

Ministry of Education, Higher Education & Vocational Education
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Support Paper 1

English Language I

Time: One hour

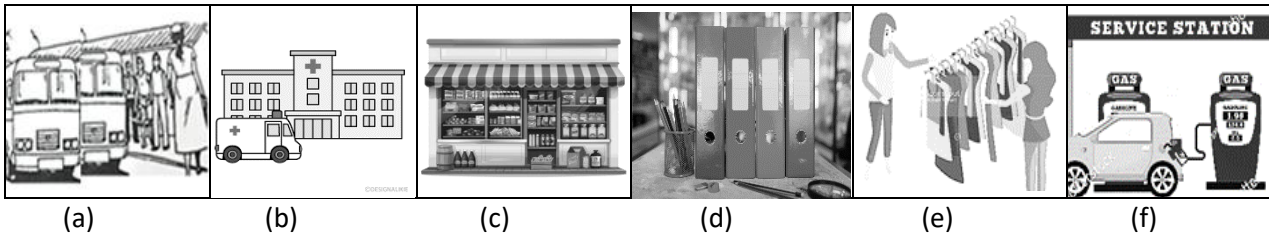
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Answer all questions on this paper itself.

Test 1

Match the following pictures with the descriptions given below. Write the letter of the most suitable picture in the box given against each description. *The first one is done for you.*

Pictures



Descriptions

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| (1) your grocery needs | <input type="text" value="c"/> | (2) all types of fuel | <input type="text"/> |
| (3) stationery supplies | <input type="text"/> | (4) travel facilities | <input type="text"/> |
| (5) treatments for the sick | <input type="text"/> | (6) all types of garments | <input type="text"/> |

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Test 2

Fill in the blanks of the following dialogue using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the most suitable answer in the space given. *The first one is done for you.*

A: Wow! A lovely dress!

B: Really? Thank you. Do you (1)^d..... it?

A: Yes. From where did you (2) it?

B: It's a (3) present from my aunt in Australia. I love the (4)

A: Here comes Chathumi. Let's hurry up. It's (5) 2.30.

C: I'm (6), I missed the bus.

A: It's ok. Now let's go.

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| (a) almost |
| (b) material |
| (c) sorry |
| (d) like |
| (e) birthday |
| (f) buy |

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Total
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○ **Test 3**

Study the picture and fill in the blanks in the paragraph using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the blank. *The first one is done for you.*



- (a) watering
- (b) big
- (c) planting
- (d) middle
- (e) ~~cute~~
- (f) windows
- (g) brightly
- (h) birds
- (i) coconut
- (j) beautiful
- (k) happy

The picture shows a bright and pleasant day in a garden. A (1)**e**..... girl is kneeling on the ground and (2) flowers with great care. She looks (3) and focused on her work. In front of her, there is a (4)..... can, and her pet cat is playing with it. In the (5)..... of the garden, there is a (6)..... house with many (7)..... There are three (8)..... trees and another (9) tree in the garden. The sun is shining (10) in the sky, and a few (11) are flying gently. The picture shows a calm and quiet environment.

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○ **Test 4**

Fill in the blanks in the following text with the words given in the box. *The first one is done for you.*

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I have decided to start a band after doing my Advanced Level Examination next year. As I am very much interested in music, it has been (1)**a**..... dream since my childhood. I have (2) friends who are also interested in music. One day I talked with them about (3) band I am going to start. A (4) friends really liked my idea and promised to join me whereas others told me to continue (5) studies. However, I wanted to start the band. So, we often met and planned how to do it. Finally, we all agreed to talk to (6) parents. They agreed to help us on one condition. That is, we all should pass our Advanced Level Examination.

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Total
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○ **Test 5**

Read the text on **Pangolins** given below. Complete the table with the information of the pangolins. *The first one is done for you.*

Pangolins

Pangolins can swim, though it's rare to see. Pangolins have been caught on camera swimming in places like Kruger Park, South Africa. They aren't fast runners; their strong front legs and big claws are built for burrowing, not for speed. The larger, ground-dwelling pangolins often move on their hind legs. They hunch forward as they go. Researchers from Florida State University have even developed a small camera to record their movements. They call it the pango cam. It can be safely attached to the scales of a pangolin, capturing incredible footage. This helps us understand the elusive behaviour of these shy creatures. There are eight species of pangolin and, sadly, they are all threatened with extinction. They are targeted for trade in meat and body parts.

