



PAPER II · QUESTION 13 · MODEL ANSWER



THE IMPORTANCE OF ENGLISH

AGREE / DISAGREE

UNIT 04 — ENGLISH AS A LOCAL AND GLOBAL LANGUAGE

172 WORDS

THE QUESTION

It is proposed that "A good knowledge of English is essential for every young Sri Lankan today." Do you agree or disagree?

INTRO English is used everywhere in the world today. Some people say that a young Sri Lankan can succeed without it. I strongly disagree with them, because English has become necessary in almost every field.

BODY 1 Firstly, English is needed for higher education. Most university lectures, textbooks and research papers are in English. A student who is weak in English will find it very difficult to follow a degree course, even if that student is clever in the subject.

BODY 2 Secondly, English is important for employment. When we look at newspaper advertisements, most of them ask for a good knowledge of English. In banks, hotels and companies, workers must speak to customers and write letters in English every day.

COUNTER Some people say that we should protect our own languages instead. I agree that our mother tongue is precious, but learning English does not mean forgetting Sinhala or Tamil. We can be good at all three.

CONCLUSION In conclusion, I firmly believe that English is essential today. It opens doors to education, employment and the wider world.

WHY IT SCORES · C – L – O

Content: the position is stated in the first paragraph and restated at the end; the counter-argument is admitted and answered. Language: 10–18-word sentences, present simple and modals, no risks. Organisation: Firstly / Secondly / However / In conclusion.