

**GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (Ord Level) EXAMINATION
DECEMBER 1997
ENGLISH PAPER 1 - ONE HOUR**

1. Match the places (A) with what we do there (B) Write the letter of the place in the correct box Look at the example.

PLACE (A)	WHAT WE DO THERE (B)
Example :	
a) We go to school	to get medicine
b) We go to the temple/kovil/church/mosque	to play
c) We go to the playground	to read
d) We go to the library	to eat
f) We go to the hospital	to worship
e) We go to the restaurant	to learn

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2. This note is not in the correct order. Read it and put it in the correct order. Write the letter of each section in the space. Look at the example :

<p>a) Thank you for your invitation</p> <p>b) Suren</p> <p>c) With love</p> <p>Yours</p> <p>d) 2nd December 1997</p> <p>e) I would love to come to your party</p> <p>f) Dear Janith</p>	<p align="center">Example</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">f</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></td> </tr> </table>	f					
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3. These are pictures of some people. Write the letter of the job of each person in the given box. Look at the example



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| <p>a) Postman/Postwoman</p> <p>b) Cashier</p> <p>c) Waiter/Waitress</p> <p>d) Mechanic</p> | <p>e) Nurse</p> <p>f) Pilot</p> <p>g) Actor/Actress</p> <p>h) Typist</p> |
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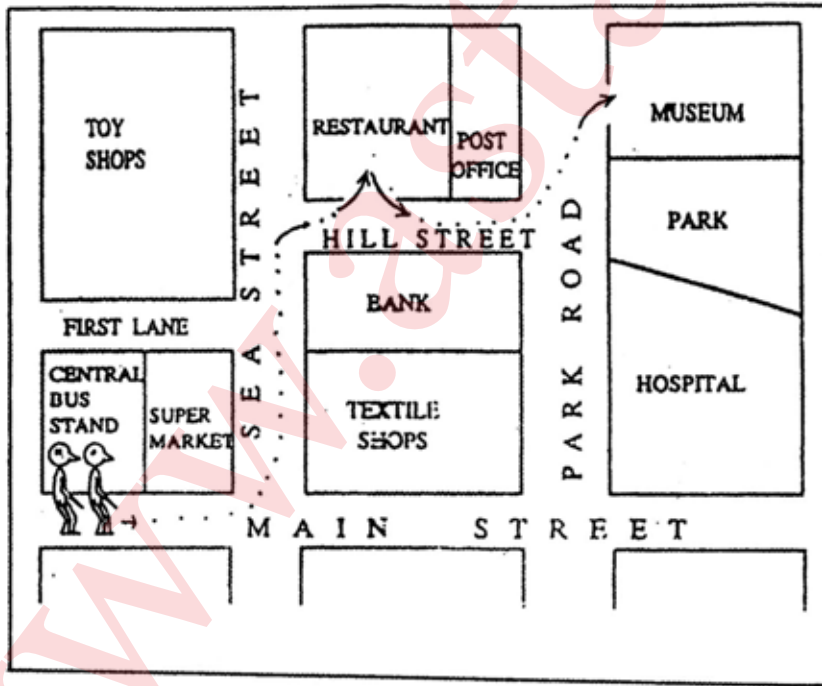
- (c) and hand their over the school prefects.
- (d) We will invited the president of the Sri Lanka Goodwill Association.
- (e) and hand them over for him to be given to the victims.

7. In the spaces given below write Five things you would do to keep your pet dog clean happy and healthy. Look at the example.

Example:- Play with him everyday.

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)

8. Raja and his brother visited the museum last week. The route they took is shown by the dotted lines. Describe the route they took from the central bus stand to the museum. (Mention the places they went to and passed on their way. Write in about 30 words)



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ENGLISH PAPER II - TWO HOUR**

9. Read the following notice and answer the questions given below.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY - VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed from each village to help build our country. If you want to serve your country in a direct way, here is a chance for you to work as a teacher in the Education Services, as a doctor or a nurse in the Medical Services or as a social worker in the Social Services. Your living allowance will be paid according to the area you volunteer to work in.

Write now indicating your choice of work to :
The Secretary,
Build the Nation Volunteers Association.
31, Sama Nikethana,
Colombo 03.

- a) Why are volunteers called?.....
- b) Write the word which shows that volunteers are needed urgently?.....
- c) From where are they being selected?.....
- d) How many categories of volunteers are being called?.....
- e) How are the volunteers paid for their services?.....

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

KEEPING MEDICINES

Medicines must be kept out of reach of children. Most accidents with medicines happen to children less than five years old at times when their mother is busy with something else and cannot keep an eye on them.

Store medicines in one lockable place preferably in a medicine cabinet with a safety locking device.

