

# Second Term Test - 2015

## Grade 10

### English Language

Name : .....

Time :3 Hours

#### Paper 1

Answer all the questions on this paper itself.

- Test 1: Complete the sentences using the most suitable word from the box. *The first one is done for you.*

- I. Hemal is five feet .... <sup>tall</sup> .....
- II. She always wears her hair ..... in a knot.
- III. Forest fires can ..... thousand of acres in national parks.
- IV. They are going to have an ..... next year.
- V. The baby is crying ..... he is hungry.
- VI. Newspapers contain news and .....

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(1x5=5 marks)

- Test 2 : Read the given information about Malinga's favourite book and write the number in front of the relevant caption. *The first one is done for you.*

Name of the book	2
Author	
Type of story	
Main characters	
Story in brief	
Why Malinga likes it	

1. This story spans a period of 10 to 15 years and details the lives of Tom and Maggie Tulliver, siblings growing up at Dorlcote Mill on the River Floss near the village of St. Ogg's in Lincolnshire, England.
2. The Mill on the Floss
3. A novel
4. George Eliot
5. Because it is dramatic piece with exaggerated characters and exciting events
6. Maggie Tulliver, Tom Tulliver, Mr and Mrs Tulliver, Philip Wakem

(1x5=5 marks)

○ Test 3 : Write a sentence about each picture. *The first one is done for you.*

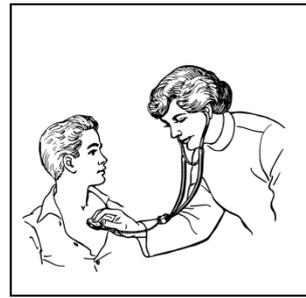
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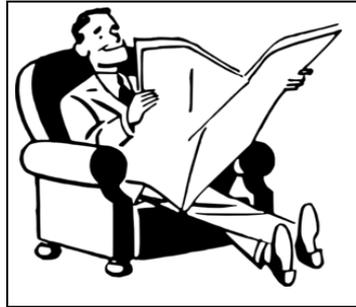
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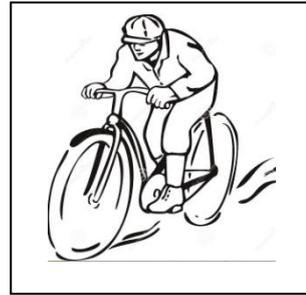
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(1) ..... The player *is playing cricket in the playground.* .....

(2) ..... The girl .....

(3) ..... The doctor .....

(4) ..... The boy and the man .....

(5) ..... The gentleman .....

(6) ..... The boy .....

(1x5=5 marks)

○ Test 4: Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition. *The first one is done for you.*

after, ~~during~~, before, against, beyond, upon

I. I'll see you during the interval

II. I met her \_\_\_\_\_ I sat my O/L exam.

III. All the responsibilities cannot be put \_\_\_\_\_ the teachers.

IV. Wash your hands \_\_\_\_\_ you take your meals.

V. She argued \_\_\_\_\_ my views.

VI. It is \_\_\_\_\_ our control.

(1x5=5 marks)

- Test 5 : Match the advantages with the relevant sources of information and write the letter in the space given. *One is done for you.*

<i>Sources</i>	<i>Advantages</i>
• Encyclopedias _____	a. A very fast way of getting information
• Magazines <u>  f  </u>	b. Both auditory and visual facilities are there.
• Books _____	c. Factual entries of wide verity of subjects are provided
• Newspapers _____	d. Commonly used and easy to handle
• Websites _____	e. Current events and various types of news are published.
• Television _____	f. Provide articles with pictures about various popular topics.

(1x5=5 marks)

- Test 6 : Write a paragraph about **your hobby** OR **your favourite person.**  
( Write about 50 words. )

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(1x5=5 marks)

- Test 7 : Read the following notice and answer the questions.

