

Grade 8

Second Term Test 2026

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I, II

Name

English Language

Time : 2 hours

Answer all questions on this paper itself.

1. Match the instructions with the pictures. Write the letter of the most suitable picture in the blank.
First one is done for you. (5 marks)



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b



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| 1. Be silence please |f..... | 4. Save water | |
| 2. Follow road rules | | 5. Be kind to animals | |
| 3. Do not litter here | | 6. Eat healthy food | |

2. Fill in the blanks with the correct plural form. First one is done for you. (5 marks)

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| (1) A bar of chocolate | <u>bars of chocolate</u> |
| (2) A packet of biscuits | ----- |
| (3) A group of students | ----- |
| (4) A team of players | ----- |
| (5) A flock of sheep | ----- |
| (6) A herd of cows | ----- |

3. Complete the note of excuse with the given words.

(excuse, viral fever, 10th of June, Kumuthu, teacher)

(5 marks)

Dear (1) -----,

I am writing to inform you that my daughter (2) ----- of grade 8A was
unable to attend school on (3) ----- as she was suffering from (4) -----
Therefore, please (5) ----- her absence.

Amara Somarathana
(Mother)

4. Look at the picture and fill in the blanks with the words given in the box.

(10 marks)



protect	ladder
garden	below
excited	nest
happy	tree
eggs	softly

One afternoon, four children were playing in the (1) ----- . Suddenly they saw a bird sitting in its (2) ----- on a tall (3) ----- . The children were very (4) ----- to see it. One boy carefully climbed the (5) ----- to look at the nest. The other children stood (6) ----- and watched him. Inside the nest, they saw some small (7) ----- . The children were very (8) ----- and did not want to frighten the bird. They spoke very (9) ----- and watched quietly. They know that we must always (10) ----- birds and nature.

(5) Read the following text. Answer the questions given below.

(10 marks)

The sparrow is a small, brown bird found all over the world. It has a short, stout beak used for cracking seeds and grain. Sparrows are very social birds and live in groups called flocks. They build their nests in walls, roof tiles and thick bushes. The female lays between three to five eggs and both parents care for the chicks. Sparrows also eat insects, which helps protect crops and makes them useful to farmers. They communicate with each other through cheerful chirping sounds familiar to people everywhere. Sadly, sparrow numbers are dropping due to pesticides and the loss of nesting places. People can help them by planting trees and putting up small nest boxes in their gardens. The sparrow is a lovely bird.

(1) Where do sparrows build their nests?

(2) How do they help farmers?

(3) Why are sparrows disappearing?

(4) Underline the correct answer.

a. Both parents take care of the sparrow chicks. (True / False)

b. Sparrows live alone and never gather in groups. (True / False)

(5) Complete the sentence.

Sparrows live in groups called (a) ----- and eat insects to help (b) -----

6. Read the information given and write a short description on "Lotus Tower"

(10 marks)

Use 40 -50 words.

- Located in Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 350 meters tall
- Opened in 2019
- Shaped like a lotus flower
- Has a restaurant and viewing deck
- People visit daily



Lotus Tower is located

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(10 marks)

7. Read the poem given below and answer the questions.

Good Manners

Good manners make the world so bright,
They help us do what's kind and right,
We say "Please" when we ask for things,
And "Thank you" for the joy it brings.

We speak with care and share our toys,
We help our friends, both girls and boys,
Kind words and smiles we always show,
And that is how good friendship grow

1. What do we say when we ask for something politely?

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2. How do good friendships grow according to the poem?

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3. Find a word in the poem that means **happy feeling**.

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4. Good manners make the world a) dark b) bright c) cold

5. Find two rhyming words from the poem.

1) 2.)

8. Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition given below. (10 marks)

(around, through, on, under, along)

During the school holidays, we visited the Haggala Botanical Gardens nestled in the cool hills near Nuwara Eliya. We walked (1) the winding paths with tall trees standing (2) either side. We walked (3) the beautiful rose garden, where hundreds of colourful blooms filled the air with fragrance. We then walked (4) the orchid house, admiring the rare flowers. A small stream flowed over the mossy rocks nearby. Finally, we rested (5) a large, shady tree and enjoyed the fresh air.

9. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of affixes. Use the words given in brackets. (5 marks)

The morning started in a very (1) (usual) way. Arjun woke up late because his alarm clock was (2) (correct). He felt quiet (3) (happy) as he realized he had missed the bus. He dressed (4) (quick) and ran all the way to school. When he arrived, his teacher looked at Arjun (5) (angry) asked him to sit down. So, he excused the teacher and sat beside his friend.

10. Write on one of the following. Use 75 – 100 words. (10 marks)

(a) A festival I like.

(b) Respecting elders

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11. Listen to the announcement carefully and complete the task sheet. (8 marks)

The annual school trip of grade 8 will be to (1) It will take place on (2) students must come to school at (3) in the morning. The buses will leave at (4) During the trip, students will visit (5) beach and other places. Students should wear their (6) uniform. The cost of the trip is (7) Students should also bring a bottle of (8) and lunch.

12. Speaking test (12 marks)