

**General Certificate of Education (Adv. Level) Examination, August 2011**

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**General English I - සාමාන්‍ය රුංග්‍රහිත I**

**Three hours - එක අවුරුදු**

**Answer all questions on this paper itself.**

Marks will be deducted for bad punctuation (omission of full stops, capital letters, etc.) and for mistakes in basic grammar.

(The supervisor will provide you with sheets for rough work.)

**PART A - GRAMMAR (40 marks)**

- I. Fill in each blank with a suitable **preposition** from the list given below. Use each preposition only **once**. (10 marks)

**In    for    to    down    out    after    at    out of    around    of**

A husband and wife were driving down a village road when they came (1) ..... a muddy patch and the car got bogged. (2) ..... a few minutes (3) ..... trying to get the car (4) ....., they saw a young farmer coming (5) ..... the lane driving some oxen before him. The farmer stopped when he saw the couple (6) ..... trouble and offered to pull the car out of the mud (7) ..... Rs. 250. The husband accepted and minutes later the car was free. The farmer turned to the husband and said, "You know, you're the tenth car I've helped (8) ..... the mud today." The husband looked (9) ..... the field incredulously and asked, "When do you have time to plough your land ? (10) ..... night ?" "No", the young farmer replied seriously. "Night is the time when I put water in the hole."

- II. Fill in each blank with the correct form of the **verb** given in brackets. (10 marks)

A priest was walking down a village road and saw a young farmer struggling (1) ..... (load) hay back onto a cart after it (2) ..... (fall) off. "You (3) ..... (look) tired, my son" said the priest. "Why (4) ..... you ..... (rest) a moment and I (5) ..... (give) you a hand."

"No thanks," said the young man. "My father (6) ..... (**not like**) it." "Don't be silly," the priest said. "Everyone (7) ..... (**entitle**) to a break. (8) ..... (**come**) and have a drink of water".

Again the young man protested that his father would be upset. (9) ..... (**lose**) his patience, the priest said, "Your father (10) ..... (**be**) a real slave-driver. "Tell me where I can find him and I'll give him a piece of my mind."

"Well," replied the young farmer, "he's under the hay!"

- III. Construct **questions** to get the words in bold print as answers. (05 marks)

- (1) My brother is **ten years** old.

..... ?

- (2) That is **Ravi's** book.

..... ?

- (3) The baby is crying **because it is hungry**.

..... ?

- (4) Manel goes to school **by bus**.

..... ?

- (5) He works **in a hospital**.

..... ?

IV. Rewrite the following phrases in the correct order to construct meaningful sentences.

(05 marks)

- (1) a lovely day/ but/ for a walk/ I am too tired/ it is

.....

- (2) too late/ the application/ that it is/ I told him/ to send

.....

- (3) not theirs/ is ours/ this house

.....

- (4) over there/ on engineering/ in that section/ are/ the books

.....

- (5) the best/ your parents/ the most/ make/ so/ have given/ you/ of your life

.....

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

(10 marks)

fallen	when	participate	silence	other
running	turned	pain	help	together

It was a sports stadium. Eight children were standing on the track to (1) ..... in a running event.

Ready ! Steady !! Bang!!! With the sound of a toy pistol, all eight girls started (2) ..... Hardly had they covered ten to fifteen steps, (3) ..... one of the smaller girls slipped and fell down. Due to bruises and (4) ..... she started crying. When the (5) ..... seven girls heard the little girl cry they stopped running, stood for a while and (6) ..... back. Seeing the girl on the track they all ran to (7) ..... her. One among them bent down, and kissed her gently and enquired as to how she was. They then lifted the (8) ..... girl pacifying her. Two of them held her firmly while all seven joined hands and walked (9) ..... towards the winning post.

There was pin drop (10) ..... at the spectator's stand. Officials were shocked. Slow claps multiplied to thousands as the spectators stood up in appreciation. Many eyes were filled with tears.

YES. This happened in Hyderabad (India), recently ! The sport was conducted by the National Institute of Mental Health. All these special girls had come to participate in this event. They were spastic children. Yes, they were Mentally Challenged. What did they teach the WORLD ? Team work !

PART B - COMPREHENSION (20 marks)

I. Of the options given below each sentence (in bold print), **underline** the one that best expresses its meaning. (05 marks)

(a) **I know a lot more about computers than my sister does.**

- (i) I know a lot more about computers than I know about my sister.
- (ii) My sister does not know anything about computers, but I know a lot.
- (iii) My sister knows something about computers, but I know a lot more.
- (iv) I know that my sister does not know anything about computers.

