

# Southern Provincial Department of Education

## Year End Test - 2018

### English Language - I Grade 10

Name / Index No. ....

Time - 1 hour

♦ Answer all questions.

#### Test - 01

Underline the correct word. *One is done for you.*

- (a) I'm very ..... (pleased, enjoyed) that we are going to be pen friends.
- (b) I'll tell you ..... (some, a little) about myself.
- (c) I live in an ..... (area, office) of London closed to Maida Vale.
- (d) Maida Vale is ..... (quiet, quite) near the centre.
- (e) In the evening I ..... (wait, stay) at home listening to music.
- (f) These days I am working ..... (hard, difficult) because I have exams soon.

(05 marks)

#### Test - 02

Underline the correct answer. *The First one is done for you.*

- (a) I'm waiting for ..... the postman to arrive. (to, for)
- (b) Can I speak ..... you for a minute. (to, for)
- (c) Do you agree ..... me? (to, with)
- (d) This guide book is full ..... useful information. (of, with)
- (e) Are you interested ..... history? (of, in)
- (f) Look ..... that picture. (for, at)

(05 marks)

**Test - 03**

Study the picture and fill in the blanks in the following description. Use only one word in each blank.



There are three people in this shop. They are (1) ....., daughter and (2) ..... The son wants to buy (3) ..... There are three pairs of (4) ..... behind the (5) ..... The daughter wants to buy some socks, a (6) ..... and an eraser. A box of (7) ..... and a box of erasers are on the (8) ..... The daughter is wearing a (9) ..... and the son is wearing a pair of (10) ..... and a T-shirt. (05 marks)

**Test - 04**

Match the utterances with the language functions. Write the correct letter in the box. *One is done for you.*

- (a) Agreeing
- (b) Disagreeing
- (c) Greeting
- (d) Asking for information
- (e) Wishing good luck
- (f) Suggestion

I wish you all the best	e
Could you tell me the way to the church?	
You're right. That's why I came here today.	
Why don't you buy her a necklace?	
Good morning. Nice to see you.	
But my opinion is different.	

(05 marks)

**Test - 05**

Read the following letter and complete the dialogue given below. First one is done for you.

27-08-2018

Dear Thevindu,

We're having a lovely time here in NuwaraEliya, with my mom and dad. But the weather isn't very good. We're staying in a comfortable hotel near Gregory lake. We have a spectacular view of the town. Yesterday we went to see Lover's Leap. It was really fantastic. Today we hope to go for a boat ride in Gregory lake. Tomorrow we'll be going to Hortan Plains.

Sorry, I missed the Science exhibition.

Give my regards to Sirimath.

With love,

Dinuga

Sirimath : I didn't see Dinuga at the Science exhibition

Thevindu : Oh! He's in (1) ..... *NuwaraEliya* .....

Sirimath : Really! How do you know?

Thevindu : I received a (2) ..... from him.

Sirimath : What does he say?

Thevindu : He says that they're staying in a (3) ..... near Gregory lake. On the 26<sup>th</sup> they went to see (4) .....

Sirimath : I've never gone there.

Thevindu : They'll visit (5) ..... on the 28<sup>th</sup>. He's sending you his (6) ..... too.

Sirimath : I'll see him when he returns. (05 marks)

**Test - 06**

The English Unit of your school has organized an English Activity Camp. Write a notice to be put up on the school notice board. Use about 40 to 50 words. Include the following.

- Purpose of the camp
- Date, time and venue

(05 marks)

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**Test - 07**

Read the following text and answer the questions.

The Ganges is India's most famous river. It is about 2500 kilometers long and two hundred million people live in its valley.

People believe that the Ganges is a holy river. So every year millions of them travel along it.

Many go by bus or train, but some very fit people walk all the way, which can take six years. Many holy men live in the hills near the source of the river. They claim to be able to tell future, heal the sick and get rid of bad luck. Some holy men do not eat for many weeks and wear thin cotton cloth in the bitter snows of winter.

Hindus believe that the waters of the Ganges have special powers to heal sick people, and that their sins are washed away if they bathe in it.

