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GCE O Level

GCE O Level Sinhala (7641)

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### Question 1 - Translation into English

Translation from Sinhala to English will be marked for 'Response to Written Language' and "Knowledge of Grammar".

Question Number		Indicative content
		<b>Response to written language (15)</b>
Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0-1	Little or nothing of merit
	2-4	Shows poor understanding of the original and translated in English that has a very limited range of vocabulary
	5-7	Shows a satisfactory understanding of the original and translated in English that has a limited range of vocabulary.
	8-11	Shows a good understanding of the original and translated into English that has a wide range of vocabulary
	12-15	Very good understanding of the original and translated accuracy in English that has a wide range of vocabulary.

Question Number		Indicative content
		<b>Knowledge of Grammar (10)</b>
Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0-2	Errors are elementary and so numerous as to impede comprehension.
	3-4	Evidence of gaps in basic grammar. Common structures are not sound and some irregular verbs are suspect.
	5-6	The grammatical structures are known but success in applying them is inconsistent, especially in less common structures.
	7-8	Grammar is sound. Tense and agreements are reliable and errors occur only in the most difficult areas.
	9-10	The grammatical structures in the specification are used accurately. There are a few errors and these are of a minor nature.

## Question 2 - Translation Into Sinhala

Translation from English to Sinhala will be marked for ‘Response to Written Language’ and “Knowledge of Grammar”

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		<b>Response to written language (15)</b>
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Question Number	Answer	Mark
3	<p><b>Sentences Testing grammatical knowledge</b></p> <p>This part of the paper is marked out of fifteen.</p> <p>3 marks per sentence  <math>3 \times 5 = 15</math> marks</p> <p>Deduct <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> mark for each minor error.</p>	(15)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4	<p><b>Essays:</b></p> <p>This part of the paper is marked out of thirty five.</p> <p>(a) Communication and Content relevance and breadth of ideas, overall organisation of material  = 20 marks</p> <p>(b) Quality and use of language – range of vocabulary, idioms and structures, clarity and variety of expressions  = 10 marks</p> <p>(c) Linguistic accuracy – grammar, spelling, punctuation etc  = 5 marks</p>	(35)

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