(b) **Following the popularity of his first two films, it's no surprise that his latest production has been successful.**

- (i) His first two films were not popular but his latest one was successful.
- (ii) His first two films were popular and as everybody expected, his latest one has been successful.
- (iii) His latest production was more successful than the first two films.
- (iv) It's not strange that his latest production has been successful, but it is unbelievable that his first two films were popular.

(c) **There is likely to be rain everywhere today except in Colombo.**

- (i) It rained everywhere today except in Colombo.
- (ii) There will be no rain anywhere today except in Colombo.
- (iii) It may rain everywhere today except in Colombo.
- (iv) It is likely that there will be rain in Colombo today.

(d) **I rarely need to go into the city centre except to do some shopping.**

- (i) I always go into the city centre but I do not do any shopping there.
- (ii) I rarely go into the city centre and I do not do any shopping there.
- (iii) It is mainly to do some shopping that I go into the city centre.
- (iv) I do not need to go into the city centre to do any shopping.

(e) **Despite falling midway through the race, she won.**

- (i) She could have won the race if she had not fallen midway through the race.
- (ii) She had already won the race when she fell down.
- (iii) She won the race although she had fallen midway through the race.
- (iv) She won the race as she fell down.

II: Read the following text and do the activities that follow.

(05 marks)

In North - West Cameroon in August 1986, there was a volcanic eruption which caused a toxic gas leak that devastated the area. At least 1200 people were killed and many were left seriously ill with burns and respiratory infections. Nobody could escape because there was no warning, just a loud explosion followed by a terrible smell like that of rotten eggs, and within a short time, the entire area around Lake Nios, which was the site of the eruption, was shrouded in fumes. It was as if a neutron bomb had exploded destroying nothing but killing all life. The occurrence was the worst incident of its kind and the second time such a disaster had struck this Western African nation.

- A. Write **TRUE** or **FALSE** beside each sentence in the space provided. (03 marks)
- The volcanic eruption took place around Lake Nios. (.....)
  - According to the passage, a neutron bomb exploded in North-West Cameroon immediately after the volcanic eruption. (.....)
  - The government had given an alarming signal before this incident. (.....)
- B. Write **one** word for each blank selecting from the passage, which means the same as each of the given phrases. (02 marks)
- sudden great misfortune (.....)
  - giving information about the future danger (.....)

III. Read the following news item and do the activity that follows: (05 marks)

### **Parachutist wins place of honour at jump**

Even experts were a little surprised when a man of 62 turned up at a parachute training school and said he was interested in learning to become a parachutist.

They agreed to put him through the course, but only after giving him a series of tests to prove that he was fit enough.

Mr. Archie Macfarlane completed the course successfully, surprising everyone with his agility and toughness.

A few weeks later, when he was ready for his first jump, he confessed to the chief instructor: "I told you a bit of a lie. I am really 75".

That was six years ago and yesterday Archie Macfarlane made his 18<sup>th</sup> jump. He was given the place of honour at a weekend meeting for parachutists over 40 years old.

Archie's interest in parachuting is just one of the hobbies that his wife has to worry about. He also enjoys mountaineering.

Last year he fell while climbing on Snowdon, and had to be rescued by a helicopter.

His daughter said: " Sometimes I think he ought to give it all up. But as my mother says, so long as he's happy, it's better than being miserable."

Now Archie is thinking of taking up water-skiing.

Fill in the blanks in the following passage, based on the information in the above news item. Do **not** use **more than two words** in each blank.

Archie Macfarlane is an unusual person. When he first learnt parachute jumping, he pretended that he was only (i) .... In fact, he was much (ii) .... than that. Although he is an old man, he is interested in very tough sporting activities like parachuting, (iii) ..... and water-skiing. Recently he was given the place of honour at a parachutists' meeting, after he made his 18<sup>th</sup> jump at the age of (iv) .... His wife and (v) ..... are worried, but think it's best for him to do things that make him happy.

