

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Link Language (English) Examination for Sri Lanka Teacher Educators' Service - 2019

IT is hereby notified that the Link Language (English) Examination will be conducted in Colombo in the month of May 2020 for the Officers in the Sri Lanka Teacher Educators' Service in accordance with the Sri Lanka Teacher Educators' Service Minute No. 1925/37 dated 28th July 2015.

02. Every officer of the Sri Lanka Teacher Educators' Service should obtain the proficiency in the English Language; the Link Language, within three (03) years from the date of Recruitment. In case an officer has obtained at least a credit pass or pass higher than a credit pass at the G. C. E. (Ordinary Level) Examination or has been recruited to the Service in the English medium, such officer will be exempted from the requirement of passing this Link Language (English) Examination. The other officers should get through this Examination.

03. The syllabus related to this examination and the other provisions have been published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1925/37 dated 28th July, 2015 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. The syllabus and the other provisions have been mentioned here for the convenience of the candidates.

04. Examination Procedure - Written Examination :

Subject No.	Subject	Marks	Duration (hours)
01	English Language	100	02

05. The Syllabus :

5.1 English Grammar :

A suitable level of proficiency on the following forms of grammar in the spoken and the written language is expected from the candidate :

- Tense and Number
- Sentences (Simple/Compound/Complex/Compound Complex)
- Relative Clauses
- Reported Speech
- Adjectives and Adverbs
- Determiners
- Prepositions

5.2 Writing Skills :

The knowledge on the modern formats and styles of writing is tested in this area of study :

- Essay Writing
- Summary Writing Skills
- Report Writing Skills
- Letter Writing

5.3 Reading Skills :

Candidate's ability to comprehend a printed text, infer meaning and written interpretation is expected :

- Reading and understanding the specific and general meaning of a printed text.
- Reading and Interpretation (Written)

06. A candidate should score at least 40% marks or more to pass the subject.

07. The result sheet of all the candidates who sat the examination will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Ministry of Education by the Commissioner General of Examinations. The Commissioner General of Examinations will not issue result sheets personally to the candidates.

08. Application should be prepared using the both sides of an A4 sized paper and the Heads No. 01 to 04 should appear on the first page and the rest should appear in the second page and the information related to it should be included clearly in their own hand writing. You should be alert whether the application is in conformity with the specimen application mentioned in the Notification of the examination and you have completed the application correctly including all the information and whether the prescribed Examination fees have been paid and the details in that regard are included in the application and the receipt is affixed to the application prior to directing the application as the applications that are not in conformity with the specimen application and incomplete applications are rejected without notice. It is hereby notified that it would be beneficial to retain a photocopy of the application. It is informed that it is required to mention the title of the examination mentioned in the heading of the applications in English in Sinhala applications in addition to the Sinhala Language and in English in Tamil applications in addition to the Tamil Language.

09. The Commissioner General of Examinations will conduct the Examination and the candidates are adhered to the Rules and Regulations imposed by the Commissioner

General of Examinations on the conduct of the examination and the issuance of the results. The Rules and Regulations for the Examination are mentioned below.

10. *Provision of False Information.*– Accurate information should be furnished carefully in filling the application. His/her candidature will be cancelled in any instance before the examination or during the examination or after the examination if it is revealed that any candidate is not qualified as per the rules and regulations of this examination.

11. Applications should be sent through registered post only through President of National Colleges of Education/ Zonal Directors of Education to reach "The Commissioner General of Examinations, Organizations and Foreign Examinations Branch, Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, Post Box 1503, Colombo on or before 06th March, 2020. The title of the examination should be mentioned on the top left hand corner of the envelope. The applications that are sent after this date will be rejected.

12. With the presumption that only the candidates fulfilling qualifications stipulated in the *Gazette* notification have applied for the examination, the admissions shall be issued by the Commissioner General of Examinations to the candidates who have submitted duly perfected applications with the relevant receipt subsequent to paying the prescribed Examination fee along with the receipt issued after paying the examination fee on or before the closing date of applications. A notification on the issuance of admissions shall be published in newspapers and the official website of the Department of Examinations immediately after issuing admissions to candidates. A candidate ; who does not receive his/her admission two or three days after publishing the notification, should inform in that regard to the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka, as mentioned in the advertisement. Full name, address and National Identity Card Number of the candidate and the title of the examination applied for should be indicated in making such inquiries. If the candidate resides outside Colombo, it will be effective to fax a request letter along with such details of the candidate to the Fax No. mentioned in the notification including a fax number of the candidate through which the candidate can obtain a copy of the admission quickly *via* fax. In inquiring so, it will be useful to get prepared to produce the copy of the application kept with the candidate and copy of the relevant receipt if the payment of examination fees is applicable and receipt issued for sending the application by registered post in order to substantiate any information requested by the Department of Examinations. Issuance of an admission to a candidate should not be deemed as an acceptance that he/she has fulfilled qualifications for sitting the Examination.

