



# G.C.E. A/L Examination March - 2020

Conducted by Field Work Centre, Thondaimanaru  
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Grade: - 13 (2020)

General English I

Time: - 1 Hour  
Total Marks :- 60

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## Part I

Answer all questions on this paper itself.

### Part – A Grammar and Vocabulary

• **Question : 01**

Fill in each blank with one of the following preposition.

at, by, for, to, of

A pedestrian standing (1) ..... the centre (2) ..... the road, asked a motorist how could she reach the hospital. “you need not go searching (3) ..... it. Stay where you are you’ll be taken (4) ..... the hospital !” advised (5) ..... the motorist.

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

• **Question : 02**

Fill in the each blank with the correct form of the verb given with in bracket.

A new lawyer had just opened up his office “Ah ! A client already”, he (1) ..... (think) as he saw the door (2) ..... (open).

“I (3) ..... (impress) him”, he said himself.

He picked up the telephone and (4) ..... (start) talking. “No, I am very sorry, but I (5) ..... (not take) your case, even for Rs. 500,000 “I’m just too busy”. He (6) ..... (replace) the receiver and looked at his visitor. “And now, what (7) ..... I .....(do) for you” he asked briskly. “Nothing really” (8) .....(be) repy. “I (9) ..... (be) from the Telephone department. I just came (10) .....(connect) your telephone”

(1 x 10 = 10 marks)

• **Question : 03**

**Underline the correct word from those given within brackets to fill in the following text.**

Nursing, as a recognized profession is comparatively young. In great Britain, it dates back from year 1860 (1) ..... (which, when, where) the school of nursing was first established (2) ..... (at/on/into) St.Thomas Hospital, London by Florence Nightingale she had been (3) ..... (gave, give, given) a large sum of money by British public in Return (4) ..... (for, of, to). her service in the Crimean war and since she had fond great difficulty in (5) ..... (found/finding/founded) even a few women with sufficient nursing abilities to take with (6) ..... (she, herself, her) to the Crimean war (7) ..... (trained, train, trains) nurses and thus the first training school was. (8) ..... (builds, build, built) from this, over the last hundred (9) ..... (ears, yes, years) Training schools for Nurses attached to large hospitals have been built all over Britain and in (10) ..... (most/more/mostly) counties to train girls for his highly skill profession.

(1x10=10 marks)

• **Question : 04**

**Complete the incomplete words choosing their correct endings from the bracket.**

- 1) Good Education can still ability and still self confide ..... (ent, ence, ant) in student.
- 2) Siberian ducks, spoonbills and ploves are migr..... (ation, ants, atory) that can be seen in Sri Lanka from Decembers to February.
- 3) Johnsons group is fina ..... (nces, ncially, ncial) sound to launch many more cosmetic products.
- 4) As the members could not arrive at a deci..... (tion, sion, cion) the matter was dropped by the committee.
- 5) Psychologists are of the view that one's intellig..... (cent, ence ense) is an in born trait and it can not be increased very much trough education.

(1 x 5 = 5marks)

• **Question : 05**

**Underline the correct word from those given in brackets.**

- 1) They searched for the number in the telephone (catalogue, register, directory)
- 2) In the hotel lobby the dective caught (Glance, sight, view) of the man he had been hired to follow.
- 3) In four years at the company, he rose to the (level, standard, quality) of director
- 4) That hotel is so expensive they (cost, charge, take) you Rs.10,000 for bed and breakfast.
- 5) She emptied the (contents, valuables, money) of her purse on to the table.

(5x1=5 marks)

**Part B :- Reading and writing****• Question : 06**

**Underline the option that best expresses the meaning of its sentences given below.**

- 1) He is used to eating rice for dinner.
  - a) He usually eats rice for dinner.
  - b) He doesn't eat rice for dinner now.
  - c) He wants to eat rice for dinner.
  
- 2) Rajiv told Sanjay that the boy to whom he had lent his bicycle had damaged it beyond repair.
  - a) The boy lent his bicycle to sanjay.
  - b) Rajiv lent his bicycle to sanjay.
  - c) Sanjay lent his bicycle to the boy.
  
- 3) Nalin's brother, Rajah who works at the super market is a good friend of mine.
  - a) Nalin and I are friends.
  - b) Rajah and I are friends.
  - c) Nalin Rajah and I are friends.
  
