



Provincial Department of Education – North Western Province
 General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) – 2022 (2023)
 Practice Test
 English Language 1

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Test 01

Match the pictures with the correct words. Write the correct letter in the blank. *The first one is done for you.*



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- a) No phones
- b) Ladies' washroom
- c) Stop
- d) Wheelchair access
- e) First aid
- f) Recycling



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(5 marks)

Test 02

Fill in the blanks in the following announcement using the words given below. *The first one is done for you.*

Your attention please!

All library (1)...**books**..... have to be returned before the 24th of March. (2).....books must be replaced with the ones on (3).....subjects. A fine will be (4)..... for the late return of the books. Students who handed over all the books will be given (5).....and they have to submit them to their (6).....teachers.

- charged
- lost
- receipts
- books
- class
- similar

Test 03

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) short
- b) seen
- c) holder
- d) arranged
- e) men
- f) discussing
- g) office
- h) document
- i) plant
- j) near
- k) closed

This is a picture of an (1).....**g**..... There are two (2) and two women in the room. The windows are (3)..... and a large potted plant is kept (4)..... the window. A man is standing close to the window and he is (5) something with the woman who is wearing a (6)..... skirt and a blouse. He has a (7) on his hand. The other man and the woman are busy with their work and two computers can be (8)..... in front of them. A pen (9) is kept on the table. Some box files are nicely (10)..... in a wall cupboard and there is a small Cactus (11)..... on it.

(5 marks)

Test 04

Underline the most suitable word given in the brackets. *The first one is done for you.*

1. The candidates could not enter the examination hall they came late. (while , as , but)
2. my sister goes to Colombo, she usually buys a new frock. (whenever , because , so)
3. The man couldn't catch the train he ran fast.(since , or , although)
4. The class teacher came to the meeting on time..... of the heavy rain (in spite of , but , though)
5. Hasan and Thisew applied for the course (while , yet , both)
6. The match was not started on time we went for tea. (so , even though , wherever)

(5 marks)

Test 05

Read the following diary entry and write the necessary information in the table given below. *The first one is done for you.*

25th Monday

Today is a wonderful and an unforgettable day for me. I went on a marvelous trip to Kandy with my cousins by a van. First, we worshipped Dalada Maligawa and had a walk around the Kandy Lake. We ate sandwiches for breakfast while walking and spent nearly one hour there. Then we visited Peradeniya Botanical Gardens and got our lunch there happily. We met some tourists and took photographs. They were really nice people and had a chat with us. We packed our things and left the place around 4.30 p.m. One of my elder cousins suggested to go for a movie and we all agreed. Then we watched “Avatar” and came home safely. As it was a tiresome day, I went to bed early.

Date	25 th Monday
City	
Breakfast	
Mode of travel	
A place visited	
Name of the film	

(5 marks)

Test 06

You have planned to do a project on “Say no to Polythene” in your school after the O/L examination. You want to discuss about it with your best friend. Write a note to your friend asking him/her to meet you.

Include : date , time , place and the purpose of meeting Use about 40-50 words.

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(5 marks)

Test 07

Read the paragraph and answer the questions given below.

A king was very fond of horses. Strangers came to him every day and said, “Sir, we will go and buy beautiful horses for you. Please give some money to us.” And the king gave large sums of money to them. But they did not bring any horse in return. One day the king said to the minister, “Please make a list of fools for me.” “Very well, sir”, said the minister. “I will give it to you tomorrow.”

The minister came next day and gave the list to the king. The king looked at it and was very angry. He said, “I see my name at the top of the list. Who put it there? Did you do it?”

“Yes sir, I did it,” replied the minister. “You give large sums of money to the strangers and they go away. They do not come back to you. Excuse me sir, you are the biggest fool.” The king said, “But the strangers will come back and bring beautiful horses with them. What will you do then?”

Then I will take your name off the list and put their names in its place,” replied the minister.

- a) Who came to meet the king every day?
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- b) What did they promise to bring?
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- c) Why was the king angry?
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- d) Did the strangers bring any horses?
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- e) Underline the incorrect statement.
 - 1) The king believed that the strangers would bring horses
 - 2) The minister saw the king as a fool
 - 3) The strangers were also fools.

(5 marks)

Test 08

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

- 1) The film/Tele drama I watched recently
- 2) My plans after the O/L examination

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(5 marks)



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Test 09

Read the text and underline the most suitable word given within brackets. *The first one is done for you.* (5 marks)

It was a sunny day and the children decided to go for a (1) ((a) walk (b) ride (c) journey) to the beach in the evening. They (2) ((a) acquired (b) got (c) told) permission from their parents and got ready. On their way they (3) ((a) brought (b) asked (c) bought) some sweets from a nearby shop and started eating them . While they were walking, they heard a (4) ((a) strange (b) small (c) dark) voice. Suddenly a small dog appeared before them with a bag on its mouth. They stopped quickly and (5) ((a) saw (b) looked (c) watched) at the dog surprisingly. It was a small puppy with a red hand bag and it was (6) ((a) moving (b) wagging (c) shaking) its tail happily. A child took the bag and opened it. It was empty and they laughed loudly. At that moment a woman came towards them saying that this dog had taken her daughter’s bag. Then the child gave the bag to the woman and she thanked them.