**NOTICE**

**A Blood Donation Campaign**

will be held on **07<sup>th</sup> August 2015** from **7.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.**

at the **Sarvodaya Building**, No 5, Colombo Road, Kurunegala.

This will be organized by The Lion’s Club simultaneous with the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

All the members and blood donators are requested to give their valuable support for this meritorious deed.

- I. What is the event notified? .....
- II. Who organizes it? .....
- III. When will it be held? .....
- IV. Who is it meant to? .....
- V. Where is it held? .....

(1x5=5 marks)

- Test 8: You have borrowed a note book from a friend of yours but you are unable to go to school on the following day. Write a note to your friend apologizing for not returning the book immediately. Include the reason for your absence. ( Write about 50 words )

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(1x5=5 marks)

## Paper II

### Answer all the questions

- Test 9: Write the most suitable adverb in the blank.

- I. The students have painted the room \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. Let's walk \_\_\_\_\_. I don't want to go fast.
- III. My neighbor always plays his radio \_\_\_\_\_. It's very nosy.
- IV. He \_\_\_\_\_ put the vase on the table. It fell to the floor.
- V. He reacted \_\_\_\_\_ to the news.

slowly / angrily / loudly / carelessly / colourfully

(1x5=5 marks)

- Test 10 : Read the passage and write the suitable word in the blank.

shapes / has been / their / built / protect
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Houses are buildings that people can live, eat and sleep in. They (1) \_\_\_\_\_ you from dangers and bad weather. Most houses show the lifestyles, traditions and cultures of the people who live in them. Homes and houses have different (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and sizes. They are built of different materials that depending on the climate of the area you live in. Long ago, people (3) \_\_\_\_\_ homes with whatever building materials that they had. In and some countries they used grass or leaves that grew nearby. Now a days people use sun-dried and baked bricks to build (4) \_\_\_\_\_ houses. In the northern part of North America and in northern Europe wood (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the main building material for many centuries.

(1x5=5 marks)

- Test 11 : Read the poem and answer the questions given below it.

### The bus driver

As the sun rises over the eastern horizon,  
He wakes to go from zone to zone,  
Fetching students from house to house,  
Working steadfastly like a mouse.

Everyday, at the same time,  
in the same way, Be it a sunny or rainy day,  
Everyday he works, except for Sundays,  
School vacations and public holidays.

Nothing else to do but drive,  
"Tis he who takes sole responsibility for the children's lives,  
True, his job is boring,  
But you never hear him complaining!

- I. When does he wake up? .....
- II. How does he work according to the first stanza? .....
- III. Does he work on rainy days? .....
- IV. According to the 2<sup>nd</sup> stanza what are his holidays? .....
- V. Why is his job boring? .....

(1x5=5 marks)

- Test 12 : Turn these sentences into **present perfect** tense. *The first one is done for you.*

- I. She makes a cake for her daughter's birthday.

She **has made** a cake for her daughter's birthday.

- II. Mr. Wanigasekara goes to India with his wife.

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- III. Amesh does not do his homework.

\_\_\_\_\_

- IV. Kavin and Priyan collect picture post cards.

\_\_\_\_\_

- V. I finish my work.

\_\_\_\_\_

- VI. He takes the first place in the race.

\_\_\_\_\_

(1x5=5 marks)

- Test 13: Fill in the blanks in the following text using the words given in the box.

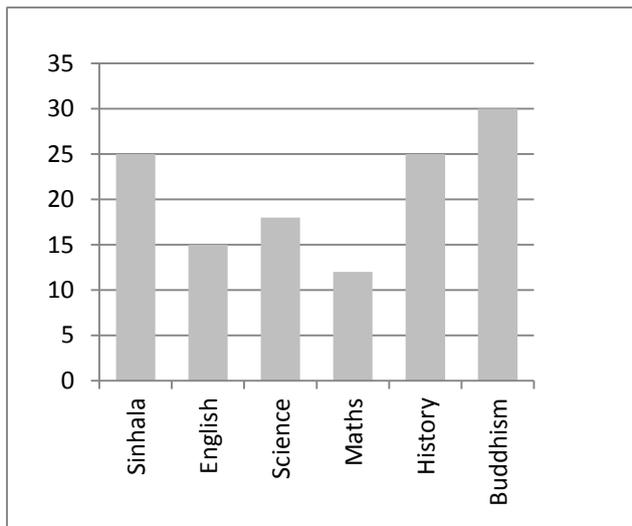
health	meat	Vegetables	contain	muscles
important	people	Protein	healthy	vegetarians