IV. Read the following poem and do the activities that follow.

(05 marks)

**Richard Cory**

*Whenever Richard Cory went down town,  
We people on the pavement looked at him;  
He was a gentleman from sole to crown,  
Clean favoured, and imperially slim.*

*And he was always quietly arrayed,  
And he was always human when he talked;  
But still he fluttered pulses when he said,  
"Good morning" and he glittered when he walked.*

*And he was rich-yes, richer than a king -  
And admirably schooled in every grace:  
In fine, we thought he was everything  
To make us wish that we were in his place.*

*So on we worked, and waited for the light,  
And went without the meat, and cursed the bread;  
And Richard Cory, one calm summer night,  
Went home and put a bullet through his head.*

*(Edwin A. Robinson)*

(A) Write **TRUE** or **FALSE** beside each sentence in the space provided. (03 marks)

- (a) According to the poet, Richard Cory insulted the others very often when he talked. (.....)  
(b) Richard Cory was a very rich person. (.....)  
(c) Richard Cory was shot dead by an unknown person. (.....)

(B) Write **one word** from the poem, which means the same as each of the following.

(02 marks)

- (a) Not windy/ Not excited or agitated - .....  
(b) Dressed - .....

PART C - SUMMARISING (10 marks)

I. Write a **summary** of the following text. You may **use any number of sentences** but **do not use more than thirty (30) words**. Write only **one word** in each cage.

(06 marks)

A woman was walking down the street one day when she happened to see a man holding a monkey.

The woman asked the man, "Where did you find that monkey?"

The man answered, "In the street, Why ?"

The woman said, "You should take him to the zoo."

The man said, "That's a good idea."

The next day the woman saw the man with the monkey again. She said, "I thought you were going to take him to the zoo."

The man answered, "Oh, I did, and he really enjoyed it. So, today I'm going to take him to the movies."


- II. Write a **summary** of the following text. You may **use any number of sentences** but **do not use more than twenty (20) words**. Write only **one word** in each cage. (04 marks)

An old patient called on the doctor and said, "Remember me, doctor ? You cured me of my rheumatism last year and you told me to be careful about getting myself wet ?"

"Oh, yes, I do," said the doctor, face lighting up with recognition. "What can I do for you now?"

"Nothing much doctor," said the patient. "But I was just wondering whether it's safe for me to now take a bath!"


PART D - WRITING (30 marks)

- I. Imagine that you visited a friend of yours living in a distant place and stayed there for a week during the last vacation. Write the letter you would send him/her after you return home. You should include the following in your letter.

- Remind him/ her of some pleasant memories during your stay.
  - Thank him/ her for all arrangements to make you happy.
  - Invite him/ her to visit you during the next vacation.
  - Explain what you plan to do when he / she comes.

Use about 125 - 150 words. **Do not** exceed this word limit.

(15 marks)

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

- II. Imagine that your father has given you Rs. 5000/= to buy a couple of books. You want to buy several books which are not locally available and you'd also like a new pocket "Oxford English Dictionary" if the money he has given you is enough.

Write to the bookshop advertised below (page 8). Find out from them whether Rs. 5000/= will be enough also to pay for the dictionary. Make sure they send you full details of prices including postage. Check on what methods of payment they will accept and get them to confirm the latest delivery date. (You want the books by the beginning of October). Write the address/es on the letter as appropriate. **(15 marks)**

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General English II - සාමාන්‍ය ඉංග්‍රීසි II

Two and a half hours - එම දෙකයින් විනාඩි තිහයි

Answer **all** questions **on this paper itself.**

**Marks** will be deducted for bad punctuation (omission of full stops, capital letters, etc.) and for mistakes in basic grammar.

(The supervisor will provide you with sheets for rough work.)

**PART A - VOCABULARY (25 marks)**

I. Underline the correct word ending selecting from those given in brackets. (05 marks)

- (1) It is not fash ..... (**ion, ionable, ionably**) to wear short skirts now.
- (2) Eveyone should be concerned about glob ..... (**ally, alize, al**) warming.
- (3) I have already sent an appli ..... (**cation, cant, cable**) for that job.
- (4) He taught his children to be respect ..... (**able, ful, fully**) of other cultures.
- (5) He died of nat ..... (**ural, urally, ure**) causes.

II. Read the following passage and **match** the words marked in **bold print** with their meanings by writing the **correct number** in the box provided. (10 marks)

When you are looking for meaning, you often get it (1) **despite** an unfamiliar word. Sometimes, however, a (2) **strange** word makes you slow down or even stop because you have lost the author's meaning. Such a word deserves attention. How much attention it deserves depends mostly on your reading (3) **purpose**.