1	Pangolins caught swimming in	(i) <u>Kruger Park, South Africa</u>
2	Front legs and big claws designed for	(ii)
3	Pangolins often move on	(iii)
4	Movements of pangolins are recorded using	(iv)
5	The number of species of pangolin	(v)
6	Pangolins are killed for	(vi)

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Total
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○ **Test 6**

You received the following invitation from one of your friends. But you cannot accept it, therefore write a reply refusing the invitation. Include the reason. Use about 40 to 50 words.

Dear friend,

We have finished building our new house. So, our parents are arranging a House Warming Ceremony. It will be held on 19th December 2026 at 10.00 am. I am inviting all our classmates. Come and enjoy. We can have a nice time.

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○ Test 9

Select a word from the box which has a similar meaning to the phrase given within brackets and write it in the space provided. *There is one extra word.*

harmful consequently sluggish posture dangerous continuously

Scientists and doctors keep warning us of the dangerous effects of T.V. on various systems and organs of our body. Watching T.V. (1) (without stops) for a long time is extremely harmful for the eyes. Everyone on an average watch T.V. for three to four hours daily. (2), (As a result) eye-sight gets weak. Children are the most affected because from their very childhood, their eye-sight gets weakened by watching T.V. and at a close range it is all the more (3) (causing injuries) The harmful effect of watching T. V. on eye-sight has resulted into a general complaint of headache. The high-pitched sound of dance, music, fights and cries in various programmes results into deafness. Watching T.V. continuously in one (4) (the way one holds its body) causes joint pain, backache, and muscle pain. Eating and drinking while watching T.V. causes obesity and also makes our digestive system (5) (slow and not working properly). Scenes of horror and violence are causing psychological problems in our youth. In short, watching T.V. for long hours is harmful for our health and mental growth.

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Total
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○ Test 10

Your friend Praveen has sent you the following email. Read it and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given within brackets.

To: Sanuka@gmail.com
 Subject: Birthday Party

Hope you have returned after the trip. How was it? By the way, can you remember, we decided to arrange a surprise party for Dinuka on his birthday? It (1) (fall) on 22nd December. We must make sure that he (2) (not get) a clue about it. Hope (3) (invite) our class teacher, all our classmates and Dinuka's parents too. But we have to find a place for that because our house (4) (be) not spacious enough.

As tomorrow is a holiday, can you please come to our house to discuss the other arrangements? Some of our friends are coming. If you call Kasun, he (5) (come) and pick you. Come without fail as there's a lot to finalize.

Regards,
 Praveen

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Total
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○ **Test 11**

Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box. *There is one extra word.*

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through	source	are	sunlight	is	mind	many	

In Sri Lanka and across many parts of the world, sunlight has long been respected for its healing properties. From an Ayurvedic perspective, the (1)is not just a (2) of light- it is (3) vital energy that can (4) balance the body and (5) However, modern marketing has (6) a deep fear for (7) , especially with the rise (8) the sunscreen industry.

Sunscreens, (9) claim to protect us (10) the sun's harmful rays, (11) now a staple in (12) people's daily routines. But (13) sunscreen really the solution (14) have been led to believe?

In reality, many sunscreens contain harmful chemicals that may do more harm than good. Ingredients like oxybenzone, found in many sunscreens, have been linked to hormone disruption and could potentially increase the risk of skin diseases, including skin cancer.

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○ **Test 12**

Read the following passage and underline the correct answer.

Roshan and Shehan play cricket for the same club. They had a club meeting yesterday, but Shehan was absent. Therefore, he came a little early for practice today. As soon as he saw Roshan, he asked him what had happened at the meeting yesterday. Roshan explained to him what had happened.

“The coach was very serious. During the club meeting, the coach spoke to us about improving our performance. First, he said that (1) ((a) we had needed to come (b) we need to come (c) we needed to come) for practice regularly. You know, he was angry when he remembered the last match. So he said angrily that (2) ((a) we had not come (b) we didn't come (c) we have not come) for practice regularly, so we had lost the match. After discussing the schedule, he continued to say that (3) ((a) we have to start (b) we will have to start (c) we had to start) the morning practice from the following Monday. He also warned us that (4) ((a) we should take (b) we have to take (c) we shall take) a proper rest after each session. Before ending the meeting, he asked (5) ((a) whether there is anyone (b) whether there was anyone (c) whether was there anyone) who could not come for morning practice.”

