

G.C.E. (O/L) Practice Test - 2018

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English Language I

Time : 1 Hour

• ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF.

Fill in the blanks in the following dialogue. Use the words given in the box. There is one extra word. The first one is done for you.

Student : Good morning, sir. I went to become a (1) (d)
of the school library.

Librarian: You can take this (2)Fill it up and get it signed by your class teacher.

Student : Am I required to (3) Membership fee?

Librarian: Yes. You have to pay (4) one hundred in cash.

Student : How many books can I get at time?

Librarian: You will be issued a (5) and you can get two books at one time.

Student : For how many days can I (6) the books?

Librarian: You can retain a book for a fortnight. If you don't return or renew it, You will have to pay a fine of Rs. 50 per day

(a) pay

(b) card

(c) retain

(d) ~~member~~

(e) form

(f) rupees

(g) return

Q. 1

1 x 5

Total

5

Underline the correct answer. The first one is done for you.

Arun : Do you have any plans for the weekend?

Ramesh : What were you (1) of doing? (think, thinking)

Arun : I was planning on (02)a trip
to Sinharaja. (take, taking)

Ramesh : What a perfect thing to (3) on a beautiful Weekend! (do, doing)

Arun : Would you (4)to come along? (like, liked)

Ramesh : I think I (5) enjoy that a lot.
When will you leave? (will, would)

Arun : I hope to leave on Saturday around 6 o'clock.

Ramesh : I am so glad we (6) Thank
you for inviting me. (talk, talked)

Q. 2

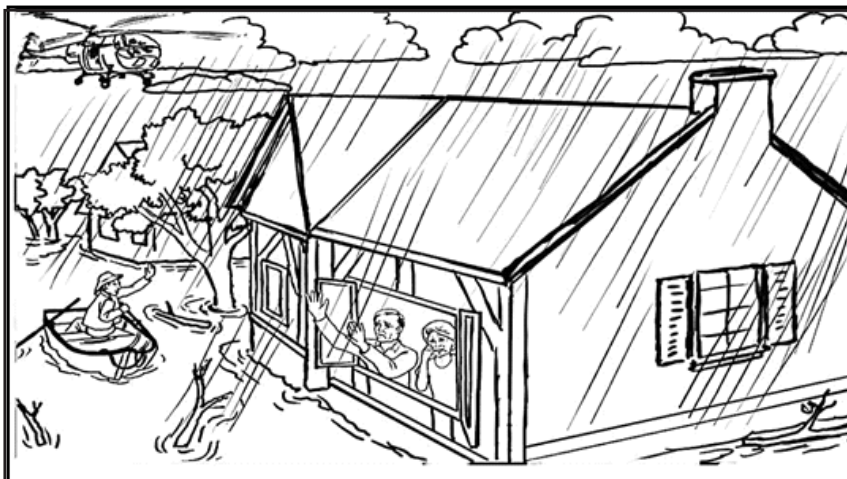
1 x 5

Total

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• **Test - 3**

Study the picture given below and complete the text with suitable words.



It is the rainy season and the (1) is pouring down heavily. The water level is rising and the two (2) are surrounded by floodwater. A man and a (3) are trapped inside one of (4) and they are (5) near the window asking for help. Huge (6) are gathered in the sky and a (7) is flying overhead to rescue people. The (8) in the boat is talking to the (9) who are standing near the (10) and asking them to get into the (11) The uprooted trees are floating on the water.

Q. 3

1 x 5

Total

5

• **Test - 4**

Match the advertisements with the services. Write the correct letter in the blank provided. The first one is done for you.

Advertisements

Services

- (1) For all your office equipment
OFFICE SUPPLIES COMPANY *d* (.....)
- (2) Join **LANGWAY INSTITUTE** for English, French & German Courses (.....)
- (3) **AUTO MART** for new Indian and Japanese vehicles (.....)
- (4) **ELECT ENGINEERS** service all your electrical and gas appliances (.....)
- (5) Telecommunication equipment available
LAK TELECOM LTD. (.....)
- (6) Medical Testing using latest technology at **NEEROGA HOSPITAL** (.....)

