

## (31) English Language

### Structure of the Question Paper

**Paper I – Duration 1 hour. Total marks 40.**

Number of questions 08. All questions should be answered. Each question carries 5 marks making a total of 40 marks. This paper consists of three tasks on Reading carrying 15 marks two tasks on Vocabulary carrying 10 marks one task on Grammar Language Functions carrying 5 marks and two tasks on Writing carrying 10 marks making a total of 40 marks.

**Paper II – Duration 2 hours. Total marks 60.**

Number of questions 08. All questions should be answered. This paper consists of three tasks on Reading carrying 20 marks one task on Vocabulary carrying 5 marks two tasks on Grammar Language Functions carrying 10 marks and two tasks on Writing carrying 25 marks making a total of 60 marks.

Area of Testing	Paper I		Paper II		% of Total Marks
	No. of Items	Marks	No. of Items	Marks	
A. Reading	3	15	3	20	35%
B. Vocabulary	2	10	1	5	15%
C. Grammar Language Functions	1	5	2	10	15%
D. Writing	2	10	2	25	35%
Total	08	40	08	60	100%

The test items in the .E.(O.L) English Language paper from 2016 will measure competencies related to Reading Vocabulary Grammar Language Functions and Writing. The items will be based on a variety of text types (stimuli) and will be organized from easy to demanding. Testing techniques for each section may vary from year to year.

Calculation of Final Mark :

Paper I	=	40
Paper II	=	60
Final Marks	=	<u>100</u>

The board suggested the following revisions / changes in paper I.

- There should be a picture based test item for question 3.
- Test 6 should be an item of Writing using parallel or guided techniques.
- Test 8 should include a test item on free writing and the topics should be very familiar to the students. The students should be able to write effectively on the given topic within the stipulated word limit. There can be a choice of two topics for it.
- In all test items in paper I and paper II text types may vary.

#### The text types

Dialogues  
Advertisements  
Posters  
Letters  
Itinerary  
Poems  
Academic texts

Notes / notices  
Programmes  
Stories  
Minutes  
Prefaces  
Diary pages / e-mails

Descriptions  
Invitations / messages  
Reports  
Pictures  
Extracts  
Biographies

# English Language I

Important :

\* Answer all questions on this paper itself.

One hour

## ○ Test 1

Fill in the blanks in the following dialogue between mother and Dinu at the supermarket. Use the words given in the box. Write the correct letter in the blank. *The first one is done for you.*

a) tin	b) packet	c) pot
d) bar	e) tube	f) <del>carton</del>

Dinu : Mother we need a (1) f of milk and two kilos of sugar.  
 Mother : What did father ask you to bring  
 Dinu : Well he wants a (2) bar of glue.  
 Mother : Alright. What else is there on the list  
 Dinu : Er. a (3) tin of biscuits and a tub of ice cream.  
 Mother : We have to get a (4) packet of tea as well.  
 Dinu : Mother let's buy a (5) bar of curd for grandmother.  
 Mother : Yes. And don't forget to buy a (6) tin of chocolate for your brother.

Q. 1

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Total
<u>5</u>

## ○ Test 2

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

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Amal - Hey Ruwan you look happy.  
 Ruwan - Yes. It's (1) my birthday today.  
 Amal - Happy Birthday Ruwan  
 Ruwan - Thank you.  
 Amal - Any special plans  
 Ruwan - Yes I'm visiting a children's home with my parents.  
 (2) they are going to donate some story books to the children there.  
 Amal - How kind of you I'm sure (3) we will be delighted.  
 Ruwan - By the way, my father bought (4) me a flute yesterday.  
 Amal - How wonderful can you play (5) it  
 Ruwan - No I'm going to learn to play it by (6) myself.  
 Amal - That would be nice

Q. 2

1 ×
Total
<u>5</u>

○ **Test 3**

Study the picture and fill in the blanks in the text given below.



This is a picture of a sitting room. There is a woman a child and two (1) ..... in the picture. The woman near the (2) ..... is sweeping the room. The child sitting on the (3) ..... is playing with a (4) ..... . There is a round (5) ..... with decorative (6) ..... . A (7) ..... of flowers is there on it. A (8) ..... is sleeping near the sofa. The (9) ..... behind the sofa is closed. There is a bunch of (10) ..... hanging from the key hole.

