

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN ARTS & CULTURE-
2016/2017 (November-December 2018)

AEL 1112 BASIC ENGLISH -I

Time: 02 Hours

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Instructions to the candidates:

Answer all the questions on this paper itself.
This paper consists of SEVEN (07) pages.

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Question Number	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
1	30
2	20
3	20
4	10
5	20
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Reading Comprehension

Q1. 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 learn 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 Sri Lanka, it is always possible, in the classroom, 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 do not have to make big changes to your life. As well as this, it is 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 Sri Lanka, I think you can learn in a more concentrated way than being in Britain without going to a school.

So, in conclusion, 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 in Sri Lanka 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 speak English whenever possible outside the class.

(Source adopted from: <http://www.esl-lounge.com>)

1. What is the given article about?
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2. Give a suitable title for the passage.
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3. What is 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 people do when they don't have a lot of time and money do to learn English?

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(Marks:5 x 2= 10)

6. Give similar words for the following

a) improve

b) method

c) advantage

d) choice

e) maximize

(Marks: 5 x 2= 10)

7. If you want to improve your English what would you do? Give 5 suggestions:

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

(Marks: 5x 2 =10)

(30 Marks)

English Language Structure

Q2. Write the correct forms of the verbs in the brackets.

1. Talent shows usually (**allow**) people to demonstrate their creative abilities.
2. The lecturer quickly (**realise**) her mistake and she corrected it.
3. Academic writing (**involve**) hours of researching and reading before actual writing.
4. I (**work**) at University for seven years.
5. Yesterday, students (**respond**) unwillingly to the questions in the class.
6. Students have (**demand**) better university transport since last year.
7. The Examination department..... (**analyse**) and release the G.C.E A/L results a week.
8. I am not going now because it..... (**rain**) and I don't have an umbrella.
9. I (**study**) at the University when I met my friend.
10. These days most people (**use**) e mail instead of writing letters.
11. We are surprised to hear that our neighbor (**buy**) a new house.
12. The archaeologists..... (**make**) some interesting discovery last year.
13. Everybody will be at the office around 08:30 tomorrow as the Director..... (**arrive**).
14. Urbanization (**be**) always a problem which causes several environmental challenges.
15. My brother and my sister were arguing about something when I (**enter**) the room.
16. Non-stop rain (**destroy**) the paddy fields every year.
17. Engineer Martin (**speak**) first, over the mobile phone in 1973.
18. Head of ELTU (**have**) just (19)..... (**return**) from London.
20. After the diver had collected the oysters he (**get**) into the boat.

(20 Marks)

Q3: Change the following active sentences into passive.

1. Sri Lankans **follow** the British system on learning English.
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2. People **use** mobile phones to send text messages.
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The teachers **advised** her to speak English all the time.

They **have opened** a new branch of KFC in Batticaloa recently.

The lecturers **will convince** the college students to practice speaking English.

Scientists **were doing** much research on undergraduates to understand their way of learning.

The manager **scolded** the employee for his bad behavior.

The disaster management **had alerted** the people before Tsunami hit the village.

The hostellers **complained** to the warden the inferior quality of the food.

Most of the Sri Lankan people **use** public transport.

(10 X 2 = 20 Marks)

Writing Skills

Q4. Fill in the form with relevant information (do not write your own details)

Membership Application Form
Gold Star Sports Club
Colombo

1. Name in full.....
2. Name with initials.....
3. Title: Mr. Miss. Mrs. Dr.
4. Date of birth
5. Nationality:.....
6. NIC No.....
7. Mobile.....
8. Address.....
9. Favourite game/sport:.....
10. School attended:.....

Please complete and submit this to the Sports Secretary. We look forward to welcoming you to membership of the club soon!

(10 Marks)

