



Minuwangoda Education Zone

Second Term Evaluation - 2025

Grade 10

English Language - I

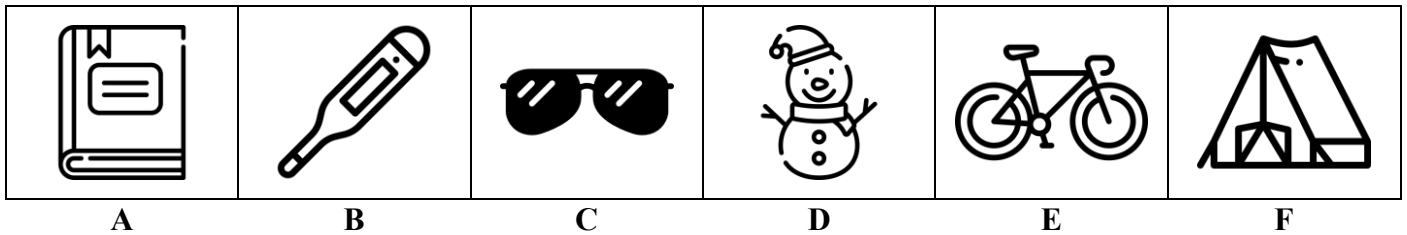
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Time: 1 hour

★ Answer all questions on this paper itself.

○ Test 01

Match the following pictures with the situations. Write the relevant number in the space provided. *The first one is done for you.* (1 × 5 = 5 marks)



- It's very sunny outside.
- I want to read.
- I have a fever.
- It's snowing.
- We are going camping.
- I want to ride.

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○ Test 02

Fill in the blanks in the following notice using the words given in the box. Write the correct word in the space provided. *The first one is done for you.* (1 × 5 = 5 marks)

from, sustainable, main hall, commerce, event, ~~debate~~

NOTICE

The Environmental Club of Green Valley College has organized a 1.~~debate~~..... on "Should urban areas adopt strict waste separation laws to promote 2. waste management?"

It will be held between the Science section and the 3. section on the 15th of September 2025 4. 10.00 a.m. onwards in the 5.

All the students of the A/L sections are invited to witness the grand 6.!

Organizing Committee
Environmental Club

○ Test 03

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.* $(\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5 \text{ marks})$



- a) activities
- b) looks
- c) umbrella
- d) smile
- e) helmets
- f) them
- g) scooters
- h) buy
- i) right
- j) tree
- ~~k) park~~

This is a picture of a 1. K . Many people are doing fun 2. . A couple is sitting under a big 3. and having a picnic. Two children are standing near an ice cream cart with an 4. , thinking what to 5. . The seller is selling ice cream with a 6. . Two kids are riding 7. and wearing 8. . A happy dog is running beside 9. . On the 10. side, two boys are playing basketball. Everyone 11. happy. It's a nice place to enjoy the day.

○ Test 04

In the following story, each numbered blank contains three options in brackets. Underline the most suitable word to complete the sentence. *The first one is done for you.* $(1 \times 5 = 5 \text{ marks})$

Last Sunday, my family and I went 1. (to / at / in) the beach. We 2. (enjoy / enjoyed / enjoying) the sunny weather and played volleyball. My sister 3. (swim / swam / swims) in the sea while I built a sandcastle. We had 4. (many / much / a lot) fun together. Before leaving, we 5. (eat / ate / eaten) ice cream from a nearby shop. It was 6. (a / an / the) unforgettable day for all of us.

○ Test 05

Read the following dialogue and fill in the blanks given below. *The first one is done for you.*

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

Amith: I visited the National Museum last weekend. It was such a fascinating experience!

Sahan: Really? What did you like the most about it?

Amith: I loved the Ancient Art Gallery. There was a magnificent golden throne used by an ancient king.

Sahan: That sounds amazing! Did you take any pictures?

Amith: Unfortunately, no. Photography was not allowed inside the museum.

Sahan: That's understandable. These artifacts must be very valuable.

Amith: Exactly. Also, the museum guide explained that the golden throne is about 800 years old!

Sahan: Wow! We must protect such treasures for future generations.

Amith: Yes, preserving our history is very important.