The largest city on the banks of the Ganges is Calcutta. It is one of the most crowded cities in the world. The most famous holy city along the Ganges is Varanasi which has many beautiful temples and religious museums.

The Ganges is not only important as a holy river farmers use it to water their crops and the River has many fish which people can catch to eat or sell.

(1) How many people live in the valley of the Ganges?

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(2) Why do people want to travel along the Ganges?

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(3) Write two special powers of Ganges.

(a) .....

(b) .....

(4) What is the largest city on the banks of Ganges?

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(5) Find words that are similar in meaning to the following words.

(a) Sacred - ..... (b) well known .....

(05 marks)

**Test - 08**

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

(a) An interesting book I have read

(b) My future ambition

(05 marks)

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#### English Language - II Grade 10

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Time - 2 hours

- Answer all questions.

#### Test - 09

The following sentences have been written by a student. There is a mistake in each. Rewrite the sentences correcting the mistake. *The first one is done for you.*

(1) It might not be the right kind of profession to you.  
*It might not be the right kind of profession for you.*

(2) In my view, music talent is something hard to define it.

(3) I went to the park seeking for natural beauty.

(4) I apologize for the inconvenient caused.

(5) Had I known about the train strike, I would come by car.

(6) Southern highway extension is been constructed by the Road Development Authority.

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

#### Test - 10

Select a word from the box which has a similar meaning to the word or phrase given within brackets and write it in the space given. *The first one is done for you.*

structures , gateway , converted , left , era , maintaining

As iconic landmark that welcomes you as you enter Matara town, is the fort built by Dutch in 1645. What is (1) *left* (remained) today, the rampart and the (2) ..... (a place through which you have to go) inside the fort, are (3) ..... (frames or buildings) which reflect the colonial (4) ..... (a period of time) Some of them have now been (5) ..... (changed in form) to government offices, while (6) ..... (keeping in good condition) the architectural value.

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

**Test 11**

Fill in the blanks in the following text using the words given in the box.

this	have	to	and
pollute	bags	hour	introduced
shoppers	years	the	
choke	they	down	

One of the biggest issues facing our society today is the problem of how to dispose our rubbish, and in particular, plastic bags. They cause serious damage (1) ..... the environment. While these (2) ..... may last just an (3) ..... in your shopping basket, (4) ..... would take hundreds of (5) ..... to break down. They (6) ..... up our rivers and (7) ..... our waterways. Some retailers (8) ..... taken steps to prevent (9) ..... by introducing incentives to (10) ..... Very recently, some governments (11) ..... a bag tax and (12) ..... plastic bag consumption went (13) ..... by 90%. Those governments (14) ..... the retail industry are now looking at other ways of reducing the use of plastic bags.

(1/2 x 14 = 07 marks)

**Test 12**

Complete the following sentences using the passive form of the given verb. *The first one is done for you.*

- (1) Our sports meet ..... *was organized* ..... (organize) by the sports club of our school.
- (2) It ..... (hold) in January this year at the school playground.
- (3) The guests ..... (usher) by the senior prefects.
- (4) The Olympic torch ..... (light) by a national record holder.
- (5) The winners ..... (feliciate) by the chief guest.
- (6) 'New team events ..... (add) to next year's sports meet', said the Principal.

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

**Test 13**

Match the news extracts with the reasons for publishing those items, and write them in the space given. The first one is done for you.

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| To recruit a suitable person for the vacancy.  |
| To advertise a product.                        |
| To report a disaster caused by an accident.    |
| To report about Kandy Perahera.                |
| To inform educational opportunities overseas.  |
| To report Sri Lanka Vs South Africa Test Match |

News Extracts:

1.	Both locals and foreigners arriving at the hill capital to watch one of the most culturally significant events in Sri Lanka. <i>To report about Kandy Perahera</i>
2.	A well - reputed hotelier requests an Accounts Assistant urgently.
3.	Shihan, a 23 - year old boy was travelling through Panadura, when a speeding bus hit his bike.
4.	Pizza Corner's latest product is the new 'Mega Pizza'
5.	When stumps were drawn, Sri Lanka had another eleven runs on the score board.
6.	Queen Mary is a university in London with a fully integrated teaching.

