

**EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA**  
**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN ARTS &**  
**CULTURE 2014/2015 (September/October 2016)**

**AEL 1112 Basic English – I**

**Instruction to the candidates:**

1. **Time: Two (02) Hours.**
2. **Answer all the questions on the paper itself.**
3. **Marks will be deducted for wrong spellings and grammar.**
4. **Read each question carefully and answer them.**
5. **This paper consists of Seven (07) pages.**
6. **Write your Index Number clearly on the space given.**



**PART I**

**1) Study the words in bold print in the text given below and categorize them in the table.**

William Shakespeare is a popular writer and a **dramatist** in the whole world. He was born at Stratford upon Avon in **England** on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1564. His father was a **business man**. Shakespeare was the **greatest English** writer and the most **famous** playwright during his time. He **acted particularly** in his own plays. He **married** Anne Hathaway and they had three daughters and a son.

Shakespeare **wrote** many plays and **beautiful** poetry which are **amazingly** enjoyed by the readers over the world. His plays comprised tragedies, comedies and **historical** plays. Some of his tragedies were Othello, King Lear and Hamlet. Julius Ceaser and Richard II were his historical plays. A winter's Tale and The Tempest were his comedies.

His first play, Henry VI, was staged between 1589 and 1592. Julius Ceaser was staged in 1599 or 1600. These were followed by Hamlet, his **masterpiece**, Macbeth and the Comedy of Errors. Shakespeare wrote **nearly** forty plays and **numerous** poems such as Venus and Adonis. William Shakespeare, the greatest among the great, **died** in 1616. His famous plays are **widely** staged and **sonnets** are **largely** read to this day.

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb

(20x0.5=10 Marks)

**2) Write full answers to the questions at least in three words.**

a) Where do you study?

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b) What is your home town?

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c) When were you born?

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d) What is your subject combination?

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e) Who is your role model?

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f) How long have you been studying as a student at the EU SL?

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g) How far is the university from home?

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h) How much time do you spend on studies daily?

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i) Why do you want to learn English?

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j) How can you improve your knowledge?

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3) Select the most suitable preposition to fill the gaps in the following text. You may use a preposition more than once.

There are several sanctuaries in Sri Lanka. They are Yala, Kumana, Bundala, Vagamuwa, and Wilpattu. Yala is famous 1) .....deer and Wilpattu is famous 2).....wild elephants & leopards. Kumana is famous for birds. We can see many varieties 3)..... migrant birds too there. Many animals roam 4).....natural habitats in these sanctuaries. These sanctuaries are not like the zoo. Here they can move freely. These sanctuaries have become very popular places 5) ..... both local and tourists 6) ..... abroad. Sanctuaries are very important because animals are safe in them. It is forbidden to kill animals 7)..... these sanctuaries. We should learn to abide 8)..... the rules 9).....these sanctuaries and enjoy but not disturb or destroy the animals & plants 10) ..... them.

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(1x10 =10 Marks)

4) Complete the following sentences using your own ideas.

- a) I am an undergraduate .....
- b) I am at the .....in the .....
- c) I offer .....to my degree programme.
- d) We attend lectures .....
- e) We make .....as part of our semester activity.
- f) I go to library .....after my lectures.
- g) I take part in .....at the university.
- h) Most of us are .....and some of us are day scholars.
- i) .....our juniors in their.....
- j) We enjoy our.....

(02x10 =20 Marks)

5) Choose the right word to complete the following text. Select words from the list given below:

seasons	water	snow	places	climate
lakes	remains	streams	weather	die

Seasons and climates are there because of the changing weather. Clouds, wind, rain, sun and .....contribute to the change in the (2)..... However , the moon has no air or (3)..... So there are no seasons and (4)..... on the moon. In Sri Lanka, there are two (5) ..... They are the dry and rainy season. The weather become very hot in the dry season. Under this severe heat (6)..... and wells dry up in many (7)..... In some large (8) ..... only muddy water (9)..... The fish in them (10) ..... as a result. The water levels in the (10)..... tanks and wells all go down during the dry season.