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Total
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○ **Test 13**

Read the following paragraphs. Select the relevant main idea for each paragraph and write the letter of the main idea in the box given against each paragraph.

Paragraphs		
(1)	Staff Benda Bilili is a band made up of disabled members. The members are Ricky, a founder; Coco, the band's composer; Junana, the group's choreographer; and Coude, a bass player and singer. A nondisabled teenager, Roger, plays the satongé, a one-string guitar he designed and built himself.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2)	The band's name, Benda Bilili, means "look beyond appearances" and it describes the group's mission. Its audience was at first made up of poor street people, just like the band members themselves. The band wanted to tell its audience to be positive and strong, even in difficult circumstances.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3)	The band members themselves are examples of their message. They never see themselves as disabled, but as rock musicians. Their energetic performances show this. For example, when the group is playing, Junana sometimes jumps out of his wheelchair and dances around the stage on his hands.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4)	Some filmmakers amazed by Staff Benda Bilili's music and their life stories made a documentary about the band. The film follows them as they play their music in Kinshasa, the capital of a country that had many wars in its recent past. These wars affected millions of people. The documentary illustrates how Staff Benda Bilili's music helped them survive in this very difficult environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(5)	Problems experienced in their lives by the members become songs. Many of the songs offer solutions to the problems. For example, "Polio" is about living with polio and getting around the city on crutches. The song also tells parents to have their children vaccinated against the disease.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Main Ideas
(a) Showing the members' strength, energy, and determination despite being disabled
(b) Highlighting the band's impact on society and their recognition by film producers
(c) Introducing Staff Benda Bilili and its members, including their roles in the band
(d) Offering advice and solutions for problems faced, through experiences
(e) Explaining the meaning of the band's name, its first audience, and its aim

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Total
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○ **Test 14**

(a) Grade 10 students are planning to hold a concert at the end of the third term. You are the Secretary of the organizing committee and write a letter to one of your cousins describing your preparation for it. Use about 100 words.

Include the following:

- Items you are practising
- the role you are playing and the item/s you are participating in
- invitation to him/her

OR

○ **Test 15**

Read the following text and answer the questions given below it.

- ① Every Monday at 9 am, Kamlesh Ratnu leaves the vibrant blue city of Jodhpur on his motorbike and heads east to the rural village of Chandelao in Rajasthan, India. Each week, he works behind a set of heavy wooden doors that open onto a courtyard lined with low red sandstone buildings and a traditional thatched hut. The square is adorned with clouds of pink bougainvillea, henna, frangipani and West Indian jasmine, creating a picturesque setting for the workshop – ‘Sunder Rang’. Founded in 2007, this non-profit crafts collective has become an economic lifeline for local artisan women. Forty-year-old Kamlesh has worked for the organisation for more than a decade as a fashion designer and manager. "I've always been drawn to fashion, especially festive Indian wear," he says. "I saw a famous Indian fashion designer's interview when I was a teenager, and I instantly knew that fashion was my calling."
- ⑤ Before joining Sunder Rang, Kamlesh taught pattern making, garment construction, portfolio and design collection at the International Institute of Fashion Design in Jodhpur. Teaching these young artisans led him towards Sunder Rang, which has community development at the heart of its altruistic ethos.

The crafts collective (Sunder Rang) was founded by local businessman Praduman Singh and Norwegian entrepreneur Kristin G Andersen, with an aim to uplift the local community, empower artisans and

- ⑮ **preserve** the art of traditional Rajasthani handicrafts. Today, the organisation employs around 35 women from the local village, providing **them** with a stable income and fair wages. Any additional profit is used to expand the project and support the wider community in areas of development, sanitation and education.

Sunder Rang's products come in a bright palette of colours and range from tote bags to pouches, cushion covers, bed linens, beaded jewellery and block-printed kurtas (traditional tunics). "The artisans blend

- ⑳ traditional designs with a contemporary twist in every creation," Kamlesh explains.

One of the many techniques used at Sunder Rang is block printing - an ancient Rajasthani art that uses hand-carved wood blocks on fabric dyed with natural colours, derived from the likes of turmeric and pomegranate. It's a time-consuming process requiring a lot of skill and can be seen on a variety of Sunder Rang's products, including tiered dresses, voluminous weekend bags and habutai silk scarves.