- (a) sells cars and vans
- (b) repairs cookers, blenders and irons
- (c) CT / Ultra sound Scanning and Physiotherapy
- (d) ~~sells typewriters, printers and photocopiers~~
- (e) teaches foreign languages
- (f) sells telephones, mobile phones and fax machines

Q. 4

1 x 5

Total

5

• **Test - 5**

Read the dialogue and complete the note. Imagine that you are Rumesh and complete the note that you have written to one of your friends, Sahan. Use only one word in each blank. The first one is done for you.

Teacher : Children, I'm thinking of going on our annual trip next month.

Rumesh : Oh! That sounds great

Teacher : Can you suggest a good destination for a three-day trip?

Gayan : How about going to Jaffna teacher?

Chamith : Wow, I've never been there before. What can we see there?

Teacher : Well, you can visit Jaffna Fort and Library. There's beautiful kovil called "Nallur". We will be able to go to an island called "Nagadeepa on boat.

Oshan : Are there any places for us to spend the night?

Teacher : Why not? We can stay at a guest house.

Rumesh : How much have we got to pay for the whole trip teacher?

Teacher : It will be Rs. 3000/=

Sahan,

I'm sure you'll be happy to hear that our (1) **teacher** will be taking us on a three - day trip next month. We hope to go to (2) and we can visit Jaffna Fort, (3)....., Nallurkovil and the island of Nagadeepa. Chamith said that he had never been (4) before. During our stay there we can (5) the night at a guest house. Each student has to (6) Rs.3000/= and I hope you'll join us.
Rumesh

Q. 5

1 x 5

Total

5

• **Test - 6**

Read the following notice.

LOST

I have lost a school library book during the lunch break in the school canteen. The name of the book was Harry Potter. If someone finds it please return it to me or my class teacher. Your help will be kindly appreciated.

Suranga Perera

Grade 11^B (Vidyakara Vidyalaya)

You are a student of Vidyakara Vidyalaya. You found the book and handed it over to the school librarian. Write a reply to Suranga. Use about 40 – 50 words.

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Q. 6

C -

L -

Total

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• **Test - 7**

Read the text and answer the questions.

5 On 10th April 1912, hundreds of people crowded onto a dock in England. Excitedly, they were there to see the Titanic set off on her first voyage. The Titanic was the largest ship in the world. Many people called her “The wonder ship”. Many said the Titanic was the best ship ever built as she was too strong to sink.

Everything started out smoothly. By 14 April, the Titanic was in the middle of the Atlantic ocean. The weather was clear. That night, the stars shone brightly against the cold, dark sky. Shortly before midnight, a sailor on duty spotted something in the darkness. He could not see it clearly but he knew it could likely be an iceberg, a common sight in the Atlantic ocean.

10 The sailor quickly sounded the alarm and shouted, “Iceberg right ahead”. The crew jumped into action. They tried to turn the Titanic away from the iceberg, but it was too late. The ship scraped against the mountain of ice. Water had poured into the ship and nothing could stop **it**. Since the water had flooded the lower decks and the water level kept rising, the crew knew then that unsinkable ship was going to sink.

(1) Why did the hundreds of people crowd onto the dock in England on 10th April 1912?

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(2) When did the Titanic sink?

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(3) Write the sentence which tells you that the crew reacted immediately upon spotting the Iceberg.

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• **Underline the correct answer.**

(4) What does the word “it” in line 13 refer to?

(1) the water pouring into the ship.

(2) the water level keeps rising

(3) the water that flooded

(5) The Titanic collided with an iceberg

(1) on 14 April 1912 in England.

(2) in the middle of the Atlantic ocean

(3) at a dark cold stormy night.

before midnight.

Q. 7

1 x 5

Total

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• **Test - 8**

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

(a) A world heritage site in Sri Lanka

(b) My leisure time activity

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Q. 8

C -

L -

Total

5

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Time : 2 Hours

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

- Q. 9**

 $\frac{1}{2} \times 10$ **Total**

5

Complete the following paragraph using the correct form of the verb given within brackets.

Q. 10

1/2 x 10

Total

5

• **Test 11**

Fill in the blanks with the words given within the box. There are three extra words.

as, can, store, little, much, sharp, thirsty, have, of,
up, difficult, minutes, hearing, small, vision, many, at,

The most distinctive feature of a camel is the hump, or humps on its back. In these humps camel (1) fat that is used (2) energy when they don't (3) access to food. They (4) put up with very (5) conditions, drinking only a (6) or no water for (7) to seven days. A (8) camel drinks 32 gallons (9) water in approximately thirteen (10) Camels are thought by (11)..... people to have poor (12)..... Although their ears are (13) their hearing is actually (14) They have long necks to allow them to reach high branches. They can be almost any shade of brown, from pale cream to black.

