

**Ministry of Education, Higher Education & Vocational Education
General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level Examination 2025(2026)
Support Paper 2**

English Language I

Time: One hour

Index Number:

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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1 x
Total
5

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

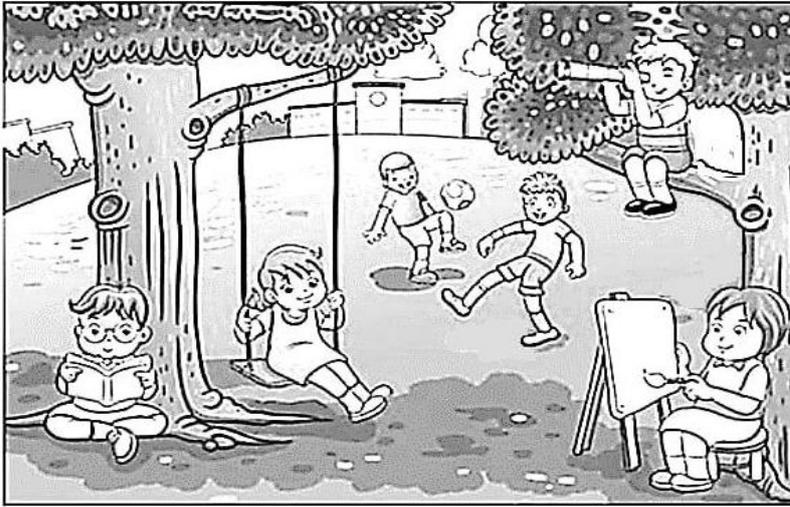
Easy Banking

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.

1/2 x
Total
5

○ **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

1 x
Total
5

○ **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

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Total
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○ **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
5

○ Test 10

Fill in the blanks with words given in the box.

whose, where, whom, who, which

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
5

○ **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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	Total
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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.

OR

- (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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Total
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