- ㉕ Another popular design technique is gudri work - a vibrant hand-embroidered method that uses a continuous running stitch. "Gudri in Rajasthan is essentially a style of bedding, made by using old, discarded clothes. We patch and layer them on, and then sew them together using the running stitches," Kamlesh states proudly.

1) State whether the following statements are **True** or **False**. Put a tick (✓) in the relevant cage.

	True	False
(a) Every Monday Kamalesh travels to Chandelao.		
(b) Only local women work in Sunder Rang that creates handmade crafts.		
(c) Kamalesh is employed at an organization that is profit-oriented.		
(d) Kamalesh has been interested in fashion since he was a child.		

(½ x 4 = 02 marks)

Underline the correct answer.

2) Before Kamalesh joined Sunder Rang, he worked as at the International Institute of Fashion Design in Jodhpur.

- (a) a fashion designer (b) a Pattern maker (c) a manager (d) a teacher (1 mark)

3) Sunder Rang was started by

- (a) Praduman Singh (b) Kamlesh Ratnu and Kristin G Andersen
 (c) Praduman Singh and Kristin G Andersen (d) Kristin G Andersen (1 mark)

4) Which is **true** about Sunder Rang's products?

- (a) made of cloth (b) come in simple colours
 (c) come in traditional designs (d) come in a wide range of items (1 mark)

5) Which is the **incorrect** statement / phrase about block printing?

- (a) a technique used at Sunder Rang (b) an ancient art that uses natural colours
 (c) a process that requires very little skill (d) a time-consuming process (1 mark)

6) What does the following word in line **16** refer to? Write your answer in the space given.

- 'them' - (1 mark)

7) The phrase that is closest in meaning to the word '**preserve**' in line **14**.

- (a) protect for the future (b) understand the importance
 (c) use to earn money (d) improve the standard (1 mark)

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○ **Test 16**

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

(a) Write an essay on **Sports should be made compulsory in the school curriculum.**

Include the following:

- School curriculum and the place for sports in the curriculum at present
- Importance of sports and how sports help physical and mental well-being
- Facilities needed in schools for making sports compulsory

(b) Write an article to your school magazine on **A great personality you admire**

Include the following:

- Brief introduction of the person and the reason for being great
- Description of the qualities you admire in him/her
- How the person has inspired you

(c) Write a speech you would make in the morning assembly suggesting **three improvements that can be made to make Sri Lanka a better place to live in.**

Include the following:

- The purpose of your speech and the present condition of Sri Lanka
- Three practical improvements with short explanation for each
- Significance of motivation of students towards the target

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Test 1

Match the following pictures with the instructions given below. Write the letter of the most suitable picture in the box, given against each instruction. *The first one is done for you.*

Pictures



Instructions

1. Bring your own bag, say no to polythene.
2. No lifeguard on duty.
3. Road is slippery, drive carefully.
4. Do not touch, tease or disturb.
5. Keep your Earth green and clean.
6. Switch off when not in use.

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Total
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Test 2

Fill in the blanks of the following text using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the most suitable word in the space given. *The first one is done for you.*

a) available b) easier c) safe d) cash e) service f) card

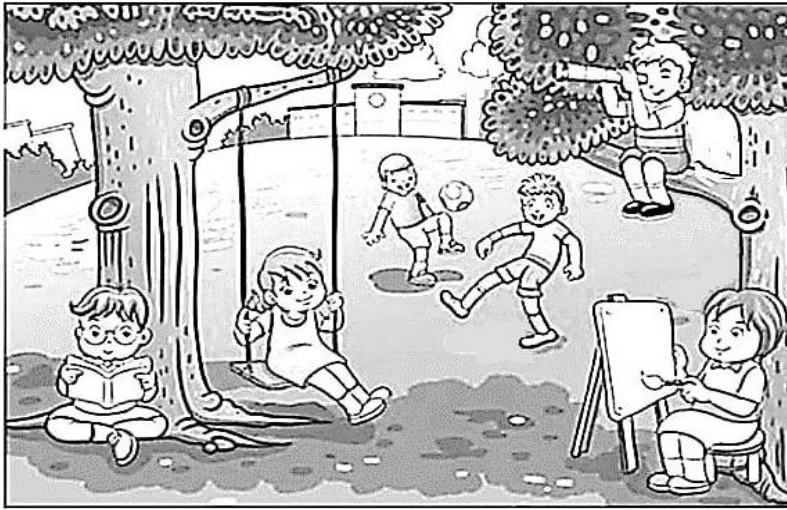
Easy Banking

In the past people had to visit a bank during working hours to withdraw money. Nowadays they can use a 1.**d**..... machine at any time; day or night, because banks provide 24-hour 2..... Cash machines are 3 everywhere. You can find them in super markets, stations and other public places. One can take out cash or check the balance using his/her bank 4 and the pin. This makes managing finances much 5. than waiting in queues at banks. Also, cash machines help to stay 6. because you don't need to carry large amount of cash around.

