

Preface

To teachers and students using this book..

This book is one of the assessment books intended for students who are preparing for the GCE Normal (Technical) Level Exam in English Language. The exercises featured reflect closely the types of language skills that students of English Language Syllabus 1195 will be tested on with effect from 2023.

It is recommended that all exercises be attempted as part of Continuous Assessment with due attention paid to time management. Particular sections or whole papers can be attempted at any one time according to the teacher's discretion. By working through all the exercises, students will become familiar with the kind of writing tasks and questions they can expect to see in the exam paper.

The exercises cover:

- Editing
- Situational Writing
- Continuous Writing
- Modified Cloze testing Vocabulary
- Modified Cloze testing Grammar
- Comprehension based on narrative/recount texts
- Comprehension based on texts with visuals

Space has been provided within the pages of this book for students to capture and track their own process of learning.

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Paper 1: Writing

Section A Editing [10 marks]

Question 1

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, about social media.

It contains ten language errors. Each error is underlined with a number beside it.

Write the correction of each error in the numbered column on the right. Either write the correct word or write 'delete' if you want to delete the word.

Examples:

I was happy where he gave me a new blue pen.

when

My mother told to me to buy a dozen eggs.

Delete

Column for corrections

Social media platforms are many these days. Some people use them extensively. What (1) are social media? It is a word (2) with websites and applications created to focus (3) in communication, to sharing of information as well as (4) for work together with one another. These applications are created to (5) had people be in touch. Besides this, there (6) is other uses of social media. Business people use social media to (7) shown their products to the public. They are also used to present a new brand or to promote (8) a old brand. There are benefits in using social media. One is that, (9) there can allow people to share and discuss ideas or share content easily. As there are benefits, there are also many (10) much challenges. Challenges could be the stress caused when people overuse social media.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

[10]

Paper 2: Language Use and Comprehension

Section A Language Use [20 marks]

Part 1: Modified Cloze I (10 marks)

Questions 1-10

Read the passage below very carefully and then fill in each blank with the most suitable word from the list of options provided. You will not need to use all of the words provided. DO NOT USE ANY OF THE OPTIONS MORE THAN ONCE.

absorb	admit	beneficial	common	distinctive
fragrant	mixture	mineral	important	remedy
perfumed	liquid	treasure	stimulate	unpleasant

The Yellow Fruit

The bright yellow oval-shaped citrus fruit is known as the lemon. Its skin is thick and the fruit is (1) _____ and its juice, acidic. The fruit has a (2) _____ sour taste due to the citric acid it contains. Its unique flavour makes it a well-liked ingredient in drinks, desserts and foods. Lemon is native to India and is widely grown in warm climates. The fruit contains vitamin C, fibre and various plant compounds that are (3) _____ to our health.

Maintaining good heart health, keeping our weight in control, and promoting healthy digestion are some of the benefits of lemon. Studies show that eating fruits and vegetables rich in vitamin C is good for a healthy heart. The lemon pulp, rind, and juice are rich with vitamins that (4) _____ immunity and enhance health. High in soluble dietary fibre, lemon aids in digestion. While lemon does not contain high levels of iron, it can help the body (5) _____ more iron from plant-based diet. Drinking enough water is something many of us do not do. Drinking lemon water daily is a way to stay well hydrated. Potassium is a (6) _____ that your body needs for performing functions such as nerve-muscle communication, transporting nutrients and moving waste. Lemon is an (7) _____ source of potassium.

Drinking a glass of water with lemon in the morning would keep bad breath at bay. The acid present in lemon neutralises odours which can fight (8) _____ breath. Warm water mixed with honey and lemon is a popular home (9) _____ for people with sore throats. The (10) _____ can provide soothing benefits for a sore throat. This is especially so during the cold season. [10]

Part 4: Comprehension II (30 marks)

For Questions 29–34, read the information under the heading 'Female Pilots'.

Female Pilots

We would have seen many pilot who are male. There seems to be few female pilots. But there are female pilots as well! According to one female pilot, travelling is one of the major attractions of being a pilot. Besides opportunities to travel, pilots get paid too! With all the different routes that pilots travel, every working day means taking off in one country only to land in another - preferably to a new country. Depending on their schedule, pilots might end up staying overnight or longer, giving them the opportunity to explore new cities and experience different cultures.

Pilots can say they have an "office" in the clouds. Most airline pilots say it is a view they never grow tired of. From thunderstorms in distant clouds to never-ending blue sky, it is easy to see why. No one likes taking their work home with them, and aside from studying for annual tests, pilots leave their work on the plane. There's nothing to take home once you finish your day and close that cockpit door. Another female pilot says she like the

flexible working hours. It is not the typical office hour job. As a pilot, they will constantly have the opportunity to meet new people. From their flight crew to passengers, to residents of the cities they travel to. They could be introduced to people and cultures they may not have otherwise have the opportunity to become acquainted with. It is a career anyone would want to have!

