



Grade 10

Second Term Test - 2024

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English Language I

1 hour

Answer all questions on this paper itself.

**Test 1**

(5 marks)

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



(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

(f)

- (1) Rimzan is hungry. He wants to have something. He may go to a
- (2) Nishantha is suffering from a toothache. He may go to the
- (3) The children have done all their work. They may go to the
- (4) The students have science in the next period. They may go to the
- (5) Mr Samarajewwa wants to get a new table made. He may go to a
- (6) Sasith is tired working in the garden. He wants to rest. He may go

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**Test 2**

(5 marks)

Complete the dialogue using the words given below. *One is done for you.*

corner   ~~pleasure~~   telling   kindness   next   opposite

Sara : Hello! Would you mind (1) .....me where the post office is?

Mrs. Scot : Oh, it's not far from here. Can you see the cinema (2) ..... to the bank?

Sara : Yes, of course. I can see it.

Mrs. Scot : Well, the post office is (3).....the cinema. It's right on the (4) .....

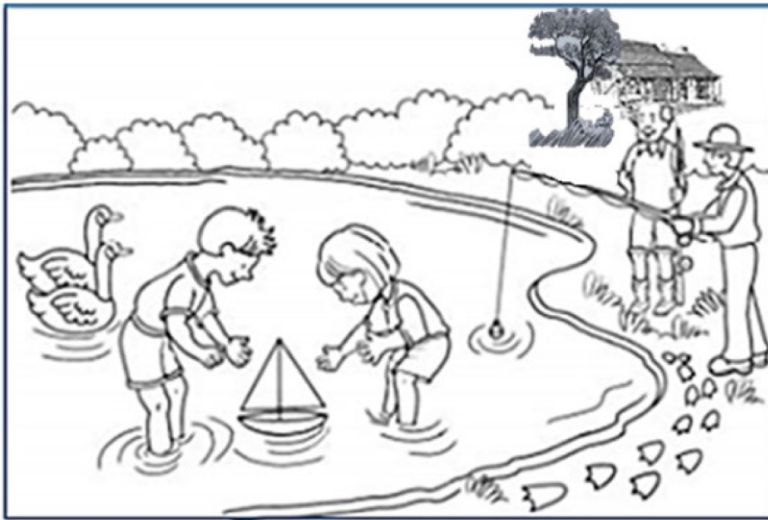
Sara : I see, it's quite close. Thanks for your (5) .....

Mrs. Scot : My (6) .....~~pleasure~~..... Have a nice day!

**Test 3**

(5 marks)

Study the picture and fill in the blanks in the text given below. Use the given words. There are two extra words. The first one is done for you.



- (a) hedge
- (b) hat
- (c) tall
- (d) sailing
- (e) lake
- (f) making
- (g) bushes
- (h) bathing
- (i) men
- (j) house
- (k) rod
- (l) swimming
- (m) man

This is a beautiful picture of a countryside. There is a (1).e.....in the picture. Two children are in the lake (2)..... a toy boat. They may be the brother and sister. Two swans can be seen (3) ..... in the lake. There are two (4) ..... standing by the lake. One man is wearing a (5) ..... and he is catching fish with a fishing(6) ..... . The other (7) ..... is looking at the two children. There is a (8) ..... beyond the lake. There are a lot of (9) .....along the hedge. There is a (10).....in the top right hand corner of the picture. There is also a (11).....tree in front of the house.

**Test 4**

(5 marks)

Use the words given below and complete the text

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| as soon as | when | although | if | because |
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Roberto was a clever student. (1) ..... he turned 12, his parents bought him a laptop. “Now you can do your school projects better (2)..... you have a laptop.” his father said. “I’ll promise you father.” Roberto replied happily. “Remember, (3) ..... you start playing games, you will get addicted to it.” his mother warned him. Time passed. Roberto’s parents noticed that he was gradually losing his interest in studies.(4) ..... he got home from school, he sat in front of his laptop and began to play his favourite video game. (5)..... he had promised his parents, he could not resist computer games.

**Test 5**

(5 marks)

Read the text and complete the grid.

**Marie Curie**

Maria Sklodowska, later known as Marie Curie, was born on November 7, 1867 in Poland. Marie was the youngest of five children. Both her parents were teachers. Her father was a Physics instructor. When she was only 10 her mother died of tuberculosis. As a child, she had a bright and curious mind and excelled at school. Although Marie was a top student in her secondary school, she was not allowed to enter the male-only university of Poland. Therefore, she continued her education in Poland’s “floating university”, a set of underground informal classes held in secret. Marie dreamed of going abroad to earn an official degree, but she lacked the financial resources to pay for more schooling. For roughly five years, Marie worked as a tutor and a governess. She used her spare time to study; reading about Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics. In 1891, Marie finally made her way to Paris and enrolled at the Sorbonne University. She completed her master’s degree in Physics in 1893.