The first step is to note the word (4) **mentally**, or make a pencil mark in the margin, and read on. (5) **interruption** of the author's thought. It also gives you a chance to find out whether the rest of the passage makes the meaning clear enough for your purposes. When reading for pleasure, you can usually learn enough about a word from its (6) **context**. It is more important to go on enjoying the book than to find out how the dictionary (7) **defines** every new word.

The second step is to return to (8) **troublesome** words, after completing a passage, and try to work out what each one means; the need for this step increases with the amount of (9) **comprehension** required. Saying the word aloud may help you to recognize it as one you have heard and then to recall how it was used. If this fails, you can make an intelligent guess based on what you have learned from reading the whole passage; another look at the context may (10) **confirm** or improve upon the guess.

(a) says the meaning of a word

(b) understanding

(c) interference, discontinuity

(d) the text that comes immediately before and after a word

(e) unfamiliar

(f) difficult to handle

(g) in spite of

(h) intention

(i) make certain

(j) in your mind

- III. Select any five (05) words from the list given below and use each of them in a sentence to bring out its meaning clearly. You may use the verbs in any tense. Do not change the form of the other words. (05 marks)

conflict	situation	distance	approach	suspect
remember	survive	smart	slowly	fresh

- (1) .....
- (2) .....
- (3) .....
- (4) .....
- (5) .....

- IV. Underline the correct word from those given in brackets. (05 marks)

- (1) They searched for the number in the telephone (*catalogue, register, directory*).
- (2) In the hotel lobby the detective caught (*glance, sight, view*) of the man he had been hired to follow.
- (3) In four years at the company he rose to the (*level, standard, quality*) of director.
- (4) That hotel is so expensive – they (*cost, charge, take*) you Rs. 10 000 for bed and breakfast.
- (5) She emptied the (*contents, valuables, money*) of her purse onto the table.

PART B - DIALOGUES (25 marks)

- I. The following is a dialogue between a policeman and an eyewitness of an accident (Mr. Perera). In this dialogue, some parts of the sentences numbered (a) to (e) have been deleted. Select the most appropriate part of sentence/clause to complete each one from the list of options given below the dialogue. Write the number of the selected option in the appropriate blank. (05 marks)

- Policeman : Now, Mr. Perera, did you get a good view of the accident ?  
Perera : (a) ..... and I saw it all quite clearly.  
Policeman : Do you know what time it was ?  
Perera : (b) ..... It's a quartz watch , you know. It was 2.45 exactly.  
Policeman : Good. Now, how fast was the delivery lorry moving ?

- Perera* : (c) ..... about 5 miles per hour. It was coming up Kandy Road and I suppose the driver realized the lights were going to change. But they were still red when he went over them.
- Policeman* : I see. What about the car ?
- Perera* : It was a green Yaris. It was coming along Church Avenue at about 30 miles per hour. (d) ..... when he saw the lorry crossing the Avenue.
- Policeman* : Did you see what colour his traffic light was ?
- Perera* : (e) ..... just before he crossed it.

Number	Option
1	Well, quite slowly
2	The driver braked
3	Yes, I checked my watch.
4	Yes, it changed to amber
5	I'm afraid, my watch had stopped
6	Oh, yes. I was standing outside Gunasiri Bookshop
7	No, I didn't get a good view of the accident
8	Well, I have no idea about the time but it was evening
9	It was coming very fast

- II. In the following dialogue, the sentences numbered (1) to (05) have been incomplete. Complete them appropriately. (05 marks)

Situation : Mr. Senarathne wants a job in an export company. Managing Director (MD) interviews him.

MD : Good morning Mr. Senarathne. Please come in and sit down. Now let me see. (1) Which school .....?

Mr. Senarathne : Sri Devananda Vidyalaya, Veyangoda.

MD : (2) And when .....?

Mr. Senarathne : In 2001.

MD : And since then what did you do ?

Mr. Senarathne : I worked in a bank for two years. Then I took my present job, selling cars. But I would like a change now.

MD : (3) Well, what sort of a job .....?

Mr. Senarathne : I'd really like to work in your Export Department.

MD : That might be a little difficult. What are your qualifications ?  
(4) I mean what languages.....besides Sinhala and English ?

Mr. Senarathne : Well, only a little French.

MD : That would be a big disadvantage, Mr. Senarathne. (5) Could you tell me why ..... ?

Mr. Senarathne : Because I'd like to travel and to meet people from other countries.

MD : I don't think I can help you at present, Mr. Senarathne.  
Perhaps you ought to try a travel agency.