Close the container and return them to the cabinet at once after use.

NEVER

Never leave medicines lying around even if you think they are out of reach.

Never keep old medicines after you finished using them. The more medicines you have in your home, the greater the risk of an accident.

Never let children play with medicine containers empty or full.

Remember to use medicines properly and keep them safely.

TAKING MEDICINES

ALWAYS

Follow the instructions on the label carefully, do not exceed the dose and stick to the interval between doses.

Consult your doctor if the trouble does not clear up.

Consult your doctor if already under treatment for something else.

NEVER

Never take more than one medicine at once except on doctor's instructions.

Never give adult doses to children unless it tells you on the label it is safe to do so.

Never give any medicine to babies younger than six months without consulting your doctor

- a) What is the age group at which most accidents with medicine happen?.....
- b) Why should you throw away old medicines?.....
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- c) What is the best place to keep medicines?.....
- d) How would labels on medicines help You?.....
- e) When taking medicines prescribed by a doctor, write two things that you should always do?
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11. You are the Prefect of Games in your school. You want to form a Sports Society to encourage more students to take part in sports. Write down five rules for the members of the society to follow.

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)

12. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper explaining the good work done in a community project carried out by a youth club in your area.

Describe :

- * the purpose of the project,
- * the people who worked on the project ,
- * how the community was benefited.

write in about 100 words.

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13. This is a letter written by a boy to his aunt. There are ten mistakes in it. Correct the mistakes and rewrite the ten sentences in the space given below.

16, Eksath Mawatha,
Kurunegala.
3rd Decembere, 1997.

Dear Aunty / Sumudu,

How are you ? I hope you're keeping fine. Last year you gave me wonderful birthday present. You sent me four white rabbits. You also sent me a book calling 'FACTS ABOUT RABBITS'. I do everything the book said. It wasn't easy. Rabbits really keeps us hopping.

If you were thinking of send me a birthday present I'd like to have a book this year too. I'd like a book that give facts about gardening. I wanted to grow sweet potatoes and spmach. My mother and father is both fond of sweet potatoes and spinach is good on the health of all of us. I also love to sent some sweet potatoes and spinach to the home for the aged down our lane.

Sincerely yours,
Chaminda.

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- b)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)
- h)
- i)
- j)

14. Read the following text and use suitable words given in the list below to complete it. There are three extra words in the list.

Running is one of the simplest yet most beneficial form of exercise. Technique comes naturally, equipment is minimal but, more importantly, it's very good for the human body. There are many benefits (a)running and it does a lot of good (b).....you. It increases fitness (c).....energy, lowers the risk of (d)disease releases tension and (e)sleeplessness.

With each step, hundred (f).....are automatically used. When breaking (g).....a run, the system really (h)to work. The body needs (i)for energy, so the (j)..... rate increases from 18 to 50 times a minute. The lungs fill and the heart pumbs freshly oxygenated blood through the body. Muscles are strengthened and in an average person, a great deal of energy is used for each eight-minute mile.

and, begins, breath, breathing, for, heart, in, into, muscle, muscles, of, oxygen, reduces.

15. Read this text and answer the questions given below.

A boat was taking a large number of children from the shore of the island to a ship, when suddenly one of the children pointed to the white waves thrown off the front of the boat as it cut through the water. All the children, who had never been in a boat before, rushed forward together in spite of the warning shouts of the schoolmaster with them. Their weight pressed the front of the boat under the water, a wave came and in a second the boat sank and they were all left struggling in the water.

A second boat was sent at once from the ship to the place of the accident. Those members of the ship's crew who were on the shore swam out to save as many children as they could. One of the crew, who was fishing from some rocks near the camp, stopped only to put his wrist-watch on a rock and swam out fully clothed to help. One by one all the children were collected up and put into the boat, some still alive, others apparently dead. As soon as the last body had been lifted in, the boat went to the camp of the ship owner on the shore where the children who were still unconscious were given first aid and by the crew of the ship.

Until late that night the battle went on for the lives of the children. One by one they recovered and began to breathe again without help. At last only two and the schoolmaster had not recovered and for them all hope was over.

As soon as the news of the accident reached the village on the other side of the island, the children's parents and friends had hurried to the camp of the ship's owner to ask after their own children and to help. All through the hours of darkness the camp was full of strangers and all the valuable goods in the tents were completely open and unguarded. But not a single article was missing in the morning. All the visitors to the camp were completely honest. Unfortunately this good record was spoiled by one thing the watch the seaman had left behind on the rocks when he went to save the children was stolen while he was in the water.