1 Number of siblings Marie had	
2 Father’s occupation	
3 Cause of her mother’s death	
4 She used her spare time to...	
5 She graduated from	

**Test 6**

(5 marks)

Imagine that you have found a pair of spectacles. Write a notice to be put up in the school notice board. Use about 40 - 50 words.

- Include - When and where you found it
- Special features to identify the spectacles (colour, case, etc.)
- Whom to contact to collect it

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**Test 7**

(5 marks)

Read the text and answer the questions.

Charles Schulz, the world-famous cartoonist, came from a humble background. As a young boy, Schulz used to work as a delivery boy in a press office. When all the journalists spent on food, clothing or on travelling, he spent half of his first salary to buy a book on cartoons. His friends were extremely surprised when they learnt that Schulz spent two dollars and fifty cents on a book.

Later, Schulz got a job in an advertising firm. At first, all he did in his job was to tie bundles of papers together. Eventually, his boss discovered that he could draw and do lettering. He was then allowed to work on simple cartoons. It was the start of his career as a cartoonist.

Today, Schulz is the creator of famous characters such as 'Snoopy' and 'Charlie Brown'. His cartoons are enjoyed by both children and adults.

1. What was young Charles Schulz?  
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2. Which job made him popular?  
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3. How much did he spend on the book of cartoons?  
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4. What are the talents his boss identified in him?  
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5. Name one of his famous creations?  
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**Test 8**

(5 marks)

Write a paragraph on one of the topics given below. Use 50 - 60 words.

- (a) Using internet for studies                      (b) My future plans

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Answer all questions on this paper itself.

**Test 9**

(5 marks)

Read the text and underline the most suitable word within brackets. The first one is done for you.

In the past, surgeons found it very difficult to perform operations. This was because patients had to (1) ..... ( enhance, enrich, endure) sever pain during surgery and could not keep still. The pain they felt was so (2) ..... (intense, intimate, insane) that they could not bear it. Sometimes strong men were (3) ..... (empowered, embodied, employed) to hold them down. Very often, patients (4) ..... (succeeded, suffered, suppressed) from shock. Consequently, surgeons had to work at great speed and finish their operations. Therefore, surgeons could not work (5)..... (excitedly, efficiently, elegantly). Today, however, the (6) ..... ( work, working, works) of surgeons is not difficult, thanks to anaesthetics.

**Test 10**

(5 marks)

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given within brackets. The first one is done for you.

This is the month of April. These days everyone at home is busy. We (1) .....are celebrating..... (celebrate) the New Year next week. At the moment, our house (2) ..... (paint). My mother (3) ..... (want) to paint it white. I hope they (4) ..... (finish) painting by tomorrow. All the windows (5) ..... (clean) by my father after that. My sister is in the bathroom washing the curtains. Rice flour and honey (6) ..... (buy) yesterday. So, my mother is getting ready to prepare some sweetmeats. I am helping her.

**Test 11**

(7 marks)

Read the text and fill in the blanks of the text using the most suitable word from the box. There is one extra word.

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in	match	village	join	surprise	people	faces no

Paul Elman is an American scientist. He wondered if people (1)..... feelings in the same way everywhere (2) ..... the world. Elman took photos of (3) ..... in the USA. These people show (4) ..... feelings such as happiness, anger, sadness, (5)....., fear etc. He showed the pictures (6)..... people in 21 countries and asked (7)..... to match the pictures with the (8) ..... Everyone could do this quite (9)..... Then he went to a small (10)..... in Papua New Guinea. It was (11)..... isolated village and the villagers had (12)..... idea about the people in other (13)..... But they found it easy to (14)..... the faces with the feelings. So Elman’s conclusion was that people show their feelings in the same way throughout the world.

**Test 12**

(5 marks)

Visal and his family members are in the living room. They are talking about their uncle who has just come from Japan. The following are some expressions from their conversation. Rewrite those expressions in reported speech. The first one is done for you.

- (1) Father – “Your uncle has returned from Japan.”  
Visal’s father said that. .... their uncle had returned from Japan.
- (2) Mother – “He will be visiting us soon.”  
Visal’s mother .....
- (3) Father – He sent me some photos this morning.”  
Visal’s father .....
- (4) Visal – “Our uncle had a nice beard last year.”  
Visal .....
- (5) Shashini – “Will he go back again?”  
Visal’s sister .....
- (6) Father – “He is going back again next month.”  
Visal’s father .....