Q. 11

1/2 x 14

Total

7

• **Test 12**

Here are some utterances made by a teacher and some students about going on a trip. Write what they said in reported speech. The first one is done for you. I'm going to borrow my uncle's camera. I won't be able to come at 5.30 a.m. I can join you on the way.



Teacher

You have to come
at 5.30 a.m.
with your parents.

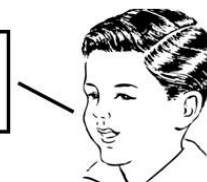
My father bought
me a new pair of
shoes for the trip



Renuka

Our mother will prepare
sandwiches for all.

I'm going to borrow
my uncle's camera.



Sahan



Ramani and Kamal

I won't be able to
come at 5.30 a.m.
I can join you
on the way.



Ashan

(1) *The teacher said that we had to come at 5.30 a.m. with our parents.*

(2) Ramani and Kamal said that

(3) Renuka said that

(4) Sahan said that

(5) Ashan said that

Q. 12

1 x 5

Total

5

• **Test 13**

Read the poem and answer the questions given.

MY SHADOW

I have a little shadow that goes in and out with me,
And what can be the use of him is more than I can see.
He is very, very like me from the heels up to the head;
And I see him jump before me, when I jump into my bed.

The funniest thing about him is the way he likes to grow-
Not at all like proper children, which is always very slow;
For he sometimes shoots up taller like an india-rubber ball,
And he sometimes gets so little that there's none of him at all.

He hasn't got a notion of how children ought to play,
And can only make a fool of me in every sort of way.
He stays so close beside me, he's a coward you can see;
I'd think shame to stick to nurse as that shadow sticks to me!

One morning, very early, before the sun was up,
I rose and found the shining dew on every buttercup;
But my lazy little shadow, like an arrant sleepy-head,
Had stayed at home behind me and was fast asleep in bed.

By Robert Louis Stevenson

(1) What does the speaker's shadow do when he jumps into bed?

(2) Find the word in the poem which means "most amusing and laughable"

(3) Why does the speaker think his shadow is a coward?

(4) What did the shadow do when the speaker got up very early one morning?

- (5) What is the poem mainly about?
- A boy who likes to write poems
 - A boy who tells about his shadow
 - A boy who gets up late
 - A boy who plays with his shadow

Q. 13

1 x 5
Total

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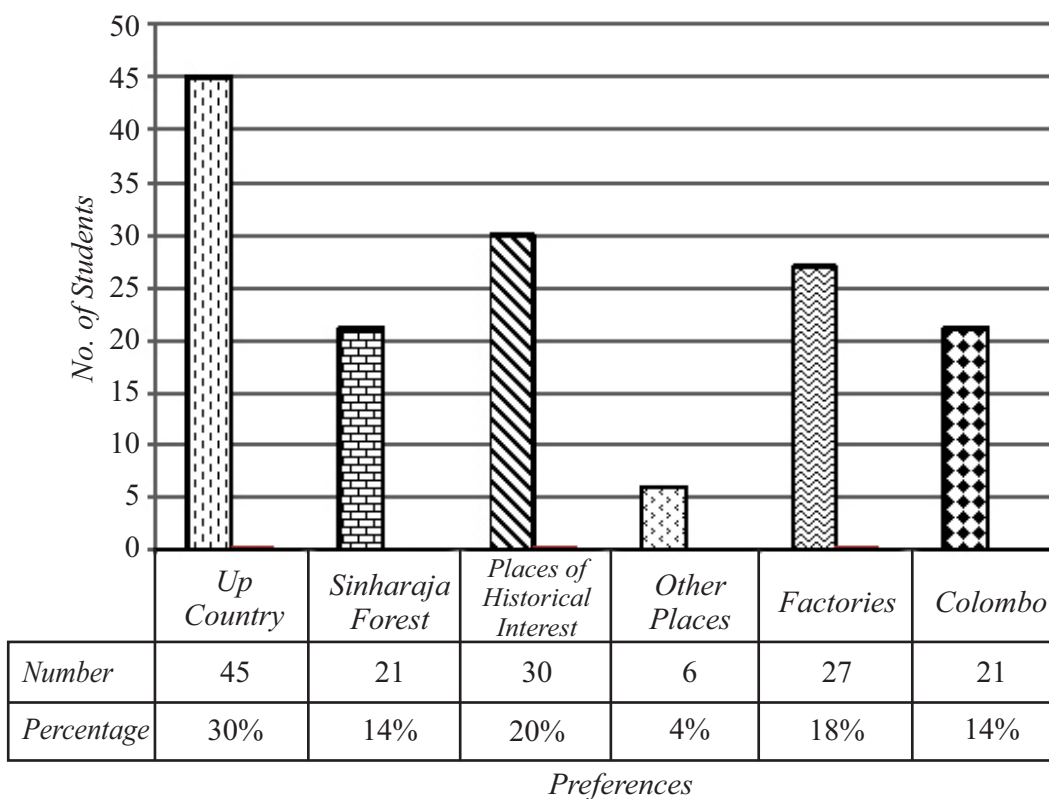
• **Test 14**