Next day the ship's owner met the village priest and said, 'It was terrible about the children'. The priest replied, " It was worse about the watch "

a) Why did the children rush forward together?
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b) What made the boat sink?
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c) How many lives were lost as a result of the accident?
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d) Why was the camp full of strangers all night?
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e) Write down the sentence in the text which means " that to do something wrong is worse than to die"?.....

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01 Place (A)

- a) to get medicine
- b) to play
- c) to read
- d) to eat
- e) to worship
- f) to learn

What we do there (B)

- e
- c
- d
- f
- b
- a

02. a) Thank you for your invitation
b) Suren
c) with love,
yours
d) 2nd December 1997
e) I would love to come to your party
f) Dear Janith

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03. Example

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12th December, 1997

Dear Suren,

I want you to come with me to the British Council library on Monday the 15th of December. I would like to meet you near the sarasavi book - shop at Nugegoda, at 10.00 a.m.

Yours,
Karim

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05. a) Everyone
b) Leave the environment the way you find it
c) A garbage can
d) a bag
e) to protect your environment / to keep your environment clean
06. **NOTICE**
As we discussed at our meeting we will not have our annual end of the year party for 1997.
- a) Instead we will send gifts to the victims of landmines.
b) Bring all you gifts on or before 15th December.
c) And hand them over to the school prefects.
d) We will invite the president of the Sri Lanka Goodwill Association
e) And hand them over for him to be given to the victim
07. a) Give him a bath once or twice a week
b) Take him to the wet often
c) Take him for a walk daily
d) Brush him daily
e) Give him healthy food
08. From the central Bus stop Raja and his brother walked along the main street and turned left to sea street. They passed some textile shops and as soon as they passed the Bank they turned to their right and went to the restaurant at Hill street . Then they went past the Post office and came to Park road. They crossed Park road and went to the Museum which was right next to the Park.
09. a) to help build our country
b) immediately
c) from villages/ each village
d) three/3
e) a living allowance according to the area
10. a) below five years/less than 5 years
b) because the more medicines you have the greater the risk of an accident /to reduce (lessen) the risk of accidents
c) in the medicine cabinet with a safety locking device
d) to follow the instruction / to give the correct dose at the correct time to the correct person
e) (1)stick to the dosage
(2)stick to the intervals
11. a) Everyone must attend all the meetings of the sports society.
b) Everyone must come for sports practices on their relavent days.
c) Fees, for the sports must he paid during the first week of the month.
d) Everyone must leave the school premisses by 6.00 p.m.
e) Avoid fighting with children who have come for sports practices.

Send
Your
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to

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15, Temple Lane,
Nawala,
12.12.1997

The Editor,
Daily News,
Lake House,
Colombo 07.

Dear Sir,

Ref : Community Project Organized by Our Youth Club

On the 10th of December, 1997 the youth club of Nawala, organized a Community project. It was a "Shiramadana" project; organized to campaign and to make a public road, all the people the young and old participated and made it an entire success.

The so called "Silva Mawatha" which was full of ruts, has now been made a beautiful path to walk on entirely because of the participants courage. Most of the people of the area have praised the youths for organizing such a project.

I hope that their next project also would be a great success.

Yours faithfully

S. Rajah

13. a) Last year you gave me a wonderful birthday present.
b) You also sent me a book called "Facts about Rabbits"
c) I did everything the book said
d) Rabbits really keep us hopping
e) If you were thinking of sending me a birthday present I would like to have a book this year too
f) I would like a book that gives facts about gardening
g) I want to grow sweet potatoes and spinach
h) My mother and father are both fond of potatoes.
i) And spinach is good for the health of all of us
j) I also love to send some sweet potatoes.
14. a) of
b) for
c) and
d) heart
e) reduces
f) muscles
g) into
h) begins
i) oxygen
j) breathing

15. a) to look at the white waves thrown off the front of the boat
b) the weight of the boys pressed together in front of the boat,
c) three, (3)
d) parents and friends who had come to help and ask about their own children
e) It was worse about the watch.

- 16 A) An article to the school Magazine about a famous woman who wanted to serve the world
Mother Teresa : A woman who served the world

Mother Teresa was one who translated christian charity into action as no one else has done in modern times. The Missinaries of charity that she founded keeps an uncompromising focus on relieving the mirery of the poorest. Mother Teresa helped the poorest of poor. People the world over mourn the death of Mother Teresa. Calcuta's farewell to Mother Teresa was a lofty tribute to her life of selfless service. She spent nearly half a century in the service of the poorest of the poor in different parts of the world. Mother Teresa died of a cardioace arrest on September 5th 1997.