- 4) I know a lot more about computers than my sister does.
  - a) I know a lot more about computers than I know about my sister.
  - b) My sister does not know anything about computers but I know a lot.
  - c) My sister knows some thing about computers. but I know a lot more.
  
- 5) Despite falling midway through the race, she won.
  - a) She had already won the race when she fell down.
  - b) She won the race although she had fallen midway through the race.
  - c) She won the race as fell down.

(1x5=5 marks)

**Question : 07****• Read the following passage and do the activities that follow.**

The home of an ordinary, peaceable man was entered one day by a large and violent person, a person of great power and authority, who asked the man, do you agree to serve me? Without saying a word, the man prepared food and drink for this person, and gave him the best room in the house and the best bed to sleep on. Washing and mending his clothes, cooking his meals, cleaning up after him, the man of the house served the intruder diligently and without a word of complaint for seven years. At the end of this time, the person of great power and authority had grown so fat, as fat even as the famous king of Egypt, and so unhealthy from lack of exercise that he died the man wrapped the body in old sacking and threw it on a rubbish tip. Then he returned home, and burnt the bedding washed the bedstead down with disinfectant whitewashed the walls, scrubbed the floor-boards. and answered" No

1) Write true or false in the space provided

- i) The owner of the house proceeded to serve and offer every thing of his best even if he did not really want to. ( )
- ii) The intruder was disposed of without ceremony. ( )

2) Underline the correct answer to the following questions.

- i) Which word will be most suitable to describe the character of the owner of the house.
  - a) arrogant                      b) submissive                      c) violent
- ii) Who or what does the underlined pronoun (he) refer to?
  - a) The intruder                      b) king of Egypt                      c) The owner of the house
- iii) Write one word from the passage which means the same as the following.
  - a) in a manner of working with care and effort

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(5x1 = 5 marks)

**Question : 08**

- Read the following poem and do the following activities.

**Tree Blessing**

Grand mother often said :  
 “Blessed is the house upon whose walls.  
 The shade of an old tree softly falls”.  
 We had no tree our cottage.  
 So, I planted one last spring  
 It’s six months old now,  
 And growing fast  
 In six years’ time, there llbe  
 A blessing.

1) Why did the poet plant a tree?

..... (1 mark)

2) How old is the tree now.

..... (1 mark)

3) The grand mother makes the child understand the importance of a tree. Write the words that she used.

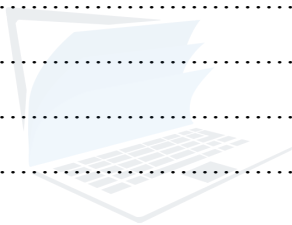
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**Part II**❖ **Part A :- Reading skill****(50 marks)**◆ **Question : 01**

**Read the following text and underline the meaning of the words in bold print as they appear in the text.**

01. The “Aeneid” is a legendary **narrative** about the imagined **origin** of the Roman nation. It is an epic poem. An epic is a long narrative poem, full of action, which tells about human life and makes us **wonder** about the relationship between man and the gods. The main characters in epics are heroes. Very often epics show **clashes** between heroes and gods.

The “Aeneid” tells of the Trojan prince who said to have **escaped** during the sack of Troy and sailed with other Trojans to the west coast of Italy where they **founded** early Rome. The epic describes the many **trials** they had to face before they finally arrived at their **destiny**.

This story is **significant** for the role the gods take in men’s **affairs**.

- |                      |            |              |                |                  |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1) Narrative .....   | 1) Write   | 2) story     | 3) listen      | 4) speak         |
| 2) Origin .....      | 1) start   | 2) good      | 3) old         | 4) difficult     |
| 3) Wonder .....      | 1) beauty  | 2) marvel    | 3) super       | 4) difficult     |
| 4) Clashes .....     | 1) class   | 2) disputes  | 3) patient     | 4) calm          |
| 5) Escaped .....     | 1) hide    | 2) runaway   | 3) attach      | 4) violent       |
| 6) Founded .....     | 1) make    | 2) find      | 3) established | 4) start         |
| 7) Trials .....      | 1) example | 2) hardships | 3) not fair    | 4) not true      |
| 8) Destiny .....     | 1) death   | 2) fate      | 3) curse       | 4) confident     |
| 9) significant ..... | 1) extreme | 2) important | 3) tries       | 4) unforgettable |
| 10) Affairs .....    | 1) Problem | 2) things    | 3) activities  | 4) objects       |

**(10 marks)**

## ◆ Question : 02

(15 marks)

Read the following text and answer the question.

