



G.C.E. A/L Examination June - 2019
Conducted by Field Work Centre, Thondaimanaru
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Grade: - 13 (2019)

General English I

Time: - One Hour
Total Marks : - 60

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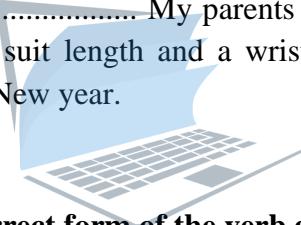
Answer all questions on this paper itself.

Part –A Grammar and Vocabulary

• **Question : 01**

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

of, from, with, to, for

A women was always quarrelling (1) her husband about new clothes and jewellery. One day she said “Bring two new sarees and a diamand ring (2) me or I shall go back (3) My parents house. “Fine” said the husband, and when you came back bring me a suit length and a wrist watch (4) your parents as a gift (5) New year.  (1 x 5 = 5 Marks)

• **Question : 02**

Fill in the each blank with the correct form of the verb given in bracket

Two teenage boys have set fire to an apartment buildings, The boys have given themselves up and (1) (await) hearing. A reporter (2) just (interview) the boys' neighbour. This is how the conversation went.

Reporter :- Were you shocked by the news this morning?

Neighbour :- Yes ! I can't believe that those boys (3) (do) such a thing.

Reporter :- Why not?

Neighbour :- They are good boys. They (4) (have) lots of friends in the neighbourhood.

Reporter :- Why (5) they (do) it then?

Neighbour :- I think they lost their heads.

Reporter :- (6) the boys (come) from happy homes ?

Neighbour :- The boy's mothers (7) (be) windows. They try (8) (play) both mother and father to their sons, but that's not easy.

Reporter :- (9) You (attend) the hearing tomorrow?

Neighbour :- Yes but I certainly (not testify) against them.

(1 x 10 = 10 Marks)

- **Question : 03**

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

Mrs Razik and Mrs Perera went marketing one saturday morning. Mrs Razik had (1) (Many, few, a lot of) Money in her purse but Mrs. Perera didn't have (2) (much, more, many) money. First (3) (Two, Both, All) them bought same vegetables there. Then they went to the fruit stall. There were (4) (most, many, more) people there, but (5) (most, more, many) of them were bargaining with the vendor. It looked as though they had (6) (any, no, more) of fruits in that stall. Next they went to the meat stall and Mrs Razik bought a kilo of mutton there. But Mrs Perera didn't buy (8) (some, any, few) because. She had money only (9) (a few, a little, some) left. On their back way home they met and old beggar and Mrs Perera gave (a little, little, the little) money she had to him.

(1 x 10 = 10 Marks)

- **Question : 04**

Underline the most appropriate word from those given in brackets.

- 1) I wasn't (knowing, aware, understanding) that he was so ill.
- 2) He is suffering from (suppression, infection, depression). He should see a psychiatrist.
- 3) According to (resourceful, reliable, sincere) information, the manager is going to resign soon.
- 4) Please let me know what time will be (comfortable, considerable, convenient) for you to meet.
- 5) Sri Lankan universities provide hostel facilities for the most students. (deserving / urgent / compatible).

(1 x 5 = 5 Marks)

- **Question : 05**

Underline the correct word – ending. Selecting from those within brackets.

- 1) He told me confi (dential, dent, dentially), that he was going to apply for the post of director.
- 2) In desper (ate, ately, ation) with the way his friend behaved at party.
- 3) Watch (ed, ing, es) too much television is bad for your eyes.
- 4) It is not fash (ion, ionable, ionably) to wear short skirts now.
- 5) He taught his children to be respect (able, ful, fully) of other cultures.