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Total
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○ **Test 3**

Study the picture and fill in the blanks using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the blank. *The first one is done for you.*



- a) ball
- b) stool
- c) relaxed
- d) open
- e) drawing
- f) happy
- g) one
- h) run
- i) observing
- j) clear
- k) reading

This picture shows a group of children spending time outdoors on a sunny day. They are enjoying different activities in an 1. _____ d _____ park. The park looks grassy and spacious, giving children room to 2. _____ and play freely. The boy sitting under the tree is 3. _____ a book, calm and focused. The girl on the swing looks 4. _____. Two boys are playing with a 5. _____ in the middle of the park and 6. _____ boy is kicking the ball. The girl sitting on a 7. _____ is painting a picture fixed on to a 8. _____ board. The boy with a telescope is 9. _____ the sky. It is a bright day with a 10. _____ sky and the whole place looks calm and everyone seems 11. _____. It is an interesting place to spend the time leisurely.

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Total
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○ **Test 4**

Fill in the blanks in the following e-mail with the words given in the box. *The first one is done for you.*

- before, in, ~~on~~, with, by, to

To: neesha@gmail.com
 Subject: Meeting arrangements
 Dear Neesha, I hope you are doing well. I am writing to confirm our meeting 1. _____ on Monday morning. The meeting will take place 2. _____ the main conference room, and we will discuss the new project plans 3. _____ the marketing team. Please make sure to bring all relevant reports 4. _____ the meeting. If you have any issue, feel free to contact me 5. _____ e-mail or phone. Don't forget to submit your progress report 6. _____ Friday.
 Best regards,
 Emma

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Total
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○ **Test 5**

Read the text and complete the table given below. *The first one is done for you.*

Comoros

Comoros is a group of islands in the Indian Ocean located between Madagascar and the eastern coast of Africa. It has three main islands and some smaller ones. The capital city Moroni has narrow streets and old buildings made of stones. People in Comoros mainly speak Comorian, French, and Arabic. Fishing and farming are important jobs for many families on the island. It is known for its beautiful beaches, green mountains, and warm tropical climate. It has many active volcanoes, including Mount Karthala, which is very tall. Many people visit Comoros to enjoy its peaceful environment and explore its unique culture.

1. Name of the island	<u>Comoros</u>
2. Located between
3. Capital city
4. Languages spoken
5. Main occupations
6. A volcano

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○ **Test 6**

You are moving to your newly-built house. Write an invitation to your friend for the house warming ceremony.

Include the following,

- The occasion
- Date, time, and venue
- A polite request to attend the ceremony

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○ **Test 7**

Read the following text and underline the correct answer.

Pavement Picasso

① “Pavement Picasso” is another name for Jullian Beever, a chalk artist from Britain. He has been creating chalk drawings on the pavement for over ten years now. He has worked in cities all over the world, from Brussels to New York.

He works in chalks, so his art, which takes about three days to complete, can easily be destroyed by a

⑤ shower of rain. The most important thing for him is to get a photo at the end before that happens.

He first started pavement drawing with copies of famous paintings like the Mona Lisa in the streets of Europe. Then he painted portraits of famous people; for example, when princess Diana died, he did a portrait of her on a London pavement. His art is well known because it is creative, realistic and brings a sense of fun and surprise to ordinary streets.

1. “Pavement Picasso” is
a. a famous museum painter b. a chalk artist c. a street photographer
2. How long has Jullian Beever been creating pavement drawings?
a. ten years b. about ten years c. more than ten years
3. What material does Jullian Beever use for his street art?
a. paint and chalk b. Ink and chalk c. chalk only
4. Why does Jullian Beever take photos of his drawings as soon as he finishes them?
a. Because the colours fade in sunlight. c. Because he sells them on the spot
b. Because they may be destroyed by rain.
5. which word best describes the meaning of the word “portrait”
a. a painting of a person b. an image of a person c. a photo of a person

○ **Test 8**

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

- (a) My favourite food (b) How I spent my last weekend

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

Test 9

Read the text and underline the most suitable word given within brackets.