She was 87 years old when she died. The government of India had accorded her a state funeral. She was an embodiment of peace. Her death was an end of a chapter in the history of the Missinaries of charity. Mother Teresa was born on August 26, 1910 as the youngest of three children in Albania. Mother Teresa's early life has influenced mostly by her mother a deeply religious person. Mother Teresa was first a teacher in St. Mary's School, a convent in Calcuta. She was a teacher for 17 years, later she left the convent and started serveing the poorest of the poor.

She was a great humanitarian and gave a whole hearted free service to the poorest of the poor. She helped and nursed the leaper the sick, the homeless, the orphen, the abandoned the uncared for the poorest of the poor. The social work she did for the betterment of the poor cannot he forgotten by the Indian Nation. She ran a home for the elderly and the disabled. She relieved the misery of the poor. She worked in Calcuta for years in the streets and slums. She always spoke of loving, caring and sharing. Her mission was to help the leprosy parients to build a home for them and give medical care and to rehabilitate them. She set up a number of centres all over the world:

Mother Teresa had the ability to touch the hearts and bring comfort to the suffering. She respected all the religions and other faiths. She did her untiring service in a multi faith nation. All leaders of other religious liked loved and respected her because of her service to the poor. Even the chief Minister of West Bengal, Jyothi Basu who is a distinguished Marxist is a personal friend of Mother Teresa. Mother Teresa once said, " The greatest poverty was to feel unwanted and unloved. This poverty exists even in affluent countries. She was the greatest christian of her age.

She was a small, frail, bent and garled sari clad Indian woman of Allbanian descent. She was internationally very popular, and was considered greater than all the pōpes. She was a genius of practicality. She never truned down anyone who was poor and never refused a child, Hindu, Muslim, christain or whatever. During communal crises in India or natural or human made disasters almost anywhere. Mother Teresa moved in swiftly and galvanised various institutions and individuals into actions. All the peoples eyes in Calcutta was moist with tears on the day of her death. She was awarded a number of titles by international Organization Padma Shri award in in 1962.

Pope John XXIII peace Prize in 1971 Nobel Prize for peace in 1979 Bharat Ratna 1980. The entire world paid tribute to Mother Teresa of Calcutta on the day of her death.

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16 B) A SHORT SPEECH AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

"My idea of peace in a country"

The Chairman, Ladies and Gentleman, Friends and Members of the Colombo West Community Centre

First of all I must thank all of you members who have assembled here today to discuss about an important issue facing our country. Your presence here in such large number shows that you all want peace. A comprehensive response to inaccurate expression used by writers and speakers on the idea of peace and on ethnic conflict requires more elaborate study. Nevertheless I would like to make a few brief comments. One should be cautious about the use of such expressions as "Intolerant" and "Extremist" in describing the views and actions of persons, groups and institutions whose views and positions differ from one's own. It is also necessary to understand the psyche of ethnic, religious or other such groups who perceive themselves as being under threat, deprived or marginalised, abused or who have a collective sense of grievance either against the state or other groups in the polity.

Invariably their perceptions are rooted in their history or in a historical memory, which in the course of being transmitted to succeeding generations has after been transmitted by exaggeration or distortion. It is also necessary to distinguish perception from reality. In the present ethnic conflict the Sinhalese and Tamil groups see themselves as threatened by the other and both groups feel that the state has not attended to their grievances satisfactorily. In this context the Sinhalese must not think that Sri Lanka is only a Sinhala Buddhist Country. At the outset I must say that our country which was once compared to Cyprus is compared to Lebanon today. We must look at this problem on the basis that Sri Lanka comprises ethnic groups which speak several languages and profess several religions. My idea is that the people must not oppose the devolution package if they want to bring peace to our country.

The Tamil Eelam struggle and the ethnic war has destroyed many lives as well as the resources of the country. Therefore to end this war and bring peace I advocate a solution based on regional autonomy within a unitary state. The Sinhala and Tamil should be given equal status as official languages. Talent should be taken as the only criteria in the field of education. While accepting decentralisation of power in principle I emphasise that the island should be divided into five new zones in keeping with the current socio-economic growth. The inevitable question of our country is the state of Economy. Population growth is rapid - but growth of Economy slow. Widespread unemployment, and that too among educated youths; mounting of foreign debts - inflation - lowering of living standard - environmental pollution - etc.

All can be brought under control if peace is restored. The Sinhalese who form 75% of the population can bring peace in this country if they want to solve this ethnic problem the Sinhalese people must ensure that the minorities, Tamils, Muslims, Christians, Malays, Barchers, Veddhhas and so on can enjoy a full range of human rights and live in peace, with dignity and honour in the land of their birth. I hope the devolution package provide a basis for solving the Ethnic Problem. The package will be an extension of democracy through the sharing of power between the centre and the regions of the country. Only then there can be one nation one people.

