

**DEPARTMENT OF EXAMINATIONS, SRI LANKA**  
**GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (ADVANCED LEVEL)**  
**EXAMINATION - AUGUST 2017**

Applications of private candidates for the above examination will be received from 23.01.2017 to 15.02.2017. Candidates are advised to read this notice carefully and follow the instructions given herein before filling up the application forms and also to make sure to select exactly the correct **Town Number** and **Subject Numbers**. Candidates are allowed to offer a maximum of three main subjects.

**02. Applications**

The applications of Private Candidates should be prepared in compliance with the specimen form given herein.

**Only those who have obtained the school-leaving certificate can apply as private candidates. It is completely prohibited for anyone to sit this examination as a private candidate, while still being in school. If such a sitting is discovered, the examination results will be invalidated and they will be debarred from sitting any future examinations.**

- 2.1 Private Candidates sitting G.C.E. (A/L) Examination should have fulfilled the requirements of having completed the competency development projects, practical tests and subject related projects under the programme recommended for Private Candidates as an alternative to the School Based Assessment (SBA) Programme as stated in the Circular No. 2005/03 dated 27.01.2005 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Education that is in effect from the year 2005.
- 2.2 Those who have never taken this examination as a school candidate and taking it for the first time as a Private Candidate and is less than 21 years of age as at 01.01.2017 and the candidates who have previously sat this examination and, now sitting as a private candidate offering subjects which are different to the ones taken on the previous occasion should register themselves at the relevant Provincial Department of Education under the programme explained in the above para.

**Note: An applicant who has applied for the above examination on a previous occasion as a school candidate but has not sat any of the subjects applied for and now sitting the examination for the first time as a private candidate shall "even if he/she is less than 21 years of age," be exempted from the requirement of having registered at the Provincial Department of Education. These applicants should attach a photocopy of the admission card they received previously.**

- 2.3 Private candidates belonging to anyone of the categories mentioned in the para 2.2 above should carefully write, in the relevant cage of the application form, the number issued to them when registering for the programme introduced as an alternative to the School Based Assessment (SBA) programme.
- 2.4 As mentioned in the Para 2.2 above, all the projects and practical tests should be completed and one copy of the certificate issued to you by the principal of your nominated school should be sent to the Department of Examinations no later than the commencement of the examination and the other copy should be sent to the relevant Provincial Department of Education.
- 2.5 Candidates who have completed projects and practical tests in the year 2016 or in a year prior to that and sat the examination either as a school candidate or as a private candidate or applied for the examination but not appeared for, should state that Index No. and the year of Examination under No. 05 of the application.
- 2.6 (A) **(13) General English**

Apart from the three main subjects and the Common General Test, candidates may apply for the subject, "General English" too. However, **the grade obtained for this subject will not be considered for University Entrance**. The grade obtained will be entered in the G.C.E. (A.L.) Certificate.

This subject may also be offered as a single subject.

**(B) (12) Common General Test**

A pass in this subject is a must for entering a University in Sri Lanka.

- (C) All applicants who sit the written test of subject numbers. 28, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 65 and 66 will be called for a practical test.

- 2.7 The application form should be prepared on a white sheet of paper (**28 cm x 21 cm in size**) in accordance with the specimen application form **DP/AL/2017/5** given in this Notice. Cages **01 to 13** should be on one side (page 1) while the cages **14 to 16** are on the reverse (page 2). Applications should be sent by registered post to be received by "**The Commissioner General of Examinations, P.O. Box 1503, Colombo**" **on or before 15.02.2017**. Applications posted after the closing date and those which are not prepared in accordance with the specimen application form will be rejected.
- 2.8 Further please note that, even if the receipt of the payment of due examination fees has been obtained prior to the closing date, application forms posted after the closing date will not be accepted.
- 2.9 **An applicant is expected to send only one application. In an instance where an applicant has forwarded more than one application, all his/her applications will be rejected and legal action will be taken against him/her. If any student is found to have sent more than one application, even after the release of the results of the examination, his/her results will be invalidated and relevant legal measures will be taken.**

03. Only one application should be enclosed in one envelope and **the top left-hand corner of the envelope**, should bear the wordings "**G.C.E. (A/L) Examination - August 2017 - Town No. and Town .....**". Enter the selected Town No. and the Town on the dotted line clearly.

