

**Best practice in distance learning education to overcome the educational losses during COVID 19 pandemic period related to GE & GIT**

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# Introduction

Subject	No. of Periods	No. of hours
General English	320	216 h
General Information Technology	70	46.6 h
Total	390	262.6h

## **Issues related to teaching, learning process, testing & evaluation when implementing GE & GIT A/L curriculum**

- ❖ Majority of the students focus on major subjects neglecting A/L General English & GIT as the competition is very high.
- ❖ Negative attitudes of the students, teachers & principals on General English & GIT.
- ❖ Preference of the students & teachers on learning major subjects in periods allocated for General English & GIT.
- ❖ Stress which accumulates during the competitive A/L examination would hinder the participation of students for General English & GIT. As a result many students only sit for 1<sup>st</sup> Paper.
- ❖ As a result of the above mentioned reasons though the O/L English pass percentage is 65.78% the General English pass percentage is a low rate as 48.40%. Same can be replicated in GIT too.

# G.C.E.(A/L) General English 5 year result analysis

Zone	2017			2018			2019			2020			2021		
	No. sat	No. Passed	Passed%	No. sat	No. Passed	Passed%	No. sat	No. Passed	Passed%	No. sat	No. Passed	Passed%	No. sat	No. Passed	Passed%
Rathnapura	3923	1602	40.80	4197	1591	37.90	4271	2161	50.6	5965	3145	52.72	5580	2930	52.5
Balangoda	1849	527	28.50	1788	561	31.38	1902	812	42.69	2317	942	40.66	2093	952	45.48
Nivithigala	422	53	12.56	461	38	8.24	576	165	28.65	1279	372	29.09	1141	303	26.56
Embilipitiya	1391	198	14.23	1563	285	18.23	1652	515	31.17	2883	989	34.30	2587	972	37.57
Kegalle	3118	1343	43.07	3422	1381	40.36	3522	2001	56.81	5183	3107	59.95	4659	2711	58.19
Mawanella	2214	824	37.20	1589	566	35.60	1826	941	51.5	3193	1712	53.62	3134	1719	54.85
Dehiovita	1712	350	20.44	1989	431	21.67	2108	707	33.54	2279	801	35.15	2222	782	35.19
Sabaragamuwa	14629	4897	33.47	15009	4853	32.33	15857	7302	46.05	23099	11068	47.92	21416	10369	48.42

# G.C.E.(O/L) General English 5 year result analysis

Zone	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020		
	No. sat	No. Passed	Passed%	No. sat	No. Passed	Passed%	No. sat	No. Passed	Passed%	No. sat	No. Passed	Passed%	No. sat	No. Passed	Passed%
Ratnapura	5817	3007	51.7	5983	3234	54.0	6231	2727	56.23	6676	4206	62.92	6731	4353	64.67
Balangoda	2513	1119	44.53	2679	1282	47.85	2683	1292	48.15	2883	1703	59.07	2850	1715	60.17
Embilipitiya	3378	1351	39.9	3567	1564	43.84	3821	1811	47.39	4046	2519	62.26	3933	2477	62.97
Nivithigala	2086	559	26.8	2404	841	34.98	2369	967	40.81	2560	1373	53.63	2592	1435	55.36
Kegalle	4322	2193	50.7	4018	2036	60.2	4467	2803	63.06	4408	3054	69.16	4501	3260	72.43
Mawanella	3758	1847	49.1	3834	1991	51.9	3826	2230	58.28	3954	2607	65.9	4004	2702	67.48
Dehiowita	3470	1271	36.6	3707	1447	39.0	3671	1613	43.93	3838	2106	54.87	3974	2390	60.14
Sabaragamuwa	25344	11347	44.77	26608	13121	50.01	27068	14220	52.53	28365	17568	61.93	28585	18332	64.13
Island	285686	136851	47.90	296157	151393	51.12	295744	162366	54.90	305162	190311	62.36	307870	202517	65.78

## **Strategies and suggestions to overcome those challenges**

- 1) Reduce the friction between the major subjects & General English & GIT making learning them a fun stress-free activity.
- 2) Designing the courses in an interesting way covering all the units.
- 3) During the transition period of A/L results releasing and school starting for A/L, the students can engage in this course leisurely, Also as a MOOC course when ever they are free they can complete the MOOC Course.
- 4) Designing the course in a distance learning mode.
- 5) Self Learning material.

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# General English



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## General English

- ❖ This is a compulsory subject for all the students who sit for the A/L s' and it is mandatory to sit for the subject for university admission.
- ❖ In A/L stream 216 learning hours have been allocated for General English.
- ❖ Hence A/L English is taught 6 periods per week for grade 12 & 13.
- ❖ A test book consists of 8 units & a Teachers Instructional Manual are given as resource materials to implement the subject.