III. Write a suitable dialogue based on the guidelines given below. Do **not** write more than **two sentences** in each response. (05 marks)

Situation : You meet a foreigner in the town. He seems to be in trouble.

Guide lines for writing the dialogue :

You : Greet him and offer him help.

1. ....

Foreigner : Greets you and says that he lost his travelling bag.

2. ....

You : Ask him about the bag and what there was.

3. ....

Foreigner : Replies. The colour of the bag; red. Inside it: his visa and air ticket.

4. ....

You : Instruct him to go to the police station. Tell him the way to the police station.

5. ....

Foreigner : Thank you.

- IV. You were a bit surprised when you came to know that you had won a lottery. The prize is over Rs. 2 million. Nobody knows this except your parents. You meet your best friend and you want to tell him/ her this news. Write out the conversation you had with your friend. Each one must speak at least **five times**. (10 marks)

**PART C - COMPREHENSION (30 marks)**

- I. Read the following text and do the activities that follow. **The first sentence in the fifth paragraph has been left out.** (10 marks)

It is with profound grief that I write these few words in appreciation of the life led by Mr. A. S. Silva, Handala, Wattala, who passed away at the age of 79. He was in the service of the Civil Aviation Department until his retirement about 20 years ago.

He was a gentleman par excellence. In office and elsewhere he was very popular and loved by everyone who had come into contact with him for his helpfulness and comradeship. He had the rare quality of maintaining balance of mind. Even on the demise of his beloved wife, who had dearly looked after him, he was unshaken. As far as I am aware, he was never irritable.

My acquaintance with him commenced about 25 years ago at which time, a proposal of marriage between his son and my daughter was being considered. He was a devout Catholic and I hailed from a Buddhist family. But he was not orthodox. He was of the view that marriage should not be forced upon the children but as long as they can practice their religions without hindrance and live together in harmony there was no reason to oppose such partnerships.

He had great affection and regard for me. After our children's marriage was agreed upon, he used to often contact me over the phone saying, "We could celebrate our national and religious events such as Vesak and Christmas together."

.....After prolonged and extensive treatment, he gradually recovered, but certain weaknesses such as the loss of memory and sight got aggravated later. Fortunately for him, his sons and daughter looked after him. It was mainly his daughter, Srimani, who took most of the trouble by keeping him at her residence and so affectionately taking care of him until his demise.

Mr. Silva was a person with gentlemanly and humane qualities who could forever be remembered with affection and I wish him happiness until he reaches his final emancipation.

1. In the space provided beside each sentence given below, write **T** (**True**) if the sentence is correct and **F** (**False**) if it is wrong and **U** (**Unknown**) if the information given in the text is not sufficient to decide. (05 marks)

- (i) Mr. Silva was a Buddhist. (.....)
- (ii) Mr. Silva's wife had died before his death. (.....)
- (iii) Mr. Silva worked in the Civil Aviation Department for twenty years. (.....)
- (iv) Mr. Silva was known to the writer before the retirement of Mr. Silva. (.....)
- (v) Mr. Silva was living with his daughter at the time of his death. (.....)

2. Which of the following is most suitable to complete the first sentence deleted in the fifth paragraph ? **Underline** the best answer. (01 mark)

- (i) A few years after his retirement he had a stroke.
- (ii) He used to visit me on Vesak days every year.
- (iii) He spent a healthy life until his demise.
- (iv) He died at the age of 79.

3. Who or what does the pronoun in bold print in the fifth paragraph refer to ? (01 mark)  
**her** .....

4. Write **one word** for each blank selecting from the passage, which means the same as each of the given phrases. (03 marks)

- (a) deep sorrow .....
- (b) earnestly religious .....
- (c) returned to health .....

II. Read the following text and do the activities that follow : (20 marks)

The total number of cars in Sri Lanka now exceeds 1 200 000. Traffic goes on increasing all the time and the roads of the Colombo city are almost permanently blocked by a slow moving procession of metal cages. Complicated systems of one-way streets and the universal use of traffic lights have not provided a real solution to the problem. As far as the motorist is concerned, driving in crowded towns like Colombo is far from being a pleasure.

Some time ago, a friend of mine, who works in a part of the Colombo city I do not know very well, invited me to call on him. It took me hours to get there and I drove round and round looking for a convenient spot to park my car. At last I found a small space in a by-road. As I was already three quarters of an hour late, I parked my car quickly and hurried off on foot. Making my way rapidly along the street, I could not help reflecting that, nowadays, it is much easier to walk than to drive.

