



IDASARA ACADEMY

General Certificate of Education (Ord. Level) Examination, 2026

ENGLISH LANGUAGE I

One hour · Model Paper 2

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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF.

• Test 1

Match the following notices and 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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Q. 1

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Total: 5

[A]
KEEP OFF
THE GRASS

[B]
FIRE EXIT

[C]
SWITCH OFF
MOBILE PHONES

[D]
NO SWIMMING:
DEEP WATER

[E]
QUEUE HERE

[F]
DRINKING
WATER

- (1) Visitors want to take a short cut across the lawn of a public park. [A]
- (2) Smoke fills a cinema hall and the audience must leave the building quickly. []
- (3) A family on a picnic wants to bathe in a reservoir with strong currents. []
- (4) Thirsty pilgrims are looking for a tap to fill their empty bottles. []
- (5) Candidates are walking into an examination hall with their belongings. []
- (6) Many customers arrive at the counter of a bank at the same time. []

• 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.

(a) borrow (b) library (c) return (d) membership (e) shelves (f) librarian

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Q. 2

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Amal: Good morning, Nethmi! Are you going to the school (1) ...b... now?

Nethmi: Yes, Amal. I want to (2) a storybook to read during the weekend.

Amal: I must go there too. I have to (3) the two science books I took last week.

Nethmi: Do you know where the new English novels are kept?

Amal: Yes. They are on the (4) near the window, next to the dictionaries.

Nethmi: Thank you. I have forgotten my card at home. Will the (5) allow me to take a book?

Amal: I am not sure. She usually checks the (6) card before she issues a book.

Nethmi: Then I will read in the reading room today and bring my card tomorrow.

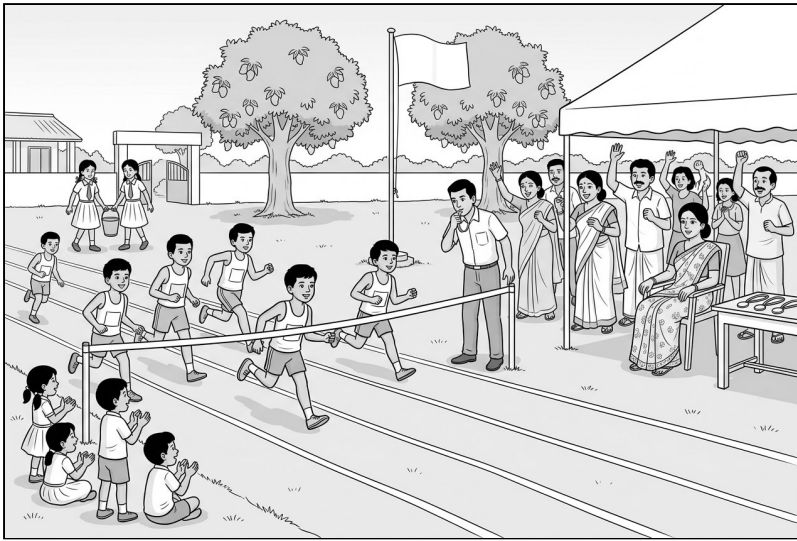
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• Test 3

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.

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track | cheering | tall | running | beside | medals | sitting | whistle | between | tent | carrying



This picture shows the annual sports meet of a village school. It is a bright and sunny morning. In the centre, six boys are (1) *...running...* along the grass (2) towards the finishing line. A teacher is standing near the line with a (3) in his mouth. On the right, a group of excited parents are (4) loudly for their children. The chief guest is (5) on a chair under a large white (6) Three shining (7) are kept on a small table (8) her. A (9) flagpole stands (10) two mango trees at the far end of the ground. Near the gate, two girls are (11) a bucket of drinking water for the athletes. The school flag is flying in the wind, and a few small children are clapping their hands happily. Everyone seems to be enjoying the event.

• Test 4

Read the following letter sent by Dilan to his cousin Sahan. 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 Sahan,

Thank you (1) *...for...* the lovely birthday card you sent me last week. It arrived (2) Monday morning, just before I left for school. My father gave me a new bicycle as a present. He bought it with (3) first salary from the new job.