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### උපදෙස් මාලාව

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Unit 01 Lesson 04 <u>Listening</u>  (කාලය වි.120)	<u>සිසු සිසුවියන් සඳහා</u>		
	පියවර 01	No.08 වීඩියෝ පාඨම නරඹන්න.	වි.30
	පියවර 02	පෙළ පොතෙහි පිටු අංක 14, 15,16 කියවා සවන් දීමේ ක්‍රියාකාරකමට සුදානම් වන්න.	වි.15
	පියවර 03	වීඩියෝව නරඹා දෙන ලද උපදෙස් අනුව සවන් දීමේ ක්‍රියාකාරකමෙහි නිරත වන්න.	වි.30
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	පියවර 05	වීඩියෝව නරඹන්න.	වි.10
	පියවර 06	පෙළ පොතේ පිටු අංක 15,16 ක්‍රියාකාරකම සිදු කරන්න.	වි.30
	පියවර 07	වීඩියෝව නරඹා ඔබේ පිළිතුර සසඳන්න.	වි.10
	එකතුව		වි.120
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# The Badge



# Self Assessment



The following sentences have been taken from job advertisements. But some words are missing there. Complete the sentences choosing the correct word.

1) The Central Bank of Sri Lanka \_\_\_\_ applications from experienced individuals. 2 points

- invited
- invites
- are inviting
- was inviting

2) Any application not meeting the required qualifications \_\_\_\_\_ 2 points

- have rejected
- will be rejected
- has rejected
- rejected

## Expected Outcomes

- ❖ Providing an opportunity for A/L students to enhance their English language competency leisurely and enjoyably in a stress-free environment.
- ❖ Saving 224 learning hours for a highly competitive examination.
- ❖ Ensure that every child passes A/L General English in order to acquire English competency for higher studies.

## Video



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# General Information Technology



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# Introduction to GIT

- ❖ GIT is offered in Grade 12 for all students.
- ❖ Normally in A/L 60 periods are allocated & Weekly one period is offered for GIT.
- ❖ Syllabus contains 8 units
- ❖ Teachers Instructional Manual are given as resource materials to implement the subject.

# INTRODUCTION TO GIT COURSE

- ❖ Covers GIT National Syllabus
- ❖ Course Duration : 47.3 Hours (71 Periods)
- ❖ Offered as MOOC in Blended Learning Methodology
- ❖ Contents Unit based and Final assessments
- ❖ Certificate awarded at the end of the course



## Advantages

- ❖ Easy to follow from any where any place
- ❖ Student centered and self learning supportive
- ❖ Extended time to practice
- ❖ Supportive to slow learners
- ❖ Exposure to global learning methods
- ❖ Recognized certificate immediately issued after completion
- ❖ Students Acquire ICT skills practically

# Areas covered in GIT

- ◉ Basics of Computer science
- ◉ Introduction Operating System(OS)
- ◉ Office Package
- ◉ Basics of Web designing
- ◉ Graphic Designing
- ◉ Internet & Email
- ◉ ICT Usages & Trends

# **GIT- MOOC Course**

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `enenapiyasa.lk/lms/course/view.php?id=622`. The page features a dark sidebar on the left with navigation options: Course sections, Participants, Badges, Certificates, Competencies, Grades, Animated navigation off, Data preference, Home, Dashboard, and Calendar. The main content area displays a grid of course units and a quiz. The units are numbered 01 through 06, with Unit 07 hidden from students. Unit 08 is also hidden from students. A 'Quiz - Unit 1,2 & 3' is prominently displayed. The interface includes a top navigation bar with 'Courses' and 'Links' menus, and a user profile icon in the top right corner.

Unit/Quiz	Description	Status
UNIT 01	1. කාලීන ප්‍රතිලාභ ගොලා	Visible
UNIT 02	2. පරිගණකය තුළ දත්ත නිරූපණය ...	Visible
UNIT 03	3. මෙහෙයුම් පද්ධති පිළිබඳව ...	Visible
Quiz - Unit 1,2 & 3	QUIZ	Visible
UNIT 04	4. එදිනෙදා ජීවිතයේ කාර්යයන් ...	Visible
UNIT 05	5. අදහස් එල්ලාපි ලෙස ප්‍රකාශ ...	Visible
UNIT 06	6. එදිනෙදා ජීවිතයේදී ...	Visible
UNIT 07	7. බහු මාධ්‍යය සංරචක ඇතුළත් ...	Hidden from students
UNIT 08	8. දිවි මග රජ බැනුම් සඳහා ...	Hidden from students

# Assessment & Badges

The screenshot shows a web application interface for a quiz. At the top left, there is a logo for 'enapiyasa' and navigation links for 'Courses' and 'Links'. A dark sidebar on the left contains menu items: 'Course sections', 'Participants', 'Badges', 'Certificates', 'Competencies', 'Grades', 'Animated navigation off', 'Data preference', 'Home', 'Dashboard', and 'Calendar'. The main content area is titled 'Quiz - Unit 1,2 & 3' and includes a link to 'View all attempts (1810 submitted)'. A question in Sinhala asks about the definition of a port. Below the question are four radio button options. A progress indicator shows the current question is the first of ten. At the bottom, there are navigation options for 'Previous activity' (3.2.5 More Reference), a 'Jump to...' dropdown, and 'Next activity' (Click here to earn your badge).



**Thank You**