1. The place Amith visited is the national museum
2. The item Amith liked the most was the
3. Was photography allowed inside the museum?
4. The golden throne is about years old.
5. The artifacts are so because they are ancient treasures.
6. What important message did Amith mention?

○ Test 06

Your best friend has invited you to his/her birthday party. But you are unable to attend it due to an unavoidable reason. Write a **note** to your friend explaining the reason. Use about **40 - 60** words. (5 marks)

(5 marks)

Include

- thank him for inviting
- reason for not attending
- visit him/her on another day
- wish him/her

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○ Test 07

Read the text and underline the correct answer.

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

The Importance of Recycling

Recycling has become an important practice in protecting the environment. It helps reduce the amount of waste that ends up in landfills and incinerators, which in turn reduces pollution and conserves natural resources. For example, recycling paper reduces the need to cut down trees and use water, while recycling plastic prevents harmful chemicals from leaching into the soil. Many countries have implemented recycling programs that require residents to sort their waste into different categories. These programs encourage people to recycle more, but they also highlight the importance of reducing and reusing materials. It's essential that individuals take responsibility for their waste and participate in recycling programs to help ensure a cleaner, healthier planet for future generations.

1. The main purpose of recycling is to
(a) create more products (b) make more waste (c) reduce pollution
2. Recycling paper helps to
(a) cut down trees (b) protect the environment (c) use more water
3. According to the text, recycling programs are designed to encourage people,
(a) to increase pollution (b) to increase waste (c) to sort waste
4. The word "conserves" in the text means
(a) save (b) waste (c) destroy
5. The writer suggests that individuals should
(a) ignore recycling programs
(b) take responsibility for their waste
(c) use plastic more frequently

○ Test 08

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

(5 marks)

- (a) Why I would like to have a smart phone.
- (b) A historical place in Sri Lanka.

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★ Answer all questions on this paper itself.

○ Test 09

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words given in brackets. *The first one is done for you.* (1 × 5 = 5 marks)

1. (performer / performance / performing)

Sarah is an amazing performer who always shines on stage. Her last was praised by critics for its energy and creativity.

2. (develop / developed / development)

The city has undergone rapid over the past decade. Many areas have been replaced by modern buildings.

3. (achievable / achievement / achiever)

Climbing Mount Everest is a great, and only a few people can claim to have done it. For some, this goal is, but for others, it may seem impossible.

○ Test 10

You were talking to your friend who has just returned from a trip to Australia. Tell your family about the conversation. (1 × 5 = 5 marks)

- “I had a wonderful time in Australia,” he said.
- “I visited the Great Barrier Reef and saw many beautiful fish,” he told me.
- “I will go back next year to explore more,” he added.
- “I met many interesting people during my trip,” he mentioned.
- “I took lots of photos of the beaches,” he said.
- “Can you recommend a good Australian restaurant here?” he asked.

Now, fill in the blanks to convert the sentences from direct speech into reported speech. *The first one is done for you.*

1. He said that he had had a wonderful time in Australia.
2. He told me that he the Great Barrier Reef and had seen many beautiful fish.
3. He added that he back the following year to explore more.
4. He mentioned that he many interesting people during his trip.
5. He said that he lots of photos of the beaches.
6. He asked whether I a good Australian restaurant there.

○ Test 11

Fill in the blanks in the following passage by selecting the words from the given list. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 14 = 7 \text{ marks}$)

with	Many	use	great	and	Social	powerful
and	Companies	users	find	bullying	to	information

Social Media and Its Impact

Social media has changed the way people communicate. It helps people stay connected 1. friends and family. Many people 2. social platforms like Facebook, Instagram, 3. X. Social media is a 4. tool for businesses as well. 5. can advertise their products and 6. new customers. It is important 7. be careful when sharing personal 8. People can sometimes face online 9. or scams. To stay safe, 10. should adjust their privacy setting 11. avoid sharing too much online. 12. media can also be a 13. way for learning new things. 14. educational pages and videos are available to anyone online. Through media, if used wisely, can be a very positive part of modern life.