(a) *Write a letter to your best friend about an educational tour you went recently. Include the following. Use about 100 words.*

- when and where you went
- with whom you went
- what you saw/did
- any interesting experiences

OR

(b) *150 students of Grade 11 of your school have arranged an educational tour. The following graph shows the students' preferences. Study them and write a description. Use about 100 words.*



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• **Test 15**

Read the text and answer the questions.

5 My Name is Geoffrey Hobbes Smith. I am an expert in antique musical instruments. I live in Oxford where I have a small but important business. I buy and sell antique musical instruments. It is necessary for me to travel a lot because of my work. I frequently visit France, Italy and Germany and sometimes I go as far as America or even Japan.

10 Six months ago, I was in Italy, I had been invited to attend a festival of early music on the island of Ischia. Ischia in the spring was beautiful. An island was green as an emerald, and around it, the sea as blue as the sky above. I stayed in an enormous villa, which once belonged to a famous English composer. It had a huge garden, with hundreds of lemon trees. The lemons in Ischia were as big as footballs. I do not like travelling, but sometimes being in a different place is a pleasure.

15 The music festival was very boring. There were not any famous or important musicians. I only like listening to them. After one or two concerts, I was bored. I preferred to stay in the lovely garden and look at the deep blue sea and the green trees. When the last night of the festival arrived, I was happy. 'Tomorrow I will be able to go back home!' I thought. As I had not been to many of the concerts, I thought I should at least attend the final one. I arrived when the small orchestra was tuning up, and mentally prepared myself for another boring evening.

20 Unfortunately, things became more complicated. The organizer of the music festival noticed **my** presence. Before I knew it, my name was announced and I was invited to play a piece on the violin. The crowd was applauded as they waited for me to make my way up the stage. I took a deep breath and played my favourite self-composed piece.

25 The crowd loved it. Various shouts for an encore echoed through the concert hall. The organizer was delighted. In fact **he** was so delighted that he invited me to play for his personal party which was to be held two days later. I could not reject his offer, for it would have been rude. However, I knew I wanted to return home where my heart was. So it was with a heavy heart that I accepted his offer.

1. Say whether the following statements are **True** or **False** by writing "**T**" or "**F**" against each of them.

(1) Geoffrey has to travel a lot because of his hobby

(2) Geoffrey often visits France, Italy and Germany.

(3) The island of Ischia in Italy is famous for football.

(4) While Geoffrey was in Italy, he stayed in a small villa.

(1/2x4 = 02 marks)

2. What does the author do for a living?

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(01 mark)

3. Write the sentence which says that the author is not completely against travelling.

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(01 mark)

4. Read text and find a word which has the same meaning as the following.

(a) person who writes music -

(b) uninteresting -

(1/2x 2 = 01 mark)

5. What would the author have preferred to watch at the music festival?

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(01 mark)

6. What would the author have preferred to watch at the music festival?

(a) 'my' in line 20 -

(b) 'he' in line 25 - (1/2x 2 = 01 mark)

7. *Underline the correct answer.*

Author stayed on to watch the final concert though he thought the music festival was boring because....

(a) the organizer had invited the author to play for his personal party.

(b) the author had not attended many of the concerts.