Test 10

(5 marks)

Complete the following passage using the most appropriate form of the verb given within brackets. *The first one is done for you.*

National Day, also known as Independence Day, is a Sri Lankan national holiday celebrated annually to commemorate the country’s political independence from British rule. Many national struggles (1) ...**were made**.... (make) in the history of Sri Lanka. On the Independence Day, all of these (2) (remember) and celebrated . But the independence movement against the British is specially recalled. On February 4th, 1948 Sri Lanka (3)..... (granted) independence from the British. It (4) (celebrate) all over the country every year in a grand manner. At the national celebration, a speech (5).....(make) by the president on significant achievements of the government. It is followed by cultural shows and military parades. The whole programme (6)..... (telecast) live in all the TV channels. Special guests including Former presidents and Ambassadors are invited to this function.

Test 11

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

(7 marks)

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educational	even					

Computer technology plays a major role in nearly every sector of human life including education, health, shopping and household work. Nowadays, using personal computers, (2) and smartphones to get work done is common. In other words, computer technology (3) used in many of (4) services and products that a person (5) every day. (6) will find computers in most (7)..... institutions such as (8) colleges, schools and (9)in preschools. Those living in remote (10)can now easily search (11)and follow the courses they like, using (12) learning modes . Students can use computers (13)..... find reliable information (14) for their studies. Schools are no longer limited to the information found in books on their shelves. Computers are also powerful teaching aids which allow students to watch videos, listen to music and to communicate.

Test 12

(5 marks)

A family is discussing the way that they are going to spend the next vacation. These are the comments made by the family members.

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| 1. "I like to visit grandparents." | (elder sister) |
| 2. "We can organize a trip to Nuwara Eliya next week." | (younger sister) |
| 3. "It will give us a novel experience." | (brother) |
| 4. "What is your idea now?" | (aunt) |
| 5. "Do you want to stay there for a week?" | (mother) |
| 6. "Tell me the dates." | (father) |

Now report what the members said. **One is done for you.**

- Elder sister said that she liked to visit grandparents.**
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Test 13: Here is a page from a dictionary. Refer to it and answer the questions given below. (5 marks)



- (1) A system of water pipes and tanks in a building is called -
- (2) A person who illegally hunts animals, birds on someone's property is known as -
- (3) Things that have been stolen during a war -
- (4) A disease that affects the lungs -
- (5) My little brother is not thin. He is a boy .

Test 14

(10 marks)

Write on one of the followings. Use about 100 words.

A. You are the secretary of the Science Club of your school. The members have decided to make a visit to the Ambewela Farm. Write a letter to the manager of it. .

Include the following:

- The date and time of the visit
- Number of participants (teachers and students)
- Request to get a service of a guide
- Ask permission to visit

Or

B. The following bar chart shows how Hasani's mother spent her salary last month. The amounts are given as percentages. Write a description about it. The following words will help you.

Highest percentage, lowest percentage, equal percentage, more, less

schools. The English-language schools are the only ones that teach a standard curriculum and offer secondary-level education. A handful of private institutions exist for higher education. **They** provide opportunities for many children.

While not much is known about the ancient history of the Maldives, scholars and historians believe that the Maldives is an old nation populated well over 2500 years ago. The rich Maldivian culture, craft and traditions have been shaped by the island environment and the seas that surround its people.

The livelihood of Maldivians traditionally depended on the seas, fishery being the main source of sustenance. While fishery still contributes significantly to the economy in terms of employment and income, tourism is the main source of income for their economy today.

1. Say whether the following statements are true or false by writing **T** or **F** in the box given in front of each sentence. (1/2*4=2marks)

- (a) Maldives is in the Indian Ocean
- (b) *Dhivehi* is spoken only by Maldivians and Arabs
- (c) Tourism makes the major contribution to its economy
- (d) Only government conduct higher education institutions

2. Write two things that the Maldives is famous for? (1 mark)

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3. What are the two languages that influenced its official language according to the text? (1 mark)

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4. Write the sentence which says that the country does not have mountains. (1 mark)

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5. What do the following words in the passage refer to? (1 mark)

(a) 'it' in line 6-

(b) 'they' in line 13 -

6. What do the traditional schools teach? (1 mark)

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7. Read the paragraph 3 and find a word which has the same meaning as the following. (1 mark)

1. a small quantity or number -

2. a major city that acts as the center of the country -

Test 16

Write on one the following. Use about 200 words. (15 marks)

1. Write an essay on "**Sources of information**".

- Common available sources of information (newspapers, internet, books, television, magazines, etc)
- Advantages of using them (time saving, useful, provide entertainment, easy to use)
- The sources of information you use often