(1 x 5 = 5 Marks)

• **Question : 06**

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

- 1) Had I known that Mr. Raghu was the chairman, I would have talked to him.
 - a) Mr. Raghu was not the chairman so I did not talk to him.
 - b) I did not know that Mr. Raghu was the chairman but I talked to him.
 - c) I did not know that Mr. Raghu was the chairman so I did not talk to him.
 - d) I know that Mr. Raghu was the chairman but I did not talk to him.
- 2) It is Nimal who first told me that the match had been cancelled.
 - a) I know that the match had been cancelled before Nimal told me.
 - b) I didn't know that the match had been cancelled until Nimal told me.
 - c) I told Nimal that the match had been cancelled when he asked me.
 - d) Nimal knew that the match had been cancelled but he did not tell me.
- 3) No sooner had I reached the railway station than the train came.
 - a) The train had come before I reached the railway station.
 - b) The train didn't come soon although I went to the station.
 - c) I reached the station just before the train arrived.
 - d) I hoot not reached the station but the train come.
- 4) There are hardly any biscuits left in the tin.
 - a) There are hard biscuits left in the tin.
 - b) There are only a few biscuits left in the tin.
 - c) Some biscuits are in the left tin.
 - d) There are no biscuits left in the tin.
- 5) Palm tree hotel is not cheap place for locals to stay.
Locals very often stay.
 - a) Locals very often stay at Palm Tree Hotel as it is cheap.
 - b) Palm Tree Hotel is so expensive that locals can't afford to stay there.
 - c) Although Palm Tree Hotel is expensive, locals prefer to stay there.
 - d) If locals want to stay in a cheap place the best place is Palm Tree Hotel.

(5 x 1 = 5 Marks)

• **Question : 07**

A Part

Read the following text and answer the questions.

Ruhunu Plantations PLC
Sale of used Motor Vehicles.

Offers are invited for the sale of following company owned and maintained vehicles.

Vehicle Type	Vehicle	Location of Inspection
Motor Cycle	i. Honda CD 185 (MV 32xx) ii. Yamaha 125 (GA 45xx)	Ruhunu Plantations PLC. Imaduwa Branch Main Street, Imaduwa.
Double Cab	i. Toyota Hilux (59 – 42xx) ii. Toyota Hilux (59 – 56xx)	Ruhunu Estate PLC Alwis Rd, Deniyaya.

The above vehicles could be inspected at the given addresses from 2nd September to 12th September, 2018 during weekdays from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm excluding Mondays. Sales offers must be deposited in the Tender Boxes available at the inspection locations before 4.00 pm on 13th September, 2018.

Tender forms could be obtained from the address given below and locations in inspection at Rs. 100.00 (non – refundable) per form. A separate tender form should be submitted for each vehicle. A refundable deposit of Rs 2500.00 each for a Motor Cycle and Rs 5000. 00 each for a Double Cab should be make each offer. Further details can also be obtained from the company website.

General Manager
Ruhunu Plantations PLC
344, Main Street
Matara.
Web : www.ruhuneplc.lk.

Write True or False beside each sentence in the space provided.

- 1) The present owner of the vehicle, Yamaha 125 (GA 45xx) is Ruhuna plantation PLC. ()
- 2) An interested person can inspect the vehicles on Monday 10th September, 2018 at 10.00 a.m. ()
- 3) Prospective bidder can submit tenders online using the company website. ()
- 4) A person who wants to buy Toyota Hilux – 59 42 xx can obtain the tender from only at Ruhunu Estate PLC. Deniyaya. ()
- 5) A total refundable amount of Rs 15000 should be deposited by a person who intends to purchase all the four vehicles mentioned here. ()

(5 x 1 = 5 Marks)

B part

Read the following two e-mail messages (A & B) and fill in the five blanks in the second e-mail (B). The second e-mail is a reply to the first one. Use the information in the first one (A) to fill in the blanks. Do not use more than words in each blank.

Massage A :

From : mainthree@yahoo.com

To : rizvana@yahoo.com

Date & time : 04.12.2011 : 4.32

You must have received all my e – mails. We have had only from you in November. I know you are busy, but I worry if I do not hear from you. Have you received the parcel of pickle I sent you by air – mail? I requested your uncle next door to mail it for me. I did not let your father know about this. So don't tell him about this. You know how much loss he makes over food parcels. He always gives me big lectures that food in America is thousand times better and more nutritious. As if that is enough !.