**Q. 3**

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Total
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○ **Test 4**

Match the extracts with the given sections of a newspaper. Write the correct letter in the blanks provided.  
The first one is done for you.

**Extracts**

1. Winter Melodies the musical evening was held at BMI on the 27th December. (e)
2. The 15th junior Athletic championship will be held at Sugathadasa Stadium from 4th to 6th of April. (.....)
3. Good sources of iron dark leafy vegetables brown rice, meat and fish. (.....)
4. The Asian Development Bank will allocate S 3 billion for Sri Lanka for the period of 2016 – 2018. (.....)
5. Applications are invited for the post of accountant in a leading import-export firm. (.....)
6. Buy beautiful sarees at special prices. Star Handlooms Pvt (Ltd) No - 310, Main Road, Colombo 04. (.....)

**Sections**

- (a) SPORTS
- (b) HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
- (c) JOBS
- (d) TEXTILE
- (e) ~~ARTS AND MUSIC~~
- (f) BUSINESS AND FINANCE

**Q. 4**

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Total
5

○ Test 5

Read the following conversation and fill in the blanks in the summary given below.

*The first one is done for you.*

Rashmi : Samitha we have to work on our Science project. Are you coming to my house tomorrow  
 Samitha : Yes. Please tell me how to get there.  
 Samitha : How are you coming By bus or train  
 Rashmi : By train. I hope to catch the 9.30 train.  
 Samitha : That's a slow train. Take the 9 o'clock express train from Colombo Fort to Polgahawela.  
 Rashmi : Alright.  
 Samitha : Then get off at the Ampaha station.  
 Rashmi : Is it the second stop  
 Samitha : No. It's the third stop. Go over the level crossing. Then turn to your left and walk straight until you come to a roundabout.  
 Rashmi : Do I have to walk far  
 Samitha : No. It's about 200 metres. Now turn left into the First Lane.  
 Rashmi : And then  
 Samitha : Walk past the bank and the library and take the second lane to your right.  
 Rashmi : Does the lane have a name  
 Samitha : Yes. It's called School Lane. My house is the fourth one on the right.

Q. 5

One can easily reach Samitha's house by train. If you catch the (1) express train you have to get down at Ampaha that is the (2) ..... from Colombo. You have to cross the (3) ..... near the station and turn left. You have to walk about two hundred metres to come to a (4) ..... . turn left and walk past the bank and the library. Take the (5) ..... to your right. That's the (6) ..... . The fourth house on the right is Samitha's house.

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Total
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○ Test 6

You received the following note from your friend. Write a suitable response in the space provided. Use about 40 - 50 words.

Nisha,

I'm not well and won't be able to come to school for a few days. I hope to go on the school trip. Please send me the date and the time of departure, places to be visited, and things to be brought.

Randi

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○ Test 7

Read the following text and answer the questions.

The two boys walked slowly across the alley. Then suddenly Isuru stopped and sat down on a large stone. "It's no use," he said. "I can't go any further. I'm absolutely exhausted."

Gayan looked at him for a minute. "Oh, come on," he said. "It's not very far now. "Yes, but it's uphill most of the way," Isuru said. He pointed to the path in front of them. It went straight up the side of the alley. Gayan sat down too. For a while the two boys said nothing. Then Isuru pointed to some trees about half a mile ahead.

"There's a hut among those trees," he said. "Perhaps we can spend the night there. I'll go and take a look," Gayan said. He ran down the path towards the hut and vanished among the trees. Isuru followed more slowly.

"What's it like inside?" he asked when he reached the hut.

"Not bad," Gayan called back. "It feels a little damp, but there's some wood in one corner, so we can light a fire."

The two boys cleaned out the hut and lit a fire. Then they had dinner. They were both tired and they did not talk much. Before they went to bed, they put plenty of wood on the fire. Gayan fell asleep almost at once, but Isuru lay awake for a long time, watching the flames. Then he too fell asleep.

Suddenly he was awake again. The fire was nearly out. He could hear noises outside. It sounded like voices. He woke up Gayan.

"It's only the wind," he grumbled. "Go to sleep again. But it wasn't the wind. The voices came nearer until they were just outside the hut. The door opened and a light shone on their faces. "They are here!" a voice called out. A policeman was standing in the doorway. He addressed the two boys. "You've given us a lot of trouble," he said. "We've looked all over the alley for you two."