At noon, just as I was leaving my friend's office, it suddenly struck me that I had no idea where I had parked my car. I could hardly go up to a policeman and tell him that I had lost a small green car somewhere ! I would simply have to look for it myself. Walking down street after street, I examined each car closely and was greatly relieved to see a small green car just behind an old cart. But how disappointed I was to discover that though the car was exactly like my own, it belonged to someone else ! Feeling quite tired now, I gave up the search and went off for lunch. Some time later, I left the restaurant and walked idly down the street. Turning the corner, I nearly jumped for joy: My car was right in front of me – and there was no mistaking it this time. I could not help smiling as I drew near. Pasted on the wind-screen was a little ticket which informed me that the car had been visited by a policeman in my absence. To add to it all, I was now guilty of a traffic offence!

(A) Write **TRUE** or **FALSE** beside each sentence in the space provided. (06 marks)

- (a) After the writer had arrived near his friend's office, he tried to find a place to park his car. (.....)
- (b) The writer parked his car in a hurry because he was late for his appointment. (.....)
- (c) The writer went to his friend's office after he had his lunch. (.....)
- (d) The writer requested a policeman to help him to find his car. (.....)
- (e) According to the text, the writer could eventually find his car being parked behind old cart. (.....)
- (f) The policeman who visited the car in the absence of the writer helped him to find the car. (.....)

(B) 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. (04 marks)

Unable to remember where he had parked, the writer went down street after street looking carefully at each car. At last, he saw a (i) ..... one which looked like his own but belonged to (ii) ..... . He now gave up the search and went for (iii) ..... . On leaving the restaurant some time later, he walked down the street and suddenly found (iv) ..... just round the corner. As he drew near, he noticed a police ticket on the wind-screen.

(C) Who or what do the underlined pronouns in the passage refer to ? (03 marks)

- (a) him (paragraph 2) .....
- (b) him (paragraph 3) .....
- (c) it (paragraph 3) .....

(D) Write one word for each blank selecting from the passage, which means the same as each of the given words/ phrases. (07 marks)

- (a) is greater than/ is more than .....
  - (b) complex .....
  - (c) gave information to .....
  - (d) illegal act .....
  - (e) getting bigger and bigger .....
  - (f) having done wrong .....
  - (g) identifying wrongly .....

**PART D - WRITING (20 marks)**

I. You need to see your friend, Sarath, urgently before tomorrow evening. Write a **note** to Sarath.

**Say :**

## **Why you want to see him.**

**Where** and **when** to meet you.

Use about **30 – 35** words. Do not exceed the word limit.

(05 marks)

- II. Write an **essay** of about **200** words in response to the following advertisement. Do not exceed the word limit. (15 marks)

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**PART A - GRAMMAR (40 marks)**

- I. (1) to (2) After (3) of (4) out (5) down  
(6) in (7) for (8) out of (9) around (10) at (10 marks)
- II. (1) to load (2) had fallen (3) are looking/ look (4) don't/ rest  
(5) shall/ will give (6) may not/ will not/ would not like  
(7) is entitled/ should be entitled/ must be entitled/ has to be entitled/ ought to be/ can be  
(8) Come (9) Having lost (10) Must be/ ought to be/ should be (10 marks)
- III. (1) How old is your brother?  
(2) Whose book is that?  
(3) Why is the baby crying?  
(4) How does Manel go to school?  
(5) Where does he work? (05 marks)
- IV. (1) It is a lovely day for a walk, but I'm too tired./ It is a lovely day but I'm too tired for a walk.  
(2) I told him that it is too late to send the application.  
(3) This house is ours not theirs.  
(4) The books over there in that section are on engineering./ The books on engineering are in that section over there.  
(5) Your parents have given you the best, so make the most of your life./ Your parents have given you the most, so make best of your life. (05 marks)
- V. (1) Participate (2) running (3) when (4) pain (5) other  
(6) turned (7) help (8) fallen (9) together (10) silence (10 marks)

**PART B - COMPREHENSION (20 marks)**

- I. a. (iii) My sister knows something about computers but I know a lot more.  
b. (ii) His first two films were popular and as everybody expected, his latest one has been successful.  
c. (iii) It may rain everywhere today except in Colombo.  
d. (iii) It is mainly to do some shopping that I go to the city centre.  
e. (iii) She won the race, although she had fallen midway through the race. (05 marks)
- II. A. (a) True (b) False (c) False (03 marks)  
B. (a) disaster (b) warning (Should be spelt correctly.) (02 marks)
- III. (i) sixty two (62) (ii) more/ older (iii) mountaineering  
(iv) eighty one (81) (v) daughter (05 marks)
- IV. A. (a) False (b) True (c) False (03 marks)  
B. (a) Calm (b) arrayed/ attired (Spelling should be correct.) (02 marks)

## PART C - SUMMARISING (10 marks)

I.