○ Test 12

Amal received the following letter from his cousin Yasith who has gone camping in Nuwara Eliya. Fill in the blanks using the most appropriate form of the verb given within brackets. ($1 \times 5 = 5 \text{ marks}$)

Dear Amal,

How are you? I hope you are doing well. I 1. (be) in Nuwara Eliya now. We 2. (arrive) here two days ago. Since then, we 3. (enjoy) every moment. My friends and I 4. (explore) the beautiful parks and gardens. Yesterday, we climbed a small hill near our campsite. I 5. (share) all the exciting stories with you when I return.

Take care!

Yasith

○ Test 13

Read the following descriptions of different sources of information. Then, match each description with the viewers' comments given below by writing the correct letter in the given box. *(1×5 = 5 marks)*

Sources of Information

A printed collection of articles and stories, issued weekly or monthly, often featuring news, entertainment, and interviews with famous people.

A

An online platform where users can search for information on almost any topic, with updated articles, images, and videos.

B

A place where books, magazines, and newspapers are kept for public use, offering a quiet environment for study and research.

C

A television channel dedicated to broadcasting live news events, weather reports, and expert opinions 24 hours a day.

D

A reference book, often organized alphabetically, that provides detailed summaries and facts about a wide range of topics.

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Viewers' Comments

1. Anil: "Whenever I need the latest headlines or political updates, I just switch on this news channel. It's fast and reliable."	
2. Meena: "If I'm curious about a topic for a school project, I usually visit this website. It's so convenient because I can access videos and articles in one place!"	
3. Sahan: "On weekends, I love flipping through colorful pages filled with celebrity gossip, fashion trends, and interesting stories."	
4. Thilini: "When I need a calm, quiet spot to study, I head here. There are tons of books and it's peaceful."	
5. Ishan: "When I was younger, I loved looking up random facts in this big book. It had everything from dinosaurs to famous scientists!"	

○ Test 14

Write only one of the following. Use the space provided.

(10 marks)

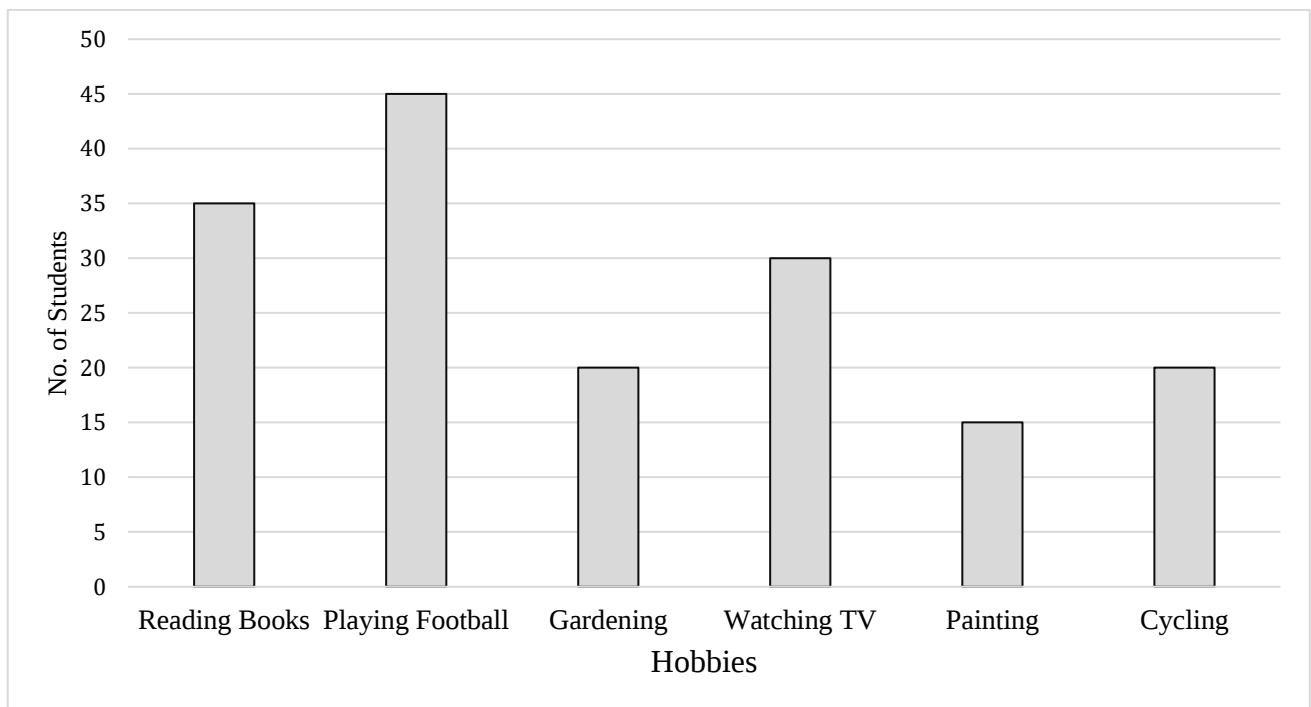
a) You are the Secretary of the English Literary Association of your school. You are going to have an ‘**Interschool English Speech Competition**’. Write a letter to a teacher of English at a neighboring school inviting him/her to judge the competition. Use about **100** words. Include the following points:

- Date, time, and venue
- Categories – Junior and Senior divisions
- Topics for the competition
- Other invited judges

OR

b) The following bar graph shows what Grade 10 students of Kurulugama Central College like to do during their leisure time. Write a description about it using about 100 words. You may use the following words in your description.

most, equal, least, more popular, less popular, less than



Handwriting practice lines consisting of 20 horizontal dotted lines.

○ Test 15

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

(8 marks)

The Invention of the Wheel

The wheel is considered one of the most important inventions in human history. Early humans invented the wheel around 3500 BC, mainly to aid in pottery making. It was only later that **they** realized its potential for transportation. The earliest wheels were solid disks carved from heavy wood, which made moving objects easier than dragging them along the ground.

The true breakthrough came when the wheel was combined with an axle. This allowed carts to move smoothly and carry heavier loads over long distances. Ancient civilizations, such as the Sumerians and Egyptians, improved the design by making lighter wheels with spokes. Over time, the wheel led to the development of chariots, wagons, and eventually modern vehicles.

Today, wheels are found everywhere—from cars and bicycles to machinery and toys. Their basic principle remains the same: to reduce friction and make movement efficient. Without the invention of the wheel, much of modern civilization would not exist as we know it. **It** is a symbol of progress and innovation, connecting the past to the future.

1. Say whether the following statements are True or False according to the text. Put a tick (✓) in the relevant cage. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$ marks)

Statements	True	False
a) The first wheels were invented to help with transportation.		
b) Wheels became more useful after they were attached to axles.		
c) Modern cars still use the basic principle of the wheel.		
d) The wheel was first invented in ancient Rome.		

2. Underline the phrase that is closest in meaning to the given words. ($1 \times 2 = 2$ marks)

- a) Progress (Paragraph 3)

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| i. Movement forward | ii. Heavy object |
| iii. Ancient history | iv. Difficult path |

- b) Efficient (Paragraph 3)

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| i. Slow and heavy | ii. Quick and effective |
| iii. Unimportant | iv. Full of mistakes |

3. Write the word from passage that is similar in meaning to “breakthrough”. (1 mark)

4. What do the following pronouns in **bold** formatting refer to? ($\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$ mark)

- a) They in Paragraph 1: b) It in Paragraph 3:

5. Choose the correct answer: ($1 \times 2 = 2$ marks)

- a) Who improved the design of the first wheels by adding spokes?

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| i. Romans | ii. Egyptians and Sumerians |
| iii. Chinese | iv. Indians |

- b) What is the main role of a wheel?

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| i. To slow down vehicles | ii. To carry small objects |
| iii. To reduce friction and aid movement | iv. To decorate ancient buildings |

○ Test 16

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

(15 marks)

- a) Write an article to a wallpaper of your school on “**The person I admire most**”. Include:
 - introduction of the person
 - his/her qualities
 - why you admire him/her
 - his/her achievements
- b) Imagine you have been requested to make a speech at the morning assembly of your school on the topic “**The importance of learning English**”. Write the speech you make there. Include:
 - place of English in today’s world
 - different fields that English is used
 - benefits of learning English and how it helps in one’s higher studies
- c) Write an essay on “**Value of Reading**” Include the following.
 - Reading materials and sources
 - Benefits of reading
 - How it helps in the long period of time
 - How to develop yourself by reading
- d) You see your friend is so addicted to mobile phones and neglect studies. Write the dialogue between you and your friend about this situation.

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