General Certificate of Education (Ord. Level) Examination, Model 2011

English Language I | One hour

**PART 01**

The following are some sentences taken from an article about production of rubber. Read them and fill in the blanks.

The (1) _______ of rubber as a commodity is a (2) _______ one.

*story / pen / fascinating*

Rubber is used in (3) _______ America to make play (4) _______

*production / balls / south*

The (5) _______ were successfully cultivated. In 1919 seeds were first (6) _______ to Sri Lanka

*Balls/seeds/shipped*

These seeds were (7) _______ at the Henarathgoda (8) _______ gardens near Gampaha.

*botanical / water / planted*

There was little interest in growing (9) _______ in the (10) _______ years.

*rubber / initial / industry*
PART 02

Study the map. Fill in the blanks in the following text. Use words from the box. *The first one done for you.*

between, in, at, near, over, through

There aren’t many buildings (0) in our small town. The shopping centre which is situated (1) ______ the junction is always crowded. There is a small hospital (2) ______ the public library. Our school is (3) ______ the library and the post office.

There is a long bridge (4) ______ the river Mahaveli which flows (5) ______ our town.

PART 03

Write FIVE sentences about the picture. There is an example.
0. Some children are cleaning their school.

1. _____________________________

2. _____________________________

3. _____________________________

4. _____________________________

5. _____________________________

PART 04

Read the following advertisement and answer the questions given below it.

ALL ISLAND ESSAY COMPETITION

Topic
“Environment Conservation in Sri Lanka”

Basic Rules
- Essays must be certified by the class teacher as the original work of the participant.
- Essays must be written in English
- Essays should be between 500-600 words.
- The decision of the panel of judges will be final.
- All entries should reach the environmental Authority by post on or before 31st December 2008.

Director General, Environmental Authority, Colombo

1. What is the advertisement on?
2 What would be the maximum length of the essay?  ________________________________________________

3 Who can participate in the essay competition?  _________________________________________________

4 What is last date for submitting the essays?  _________________________________________________

5 Find a word similar in meaning to the following:
   a) Not copied __________________         (b) cannot be changed __________________

**PART 05**

Use the following sentences to fill in the blanks. Write the letter of the sentence in the blanks. The first one has been done for you.

a. Aren’t they also going to Polannaruwa?
b. They went there last month.
c. Fine thanks and you?
d. Would you like to join us Ravi?
e. They can see the corals and go on boat rides there.
f. My cousin is studying international history.

Ravi:  Hi Sonali. How are you today?

Sonali:  (0) ___________.

Ravi:  I am O.K thanks. You told me about your aunt’s family from the US. Are they still here in Sri Lanka?

Sonali:  Yes Ravi. At the moment they are in Sigiriya. (1) ___________ So he wanted to see the frescos in Sigiriya.

Ravi:  Oh really. I was there last year. It is very interesting to climb the rock and see those paintings. (2) ___________
Sonali: No they aren’t. They have already visited the ruins. (3) __________ I recommended them to go to the down south where they can spend some time in the beach.

Ravi: That’s right. There are a lot of things to do. (4) __________ Have they visited the mountains in Nuwera –Eliya?

Sonali: Not yet. I want to join them. I think they are going there in May. (5) __________

Ravi: Yes. Thanks for inviting. I will try to join you.

**PART 06**

Write a short paragraph about ONE of the following.

A. My mother / Father

B. My favourite teacher / colour

C. My best friend

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PART 07

Your friends from another town want to visit your village/town. Write FIVE activities the can do in your town.

Examples:

1. You should visit our temples.
2. You can bathe in the village river.

1. ________________________________
2. ________________________________
3. ________________________________
4. ________________________________
5. ________________________________

PART 08

You read the following advertisement which appeared in a newspaper. Write a short letter asking for an application form and more details (the closing date, the course fee starting date of the course, etc.)

New English Courses are starting soon after the G.C.E O/L

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