### SHARK ATTACK : THE SURPRISING TRUTH

In 1968 a survey was conducted in Australia to determine what single word aroused the most intense emotions. Word such as murder, death, love and poison were tested. The hands – down winner? Shark.

Seven years later, the movie “Jaws” created images so vivid that many Americans who saw it simply stayed on beach and out of the water that summer. Then, just when **they** thought it was safe to go into the water once again. Hollywood unleashed a second movie, Jaws 2.

Fortunately, fear of shark attacks is out of all proportion to the danger. The average swimmer’s chances of being victimized by a shark are about one in five million. Yet myths **misconceptions** about sharks persist.

One person who has done much to set the records straight is H. David Baldrige, a U.S. Navy officer scientist and author of the book shark attack. Baldrige recently conducted a computer assisted examination of the navy’s shark attack file(SAF), the most comprehensive collection of its kind in the world. He concentrated on 1,165 documented shark attacks. Here are some of the old wive’s tales he helped dispel:

There are about 100 shark attacks each year , most of which are fatal, Wrong. In recent year the numbers of documented attack world wide has averaged 28, and the mortality rate steadily decreased. Thank to better medical attention, from 46 per cent in 1940 to between 10 and 20 per cent today.

When a shark attacks one person, it will attack **others** nearby, Generally untrue. Sharks tend to select a single person for attack and ignore others. Thus the risk to rescuers in a shark attack is extremely slight.

A shark circles its victim before attacking

In two out of three cases, the shark was never seen before he attacked. In half the case where it was seen, it was heading straight for the victim.



The often – quoted ability of ‘a single drop of blood’ to drive a shark into a frenzy is difficult to accept. Many sharks attack unwounded swimmers, and then swim away, leaving the victim bleeding **profusely**.

Shark attack people because they are hungry.

Baldrige’s most startling conclusion is that only a **fraction** of shark attacks is motivated by hunger. Although sharks aren’t picky eaters (They have been known to eat tin cans), two – thirds of all shark attacks on people have involved a single bite followed by abandonment of the attack. A pattern of behaviour hardly characteristic of a predator bent on killing for food. Why, then, do sharks attack? In murky water it may simply be a case of mistaken identity. Perhaps the best explanation is that they perceive their victim as a threat. “The only way a shark can warn **you is** with its mouth and teeth”, says Baldrige. Attacks of this kind may be generated by a swimmer who unwittingly trespasses on a shark’s territory or cuts off its escape route.

The fact is that the average person stands very little chance of ever encountering a shark, let alone being attacked by one. About two dozen Americans die every year of bee and wasp stings. Another 150 or 200 are struck down by lightning. And almost 140 people are killed everyday on the nation’s highways. In contrast, there will probably be no more than three dozen shark attacks world wide this year, of which only three or four will be fatal. “Even if there were twice as many **fatal** shark this year, of which only three or four will be fatal.” says Baldrige, “riding to the beach in a car is far more dangerous than swimming once you get there.”

1) Write True or False beside each sentences in the space given.

- a) The danger involved in shark attacks is relatively less when compared to people’s fear of earth attacks. ( )
- b) The number of deaths due to shark attacks has decreased mainly due to the decrease in shark attack ( )
- c) Shark attacks in murky water are mostly due to the victims inability to identify the shark ( )
- d) The risk to rescuers in shark attack is very high ( )
- e) The writer refers to other forms of death such as road accidents and lightning as a form of contrast to the number of shark attack deaths. ( )

(1 x 5= 5 marks)

2) What special event took place in 1975 to keep Americans away from swimming in the sea?  
.....  
(1mark)

3) List two popular beliefs about shark attacks and the reasons to reject those beliefs.  
1. ....  
2. ....  
(2 marks)

4) Underline the statement which best expresses the main idea of the passage.  
a) sharks attacks have decreased considerably over the years.  
b) Most beliefs of people about shark attacks convincing at all.  
c) Many people die of more other causes than shark attack  
(1 mark)