Vegetables are an important source of food. Most people eat (1)\_\_\_\_\_ as well as vegetables. However some (2) \_\_\_\_\_ only eat vegetables. These people are called (3)\_\_\_\_\_. Vegetables supply us with (4)\_\_\_\_\_ vitamins and nutrients necessary for good(5)\_\_\_\_\_. Many of the leafy vegetables (6)\_\_\_\_\_ vitamin C and vitamin A. They also help to form (7)\_\_\_\_\_ skin. Some vegetables

also have protein in them. (8)\_\_\_\_\_is needed by the body for building (9)\_\_\_\_\_ and other tissues of the body. (10)\_\_\_\_\_with high protein content are peas, beans, groundnuts, soya beans and other legumes. They are good for maintaining good health

.(1/2x10=5 marks)

○ Test 14 :



This bar chart shows the results of a survey conducted among 30 students of Grade 10 of Thisssa College about the number of students who passed the six main subjects; Sinhala, English, Science, Maths, History, and Buddhism in a placement test held by the school. Study the chart and complete the description using the given words.

**least, 15, vertical, Buddhism, equal, more, Maths, horizontal, Sinhala, data**

This bar chart depicts the number of students who passed the six main subjects; Sinhala, English, Science, Maths, History, and Buddhism by 30 students of Grade 10 of Thisssa College in a placement test held by the school. The (1) \_\_\_\_\_ axis represents the subjects and the (2)\_\_\_\_\_ axis represents the number of students. According to the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of the chart all the students have got pass marks for (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The number of students who passed (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and the number of students who passed History are (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and it is 25. The number of students who passed Science is (7)\_\_\_\_\_ than that of English and (8)\_\_\_\_\_ and it is 18. The subject that has been passed by the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ number of the students is Maths. Only (10) \_\_\_\_\_ students have passed the English paper.

(1x10=10 marks)

○ Test 15: Read the following passage and answer the questions.

**Elephants**

Elephants are large mammals of the family *Elephantidae*. and the order *Proboscidea*. Traditionally, two species are recognized, the African elephant and the Asian elephant. Other families of the order *Proboscidea*, including ‘mammoths’ and ‘mastodons’ are now extinct.

Elephants are scattered throughout sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. Male African elephants are the largest surviving terrestrial animals and can reach a height of 4 meters and weigh 7,000 kg.

All elephants have several distinctive features the most notable of which is a long trunk used for many purposes, particularly breathing, lifting water and grasping objects. They have tusks, which can serve as weapons and as tools for moving objects and digging. Elephants' large ear flaps help to control their body temperature. Their pillar-like legs can carry their great weight.

One of the biggest threats to elephant populations is the ivory trade, as the animals are poached for their ivory tusks. Other threats to wild elephants include habitat destruction and conflicts with local people. Elephants are used as working animals in Asia. In the past **they** were used in war; today, they are often put on display in zoos and circuses.

- I. What is the 'family' of elephants? .....
- II. Where are elephants scattered?  
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- III. For what do elephants use their trunk? .....
- IV. What are the threats that elephants face? .....
- V. Who is referred by "**they**" in the last line? .....

(2x5=10 marks)

o Test 16: Write an essay on **ONE** of the following topics.

- Reading is important.
- My last school vacation
- An unforgettable trip
- Travelling is an interesting hobby.

(15 marks)