04. When using application forms prepared by outsiders, carefully check whether the subject numbers, town numbers and all the other details are in compliance with those given in this notice. The Department will hold no responsibility for any mis-prints in respect of the structure of the application form, subject lists, town numbers etc. It is the responsibility of the candidates to prepare their applications in compliance with the specimen given in this notification which is the official notification of the Department of Examinations.

05. Since the data will be processed by computer, extra care should be taken when writing the **Subject Numbers and the Town No.**, in the application form. **Thus check for correctness of all information including Subject Numbers and Town No. entered, before it is posted. Better if another party rechecks the application before it is posted.**

**Examination centre, subjects applied or medium applied will not be changed under any circumstances. Thus complete your application properly.**

06. For any inquiry relating to the information given in your application, you should visit the School Examinations Organization Branch of this Department, immediately after the receipt of your admission card. Remember to bring the admission card when you visit.

07. **Proof of Identity**

Candidates should prove their identity at the time they sit each paper at the examination centre. National Identity Card issued by the Department of Registration of Persons or a valid Passport should be produced as a proof of identity.

As soon as the applications for the examination are forwarded, the candidates who do not have National Identity Cards, should apply for them through Grama Niladhari to the Commissioner General of Registration of Persons.

08. Candidates applying for the examination for the first time and for the second time through State Schools, Non-Fee Levying/Fee Levying Government Approved Private Schools and Approved Pirivenas are not required to pay the due examination fees. Others will have to pay the stipulated fees. Applications for which the stipulated fees have not been paid will be rejected.

09. If there are applicants with **special needs** who apply for this examination, forward an application, prepared as per the instructions, published in the notice under the heading " Providing relief to students with special needs" in this newspaper.

**Note:** No examination fee paid will be refunded partly or in full, nor will it be transferred for any other examination.

Only those who have not sat any of the papers of this examination will be considered as candidates who have not appeared for this examination. The number of attempts that affect their entitlement to enter the University will not therefore be affected. Hence, such candidates are not required to submit a Medical Certificate to that effect. However, they are advised to retain the Admission Card safely which is the only proof of evidence of not having sat the examination.

**Ref. No. 6/3/AL/2017**  
**School Examinations Organization & Results Branch,**  
**Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka,**  
**P.O. Box 1503, Colombo.**  
**18.01.2017**

**W.M.N.J. Pushpakumara**  
**Commissioner General of Examinations**

**GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (ADVANCED LEVEL) EXAMINATION - AUGUST 2017**

**Specimen Application Form For Private Candidates**

(Read the instructions given before filling in the application form,  
Use your own handwriting to complete the application)

(for Office use only)

01. District selected to sit the Examination :

Town Selected and the Town No. :

**Town No.**

02. Full Name: (Do not write your name with initials )

(i) In English (in block letters) .....

(ii) In Sinhala/Tamil .....

03. Address & Telephone No.:

Telephone No.:

(i) In English (in block letters)

(ii) In Sinhala/Tamil

04. (i) Date of Birth : Year     Month   Date

(ii) Age as at 01.01.2017: Years   Months   Days

05. Have you completed projects and practical tests and sat the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination before the year 2017 ? If yes, state the year and the Index No.

Year

Index No.

06. Medium of Language : Sinhala  Tamil  English

07. Subjects applied for at the examination in the year 2017, Medium and Subject Nos.: (Check carefully and write correctly). Only if you appear for the examination in two mediums, mention each medium in the relevant cage. Otherwise keep them blank.

Subject	Medium	Subject. No.
(i) .....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(ii) .....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(iii) .....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(iv) Common General Test	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(v) General English		<input type="text"/>

Only if you appear for the subjects ( iv) and (v), write the subject number in the relevant cage.

08. Total number of subjects applied for :

09. National Identity Card No :

(Affix a photocopy of the National Identity Card in the relevant cage overleaf).