5) Give the meaning of the following words highlighted in the passage as they appear in the text.  
a) misconception .....  
b) profusely .....  
c) Fraction .....  
d) Fatal .....  
(4 x ½ = 2 marks)

6) Explain the meaning of the following sentence in your own words.  
“Riding to the beach in a car is for more dangerous than swimming once you get there”  
(Last sentence of the paragraph)  
.....  
.....  
(2 marks)

7) State who or what the following words underlined in the passage refer to.  
a) They .....  
b) Other .....  
c) You .....  
d) One .....  
(4 x ½ = 2 marks)  
(15 marks)

## ◆ Question : 03

Read the poem and answer the questions by underlining the most appropriate option

(10 marks)

**Gone**

Emotions ran through my head

I found my self wishing I was dead

All because you were moving away

I knew I would never see you another day

You got into your car and waved good bye

why oh why did it have to end?

you made me so happy. So carefree

you made it feel okey for me to be me

It's been almost a year since you moved away

but it feels like **it** was only yesterday

I remember everything you used to do

It may seem impossible but it's true

You were the best friend I ever had

Now that you left me. I am beyond sad

I love and I miss you more than you ever knew

you've taught me so much and I want to say thank you

(Stephaie M. Wendarf)

1) "I found myself wishing I was dead" means that

- (i) The poet died because he / she couldn't bear to separated from his / her friend
- (ii) The poet attempted to commit suicide because he / she was so depressed
- (iii) The poet decided to take his / her life due to depression.
- (iv) The poet realised he /she preferred to die rather than live.

2) Which of the following is not true?

- (i) The poet's friend left the neighbourhood
- (ii) The poet could no even speak with the friend over the phone
- (iii) The poet knew that he / she would never see the friend
- (iv) The poet was emotionally disturbed.

3) To which of the following does 'it' in stanza 3 line 2 refer?

- (i) Sorrow                      (ii) Friendship                      (iii) love                      (iv) meeting

4) Which of the following is true?

- (i) The poet's friend was his favourite teacher.  
 (ii) The friend knew well how much the poet loved him / her  
 (iii) The poet's friend had genuine qualities of true friend  
 (iv) All what the friend had told were impossible things to do.

5) The word "Care Free" in the poem means.

- (i) Full of care                      (ii) Ignorant  
 (iii) disinterested                      (iv) without having worries.

(5 x 2 = 10 marks)

◆ **Question : 04**

**Read the following text on Sarath and his Smart phone and fill in the blanks with suitable words given in the box. There are three extra words.**

|         |       |        |     |     |        |
|---------|-------|--------|-----|-----|--------|
| away    | his   | asleep | it  | him | addict |
| turn    | lying | up     | and | the | mother |
| because | floor | very   | to  | off |        |

Sarath mother bought him a smart phone for his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. By fifteen he had become very good at using his smart phone. but (1) .....was his only hobby. His (2) ..... wanted him to go out (3) ..... do things but he had (4) ..... few friends. Nothing could make (5) ..... turn his computer off.

In (6) ..... end, his mother threatened to (7) ..... off the electricity. Sarath went (8) ..... bed and pretended to by (9) ..... but at midnight he got (10) ..... to work at the smart phone He had become a phone (11) ..... one morning sarath was found (12)..... on the (13).....

He had collapsed (14) ..... he was very tired. Two weeks in hospital made him (15) ..... that he should not allow his smart to control his life.

(1 x 15=15marks)

**Part B  
(Dialogue)**

(25marks)

◆ **Question : 01**

**How do you respond in each of the following situations? Write only one sentence or question for each. beginning with the word/s given.**

1) Your best friend who is preparing for his / her A/ L examination next month wastes a lot of time on face book Give him suitable advice.

You'd better .....

2) One of your friends invites you to watch a foot ball match this week end. Refuse his / her invitation

I .....

3) You arrived at a town that you had not visited previously. Ask somebody the way to the railway station.

Could .....?

4) Your father asks your opinion on spending the next vacation. Suggest something

Shall .....

5) you promised that you would deliver a speech at the next meeting of the English Literary Association. Today is the meeting and the announcer invite you to the stage But you connate deliver speech today apologize with valid excuse.

