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**Teaching Selected Subjects in English Medium at G.C.E (A/L) classes**

When considering the globalization of the present world and the rapid changes in the communication field, it is clearly understood the importance of learning an International Language. English is the most familiar International Language to the Sri Lankans . To enter the higher studies, including University Education, the knowledge of English is very much important. Because of these reasons, teaching several Science subjects at G.C.E (A/L) in English Medium was started in government schools, from 2001 onwards. In addition to that to teach several selected subjects in English medium from Grade 6 onwards was also started from year 2002.

02. By considering the requirements of the students, who have already learnt, several selected subjects in English Medium from Grade 6 on wards, Ministry of Education has decided to teach the selected subjects in Commerce and Art stream from the year 2008 onwards, in English Medium in addition to the Science subjects.

03. Here onwards the guidelines of this circular will be affected, than the circular No.2001/15 dated 23/02/2001 and circular No.2002/17 dated 20/07/2002 of the secretary of Education about "Teaching G.C.E (A/L) Science subjects in English Medium " .

04.It is decided to teach selected 10 subjects in English Medium for the G.C.E (A/L) including Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, Commerce and Art streams form 2008 onwards.

Following Subjects can be taught in English medium

- Biology
- Physics
- Chemistry

- Combined Mathematics
- Agriculture
- Accountancy
- Business Studies
- Economics
- Basics in Political Science
- Geography

05. In addition to that, if one school is needed to teach any other subject/s in English medium that particular school should take the approval from the Ministry of Education. But learning teaching resources to teach the relevant subject in English Medium may not be supplied.

06. To commence English medium class, that particular school should obtain the approval of the Ministry of Education. Learning in English Medium should be done according to the preference of the students and also students should fulfill the basic qualifications according to the circular on admission of students for G.C.E (A/L) class.

07. The maximum number of students for the English Medium class also same as mentioned the relevant circular on maximum number of students in G.C.E. (A/L) classes .

08. Within the subject frame, supplied by the school, any student can decide the number of subjects in English medium. According to the subject stream, relevant all the subjects or selected number of subjects, can be learnt in English medium.

Number of students, who learn each subject in English medium, should be informed to the Ministry of Education at the beginning of the each year by the school.

09. The students who learn the (A/L) subjects in English medium can select the medium to sit for the G.C.E. (A/L) examination according to their preference. They can sit for the all subjects that they learnt in English Medium or, for a few subjects or even only for one subject in English Medium. If not, they can sit for all subjects in Sinhala or Tamil Medium. In this way, the medium that they hope to sit for the examination should be decided only when applying for the G.C.E. (A/L) examination. Later, it is not possible to change the medium of the language that the students are going to sit for the examination. In the results sheet, it is clearly mentioned the medium of the subject separately.

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