1. What were the names of the two boys

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2. Where did they spend the night

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3. What did they do before they go to bed

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4. What did Isuru do before he fell asleep

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5. Who found the boys

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Q. 7

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Total
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○ Test 8

Write a short paragraph on one of the following. Use about 50 – 60 words.

(1) Kindness to animals.

(2) A historical place.

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**Q. 8**

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## English Language II

**Important :**

\* Answer all questions on this paper itself.

**Two hours**

### ○ Test 9

The following sentences are taken from a paragraph written by a student. There is a mistake in each sentence. Rewrite the sentences correcting the mistake. *The first one is done for you.*

1. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is a famous writer of adventure story.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is a famous writer of adventure stories.

2. Sherlock Holmes is a fictional character create by him.

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3. Holmes was a detection.

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4. Dr. John Watson is the other main character in her stories.

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5. Together they solves many mysteries.

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6. Doyle's books are much love by many readers in the world.

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**Q. 9**

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Total
5

### ○ Test 10

Select a word from the box which has a similar meaning to the phrases given within brackets and write it in the space given. There are three extra words.

~~investigate~~    prove    evidence    sentence  
arrest,   fine,   innocent,   crime,   person

**The police**

They do a number of things. When someone does something illegal the police must

(1) ..... **investigate** ..... (try to find out what happened). If they find persons responsible for the crime, they (2) ..... (take them to the police station) them. At the police station they question the suspects that committed the (3) ..... (breaks the law) then they are charged with the crime they are believed to have done. The suspects must then go to court for trial.

**Q. 10**

In court the persons charged with the crime now called the defendants or accused must try to

(4) ..... (provide facts to show something) that they did not commit the crime in other words that they are (5) ..... (not guilty). The jury listens to all the (6) ..... (information about the crime) and then makes their decision.

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Total
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○ Test 11

Read the following paragraph and fill in the blanks using the words given below.

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~~lifestyles~~ unhygienic motor in to fauna gases

With the changing (1) ..... lifestyles ..... and industrial development our environment is getting polluted day by day. The land water and (2) ..... are becoming contaminated and (3) ..... for sustaining biological system, (4) ..... is growth of flora, (5) ..... vegetation and people. Due (6) ..... emissions of industries and (7) ..... vehicles the atmosphere is (8) ..... polluted with dangerous chemicals (9) ..... the form of gases. These (10) ..... mainly carbon dioxide are produced (11) ..... to burning of fuels (12) ..... as petrol diesel wood (13) ..... etc.

We are burning wood (14) ..... cutting down trees which (15) ..... carbon dioxide in the process of producing food. It causes green house effect which is believed to be the cause of a gradual warming of the surface of the Earth.

Q. 11

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Total
7

○ Test 12

Given below is a conversation Pubudu had with Dara. Complete the extract from a letter Pubudu wrote to another friend a few weeks later mentioning about this conversation. *The first one is done for you.*

Pubudu : Hi Dara Where are you going

Dara : Hi I am on my way to the book fair to buy a dictionary.

Pubudu : Really My uncle gave me one recently.

Dara : Do you know how to use it

Pubudu : Yes. My sister is helping me.

Dara : By the way would you like to come with me

Pubudu : I am sorry I can't. I have volleyball practices.

Dara : Then it's OK. I'll bring my new dictionary to school tomorrow.

Pubudu : I'll bring mine too. See you

I met Dara a few weeks ago. He said that (1) ..... he was on his way to the book fair to buy a dictionary .....

I told him that my uncle (2) ..... recently. Dara asked me if I knew how

to use it and I told him that my sister (3) ..... .. Then he invited me to join him

to go to the book fair but I said I couldn't because (4) ..... .

He said that (5) ..... . I said that (6) .....

too.

Q. 12

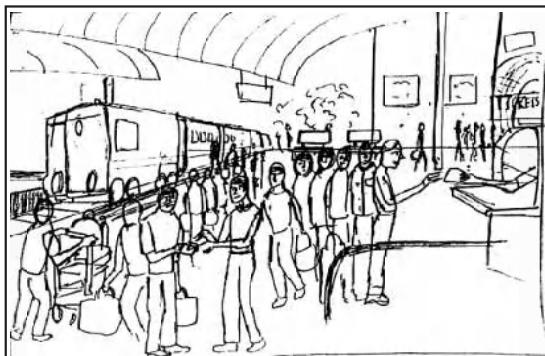
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Total
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○ Test 13

Study the two pictures given and select the sentences which describe each picture. Write the correct letter in the relevant column. One is done for you.