I .....

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

◆ **Question : 02**

Complete the missing parts of the following dialogue between a caller and a receptionist Do not use more than two sentences or questions in each blank.

Receptionist :- Jaffna Medical centre (1) .....

Caller :- I need to make an appointment with Dr. Sivakumar.

Receptionist :- Ok Sir (2) .....

Caller :- I'm Manoj Silva.

Receptionist :- Right, Sir now, May I know when you want to see the doctor.

Caller :- Well (3) .....

Receptionist :- Mm. I'm sorry. Dr. Majid is off tomorrow (4) .....

Caller :- oh, no I can't wait until Wednesday. I was really hoping to get an appointment tomorrow in case I need some antibiotics. I'll have to go to hospital instead.

Receptionist :- Sir (5) .....

Caller :- I'm in my office now in Jaffna.

Receptionist :- Actually we had a cancellation for 2 pm today if you can get away from the office.

Caller :- Well, It's almost 1 pm already I think I can come if I leave right now.

(1x5=5 marks)

◆ **Question : 03**

You are going to send a parcel to a friend of yours in Thailand. You are speaking to the officer at the post office.

Use the given guidelines and complete the missing parts of the dialogue between the two of you.

Officer :- (1) .....

(He begins the conversation by asking an appropriate question)

You :- (2) .....

(you say what you want)

Officer :- Give me the parcel, please, ok Let me see how much it weighs... It's about 750 g

You :- (3) .....

(ask appropriate question)

Officer :- Two thousand rupees if you send it by normal post.

you :- (4) .....

officer :- It'll six days. Anyway, if you send it express. Oh will get there tomorrow. But then you'll have to pay an extra amount of hundred rupees.

You :- Well, My friend wants this parcel immediately so (5) .....

.....  
(you complete the utterance appropriately)

office :- Ok, Then give me Two thousand one hundred rupees. Please.

you :- Here it is.

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

◆ Question : 04

Your friend is of the opinion that Sri Lanka enjoys too many holidays and this number should be reduced to speed up the development of the country. But your view is that rather than reducing the number of holidays, it is better to extend the working hours. Write the conversation that took place between you and your friend in the form of dialogue. Each of you must speak at least six times.

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(10 marks)

**Part - C**  
**Writing skill**

(65 Marks)

◆ Question : 01

Select any five words from the list of nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs given below and use each one of them in a meaningful sentence. You may use the verbs in any tense. Do not change the form of the other words.

|            |                                     |
|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Nouns      | tradition, responsibilities, income |
| adjectives | ancient, unavoidable                |
| verb       | convey, scold, expect               |
| adverb     | completely, patiently, effectively  |

1) .....  
2) .....  
3) .....  
4) .....  
5) .....

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

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◆ Question :02

Complete the following sentences by putting the words in brackets in the correct order

- 1) Older .....  
/ carefully / walk / than / people / teenagers / more
- 2) Mother Theresa .....  
/ internationally / was / for / recognized / her service / to humanity
- 3) Nihal .....  
/ the / in / boy / most / his / is / class / hand some /
- 4) Statistics .....  
/ an / subject / is / important / you / if / research / to do / want /
- 5) When you .....  
/ a job / apply / for / write / have to / you / application / of / a letter

(2 x 5 = 10 marks)

◆ Question : 03

You are the secretary of young writers club of your school. The team of young writers has written a poetry book on “Great Mother Land”. The club is planning to launch the book. Write an invitation about the event include the following.

- a) Date, time, venue of the ceremony
- b) Chief guest
- c) Title of the book
- d) Invite teachers, students and parents.

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◆ **Question : 05**

As president of your school computer society. Write an official E- mail to a computer company inquiring about their products. You have heard that they offer special discounts to schools. In your E – mail you should.

- 1) State how you heard about this company’s products.
- 2) State why you are interested in purchasing a computer from them
- 3) ask for any other relevant details  
(Available brand, Warranty, Payment method, discounts, Sales after services etc)

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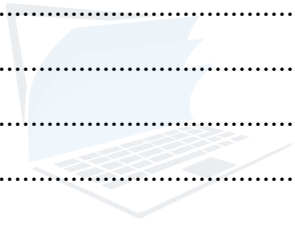




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