



IDASARA ACADEMY
General Certificate of Education (Ord. Level) Examination, 2026
ENGLISH LANGUAGE I
One hour

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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF.

• **Test 1**

Match the following warning and instructional signs with the situations given below. Write the letter of the most suitable sign in the box against each situation. The first one is done for you.

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[A] SILENCE PLEASE	[B] CAUTION: WET FLOOR	[C] NO ENTRY AUTHORISED ONLY	[D] PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AHEAD	[E] FIRST AID STATION	[F] NO PLASTIC BAGS ALLOWED
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- (1) Entering a hospital intensive care unit or a library silent study room. [A]
- (2) A janitor has just mopped the tiles in a bank lobby to prevent slipping. []
- (3) A driver needs to slow down because school children frequently cross here. []
- (4) An eco-friendly botanical reserve bans polythene wrappers and bags. []
- (5) A student has suffered a minor injury and needs immediate bandage dressing. []
- (6) An electrical room containing high-voltage transformers is strictly locked. []

• **Test 2**

Fill in the blanks in the following dialogue using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the blank. The first one is done for you.

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(a) display (b) project (c) recycle (d) exhibition (e) posters (f) collected

Shanuki: Hello Kasun! Are you ready for our science (1) ...b... today?

Kasun: Yes, Shanuki! I have brought all the cardboard sheets we prepared. Did you bring the photographs of our school herbal garden?

Shanuki: Yes, I have (2) them in this green file. We can stick them neatly on the presentation board.

Kasun: That's great. Mr. Perera asked us to make two informative (3) explaining how organic compost is prepared.

Shanuki: I have already drawn the diagrams. Our stall will (4) natural fertilizer samples as well.

Kasun: Excellent! We can also show students how to (5) empty plastic bottles into hanging planters.

Shanuki: Perfect idea! I am confident our stall will win an award at the annual science (6) tomorrow.

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• Test 3

Study the picture given below and fill in the blanks in the paragraph using the words given in the box. Write the correct word in each blank. Use each word only once. The first one is done for you.

queue buying counter standing colourful baskets behind selling shelves smiling under
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This picture shows a lively evening scene inside a rural cooperative grocery store. In the foreground, an elderly customer is (1) *standing* near the wooden payment (2) holding a cloth shopping bag. A polite young cashier is (3) warmly as she enters items into the register. Several customers are waiting patiently in a neat (4) to pay for their goods. On the left side, wooden (5) are filled with fresh carrots, leeks, and pumpkins. Two women are carefully selecting vegetables and placing them into woven (6) A shop assistant is (7) fresh green vegetables to a customer near the doorway. Overhead, a (8) banner announces a special festive discount for New Year. A small friendly kitten is sleeping quietly (9) a wooden bench. In the background, right (10) the cashier, there are large glass jars filled with aromatic spices. Most customers seem to enjoy (11) local farm produce at fair prices.

• Test 4

Read the following email sent by Senali to her friend Dinithi. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word given in the box. The first one is done for you.

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Dear Dinithi,

I am writing this email to tell you (1) *about* the inter-school English Day competition that our school is hosting next month. We received an official invitation letter (2) your school principal yesterday. Our English Literary Association has decided (3) introduce a new choral speaking event for Grade 10 students.

We would love to see your team participate (4) our students in this exciting competition. Most schools have already confirmed (5) participation with the organizing committee. Please encourage your classmates to join (6) it will be a wonderful opportunity to build confidence and develop spoken English.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,
Senali

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• Test 5

Read the following text about the Sinharaja Rain Forest and complete the table given below with the required information. The first one is done for you.

Sinharaja: A Living World Heritage

The Sinharaja Forest Reserve is the largest remaining primary tropical rainforest in Sri Lanka. Situated across the boundary of the Sabaragamuwa and Southern provinces, this dense evergreen forest spans over 8,800 hectares of rugged hills and cascading streams. In recognition of its unique biodiversity and high proportion of rare species, UNESCO declared Sinharaja an International Man and Biosphere Reserve in 1978 and a World Heritage Site in 1988.

Sinharaja experiences a wet tropical climate with an average annual rainfall between 3,000 and 5,000 millimeters. Because rain falls throughout the year, the forest remains lush and vibrant. It is home to over 60 percent of Sri Lanka's endemic trees, some of which tower more than 40 meters above the forest floor.

The reserve is particularly celebrated for its remarkable bird life. Wildlife enthusiasts visit Sinharaja to observe mixed-species bird feeding flocks. Among the rare avian species, the Sri Lanka Blue Magpie and the Red-faced Malkoha are iconic endemic treasures.

Despite legal protection, Sinharaja faces serious conservation challenges, particularly illegal gem mining and encroachment along its peripheral boundaries. Wildlife authorities have therefore introduced community-based eco-tourism programs to educate surrounding villagers, ensuring that this pristine wilderness is safeguarded for generations to come.

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No.	Information Required	Extracted Fact from the Text
(1)	Status declared by UNESCO in 1988	<i>World Heritage Site</i>
(2)	Two provinces where the forest is located	
(3)	Average annual rainfall range	
(4)	Percentage of endemic trees found in Sinharaja	
(5)	One iconic endemic bird species named	
(6)	One major conservation challenge mentioned	

• Test 6

You are the secretary of the Environmental and Health Society of your school. Your society has organized a **Dengue Prevention and School Cleaning Campaign**. Write a notice to be placed on the school noticeboard informing all Grade 10 and 11 students. Use about **40–50 words**.

Include: (a) Date, starting time, and gathering venue (b) Purpose of the campaign (c) Cleaning items students should bring.

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• Test 7

Read the text given below and answer the questions that follow.

In a quiet coastal village near Weligama lived an elderly craftsman named Martin Uncle. For over forty years, Martin had spent his mornings carving miniature wooden catamarans and traditional masks from lightweight balsa and kaduru wood. His open workshop was situated under the shade of two large coconut palms, where cooling sea breezes kept him comfortable during hot afternoons.

While modern plastic souvenirs flooded local gift shops, Martin refused to compromise on authentic quality. He used natural dyes extracted from turmeric roots and tree bark to colour his carvings. "A machine can produce fifty toys in an hour," he often told his granddaughter Hiruni, "but only human hands can give wood a heartbeat."

One rainy morning, a foreign travel writer whose car had broken down near the beach took shelter under Martin's workshop veranda. Fascinated by the intricate details of the miniature boats, the writer took several photographs and wrote an article about Martin's craftsmanship for an international travel magazine. Within months, orders arrived from art galleries across Europe. Instead of keeping the earnings for himself, Martin used the money to set up a free weekend carving school for unemployed youth in his village.

Underline the most suitable answer for questions (1) to (3):

(1) What type of wood did Martin primarily use for his carvings?

- (a) Teak and mahogany (b) Lightweight balsa and kaduru (c) Coconut and rubber wood

(2) Martin colored his traditional carvings using:

- (a) imported oil paints. (b) synthetic spray dyes. (c) natural extracts from turmeric and bark.

(3) The foreign travel writer visited Martin's workshop because:

- (a) his vehicle had broken down nearby during the rain.
(b) he was searching for a famous art gallery.
(c) Martin had invited him to write a magazine article.

Write short answers for questions (4) and (5) using words from the text:

(4) Why did Martin refuse to produce modern plastic souvenirs?

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(5) How did Martin help the unemployed youth in his coastal village?

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• Test 8

Write a short paragraph on **ONE** of the following topics. Use about **50 to 60 words**.

(a) **The Importance of Planting Trees** **OR** (b) **An Unforgettable School Trip I Enjoyed**

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