Shani's wedding date was fixed up today and it would be in March. Please plan to be here. Everyone would be upset if you miss the first wedding of the family. Most of our shopping is complete except the jewellery. Anyway we have already made a good selection of jewellery.

Deepa aunty asked me the other day if I was expecting an American son – in – law. Imagine her guts ! I retorted, “Of course not. Our daughter is as she was before and she would not do such a thing. She went to America to study, not to catch a husband.”

Send me an email soon and remember the wedding date.

Message B :

From : rizvana@yahoo.com

To : mainthree@yahoo.com

Date & time : 06.12.2011 : 10.29

It was nice to hear you get all the news. I am happy to know that (1) is fixed. But (2) will be a difficult month for me. The classes will be in full session and it would be a loss of nearly three to four weeks of my work here.

Thanks so much for sending the food parcel. No, I won't tell (3) a word about it. The (4) ! Even the idea makes my mouth water !. By the way, please tell Deepa aunty that I have not changed that much yet !

Why did you complete your shopping so early ? Anyway, it's good that you don't want to pick (5) up until just before the wedding. It's not safe.

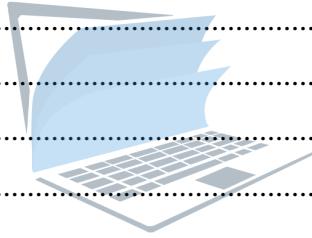
How are you and father? I sent him a long e-mail giving all details of our university and like here. Please take care of yourself and don't go out every day on errands. (5 x 1 = 5 Marks)

- **Question : 08**

Write a paragraph beginning with the given sentence. Use about 75 – 100 words. Do not exceed the word limit. Do not write more than one paragraph.

(10 Marks)

Proper actions should be taken to control the Dengue menace in the country



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- ❖ Additional 5 Minutes will be given for reading.
- ❖ Answer all questions on this paper itself.
- ❖ This paper consists of three parts as part A, B and C

Reading skills. (50 Marks)

• **Question : 01**

Read the passage given below in which same words are given in bold type. Then underline the words given in bold type from 1 to 10. (10 Marks)

His mother saw that something worried Jack and **endeavoured** to discover. He cause, ; but Jack knew too well the **Consequence** would be if she found out. He did his best therefore, to **overcome** the great **desire** he had for another journey up the beanstalk. However, he began to make secret preparations for his journey. He got ready a new set of clothes, better and more complete than the **former** and when summer came, on the longest day he woke as soon as it was light and without telling his mother **ascended** the Beanstalk. He arrived at the giant's **mansion** in the evening, and found his wife standing as usual, at the door. Jack had **disguised** himself so well, that she did not **recognize** him. He spoke to her. He said that he was hungry and asked, for a meal. She invited him in and **concealed** him in the copper pot.

- 1] endeavoured :- wanted, attempted, hoped.
- 2] Consequence :- effect, manner, harm
- 3] over come :- change, master, limit
- 4] desire :- wish, ill will, fear
- 5] former :- later, first one, after.
- 6] ascended :- came down, climbed, rushed up
- 7] Mansion :- garden, inn, large residence.
- 8] disguised :- left home, unsatisfied, changed his appearance.
- 9] recognize :- make out, chase away, call back.
- 10] Concealed :- threw, hid, put.

(10 Marks)

• **Question : 02**

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

(10 Marks)