10. Fees paid (in letters) Rs. .... (In figures) Rs.

11. Gender : Male  Female

12. Attempt :

13. If registered under the programme introduced to private candidates who are below 21 years of age as an alternative to School Based Assessment (SBA) Programme ,

Registration Number :

The Provincial Department of Education at which you have been registered yourself : .....

14. Certification of Identity :

I hereby certify that the applicant is a resident of my Division, and the details furnished in cages 02, 03 and 09 are correct according to the relevant documents and that the candidate placed his/her signature in my presence. Further I examined the NIC/ the valid passport of the candidate issued by the Department of, Registration of Persons /Immigration and Emigration with its photocopy of which the details proved to be correct according to the official documents and records which are at my office. A photocopy of it has been affixed in the relevant cage of this application.

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Signature of Candidate

.....  
Signature of the Grama Niladhari

Name: .....

(Place Official Stamp here)

Grama Niladhari's Division and its number :

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Address: .....

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Date: .....

15. I confirm that I have deposited Rupees .....  (in figures)  
(in letters)  
at .....Post Office/Sub Post Office and obtained the Receipt No..... dated .....

<table border="1"> <tr> <td>No. of Subjects</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Examination Fees Rs.</td> <td>150/-</td> <td>200/-</td> <td>250/-</td> <td>350/-</td> <td>400/-</td> </tr> </table>						No. of Subjects	1	2	3	4	5	Examination Fees Rs.	150/-	200/-	250/-	350/-	400/-	<p>16. Certification of Candidate</p> <p>I, ..... (Name of Candidate)</p> <p>of ..... (Address)</p> <p>hereby declare and affirm that (1) the particulars given by me in this application are true and correct (2) and that I agree to abide by the rules and regulations imposed by the Public Examinations Act, in respect of examination candidates (3) and that I have not forwarded any other application than this (4) and that I have attached to this application, a valid receipt obtained for payment of the due examination fees (5) and that I agree to abide by the decisions taken by the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding this examination.</p> <p>Signature of Candidate :.....</p> <p>Date : .....</p>
No. of Subjects	1	2	3	4	5													
Examination Fees Rs.	150/-	200/-	250/-	350/-	400/-													
<p>Paste firmly in this cage the original receipt obtained from the Post Office/ Sub Post Office for the payment of examination fees. It is compulsory to keep a photocopy of the receipt. (or keep at least the date and the number of the receipt with you.)</p> <p><b>If the original receipt is not pasted, the application will be rejected.</b></p>																		

**Please affix a photocopy of your NIC /valid passport here.**

## G.C.E(A/L) Examination - August 2017

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES FOR FILLING UP THE APPLICATION FORM

- No : 01 : District selected, town and town number :  
State the district you selected to sit the exam. Since the numbers assigned to the towns have been changed this time, special attention must be paid to it. The town you choose to sit the examination and its number should be written in this cage. Insertion of an erroneous town number will result in receiving a very distant examination centre. A list containing the relevant towns and town numbers is attached herewith.
- No. 02 : i. Write your full name in BLOCK LETTERS.  
e.g. **KULASURIYAGE MAHESH SUJITH DE SILVA**  
Do not write your name with initials.
- ii. Write your full name in Sinhala / Tamil  
e.g. කුලසුරියගේ මහේෂ් සුජිත් ද සිල්වා  
குலசுரியகே மகேஷ் சுஜித் டி சில்வா
- No. 03 : Write your address in (i) English and (ii) Sinhala / Tamil  
Write your permanent address here. Do not give your temporary address under any circumstances. Write your contact number in the relevant cage.
- No. 04 : Write your date of birth as it appears in the Birth Certificate.
- No. 05 : If you have completed projects and practical tests and sat the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination before the year 2017, state the Year and the Index Number.
- No. 06 : Medium of language :  
Enter a (X) mark in the the relevant cage to denote the medium of language.
- Example : 

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- Sinhala                      Tamil                      English
- No. 07 : Subjects applied for at the examination in the year 2017 and medium

Subjects have to be selected in accordance with of the Circular No. 2009/16 and the amended circular No. 2009/16 (i) issued by the Ministry of Education. Please note that haphazard selection of subject combinations contrary these circulars entail no responsibility for the inconvenience caused to candidates. Candidates of this examination can select subjects from the list of subjects appended to this. Three main subjects have to be selected for this examination, and **if entry to university is desired the Common General Test too has to be included in the selection and a pass has to be earned for that subject.** In addition to the above subjects General English (13) too can be offered.

