

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

**SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION/BACHELOR OF COMMERCE 2018/2019**

Proper/Repeat (December 2021) (NS)

English Language Skills ENG 2022

Index No:

Time: 02 Hours

Instructions to the candidates

1. Answer all the questions on this paper itself.
2. Marks will be deducted for spelling errors and grammatical mistakes.
3. This paper consists of 10 pages.

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Question Number	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
01	30	
02	25	
03	20	
04	25	
Total	100	

Section 1 Reading Skills

A. Reading Comprehension

Question 1.1

Read the text given below and answer the questions that follow:

Today, millions of people want to learn or **improve** their English but it is **difficult** to find the best method. Is it better to study in Britain or America or to study in your own country?

The advantages of going to Britain seem obvious. Firstly, you will be able to listen to the language all the time you are in the country. You will be surrounded completely by the language wherever you go. Another advantage is that you have to speak the language if you are with other people. In Italy, it is always possible, in the class, to speak Italian if you want to and the learning is slower.

On the other hand, there are also **advantages** to staying at home to study. You don't have to make big changes to your life. As well as this, it is also a lot cheaper than going to Britain but it is never possible to achieve the results of living in the UK. If you have a good teacher in Italy, I think you can learn in a more concentrated way than being in Britain without going to a school.

So, **in conclusion**, I think that if you have **enough** time and enough money, the best choice is to spend some time in the UK. This is simply not possible for most people, so being here in Italy is the only viable option. The most important thing to do in this situation is to maximise your opportunities: to speak only English in class and to try to use English whenever possible outside the class.

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1. What is the given text about?

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2. Give a suitable title for the passage.

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3. Mention one of the advantages of going to the UK to learn English?

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4. What is one of the advantages of staying in your country to learn English?

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5. What should those people who don't have a lot of time and money do to learn English?

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(Marks: 05 x 02= 10)

6. Give similar words for the following

a) improve

b) difficult


c) advantage

d) in conclusion

e) enough

(Marks: 05 x 01= 05)

Question 1.2



The Chairman and the Governing Council of
The National Human Resources Development Council of Sri Lanka together with
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka
CareerMe
The Chartered Institute of Personnel Management Sri Lanka
The International Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka
and
The Daily Financial Times
Cordially invite

to the forum on
"Emerging Careers For The Future"

on 18th July 2019 from 9.30 am to 11.30 am
at The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka,
30A, Malalasekara Mw, Colombo 07

under the patronage of

Hon. Sagala Ratnayake
Cabinet Minister of Ports, Shipping & Southern Development & Youth Affairs
Chief Guest

Mr. Thomas Kring
Officer in Charge, International Labour Organization, Sri Lanka
Guest of Honour

and

Prof. Mohan De Silva
Chairman, University Grants Commission
Keynote Speaker

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Agenda

- 8.30 Registration and Refreshments
- 9.30 Lighting of the Oil Lamp and National Anthem
- 9.35 Keynote Speech by Prof. Mohan De Silva, Chairman, University Grants Commission
- 9.45 Special Address by the Guest of Honour, Mr. Thomas Kring, Officer in Charge, International Labour Organization, Sri Lanka
- 9.55 CareerMe app Launch
- 10.05 Address by the Chief Guest Hon. Sagala Ratnayake, Minister of Ports, Shipping, Southern Development & Youth Affairs
- 10.15 Panel Discussion With,
 - 1. Dr. Nihal De Silva, Dean/Chairman, IIHS
 - 2. Mr. Jagath Perera, President, ICASL
 - 3. Mr. Reyaz Mihular, Managing Partner, KPMG
 - 4. Mr. Bingumal Thewathanthri, Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Bank
 - 5. Ms. Louise Cowcher, Director - Education and English, The British Council
 - 6. Mr. Peeyush Arya, Partner, Deloitte
 - 7. Mr. Charles Conconi, Project Director, YOULEAD
 - 8. Ms. Anjana Kulasekara, Founder/CEO, CareerMe
 - 9. Mr. Dinesh Weerakkody, Chairman, NHRDC and ICC (Moderator)
- 11.30 Conclusion

Answer the following based on the invitation given above.

1. Explain the nature of the event presented in the invitation.

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2. Who is the chief guest of the event?

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3. Identify the keynote speaker of the event.

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4. What is the title of the forum being presented in the invitation?

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5. How many personalities are being listed to make their presentations in the forum mentioned?

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(Marks: 05 x 02 =10)

Question 1.2

Summary Writing Skills

Read the text given below and write the summary in 60 words

“Reading makes a perfect man”. Every person must read. Reading plays an important role in a person’s life. By reading newspapers, we gain knowledge on current topics and come to know day to day events and activities occurring locally and globally.

There are many kinds of newspapers we could read every day. They contain different types of news and articles, providing variety of valuable information. Therefore it is very important for all of us to read newspapers.

By reading newspapers we can learn about the political situations, environmental issues, developments in the educational field and other areas, the condition of weather, economic status, social development and also sports news in the local and foreign arena. There are newspapers printed in different language by different organization in Sinhala, Tamil and English in Sri Lanka. Some are daily newspaper and others are weekend papers.

There are newspapers for children too. Some of the children’s newspapers are in three languages. The Sunday Observer, and the Sunday Times are two mainstream English newspapers, providing information to every section of the society including children. Especially, children improve their language ability through reading these newspapers.

(Marks: 05)

(Total: 30 Marks)

Section 2 English Language Structure

Question 02

02: I : Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets.

1. The workers [clean] the office premises next weekend.
2. We [get up] early in the morning every day.
3. My manager was discussing while my colleague [read] the report..
4. Though the rich man had enough money, he [not help] the most vulnerable.

5. The English language teaching department [arrange] an English Talent Show next year.
6. My friend [not sleep] last night because of English Assessment Examination.
7. We [go] to the University Library every day.
8. My faculty seniors [read] journal articles every day.
9. We [study] English Language from childhood.
10. Undergraduates [do] good service for the country in future.

(Total: 10 x 1.5 = 15 Marks)

02. II

Change the sentences given below into passive voice.

- 1) The students thanked the Vice Chancellor for his services to the community.

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- 2) The secretary has proposed the vote of thanks at the end of the meeting.

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- 3) The students are discussing the details of the programme to be held next week.

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- 4) The secretary will prepare the agenda in consultation with the advisory board.

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- 5) The commission invites the public to submit their views in writing.

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(Total: 05 x 02 = 10 Marks)

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