A	woman	told	a	man
to	take	his	monkey	to
the	zoo.	The	next	day
the	man	said	the	monkey
enjoyed	it	so	he	was
taking	him	to	the	movies.

(06 marks)

Content - 2  
Language use - 4

II.

A	patient	was	advised	not
to	get	wet.	One	year
later,	he	met	the	doctor
to	have	permission	to	bath.

(04 marks)

Content - 2  
Language use - 2

## PART D - WRITING (30 marks)

### I. Informal Letter

16, Circular Rd,

Badulla.

7<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2011.

Dear Varuna,

Reached home safely around 8.00 p.m. last Sunday. It was a good journey. We managed to catch the Badulla express train.

First of all thank you so much for the lovely holiday you gave me although it was short. I really enjoyed the week's stay at your place. Please convey my thanks to your parents and sister for making my stay in Colombo a very pleasant one.

I shall never forget our visit to the "water world". Thanks to your father for arranging that special trip. It was a very pleasant day and I really enjoyed the rides in those lovely boats.

The "get-together" of your schoolmates was also interesting. I had the opportunity of getting to know them. It was a very exciting week.

I would be so happy to have you with me during the next vacation. I'm planning to take you to see the "Dunhinda Falls". It's a bit of a difficult journey, but I'm sure you'll enjoy it when you see the beauty of the cascading water fall. So please do come as soon as you get your vacation. I'm looking forward to take you to many interesting places in the hill country.

Hope you and your family members are keeping well. Thank you all once again for all the trouble taken over me.

Your loving friend,  
Gayan.

F - 01  
C - 04  
O - 02  
L - 08  
(15 marks)

II. Formal Letter

14, Flower Road,  
Colombo 7,  
Sri Lanka.  
01<sup>st</sup> Sep, 2011.

Managing Director,  
The International English Book Centre,  
14, Ringwood Rd,  
Parkstone,  
Poole BH 12 3LL,  
England.

Dear Sir,

Requesting Information

I would be very much obliged to you if you would kindly furnish me with the following details of the volumes mentioned below since they are not locally available.

- (a) Complete works of Shakespeare.
- (b) English grammar and Comprehension - Wren and Martin.
- (c) Oxford Pocket Dictionary.

Please be kind enough to inform me the cost of the above books inclusive of postage and the method of payment. I would also be thankful to you, if you would mention the earliest possible date for delivery, since I need the books by the beginning of October.

Looking forward to an early reply.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

.....  
(H. W. Perera)

Format	- 01
Content	- 04
Organization	- 02
Language	- 08



**□ PART A - VOCABULARY (25 marks)**

I. 1. fashionable    2. global    3. application    4. respectful    5. natural    (05 marks)

II. 7 - a                  9 - b                  5 - c                  6 - d                  2 - e

8 - f                  1 - g                  3 - h                  10 - i                  4 - j

(10 marks)

III. (1) The conflict between the capulets and montagues led to the death of Romeo and Julliet.

(2) It was a dangerous situation to be handled.

(3) The distance from Galle to Colombo is 72 miles.

(4) It is not easy to approach a minister without an appointment.

(5) The suspect was arrested and brought to court for a murder trial.

(6) I remember my childhood in the village surrounded by a natural environment.

(7) In order to survive we must work hard.

(8) The boy looked quite smart in his new clothes.

(9) He slowly walked into the class not to be noticed by the teacher.

(10) People spend their vacation in beach resorts in order to enjoy the fresh air. (05 marks)

IV. (1) directory    (2)sight    (3)level    (4)charge    (5)contents    (05 marks)

**□ PART B - DIALOGUES (25 marks)**

I. (a) 6,                  (b) 3,                  (c) 1,                  (d) 2,                  (e) 4                  (05 marks)

II. **M. D.** : Good morning Mr. Senarathne. Please come in and sit down. Now let me see. (1) Which school did you go to ?/ did you attend ?/ did you study at ?