**Important : When mentioning the medium of subjects, in case of Sinhala write - 2, in case of Tamil - write 3, in case of English - write 4 in the relevant box.**

Example:	Subject	Medium	Subject No.
	Physics	2	01
	Chemistry	2	02
	Biology	4	09
	Common General Test	2	12
	General English		13

Candidates may select a maximum number of five (5) subjects.

#### **Very Important :**

- i Students who are in the Physical Science Stream **cannot** offer the subject No. (07) Mathematics as a subject.
- ii You can offer only **one** subject out of the Subjects No.14, 15,16,17,18 and 19.

- iii Out of the two subjects Engineering Technology (65) and Bio Systems Technology (66) only **one** subject can be applied.
- iv The subject " Science for Technology" (67) can be applied, only if the subject "Engineering Technology" or the subject "Bio systems Technology" is applied.
- v Out of Religion and Civilization subjects, if a Civilization subject is applied the candidates cannot apply for the Religion subject of that Civilization subject. Similarly, if they select a Religion subject they cannot apply for the same Civilization subject.
- vi In case of Subject No: 52 Dancing, state clearly the category.  
eg : If you have studied Dancing (Kandyan) write 52A, Dancing (Low country) write 52B, Dancing (Sabaragamu) write 52C. **This categorization is relevant only for practical tests. This will appear in the admission card and the results schedule as 52 Dancing (Indigenous).**
- vii No candidate is allowed to change subjects which have been applied for in his/her application later. Nor he/she is allowed to change subjects at the Examination Hall or sit for additional subjects. In case, a candidate sits contrary to these stipulations, the results of such a candidate will have to be cancelled.

#### **List of Subjects**

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Subject No:</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Subject No:</u>
Physics	01	Dancing (Bharatha)	53
Chemistry	02	Oriental Music	54
Mathematics	07	Carnatic Music	55
Agricultural Science	08	Western Music	56
Biology	09	Drama & Theatre (Sinhala)	57
Combined Mathematics	10	Drama & Theatre (Tamil)	58
Higher Mathematics	11	Drama & Theatre (English)	59
*Common General Test	12	Engineering Technology	65
*General English	13	Biosystems Technology	66
Civil Technology	14	Science for Technology	67
Mechanical Technology	15		
Electrical, Electronic & Information Technology	16		
Food Technology	17	Sinhala	71
Agro Technology	18	Tamil	72
Bio-Resource Technology	19	English	73
Information and Communication Technology	20	Pali	74
Economics	21	Sanskrit	75
Geography	22	Arabic	78
Political Science	23	Malay	79
Logic & Scientific Method	24	French	81
Indian History	25A	German	82
European History	25B	Russian	83
History of the Modern World	25 C	Hindi	84
Home Economics	28	Chinese	86
Communication & Media Studies	29	Japanese	87
Business Statistics	31		
Business Studies	32		
Accounting	33		
Buddhism	41		
Hinduism	42		
Christianity	43		
Islam	44		
Buddhist Civilization	45		
Hindu Civilization	46		
Islam Civilization	47		
Greek & Roman Civilization	48		
Christian Civilization	49		
Art	51		
Dancing (Indigenous- Kandyan)	52A		
Dancing (Indigenous-Low country)	52B		
Dancing (Indigenous-Sabaragamu)	52C		

\* Does not belong to the main subjects category. Write the number in the cage, only if you appear for that subject.

