

ICSE SEMESTER 2 EXAMINATION
SPECIMEN QUESTION PAPER
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ENGLISH PAPER - 1

Maximum Marks: 40

Time allowed: One and a half hours

Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

You will not be allowed to write during the first 10 minutes.

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

*Attempt **all** questions.*

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

Question 1

Write a composition (300 - 350 words) on **any one** of the following:

[20]

- (i) Imagine a situation where a child runs away from home but later returns. Why did he or she run away? What made him/her come back? Write an original short story entitled: 'Finding My Way Home'.
- (ii) Parents can never be friends with their children. Express your views either for or against this statement.
- (iii) Describe an area in your city or hometown which is famous for its street food. Give details of the familiar sights and sounds you would experience on this street.
- (iv) It is very important for young people to spend time quietly or alone for a short while every day. If you were given an hour to spend on your own, how will you spend it? What will you learn from the process?

- (v) Study the picture given below. Write a short story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it.



Question 2

Select **any one** of the following:

[10]

- (i) You have been given a small sum of money to buy a gift with for a friend. What gift would you choose (specify) and why would you choose this? Write a letter to your friend telling him/her about the gift and how it will benefit him/her.
- (ii) You have planned to organize a health camp at school. Write a letter to the Manager of a supermarket requesting sponsorship for the event. Name the event and explain how it will benefit both the community as well as the supermarket.

Question 3

- (i) You are the President of the school Science Club. You and your team are planning to organize a creative mask-making event using renewable materials. Write a notice to be put up on the school notice board, giving details of the event. [5]
- (ii) Write an e-mail to the General Manager of a local hospital requesting him / her to send a senior doctor to talk to the participants at the event about the quality of mask which would give them the best protection. [5]