Yesterday I spent the afternoon home because it was raining heavily. The clouds were
1. (gloom, gloomy, glooming), hanging low and dark over the city. Raindrops
2. (pattered, pattering, patter) softly on the roof and tapped gently against the
windows. I watched people 3. (quick, quickly, quicken) walking with colourful
umbrellas. The smell of the wet earth and flowers was 4. (refreshing, refresh,
refreshed), filling the air with a fresh, calming scent. Puddles on the streets 5.
(rippled, rippling, ripples) as cars drove, splashing water onto the sidewalks. A rainbow appeared suddenly
in the distance making the sky even more dramatic. The whole afternoon felt peaceful yet alive, as if the
rain had given the city quiet, reflective mood.

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Total
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Test 10

Fill in the blanks with words given in the box.

whose, where, whom, who, which
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Last year, I spent a week in a mountain village, 1. many hikers consider one of the
most peaceful places in the region. I stayed with an elderly couple, 2. hospitality made
me feel completely at home. Every morning, the old lady 3. prepares a traditional
breakfast with fresh bread, local cheese, and herbs had worked as a chef at Hotel Ramsey. I was
fascinated by her cooking. During my stay there, I met a young teacher, with 4. I went
for a long walk through the forest trails. She showed me a hidden place from 5.
people can see both the valley and the distant lakes shimmering in the sunlight.

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Total
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○ **Test 11**

Fill in the blanks of the following passage with the words given in the box. There is an extra word.

trash, one, sends, the, companies, such, cardboard,
made, in, found, her, is, paper, to, has

You might think trash is just something you throw away. But some people have 1 creative way to turn. 2..... into cash. Trash has 3. people rich and Cheung Yen 4..... one example. She is 5..... of the richest women 6. the world. Cheung Yen buys 7..... garbage in America and 8..... it to China for 9. factories. In her factories 10..... paper became cardboard boxes. 11. in China use her 12..... boxes to send products 13. as TVs and microwaves 14. Europe and United States. When people in the United States throw the boxes away, Cheung Yen starts her trash to-richest process again.

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Total
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○ **Test 12**

Read the dialogue between two friends about their class trip. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given within brackets.

Raj : Did you see the newly renovated auditorium? It looks completely different now.

Maya : Yes, indeed. It 1. (paint) last week for the annual prize giving.

Raj : I noticed that the old chairs 2. (already replace) with new cushioned ones.

Maya : That's great! What about the sound system? It is said that it 3. (donate) by the Old Pupils Association before the renovation started. Am I correct?

Raj : Yes, you are correct. It 4. (install) soon.

Maya : How about the decorations?

Raj : They 5. (usually do) by the organizing committee.

Maya : Everything seems to be well-planned and organized.

Raj : I'm eagerly waiting for the occasion.

Maya : So am I.

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Total
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○ **Test 13**

Read the following extracts and match them with the headings given below. Write the relevant letter of the heading in the box given against each extract. There is one extra heading.

Headings

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| (A) Immunization schedule
(B) Community health event
(C) Public safety health guidelines
(D) Operating instructions for medical equipment
(E) Path to well-being
(F) Choices for better life |
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Extracts

1. Before using the digital thermometer ensure the device is clean and fully charged. Press power button and wait for the screen to display 'Ready'. Place the thermometer tip under the tongue, close the mouth gently and remain still until you hear the beep sounds. Then remove the thermometer and check the displayed temperature. Clean the tip before storing it in a dry, cool place.	<input type="text"/>
2. Our centre now offers a complete wellness package including Yoga classes, personalized fitness coaching, nutrition advice and guided breathing exercises. Each participant begins with a full health check-up. Progress is reviewed weekly. Special discounts are available for new members.	<input type="text"/>
3. A balanced lifestyle plays a vital role in preventing long-term health problems. Doctors recommend at least 150 minutes of exercises per week such as brisk walking, cycling or swimming. Reducing salt intake, drinking plenty of water and limiting highly processed food can help maintain a healthy heart. Set aside time each day for relaxation to reduce stress. Regular medical check-ups are strongly advised.	<input type="text"/>
4. Your appointment for the annual 'tetanus' booster vaccination has been scheduled on December 2 nd at 9.15 a.m. at the Public Health Centre. Please bring your vaccination card and wear clothing that allows easy access to your upper arm. Inform the medical officer if you are ill, take medicine, or experience unusual allergies. Late arrivals may have to wait for the next available time slot.	<input type="text"/>
5. The Lions Club of Hanwella will host a health and wellness program on 20 th December at the town ground. Activities include free medical consultation, fitness demonstration, healthy cooking workshop, and mental health counselling. Families are encouraged to attend. A special session will be held on child nutrition and elderly care. Entry is free.	<input type="text"/>
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○ **Test 14**