1. Plastics which is totally artificial cause many environmental problem today. Plastics are mainly derived from petroleum and natural gas derivatives. A wide range of additives are used in the plastic processing industry so that the desired characters such as flexibility, colour, resistance to microbes etc. could be obtained in the final product.
2. The plastic material buried in the soil will lead to soil infertility. When it rains, these buried material could be carried into the waterways perhaps interrupting its smooth flow of water. The overflow of water experienced in urban areas (roads etc) during a heavy shower is.
3. It is ironic that the same properties of plastic that lead to its success – resistance to both water and chemical aggression – have created environmental concerns currently neither a developed nor a developing nation has so far found a perfect solution to this problem. The available options to curb this problem are outright banning of plastics, burning, restricting the import and use of raw material and finished products through the operation of proper legal and fiscal measures.
4. With the introduction of a consumer life style in Sri Lanka, the quantity of discarded plastics has increased, thereby creating a serious problem the entire country. In order to resolve this problem the government has stepped in by giving the needed facility to establish a plastic waste recycling plant in Sri Lanka.
5. In order to ensure the success of a plastic waste recycling process there are three major factors that should be considered. They are,
 - (a) efficient collection of discarded plastics.
 - (b) technology to convert the discarded plastics into new product.
 - (c) improvement and organization of marketability of the recycled final product.

However we need to encourage recycling of plastic waste generated locally.

- 1) What is used to obtain flexibility and colour in plastic goods?
..... (2 Marks)
- 2) What environmental problems are caused by plastics? Mention two.
..... (2 Marks)
- 3) What qualities of plastics have led to its success as an industry?
..... (2 Marks)
- 4) How does Sri Lanka hope to deal with the problem caused by plastic waste?
..... (2 Marks)
- 5) Find word from paragraphs 4 and 5 which are very much similar to the words / phrases given below.
(a) amount (b) make certain
(c) change (d) produced
(2 Marks)

• **Question : 03**

Read the following text and do the activities that follow.

(20 Marks)

An upsurge of new research suggests that animals have a much higher level of brainpower than previously thought. If animals do have intelligence how do scientists measure it? Before defining animals' intelligence, scientists defined what is not intelligence.

Instinct is not intelligence. It is a skill programmed into an animal's brain by its genetic heritage. Rote conditioning is also not intelligence. Tricks can be learned by repetition but no real thinking is involved. Cueing, in which animals learn to do or not to do certain things by following outside signals, does not demonstrate intelligence. Scientists believe that insight, the ability to use tools, and communication using human language are all effective measures of the mental ability of animals.

When judging animal intelligence, scientists look for insight, which they define as a flash of sudden understanding. When a young gorilla could not reach fruit from a tree, she notices creates scattered about the lawn near the tree. She piled the creates into a pyramid, then climbed on them to reach her reward. The gorilla's insight allowed her to solve a new problem without trial and error.

The ability to use tools is also an important sign of intelligence. Crows use sticks to pry peanuts out of cracks. The crow exhibits intelligence by showing it has learned what a stick can do. Likewise, otters use rocks to crack open crab shells in order to get at the meat. In a series of complex moves, chimpanzees have been known to use sticks in order to get at a favourite snack termites. To make and use a termite tool, a chimp first selects just the right stalk or twig, He trims and shapes the stick, then finds the entrance to a termite mound. While inserting the stick carefully into the entrance, the chimpanzee turns it skilfully to fit the inner tunnels. The chimp attracts the insects by shaking the twig. Then it pulls the tool out without scraping off any termites. Finally, he uses his lips to skim the termites into his mouth.

Many animals have learned to communicate using human language. Some primates have learned hundreds of words in sign language. One chimp can recognize and correctly use more than 250 abstract symbols on a keyboard. These symbols represent human words. An amazing parrot can distinguish five objects of two different types. He can understand the difference between the number, colour, and kind of object. The ability to classify is a basic thinking skill. He seems to use to use language to express his needs and emotions.

The research on animal intelligence raises important questions. If animals are smarter than once thought, would that change the way humans interact with them? Would humans stop hunting them for sport or survival? Would animals still be used for food, clothing, or medical experimentation? Finding answers to these tough questions makes a difficult puzzle even for a large – brained, problem – solving species like our own.

(1) Write short answers to the following questions.

(a) How is instinct programmed into an animal's brain?

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(b) Write the three factors that scientists use to measure animal intelligence.

.....

(c) Why do otters use rocks as a tool?

.....

(3 Marks)

(2) ***Underline*** the most appropriate response in each of the following.

(a) The word **upsurge** in bold print, as it is used in the first paragraph of the passage most nearly means.