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

Test 14

(a) Last week, the Prize Giving was held in your school. You received a certificate and a medal for being the grade first. Describing the occasion, write a letter to your pen pal.

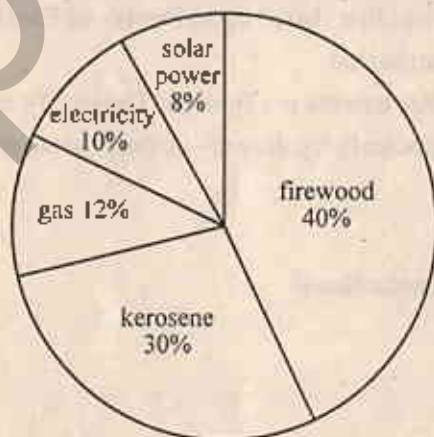
Include the following. Use about 100 words.

- when and where it was held
- the Chief Guest
- your achievements
- how you felt

OR

(b) The following pie chart shows the sources of energy used for cooking by the housewives in Ranagala Village. Write a description based on the information given in the chart. The following words will help you.

highest percentage, than, majority, minority, lowest percentage



(10 marks)

### Test 15

Read the text and answer the questions.

This is Warren's story exactly as he told it to his colleague. It was just before the bell and this fourth grade girl came into the principal's office dragging her school bag. She opened the bag and struggled to life out a very large tin money box. You know the type of money box, the one that has a 50 US dollar note embossed on the side. She lifted the large money box onto the table and pushed it across to me. When I picked it up I had to use two hands to lift it-it was that heavy.

When I asked her what the money box was for, she just said, "It's money for the children affected by the fire". "How much is in here?" I asked, "I don't know," she said. "But I have been saving it all my life." And then she zipped up her bag, smiled and quietly left the office. This young fourth grade student, Nadeesha had just donated her life savings! Warren, the Principal, said he was overwhelmed by the moment.

The amount doesn't matter of course but you might like to know that the money box contained 457 US dollars and two pennies. The Teachers who held it, and many did, said it weighed several kilos. And all were caught by the sentiment when the story was first shared in the Denistone East Public School staffroom. "There was not a single dry eye in the room." Warren said.

Nadeesha was born in Australia, her parents are from Sri Lanka. By the way, those two pennies from Nadeesha's money box are now in the Principal's top drawer - no doubt set to reappear as the story becomes part of school legend.

(1) Select the most suitable phrase and underline it.

(i) Mr. Warren is :

- (a) Nadeesha's father
- (b) one of her teachers
- (c) the principal



(ii) Nadeesha came to the office

- (a) long after the bell
- (b) just before the bell
- (c) during the interval

(2) Write 2 things Nadeesha did after coming to the office.

- (a) ..... (b) ..... (01 mark)

(3) Select words from the passage to complete the sentences. (Use only one word in each blank.)

- (a) The money box was very .....
- (b) Nadeesha's ..... are Sri Lankans. (01 mark)

(4) Why did Nadeesha give the money box to the principal? (01 mark)

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(5) What was embossed on the side of the money box? (01 mark)

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(6) Read the passage and find a word which has the same meaning as the following.

- (a) emotionally felt
- (b) made a very great effort (01 mark)

(7) Write the sentence which says that the teachers cried when they heard the story.

..... (01 mark)

(8) Underline the correct answer. The best title for the passage is:

- (a) Donation is a sacrifice
- (b) How to realize a dream
- (c) A gift from the heart (01 mark)

(08 marks)

### Test 16

Write on one of the following.

Use about 200 words.

(a) Write an article to your wall paper on the following topic.

"Sources of information"

- what are they
- how they help students
- advantages and disadvantages of them

(b) A speech you would make at the morning assembly on "Importance of a balanced diet"

- what a balanced-diet is
- our food habits
- advantages of a balanced - diet