a) The Science Society of your school has organized a field trip to the Botanical Garden of Peradeniya. Write a letter to the transport manager of the deport of your area requesting a bus for the trip.

Include,

- the date and the starting time from the school
- number of participants
- request for the confirmation for the bus.

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○ **Test 15**

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

- ① Thirsty and hot, twelve elephants plod across the hot and dry African landscape. The water hole is less than a mile away now, and everyone in the group is looking forward to a good, long drink. Tired calves-baby elephants want to stop, but mothers and aunts gently push them along. The older animals make soft, soothing noises.” We’re almost there,” they seem to say. “Just keep walking a little longer.”
- ⑤ Suddenly every one stops. Huge ears stretch out like satellite dishes. After a minute or two of what seems like silence, the animals turn and quickly walk away from the water hole. As they go, the adults stay close to the calves. So, what happened? Why did the elephants change their path? They seemed to be listening to something. And whatever it was, they got the message to **flee!** Yet human ears were unable to hear the sounds. Elephants make lots of sounds that humans can hear such as barks, snorts, roars, and
- ⑩ trumpet-like calls. Often, a group of elephants use such sounds to talk with other elephants.

For years, scientists were puzzled by this type of elephants’ behaviours, but now they have solved the mystery. **They** discovered that elephants have a ‘secret language’ they use for communicating over long distances.

- ⑮ This special talk is based on infrasound - sounds so low that humans can’t hear them. But elephants can hear them. The sounds can travel for several miles, allowing the six-ton animals to communicate across grasslands and forests in Africa or Asia.

Studying infrasound helps scientists understand elephant behaviour. For example, the elephants heading to the water hole may have heard warning calls from another group of elephants. Perhaps those elephants saw a lion **slurping** water at the water hole. The lion looked hungry and it could not kill an adult

- ⑳ elephant, but **it** might kill a calf. No drink would be worth that risk, so the herd turned away.

(1) State whether the following statements are true or false. Put a (√) in the relevant cage.

	True	False
1. A group of elephants walked across the African land in search of water.		
2. The elephants drank plenty of water from the hole and walked away happily.		
3. The elephants can hear lots of sounds that humans can’t hear.		
4.The calves pushed the older elephants towards the water hole		

(½ x 4 = 2 marks)

- (2) What do the older elephants say to their calves with their soothing noises?
- (a) To drink water as much as possible
 - (b) To walk a little fast to get to the water hole
 - (c) To walk a little ahead more
 - (d) To be careful of the strange noises
- (1 mark)

- (3) What is meant by the phrase 'infrasound'?
- (a) Low sounds that cannot be heard by humans.
 - (b) Sounds made by animals.
 - (c) Sounds such as barks, snorts, roars
 - (d) The sounds that can't travel for several miles
- (1mark)

- (4) What do the following word in the text refer to?
- 'they' in line 12 in paragraph 3,
- 'it' in line 20 in paragraph 5 (½ x 2 = 1 mark)

- (5) Underline the phrase that is closest in meaning to the following.
- (a) 'flee' in line 8 in paragraph 2
1. run away from a place
 2. come quickly to a place
 3. to hide from a place quickly
 4. to leave a place
- (b) 'Slurping' in line 19 in paragraph 5
1. drinking with a sucking noise
 2. roaring of a lion
 3. sleeping near a waterhole
 4. bathing in a waterhole
- (1x 2 =2 marks)

- (6) Write the most suitable sentence from the passage that tells infrasound can travel long distances.
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- (1 mark)