- i. an increasing large amount
- ii. a decreasing amount
- iii. a well – known amount
- iv. an immeasurable amount

(2 Marks)

(b) Crows use sticks to pry peanuts out of cracks. Which of the following is demonstrated in this situation?

- i. rote learning
- ii. use of tools
- iii. ability to communicate
- iv. instinct

(3) State whether the given statements are **True** or **False** in the space provided.

(a) Chimpanzees enjoy eating termites.

(b) Both instinct and insight are indicators of animal intelligence.

(2 Marks)

(4) Who or what do the pronouns in bold print in the text refer to?

(a) **It** (paragraph 1)

(b) **they** (paragraph 2)

(c) **them** (paragraph 5)

(3 Marks)

(5) Write **one** word for each blank selecting from the passage, which means the same as the given words / phrases.

(a) doing things over and over again (a)

(b) thrown in different directions (b)

(c) mass of piled up earth (c)

(d) recognise the difference (d)

(e) state of being alive despite anger (e)

(5 Marks)

(6) **Fill in the blanks in the following passage, based on the information in the above text.**

Do not use more than two words in each blank.

The latest studies have shown that (1) of animals is higher than what scientists previously thought. According to these studies, instinct, rote learning, tricks and (2) do not demonstrate animal intelligence. However (3) which a flash of sudden understanding is believed to be an example of the mental ability of animals. The use of (4) to get things done by animals is also a gauge of their mental ability. Expressing ideas using language specific to (5) is another example of the measurement of their intelligence.

(5 Marks)

- **Question : 04**

Fill in the each blank with a suitable word from these given in the list below.

opportunity, disappointed, husband, life time, turn and, than, travel, magic, tickets.

A fairy told a married couple : “For being such an exemplary married couple for 25 years. I will give you each a wish “I want to (1) around the world with my dearest (2) said the wife.

The fairy moved her (3) stick and two (4) was the husband’s 5) He thought for a moment (6) said.

“Well, this moment is very romantic but an (7) like this only occurs once in a (8) so I’m sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger (9) me”.

The wife was deeply (10) but, a wish was a wish. The fairy made a circle with her magic stick. Suddenly the husband was 90 years old! (10 Marks)

Part B

(All four questions should be)

(25 Marks)

- **Question : 05**

Read the following situations. How would you respond in each situation? Write one sentence / question for each beginning with the word / or words given.

1) You could not come to school last week. How do you request your friend to lend you his English work book?

Could you ?

2) You are the Managing Director of a company. How do you warn an employee to be punctual?

You ?

3) You’d like to see a film this week end. You suggest this idea to a friend of yours.

Shall ?

4) While your teacher is conducting a class on Saturday. You refuse this request politely.
I’m sorry ?

5) A friend of yours asks you some favour, but you are unable to help you.

I wish ?

(5 x 1 = 5 Marks)

- **Question : 06**

You find the following information about a Hollywood film you would like to see it b utnot alone.

You talk to a friend of yours, Hanishka, on the phone and invite him to see the film. Complete the missing parts of the dialogue. Do not use more than one sentence / question in each blank.

Mark Twain's newest Hollywood film *Avengers III*

From : 25th Saturday, July
In : Majestic Cinema, Jaffna.
At : 10.30, 2.30, 6.30

Hanishka : Hello What can I do for you?

You : Hani, There is a good Hollywood film at Majestic cinema, Shall
(1)?

Hanishka : Mmm, What's the name of it and who is it and who is it by?

You : (2)

Hanishka : Never heard of it (3)

You : It will be from 25th Saturday July.

Hanishka : Well, (4)

You : I'd like to see it on Saturday.

It'll make a nice evening out. Bye.

(5 x 1 = 5 Marks)

• Question : 07

You want to follow a technical Course at the Jaffna Technical College after your A/L examination. You speak to the course co – ordinator to get information about the courses available there. Write out the telephone conversation you will have with the Co – ordinator. Each one should speak at least ten times. (10 Marks)

- **Question : 08**

Your house is located at 1st cross street Vavuniya. When you get home from school. You discover that your house has been burgled. You telephone the nearest police station. Use the given guidelines and complete the dialogue between you and your police officer.