**Test 13**

(5 marks)

The following young people have followed some professional courses and they are looking for jobs. The advertisements given below show where there are vacancies. Read them and help them find a job. Match the people with the advertisements. Put the letter in the correct box.

- A. Shaveen is following an English Diploma course in a private university. He will sit the final examination next week and he is eager to find a job after the exam.
- B. Shenaya is a good artist. She did arts for Advanced Level. After that, she followed a Graphic Designing Course. The course included video editing, photo editing, advertisement designing etc.
- C. Tharuka has done Commerce at school. After leaving school, he joined an institute to study CIMA and completed the course successfully. She likes to work in an accounting and financial section.
- D. Lasith's dream is to find a career in the field of electronics and technology. So, he followed a course at a technical college and learnt how to repair video equipment, multimedia, television, radio, etc.
- E. Nuwani is interested in meeting people. So, she followed a Receptionist Diploma course at the Open University of Sri Lanka. Now she is looking for a job.

**A vacancy for a technician**

We are a centre for repairing all types of electrical and electronic equipment. Come for the interview before 1.00 p.m. On Saturdays

**Nero Advertising**

A vacancy for a young talented girl. Come with your original certificates within office hours on weekdays.

**Kandy Holiday Resort**

is ready to open soon. There are vacancies for room services, reception and kitchen staff

**Gama Distributors**

is looking for an accounts clerk. Only those who have followed a related professional course should apply.

**The Best International School**

A vacancy for a primary teacher looking for a young girl/boy with excellent communication skills in English

**Test 14**

(10 marks)

Imagine that you are the secretary of the Environment Society in your school. Write a letter to the Manager of a glass factory in your area asking for permission to visit the factory. Use about 100 words. Include the following.

- The purpose of the visit
- Number of students
- The time and the date

Or

The following pie-chart shows the types of food the students of your class like to eat for breakfast. Study it and write a description about it. Use about 100 words. You may use the following words in your description.





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**Test 15**

(8 marks)

Read the text below and answer the questions.

There are many restaurants in the world, but **probably** the most famous is McDonald's. McDonald's has more than 34,000 restaurants around the world in 119 countries and **they** serve about 68 million customers every day. The story of McDonald's began in 1940 when two brothers, Richard and Maurice (Mac) McDonald, opened a new restaurant called McDonald's Famous Barbeque'.

It was a successful business but the brothers wanted to sell more food and make more money. So in 1948 they made some changes. For example, they tried a new way to cook and serve food faster and McDonald's became one of the first fast food restaurants in the world. In addition, they made the menu simpler: hamburgers, cheeseburgers, sodas and milkshakes. There were no longer any waitresses to serve food, so customers ordered food by themselves at a counter.

In 1954, a man called Ray Kroc joined the company and later bought it for 2.7 million dollars. The company is now worth many billions of dollars. There is a McDonald's museum that is located in San Bernardino, California where the first McDonald's was built. **It** is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

	True	False
(1) Ray Kroc is the founder of McDonald's		
(2) McDonald's became one of the first fast food restaurants in 1948.		
(3) Owners added more items to the menu to expand the business.		
(4) The first McDonald's was built in San Bernardino, California		

(1/2 x 4 = 2 marks)

(2) What does **probably** in line 1 mean according to the text?

- (a) possibly                      (b) undoubtedly                      (c) actually                      (1 mark)

- (3) Complete the following statement.  
 Customers ordered food by themselves at a counter because there were no waitresses to ..... there. (1 mark)
- (4) What/who do the following words refer to?  
 (a) **They** in line 2, first para .....  
 (b) **It** in last line, last para ..... (2 marks)
- (5) Write a word from the text closest in meaning to the phrase given below  
 Having a value of ..... (1 mark)
- (6) Underline the best title for the text.  
 (a) Why McDonald's Restaurants are famous  
 (b) Importance of McDonald's Restaurants  
 (c) The journey of McDonald's Restaurants (1 mark)

**Test 16** (15 marks)

Write on one of the followings. Use about 150 words.

- a) Write an essay about a competition you took part. You may include the following;
- What was it about
  - How you got ready for it
  - Number of participants
  - How you felt during the competition
- b) Write a speech you are going to deliver at the assembly on the topic “The skills we should develop to face the future.” Include the following;
- The challenges you may have to face (Advancement of technology, limited natural resources)
  - Skills needed to face them successfully (IT skills, communication skills, team work etc.)
  - How you can develop them
- c) Write an essay on physical fitness. Include the following;
- What is physical fitness
  - Importance of keeping fit
  - How to maintain physical fitness
- d) Complete the story  
 My two friends, Himal and Venura jumped into the river. I followed them. We began to swim happily. Suddenly.....

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