(c) the author loved the villa in the island of Ischia (01 mark)

Q. 15

Total

8

• **Test - 16**

Write one of the following. Use about 200 words.

(a) Write an article to a newspaper on the following topic.
"Natural Disasters"

- Include :-
- explain different types of natural disaster
 - consequences of them
 - why natural disasters occur
 - what precautions can be taken to minimize them

(b) Write an essay on "Living in the future". Describe what the following would be like.

- Include :-
- environment
 - education
 - modes of transport and communication
 - social life and food

(c) Write a speech to be presented in the morning assembly in your school on “Protecting free textbooks given by the government”

Include :-

- The importance of these textbooks
- How the students destroy them
- what you should do to protect them
- why you should protect them

(d) Write a story. Begin as follows.

Walking along the road, I looked around. I saw a small boy standing on the bridge all alone.

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Marking Scheme - Paper I

• **Test 1**

1. d 2. e 3. a 4. f 5. b 6. c
(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

• **Test 2**

(1) **thinking** (2) taking (3) do (4) like (5) would (6) talked
(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

• **Test 3**

(1) rain (2) houses/trees (3) woman (4) them (5) standing
 (6) clouds (7) helicopter (8) man/ person (9) people/ couple
 (10) window (11) boat
(1/2 x 10 = 5 marks)

• **Test 4**

(1) d (2) e (3) a (4) b (5) f (6) c
(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

• **Test 5**

(1) **teacher** (2) Jaffna (3) library (4) there (5) spend (6) pay
(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

• **Test 6 & 8**

Content - 2 marks
 Language - 3 marks
 Total - 5 marks

• **Test 7**

(1) They were there to see the Titanic set off her first voyage.
 (2) By 14 April
 (3) "The crew jumped into action"
 (4) (a) - the water pouring into the ship
 (5) (b) - in the middle of the Atlantic ocean before midnight
(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

Paper II

• **Test 9**

(1) (a) admired (b) admiration (c) admirable
 (2) (a) image (b) imagination (c) imagine
 (3) (a) heal (b) health
 (4) (a) enthusiasm (b) enthusiastic
(1/2 x 10 = 5 marks)

• **Test 10**

(1) is (2) have learned/learnt (3) plans (4) writes (5) will have
 (6) invited (7) refused (8) had not finished (9) know (10) will make
(1/2 x 10 = 5 marks)

• **Test 11**

(1) store (2) as (3) have (4) can (5) difficult (6) little
 (7) up (8) thirsty (9) of (10) minutes (11) many (12) hearing
 (13) small (14) sharp
(1/2 x 14 = 7 marks)

• **Test 12**

- (1) *The teacher said that we had to come at 5.30 a.m. with our parents.*
- (2) Ramani and Kamal said that their mother would prepare sandwiches for all.
- (3) Renuka said that her father had bought her a new pair of shoes for the trip.
- (4) Sahan said that he was going to borrow his uncle's camera.
- (5) Ashan said that he wouldn't be able to come at 5.30 a.m.

He said that he could join us on the way.

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

• **Test 13**

- (1) The shadow jumps before him/jumps before him
- (2) funniest
- (3) Because the shadow stays so close beside him/ his shadow stays close to him.
- (4) The shadow stayed in bed/The shadow was fast asleep in bed
- (5) ii – A boy who tells about his shadow

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

• **Test 14**

Content	-	03 marks
Language	-	03 marks
Format & Organization-		02 marks
Mechanics of writing	-	<u>02 marks</u>
Total	-	<u>10 marks</u>

• **Test 15**

1. (a) F (b) T (c) F (d) F *(1/2 x 4 = 2 marks)*
2. The author **buys and sells antique musical instruments.***(1 mark)*
3. "I do not like travelling, but sometimes being in a different place is a pleasure".*(1 mark)*
4. (a) composer (b) boring *(1/2 x 2 = 1 mark)*
5. The author would have preferred listening to famous and important musicians. *(1 mark)*
6. (a) the author's / Geoffrey's *(1/2 x 2 = 1 marks)*
(b) the organizer of the music festival / the organizer of the festival of early music
7. (b) the author had not attended many of the concerts *(1 mark)*
(Total – 8 marks)

• **Test 16**

Content	-	05 marks
Language	-	05 marks
Format & Organization-		02 marks
Mechanics of writing	-	<u>03 marks</u>
Total	-	<u>15 marks</u>