
(ix) Only male participants will take part in this event.	

PART B- DIALOUGES (15 MARKS)

Question 03- (5 marks)

You have passed the G.C.E. (A/L) examination and planning to follow a degree course. You want to apply for a student loan from a bank. You visit the bank to meet the officer in charge of loans to get information about the loan. Complete the following dialogue between you and the officer.

You : Good morning. I want to get some information about the loan schemes you offer.

The officer : (i)

You : I'm thinking of applying for a student loan.

The office : We offer several plans of student loans. What is the amount you expect?

You : (ii)

The officer : May I ask the reason for applying for the loan?

You : (iii)

The officer : That's good. But you will have to provide two guarantors to sign for you.

You : I can do that. (iv)

The officer : It will take only one week if all the documents are in order.

You : Can I get a set of applications?

The officer : Yes. You can collect a form set at the front desk. Please make sure that you complete them correctly. Is there anything else you want to know?

You : That's all I want to know for now. Thank you very much.

The officer : (v)

Question 04- (10 marks)

Imagine that you want to obtain visa to go to India on a pilgrim. You are at the Visa Office. Write down the dialogue witch takes place between you and the Visa Officer. Each one should speak at least 5 times.

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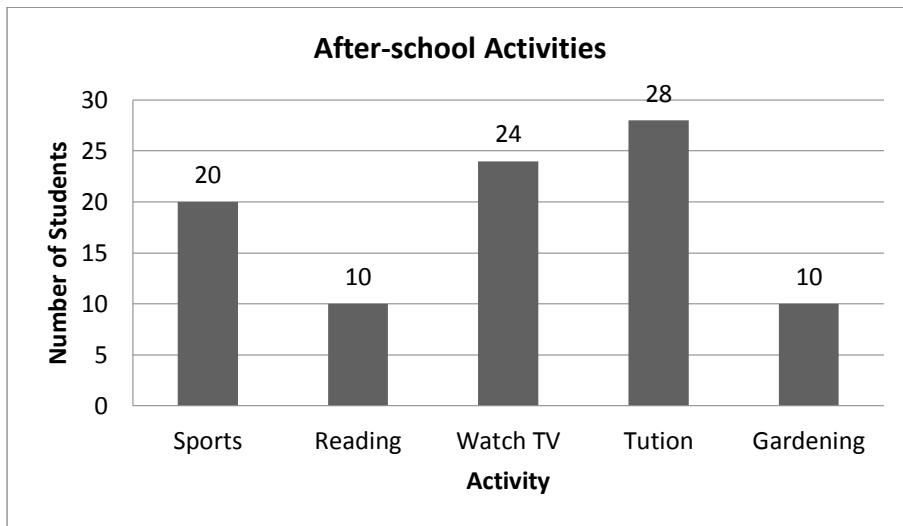
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PART C- WRITING SKILL (25 MARKS)

Question 05- (5 marks)

The following graph shows the after-school activities of grade 12 students. Describe the information by reporting the main features and making comparisons where necessary. Use about 100 words.



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Question 06- (10 marks)

Compose an email to your classmate asking her to come next Wednesday to school to collect her leaving certificate and the character certificate.

Ask him/her to bring,

- the library clearance from the school librarian,
- the school facilities fees receipt,
- his/ her parents / guardian.