○ **Test 16**

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

- (a) Write an article for your school magazine on the "**Importance of protecting school property**". Include the following;
- What includes school property (desks and chairs, laboratories, buildings)
 - Why you should protect them (to ensure facilities for students, to reduce waste, to save money)
 - Steps that can be taken to protect them. (monitoring and awareness programs)
- (b) A speech you would like to make at the Literary Association of the school on "**The challenges I have faced in my life**". You may include the following;
- What challenges are (competitive situations, achieving a difficult task etc,)
 - Your life experiences (realistic examples)
 - How you have overcome them (steps you took, skills you used, efforts you made)
- (c) Write an essay on the topic, "**My dream job**". include the following;
- A description of the dream job (name, responsibilities, skills need)
 - Reasons for your choice (your skills, talents and service for the society)
 - Benefits of it (salary, recognition, status)

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Support Paper 1 - Answers

English Language I

Test 1

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

Test 2

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

Test 3

(1) e (2) c (3) k (4) a (5) d (6) j
 (7) f (8) i (9) b (10) g (11) h

Test 4

(1) a (2) some (3) the (4) few (5) my (6) our

Test 5

(1) Kruger Park , South Africa (2) burrowing (3) their hind legs
 (4) pango cam (5) eight (6) meat / body parts (one enough)

Test 6

Content – 2 Language – 3

Test 7

(1) b (2) c (3) b (4) a (5) c

Test 8

Content – 2 Language – 3

Content Q 6 & Q 8

Marks	Question 6	Question 8
2	All points included	Meaningful paragraph with required length
1	Only some points included	Insufficient content (at least one point included)
0	Question copied/ Totally irrelevant	Question copied/ Totally irrelevant

Language Q 6 & Q 8

Marks	
3	Almost no errors, well connected sentences, correct spelling and punctuation
2	Some errors, well connected sentences, some errors in spelling and punctuation
1	Only one/two correct sentences
0	All sentences incorrect

English Language II

Test 9

(1) continuously (2) Consequently (3) harmful (4) posture (5) sluggish

Test 10

(1) falls (2) does not /doesn't get (3) to invite (4) is (5) will come

Test 11

(1) sun (2) source (3) a (4) help (5) mind (6) fostered (7) sunlight

(8) of (9) which (10) from (11) are (12) many (13) is (14) we

Test 12

1) (c) we needed to come (2) (a) we had not come (3) (c) we had to start

(4) (a) we should take (5) (b) whether there was anyone

Test 13

(1) c (2) e (3) a (4) b (5) d

Test 14

Content – 3 Language – 3

Organization – 2 Mechanics of writing – 2

Test 15

(1) (a) True (b) True (c) False (d) True

(2) d (3) c (4) d (5) c (6) (35) **women** (from the local village)

(7) a

Test 16

Content – 5 Language – 5

Organization – 2 Mechanics of writing – 3

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Support Paper 2 - Answers

English Language I

Test 1

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

Test 2

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

Test 3

(1) d (2) h (3) k (4) f (5) a (6) g (7) b (8) e (9) i (10) j
 (11) c

Test 4

(1) on (2) in (3) with (4) to (5) by (6) before

Test 5

(1) Comoros (2) Madagascar and the Eastern coast of Africa (3) Moroni
 (4) Comorian (5) Fishing and farming (6) Mount Karthala
 French and Arabic (two out of three)

Test 6

Content – 2 Language – 3 Total – 5

Test 7

(1) b (2) c (3) c (4) b (5) a

Test 8

Content – 2 Language – 3 Total – 5

Content Q 6 & Q 8

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All sentences incorrect

English Language II

Test 9

(1) gloomy (2) pattered (3) quickly (4) refreshing (5) rippled

Test 10

(1) which (2) whose (3) who (4) whom (5) where

Test 11

(1) found (2) trash (3) made (4) is (5) one (6) in (7) paper (8) sends
(9) her (10) the (11) companies (12) cardboard (13) such (14) to

Test 12

1) was painted (2) had already been replaced (3) was donated
(4) will be installed (5) are usually done

Test 13

(1) d (2) e (3) f (4) a (5) b

Test 14

Content – 3 Language – 3
Organization – 2 Mechanics of writing – 2 Total – 10

Test 15

(1) (1) True (2) False (3) True (4) False
(2) c (3) a (4) they – scientists / it – lion (5) (a) 1 (b) 1
(6) The sound can travel from several miles allowing the six ton animals to communicate across grasslands and forests in Africa or Asia.

Test 16

Content – 5 Language – 5
Organization – 2 Mechanics of writing – 3 Total – 15