**Mr. Senarathne:** Sri Devananda Vidyalaya, Veyangoda.

**M. D.** : (2) And when did you leave school ?/ When did you leave Devananda Vidyalaya ?/ When did you pass out from school ?

**Mr. Senarathne:** In 2001.

**M. D.** : And since then what did you do ?

**Mr. Senarathne:** I worked in a bank for two years. Then I took my present job, selling cars. But I would like a change now.

**M. D.** : (3) Well, what sort of a job are you looking for ?/ do you expect ?/ do you like most ?

**Mr. Senarathne:** I'd really like to work in your Export Department.

**M. D.** : That might be a little difficult. What are your qualifications ?  
(4) I mean what languages can you speak besides English ?

**Mr. Senarathne:** Well, only a little French.

**M. D.** : That would be a big disadvantage. Mr. Senaratne. (5) Could you tell me why you wanted to apply for this job ?/ you like to join our company? / you think this job suits you ?

**Mr. Senarathne:** Because I'd like to travel and meet people from other countries.

**M. D.** : I don't think I can help you at present, Mr. Senarathne. Perhaps you ought to try a travel agency. (05 marks)

### III. Creative Dialogue

**You** :- Good afternoon. Can I help you ?/ Could I help you ?/ May I help you ?/ What's your problem ?

**Foreigner** :- Good afternoon ! Oh! that's very kind of you. I have misplaced my bag.

**You** :- Where did you leave it ? What sort of a bag is it?/ May I help you ?

**Foreigner** :- Well, it's a red travelling bag. I left it near the counter. There were my travel documents, and money.

**you** :- Well, you should immediately make a complaint at the Police post of the airport. Come I'll direct you there.

**Foreigner** :- Thank you. (05 marks)

(iv) **Kanthi** - You look so excited today.

**You** - Oh ! Yes. I have some news for you.

**Kanthi** - What's it that excites you so much. ?

**You** - Well, you know it's a secret. You mustn't tell any one.

**Kanthi** - All right, All right what's it ?

**You** - Only my parents know about it so far. And I want to tell you because you are my best friend.

**Kanthi** - Why ? Is it a proposal or something ?

**You** - No, No, I've won a lottery !

**Kanthi** - Heavens ! I can't believe it.

**You** - You have to.... It's about 2 million .....

Kanthy - My congratulations ! What a lucky person you are ? Anyway be careful when you get the money. Don't broadcast it.

**You** - Thank you for your advice.

(10 marks)

PART C - COMPREHENSION (30 marks)



PART D - WRITING (20 marks)

1.

Dear Sarath,/ Sarath,

20<sup>th</sup> October, 2011

I need to meet you for an important matter. Could you please meet me at the public library this afternoon? It's quite urgent. Meet me there at 2.30 p.m. today.

Bye !

Gemunu.

## II. Essay Writing

### My Favourite English Teacher

I've had many teachers throughout my school life who have guided me and moulded me into a fine student. I'm ever so grateful to all of them who have shown me the correct path in life. I shall always remember them with gratitude and wish them good health and happiness throughout their life.

There was one teacher who impressed me a lot out of all of them. She was Mrs. Rani De Silva. English, being my favourite subject I always had a special interest in learning the subject. The English teacher whom I met in grade seven was a very special one. She was very smart and always well dressed. She had short hair and a very pleasant manner of talking. She was a very strict teacher but knew her subject well.

When she enters the class room we all stand up and greet her. She reciprocates our greeting with a smile. Before she gets down to the lesson she used to always make the class lively by either singing a song or reciting a poem with the students. We enjoyed this very much.

When she begins the lesson we always listen attentively. She gets the students to speak often and encourages them to ask questions. We used to have debates and spelling Bee's in the class room. Her style of pronouncing English words was really admirable.

Mrs. Rani De Silva is a talented English teacher. She can sing very well and act in dramas as well. She is very capable and efficient in everything she does. She is also a very popular teacher on the staff because of her good qualities. She's always so helpful, selfless and kind hearted. Students respect her a lot.

Mrs. Rani De Silva is a teacher who sacrifices her time and energy on students in developing their language skills. She stays after school and helps the students with drama, debating and organizing English days. She is a teacher who possessed many talents and at the same time loved by all, for her noble qualities. I wish her the very best and good health to continue serving the children of this land for many long years.

Content	-	06
Language use	-	09
(15 marks)		

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