- No. 08 : Write down the number of subjects applied clearly in figures.
- No. 09 : Write down the National Identity Card Number and paste a photocopy of it in the relevant cage. Further be informed that the applications which lack this N.I.C. copy will be rejected.
- No. 10 : Write down the examination fee paid in letters and figures.
- No. 11 : Gender : Male/Female  
Enter a (X) mark in the relevant cage to denote the gender.
- No. 12 : State your attempt of this examination.
- No. 13 : If you are registered under the programme recommended for private candidates as an alternative to School Based Assessment (SBA), indicate the registration number and the Provincial Department of Education at which you were registered.
- No. 14 : **Certification of Identity**

Signature of a private applicant should be attested only by the Grama Niladhari of the Division he/she belongs to. You have to produce a photocopy of the NIC with the original to the Grama Niladhari.

- No. 15 : **Examination fees**  
Do not pay by **stamps** or **money orders** , but pay your examination fees at any Post Office / Sub Post Office close by and obtain a receipt. Paste the receipt securely in cage 15. The Post Master General has been informed to make necessary arrangements to receive fees at all Post Offices / Sub Post Offices and issue receipts from 23.01.2017 to 15.02.2017.

Details of Examination fees are as follows.

No. of Subjects	1	2	3	4	5
Examination Fees Rs.	150/-	200/-	250/-	350/-	400/-

**Receipt of payment:**

After payment, paste the receipt obtained from the Post Office/ Sub Post Office in the relevant cage properly. **(Candidates are advised to keep a record of the Receipt No. and the date for future reference. It would be prudent to retain a photocopy of the receipt)**

**Fees for the practical test recommended for Home Economics is Rs. 300/- while the fee for Engineering Technology / Bio Systems Technology is Rs. 300/-. This has to be paid only when candidates are called for the practical test.**

- No. 16 : Certification by Candidate  
Candidate should read the contents carefully before placing his/her signature.

**Applications on behalf of Blind/Deaf /Candidates with other special needs , the words "Blind/Deaf/ A candidate with other special needs" should be written in RED on the top left hand corner of the application.**

**Rejection of Application :**

1. Details asked for by items **No. 01 to 13** should be given on the first page itself of the application. Please note **that the applications not forwarded thus, and those which do not conform to the instructions, and late applications and examination fees paid by stamps or money orders will be rejected.**
2. Only the applicants who have already left school can apply as private candidates. No one while still being in school should sit this examination as a private candidate. Anyone found to have done so shall be debarred from sitting Examinations.

**Department of Examinations , Sri Lanka**  
**General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination - August 2017**  
**TENTATIVE TIME TABLE**

Day	MORNING SESSION	AFTERNOON SESSION
<b>1</b>	<b>0830 - 1130</b> 10 Combined Mathematics I <b>0830 - 1030</b> 78 Arabic I	<b>1230 - 1430</b> 09 Biology I 21 Economics I 79 Malay I
<b>2</b>	<b>0830 - 1030</b> 52 Dancing (Indigenous) I 53 Dancing (Bharatha) I 54 Oriental Music I 55 Carnatic Music I 56 Western Music I <b>0830 - 1130</b> 51 Art I	<b>1230 - 1530</b> 09 Biology II 21 Economics II 79 Malay II
<b>3</b>	<b>0830 - 1030</b> 65 Engineering Technology I 66 Biosystems Technology I <b>0830 - 1130</b> 10 Combined Mathematics II 52 Dancing (Indigenous) II 53 Dancing (Bharatha) II 78 Arabic II	<b>1230 - 1430</b> 08 Agricultural Science I 48 Greek and Roman Civilization I 83 Russian I
<b>4</b>	<b>0830 - 1030</b> 32 Business Studies I 82 German I 86 Chinese I	<b>1400 - 1700</b> 51 Art II 54 Oriental Music II 55 Carnatic Music II 56 Western Music II
<b>5</b>	<b>0830 - 1030</b> 01 Physics I <b>0830 - 1130</b> 32 Business Studies II 82 German II	<b>1230 - 1530</b> 65 Engineering Technology II 66 Biosystems Technology II 71 Sinhala I 72 Tamil I
<b>6</b>	<b>0830 - 1130</b> 08 Agricultural Science II 48 Greek & Rome Civilization II 83 Russian II 86 Chinese II	<b>1230 - 1430</b> 28 Home Economics I
<b>7</b>	<b>0830 - 1130</b> 01 Physics II 51 Art III	<b>1230 - 1530</b> 71 Sinhala II 72 Tamil II
<b>8</b>	<b>0830 - 1030</b> 24 Logic & Scientific Method I	<b>1230 - 1530</b> 28 Home Economics II
<b>9</b>	<b>0830 - 1030</b> 02 Chemistry I 67 Science for Technology I 75 Sanskrit I 81 French I	<b>1230 - 1530</b> 24 Logic & Scientific Method II
<b>10</b>	<b>0830 - 1030</b> 14 Civil Technology I 15 Mechanical Technology I 16 Electrical, Electronic & Information Technology I 17 Food Technology I 18 Agro Technology I 19 Bio-Resource Technology I 74 Pali I	<b>1400 - 1700</b> 25A History II (Indian) 25B History II (European) 25C History of the Modern World II
<b>11</b>	<b>0830 - 1130</b> 02 Chemistry II 67 Science for Technology II 75 Sanskrit II 81 French II	<b>1230 - 1430</b> 23 Political Science I