(1x10 =10 Marks)

**PART II**

**6) LETTER WRITING**

Imagine that your close friend is following an IT degree programme in India and she wants to know about your University life. Write a letter to her about how you enjoy your University life in 150 words.

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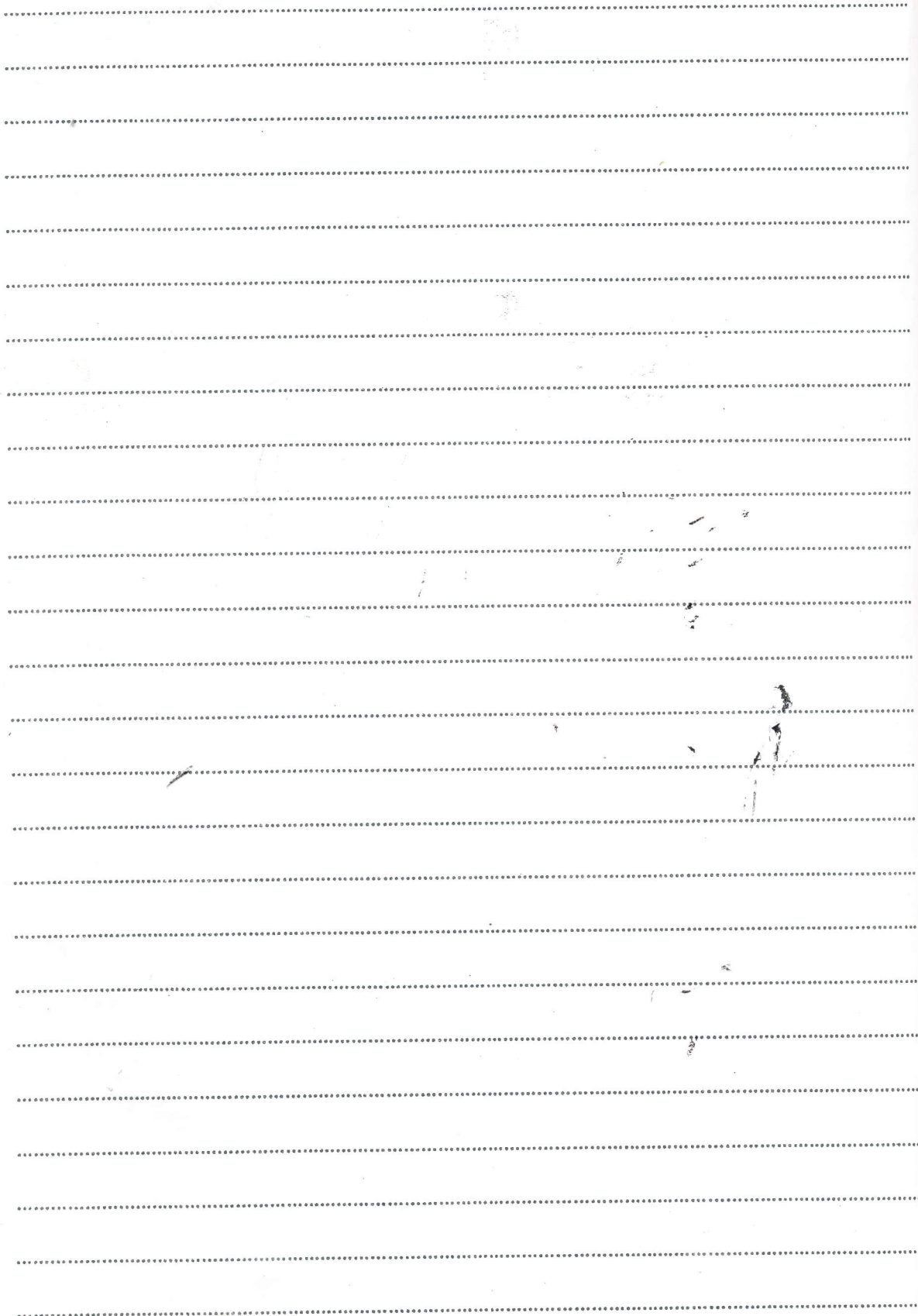
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