Note.– The complaints lodged by the candidates who fail to fulfill the requirements mentioned in the above paragraph No. 12 will not be entertained.

13. The signature of the candidate should have been certified in the application and the admission. The candidate should get the signature certified by the Head of Institute or by an officer who is authorized by the Head of Institute.

14. A candidate should sit the examination at the examination hall prescribed for him/her under the specified Index Number. Every candidate should hand over the admission, in which his/her signature has been attested to the Supervisor of the Examination on the first day of sitting the Examination. A candidate who does not submit his/her admission formally is not permitted to sit the Examination.

15. Submission of proofs to substantiate their identity at the examination hall is the responsibility of the candidates. Only following proofs are accepted herein :

- (i) National Identity Card
- (ii) Valid Passport, or
- (iii) Valid Driving License

Further, the candidates should enter the examination hall without covering the face and the ears so that their identity can be confirmed. Those who refuse to prove their identity will not be allowed to enter the examination hall. Moreover, the candidates should remain without covering the face and the ears from the moment they enter the examination hall until they leave the hall after finishing the examination so that the officials are able to identify the candidates.

16. *Examination Fees :*

- (a) The fees charged for this examination will not be refunded or transferred to any other examination under any circumstances.
- (b) Fees are not charged for the first sitting.
- (c) An amount of Rs. 250 will be charged for each sitting subsequent to the first sitting.

The receipt obtained by paying this examination fee to any Post Office of the island to be credited to the revenue head 20-03-02-13 of the Commissioner General of Examinations should be affixed firmly within the specified place of the application. It will be useful for the candidate to retain a photocopy of the receipt. Money orders or stamps will not be accepted for the examination fee.

17. The candidates are subject to rules and regulations imposed by the Commissioner General of Examination in relation to the conduct of the Examination. It is informed that he/she will have to undergo any punishment imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations in case of violating such rules and regulations.

18. In case of any inconsistency among language texts of this notification published in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages, the Sinhala text shall prevail in such an instance.

19. The Secretary of education reserves the right of deciding any matter which is not covered by this notification.

N. H. M. CHITHRANANDA,
Secretary,
Ministry of Education.

At the Ministry of Education,
Isurupaya, Pelawatte,
Battaramulla,
On the 23rd January, 2020.

SPECIMEN APPLICATION

LINK LANGUAGE (ENGLISH) EXAMINATION FOR
SRI LANKA TEACHER EDUCATORS' SERVICE - 2019

01. (i) Name in full (In English Block Capitals) :———. (Ex. : HERATH MUDIYANSELAGE SAMAN KUMARA GUNAWARDHANA)
- (ii) Name indicating the last name first and the initials at the end (In English Block Capitals) :———. (Ex. GUNAWARDHANA, H. M. S. K.)
- (iii) Name in full (In Sinhala/Tamil) :———.
02. (i) Grade of the Sri Lanka Teacher Educators' Service :———.
- (ii) National College of Education/Teachers' College/ Teachers' Centre :———.
- (iii) Zonal Education Office :———. (Applicable only for the officers employed in Teachers' Colleges/Teachers' Centers)
03. Address :
- (i) Private :———.
- (ii) Official :———.
- (iii) Address to which the admission should be sent (in English Block Capitals) :———.
- (iv) Official Telephone Number :———.
- (v) Mobile Telephone Number :———.

04. (i) National Identity Card Number :

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- (ii) Sex : Male - 0
Female - 1

(Write the relevant number in the cage)

- (iii) Date of Birth :

Year : Month : Date :

05. Particulars of the receipt obtained after paying the examination fee :

Receipt Number :————.

Post Office :————.

Date :————.

Affix the receipt here

06. I do hereby declare that information mentioned above is accurate. Further, I declare that I will be adhered to the rules and regulations imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations pertaining to the conduct of the Examination and the issuance of results.

_____,
Signature of Applicant.

Date :————.

07. Commissioner General of Examinations :

I do hereby certify that the applicant whose information stated above is an officer serving in my National College of Education/Teachers' College/Teachers' Centre. Further, I certify that the applicant is released from paying the examination fee/the applicant has accurately affixed the receipt obtained after paying the examination fees.

_____,
Signature of the President of National College of Education/Principal of the Teachers' College/Manager of the Teachers' Centre/Zonal Director of Education.

Address :———.

Date :———.

(Substantiate with the Official Frank)

(Delete the words not applicable)