Day	MORNING SESSION	AFTERNOON SESSION
<b>12</b>	<b>0830 - 1130</b> 13 General English I	<b>1230 - 1500</b> 13 General English II
<b>13</b>	<b>0830 - 1030</b> 41 Buddhism I 42 Hinduism I 43 Christianity I 44 Islam I 45 Buddhist Civilization I 46 Hindu Civilization I 47 Islam Civilization I 49 Christian Civilization I	<b>1230 - 1430</b> 29 Communication & Media Studies I
<b>14</b>	<b>0830 - 1130</b> 73 English I	<b>1230 - 1530</b> 25 History of Sri Lanka I
<b>15</b>	<b>0830 - 1130</b> 14 Civil Technology II 15 Mechanical Technology II 16 Electrical, Electronic & Information Technology II 17 Food Technology II 18 Agro Technology II 19 Bio-Resource Technology II 74 Pali II	<b>1230 - 1430</b> 22 Geography I
<b>16</b>	<b>0830 - 1130</b> 23 Political Science II	<b>1400 - 1700</b> 73 English II
<b>17</b>	<b>0830 - 1030</b> 33 Accounting I 84 Hindi I	<b>1230 - 1530</b> 22 Geography II
<b>18</b>	<b>0830 - 1130</b> 41 Buddhism II 42 Hinduism II 43 Christianity II 44 Islam II 45 Buddhist Civilization II 46 Hindu Civilization II 47 Islam Civilization II 49 Christian Civilization II	<b>1230 - 1530</b> 29 Communication & Media Studies II
<b>19</b>	<b>0830 - 1130</b> 33 Accounting II 84 Hindi II	<b>1230 - 1430</b> 20 Information & Communications Technology I
<b>20</b>	<b>0830 - 1030</b> 31 Business Statistics I  <b>0830 - 1130</b> 57 Drama & Theatre (Sinhala) I 58 Drama & Theatre (Tamil) I 59 Drama & Theatre (English) I	<b>1230 - 1530</b> 07 Mathematics I 11 Higher Mathematics I  <b>1230 - 1430</b> 87 Japanese I
<b>21</b>	<b>0830 - 1130</b> 31 Business Statistics II 57 Drama & Theatre (Sinhala) II 58 Drama & Theatre (Tamil) II 59 Drama & Theatre (English) II	<b>1230 - 1530</b> 07 Mathematics II 11 Higher Mathematics II 87 Japanese II
<b>22</b>	<b>0830 - 1100</b> 12 Common General Test	<b>1230 - 1530</b> 20 Information & Communication Technology II

Note: Use of calculators, correcting fluid, Mobile Phones, smart watches and Electronic devices for any subject in this examination is not allowed, and it is a punishable offence even to bring them into the examination hall.

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