I wanted to ride it to school the next day, (4) it rained heavily and I had to take the bus. Our school vacation begins next week. Please come (5) spend a few days with us. We can meet you (6) the Matara railway station if you tell us the time of your train.

Give my love to aunt and uncle.

Your loving cousin,
Dilan

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• **Test 5**

Read the following text about a travelling library and complete the table given below with the required information. The first one is done for you.

The Library That Travels

Every Saturday morning, a bright yellow bus leaves the town of Dambulla and travels to villages that have no library of their own. This is the Travelling Library, a project started in 2019 by a retired school principal, Mrs. Kamala Herath. She began with only 300 books collected from her former students. Today, the bus carries more than 4,000 books in Sinhala, Tamil and English.

The bus visits twelve villages every month. It stops near the village temple or the school for about three hours. Children can borrow two books at a time and keep them for two weeks. Membership is free, but each child must bring a letter signed by a parent.

The most popular section is the picture-story shelf, which is always empty by noon. Older students prefer the science magazines and the collection of past papers. A volunteer teacher also conducts a one-hour reading circle under a tree while the bus is parked.

The project has not been easy to run. Fuel is costly, and heavy rains often damage the village roads. However, a local bank now pays for the fuel, and university students help to repair torn books during their holidays. Mrs. Herath hopes to add a second bus next year so that no child has to wait a month for a new book.

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No.	Information Required	Extracted Fact from the Text
(1)	Year in which the project was started	2019
(2)	Person who started the project	
(3)	Number of villages visited every month	
(4)	Number of books a child can borrow at a time	
(5)	What a child must bring to become a member	
(6)	One difficulty in running the project	

• **Test 6**

You are the secretary of the Science Society of your school. Your society has organized a **Science Day Exhibition**. Write a notice to be placed on the school noticeboard inviting students to present their models. Use about **40–50 words**.

Include: (a) Date, time, and venue of the exhibition (b) Who can take part (c) The last date to hand over names and to whom.

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Q. 6
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Total: 5

NOTICE	
..... Date	 Secretary

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• Test 7

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

Sanduni was a Grade 10 student who lived in a small village near Bandarawela. Every morning she walked two kilometres to the bus stand and travelled to her school in the town. One Monday, as she was getting off the crowded bus, she noticed a small brown purse lying under a seat. She picked it up and looked around, but the passengers had already hurried away.

Inside the purse there were three thousand rupees, a pair of gold earrings and a hospital clinic card. The card carried the name of an elderly woman and the number of a ward at the Bandarawela Hospital. Sanduni knew that her mother was struggling to pay her tuition fees that month. For a moment she held the purse tightly. Then she remembered what her grandfather always said: "What is not yours will never bring you peace."

Without wasting time, Sanduni gave the purse to her class teacher, Mrs. Fernando, and explained what had happened. That afternoon the two of them visited the hospital and found the owner, a seventy-year-old woman named Seelawathie. She had been afraid that she would not be able to pay for her monthly medicine. With tears in her eyes, she blessed Sanduni again and again.

The following week, the principal praised Sanduni's honesty at the school assembly. The hospital staff also sent a letter of thanks. Sanduni did not receive any money, yet she said it was the happiest day of her school life.

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

- (1) Where did Sanduni find the purse?
 (a) at the bus stand (b) under a seat in the bus (c) near the school gate
- (2) Which of the following was **not** in the purse?
 (a) a clinic card (b) a pair of gold earrings (c) a mobile phone
- (3) Sanduni first gave the purse to:
 (a) her class teacher. (b) the bus conductor. (c) the principal.

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

(4) Why was Seelawathie afraid after she lost her purse?

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(5) How did the principal appreciate what Sanduni had done?

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• Test 8

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

(a) **My Favourite Subject at School** **OR** (b) **How I Help My Parents at Home**

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Q. 7

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Q. 8

C: 2

L: 3

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