

Prize – Giving 2026 – Notice 02

Open Prize Tests

Details Regarding Tests

Best Speaker - (Sinhala / English / Tamil)

Topics for the speeches are as follows - (Time - 5 minutes)

- Sinhala –**
- 1) තාක්ෂණික දියුණුව සහ පාරම්පරික ඥානය.
 - 2) මාධ්‍ය සඳාචාරය සහ තරුණ පරපුර.
 - 3) මිනිස් ක්‍රියාකාරකම් හා ස්වභාවික ආපදා.
 - 4) ගෝලීය දේශපාලන බලතුලනය හා ලෝක සාමය.
 - 5) කෘෂිම බුද්ධිය භාවිතය සහ නිර්මාණශීලී චින්තනය

- English –**
- 1) Artificial Intelligence in the field of education
 - 2) Importance of establishing ‘gender equality’ for a just society
 - 3) Role of religion in building a peaceful society
 - 4) Overcoming poverty in Sri Lanka
 - 5) Responsibility of ‘Mass Media’ today

- Tamil –**
- 1) இன்றைய மாணவர்களும் ேபாடடித்தன்மை வாய்ந்த கல்வியும்
 - 2) அதிகரித்து வரும் பூகோள ெவப்பமயமாக்கம்.
 - 3) கலாச்சாரம் மற்றும் விழுமியங்களும் இன்றைய இளைஞர்களும்
 - 4) தற்காலத்தின் பரபரப்பான வாழ்க்கை முறை உறவுகளில் ஏற்படுத்தும் தாக்கம்
 - 5) நவீன ெபாது ஊடகங்களும் சமூக ஊடகங்களும்

Singing - (Sinhala / English / Tamil)

- Sinhala –**
- 1) සරල ගීත
 - 2) නූර්ති / නව නාට / නාඩගම් ගීත

- English –**
- 1) School Song
 - 2) Any other suitable song for a competition (Choose a song)

- Tamil –**
- 1) தமிழ் வரண்ம் (தான வரண்ம்)
 - 2) தமிழ் கீரத்தென, இராகம், கற்பனாஸ்வரம்

Selected Authors

- 1) එස්. මහින්ද හිමි
- 2) මහගම සේකර මහතා
- 3) ජී. ඩී. සේනානායක මහතා
- 4) කේ. ජයතිලක මහතා
- 5) දේශීය ළමා සාහිත්‍යයේ පුරෝගාමී කතුවරුන්

English Literature

Candidates will be tested on the following texts.

Question 01 : Poetry

- Batter My Heart - John Donne
- To a Snowdrop – William Wordsworth
- Cathedral Builders – John Ormond
- I know Why the Caged Bird Sings – Maya Angelou
- Father and Son – Cat Stevens
- War is kind – Stephen Crane

Question 02 : Novels

- July's People – Nadine Gordimer
- Nectar in a Sieve – Kamala Markandaya
- Tess of the d'Urbervilles - Thomas Hardy
- Bringing Tony Home – Tissa Abeysekera
- Vendor of Sweets – R.K.Narayan
- The Prince and the Pauper – Mark Twain

Question 03 : Plays

- The Glass Menagerie – Tennessee Williams
- Sizwe Bansi is Dead – Athol Fugard
- The Dumb Waiter – Harold Pinter
- The Bear – Anton Chekov
- Twilight of a Crane – Junji Kinoshita

*** For each genre mentioned above, there will be a range of questions for candidates to choose from.**

Question 04

- An unseen poem
- An unseen short story.

Questions will test candidates' thorough knowledge of themes, characterization and the writer's craft in the prescribed texts. However, candidates' insight, critical thinking and persuasiveness in responding to the given questions and their performance in the **Question 04** will be crucial factors in deciding the winner

Shakespeare Studies

The test paper will consist of Short Answer Questions (SAQs) and Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs) that test candidates' thorough knowledge of Shakespeare's works.