Picture A



Picture B



- The station is deserted.
- The luggage barrow is empty.
- The porter is wheeling the luggage.
- There is a young man sitting on a bench reading a newspaper.
- The station is crowded.
- Many passengers are getting off the train that has just arrived.
- There is a dog sleeping on the platform.
- There is a long queue of people waiting to buy tickets.
- It seems that a train has not arrived for a long time.
- The ticket collector is collecting the tickets from the passengers leaving the station.
- The porter is leaning against a pillar by the luggage barrow.

Picture A	Picture B
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Q. 13

$\frac{1}{2} \times$
Total
5

○ Test 14

- (a) You had a cultural show in your school recently. Write a letter to a friend abroad describing the event. Include the following.

- the organisers
- the purpose
- the items presented
- response from the audience
- the sponsors

Use about 100 words.

OR

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| Feb   | 15                    |
| Mar   | 15                    |
| Apr   | 25                    |
| May   | 75                    |
| Jun   | 115                   |
| Jul   | 220                   |
| Aug   | 275                   |
| Sep   | 200                   |
| Oct   | 75                    |
| Nov   | 20                    |
| Dec   | 10                    |

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decrease  
minimum  
maximum

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Total	10

Mark Twain was the pen-name of Samuel Langhorne Clemens. He spent his early boyhood in the little town of Hannibal in Missouri and it was those happy days he was remembering when he wrote *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.

In 1856 he journeyed down the Mississippi and became a pilot on that great river. Later he wrote humorous stories for papers and was a popular lecturer in the far West. In 1869 he published the witty travel book the *Innocents Abroad* and with this success he settled down to become a novelist. He married Olivia Langdon and they lived in Hartford Connecticut and brought up a family there.

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A boy's life is not all comedy Twain says of his youth. Much of the tragic enters into it. And in this book he has shown some of the horror and fear felt by a child in a primitive community. Its great merit lies in the relationship between Tom Sawyer and his Aunt Polly and with Uncleberry Finn and in its descriptions of village life in that part of America during the middle of the nineteenth century.

Taken from the abridged  
McMillan edition of the  
Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

(1) Say whether the following statements are True or False by writing T or F against them.

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| i.   | Samuel Langhorne Clemens was the real name of Mark Twain.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ii.  | <i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i> is true to life of Mark Twain as he uses his childhood experiences in it. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii. | After leaving school Mark Twain started working as a carpenter.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iv.  | Twain's 'Innocents Abroad' was a landmark in his life as a novelist.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

( $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$  marks)

(2) Why has *Adventures of Tom Sawyer* been enjoyed by children all over the world

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(1 mark)

(3) Underline the correct answer.

A boy's life is not all comedy' means

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| (i)   | It is a mixture of both good and bad times. |          |
| (ii)  | It is full of happiness and enjoyment.      |          |
| (iii) | His whole life is miserable.                | (1 mark) |

(4) The two adjectives that describe Twain's youthful days are ..... and .....  
(1 mark)

(5) Find the words from the passage which have the same meaning as the following.

funny	.....	
well known	.....	(1 mark)

(6) Find the words from the passage that have the opposite meaning to the following.

failure	.....	
reality	.....	(1 mark)

(7) What do the following pronouns refer to.

they	..... (in line 9)	
it	..... (in line 17)	(1 mark)

**Q. 15**

Total
8

○ Test 16

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

(a) An essay on

**'For a greener tomorrow - say 'no' to polythene'**

**You may include the following**

- environmental issues
  - non decaying material
  - **blocking of waterways and sewage system**
  - **breeding grounds for mosquitoes**
  - **harmful to animals**
  - **emission of harmful gases when burnt**
- practical solutions
  - minimise, reuse, recycle waste material
  - **reforestation**

**OR**

(b) Write the speech you would make at the School Assembly 'Taking care of school'.

**You may include the following :**

- **Types of school property**
- **uses of them**
- **How to protect them**
- **Duties / responsibilities as students**

**OR**

(c) Use the following situation to create a story of your own.

**Amal – alone at home - heard a knock – pulled**

**Opened the door**

**OR**

(d) Complete the following dialogue

**Anchana : Hey did you see the poster at the main junction**

**Radhuri : Oh what's it about**

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**Q. 16**

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