Police officer : Jaffna Police station, Can I help you?

You : (1)
(inform what has happened)

Police officer : (2)
(inquires about the location of your house)

You : (3)
(Give relevant information)

Police officer : (4)
(inquires about the time of the incident)

You : (5)
(Give relevant information)

Police officer : Was anything stolen?

You : Yes, All our Jewellery gone and my computer to.

Police officer : Right, our officers will be round in fifteen minutes. Please don't touch anything.

(1 x 5 = 05 Marks)

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Part – C Writing Skills

(25 Marks)

(All five questions should be answered)

- **Question : 09**

Select any five words from the list given below and use each of them in a meaningful sentence. You may use the verbs in any tense. You may use the plural form of the nouns. But do not change the form of the other words. (05 Marks)

Nouns : tradition, employment
Verbs : Convey, mediate.
Adjectives : innovative, Confident
Adverbs : obviously, patiently.

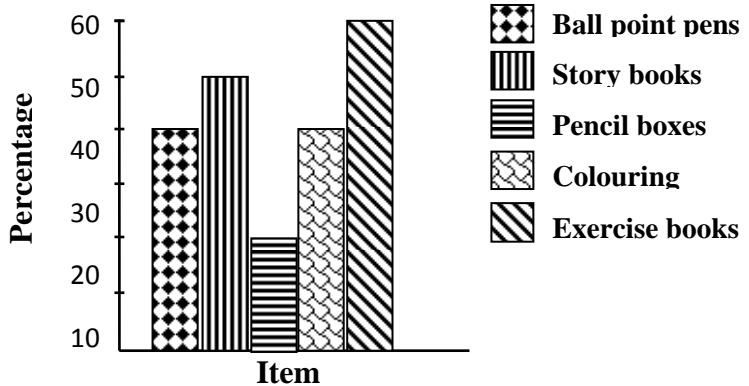
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(05 Marks)

- **Question : 10**

The following bar chart shows the sale of five difference items available at your school bookshop. Study the bar chart and write a description about it. Use about 100 words.

The following words will help you.



**equal amounts, minimum number, maximum number,
lowest sale, highest sale.**

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(10 Marks)

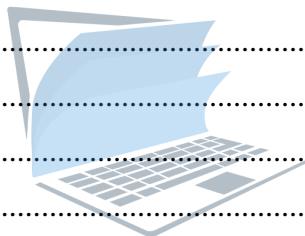
• **Question : 11**

You are the IT Manager and you wish to inform the managing Director of the upgrading of email services at your company on 10th of July 2014. This will lead to a disruption of email services for a period of 3hrs from 9 a.m – 12.0 p.m on 10th July. prepare an email to inform the managing Director about disruption of email services.

(Use 100 words)

Write in a correct format.

(15 Marks)



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- **Question : 12**

The garbage collectors have not been collecting the rubbish in your area for the past two weeks.

Write a letter of complaint to the environment officer of your Pradeshiya Saba in your area. Explain the situation and the effect it has on residents and request him to take prompt action. Use about 125 – 150 words. Do not exceed this word limit. (15 Marks)

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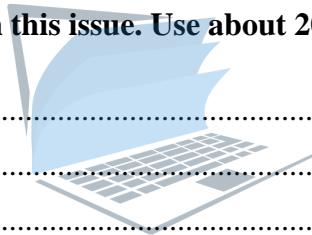
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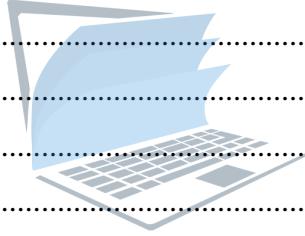
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- **Question : 13**
Knowledge of English and IT always create better job opportunities. Do you agree? Write an essay, giving your opinions on this issue. Use about 200 words. (20 Marks)



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