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NEL 3110 Advanced General English - I

Time: 02 hours

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Instructions to the candidates:

1. Duration: Two (02) Hours
2. Answer all 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 07 pages.
6. Write your Index Number clearly on the space given.

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Question Number

Marks Obtained

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01. Read the following text and answer the questions that follow, Answer questions 2, 3 and in complete sentences using your own words.

Today there is a television set in almost every house. In some countries, you can choose between as many as forty different channels. Some show only a single type of programme: news, sports, music, theatre or movies. Most show different kinds of programmes, giving viewers a wide range of entertainment to choose from. In one country a recent survey showed that the average person spent three and a half hours a day watching television. Housewives were the biggest group of viewers. They spent an average of five hours a day watching TV while their husbands were out at work.

For families with children, a major problem is getting the children away from the television to do their homework. What impact then does television have on people's lives?

To find out, an unusual experiment was carried out recently. A group of forty-four families were asked to disconnect their television sets for one month. The families were studied to see how their lives were affected by not being able to watch TV during this period.

Four of the families found that life simply could not continue without TV, and they withdrew from the experiment. They said they could find no other way to spend their free time. Among those who successfully kept away from television, several interesting observations were reported.

Some parents were glad to end the daily struggle among family members to decide what programme to watch. In some families, the family went to bed earlier. Family members found other things to do such as reading or playing volley-ball. Many families found that they had more time to talk and play among themselves without television. Dinner times were more relaxing without the pressure of TV. Children's eyesight improved in several cases.

On the other hand, some families said that they greatly missed their favourite programmes. A father in one family without TV started gambling and another began to drink heavily. Some children found that they had nothing to talk about at school; they no longer could talk about their favourite cartoons, singers, or actors. Several mothers found they had less to talk about with their young children.

At the end of the experiment, most of the families wanted to have the television back in their homes. But they said that in future they would watch only certain programmes and not allow their lives to be governed by television.

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(1) Write TRUE or FALSE beside each sentence in the space provided.

(a) The passage shows that fewer people are watching television nowadays.

(b) The quality of family life has improved because of television.

(c) Television sometimes has a bad effect on children's eyesight

- (d) Watching television often gives people thing to talk about.
- (e) The experiment described in the passage was a failure.

(1x5=5 Marks)

(2) What was the aim of the experiment described in this passage?

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(3) Why did some families withdraw from the experiment?

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(4) List three good effects and two bad effects this experiment had on families that completed the experiment.

Good	Bad

(3x2=6 Marks)

(5) Underline the statement which best expresses the main idea of the passage.

- (a) More experiments should be carried out like the one described in the passage.
- (b) Television is in every home and is here to stay.
- (c) People should not allow television to have control over their lives. (1x1=1Mark)

(6) State what the following words, highlighted in the passage, refer to:

- (a) some (Para 5 Line 1) -
- (b) their(Para 1 Line 7) -
- (c) this period (Para 3 Line 3) -
- (d) those (Para 4 Line 3) - (4x1.5 = 6 Marks)

(7) Give the meaning of the following words underlined in the passage, as they appear in the text

- (a) impact -
- (b) withdrew -
- (c) observations -

(2x3=6 Mar

02. Select the correct form of the verb given in the and complete the following sentences

- (1) Third year students(learn) General English for the last one year at University.
- (2) Senior undergraduates(help) the juniors in their studies.
- (3) We(complete) on the assignments last week.
- (4) Freshers(be) enjoying their first semester very well without disturbances.
- (5) All the students(stage) a demonstration last month on Gender Issues.
- (6) Final year students(make) presentation on their project next week
- (7) Junior Students of Faculty of Arts & Culture(practise) a variety of practical tasks regularly to use the language in their day to day life.
- (8) In Sri Lanka we.....(be) experiencing the heat wave reaction now.

(8 X 2 = 16 M

03. Select the appropriate preposition to fill the gaps in the text below. Select the words the circle given below:

The Social Service Association of our University has, so far, done so many projects help the less fortunate people (2) society, irrespective of caste, creed or any other considerations. Our commitment to service provides a forum and a training ground (4)the students to perform community projects while at school.

This year our association has decided to conduct a "medical camp (5) the "Hear the Blind" in Batticaloa in the morning session and a musical programme in the evening the first Saturday of December 2016. We do conduct this programme to improve the quality (7) the physical and mental health of the inmates of the Homethe blind in Batticaloa.

So, we need funds to provide transport facilities to the medical practitioners and the musicians (9) their homes to the venue and (10) subsidise medical refreshments and lunch to be provided to the visually challenged inmates of the Home blind in Batticaloa.

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04. Fill the gaps with appropriate words in the text below. Choose words from the list.

document

deaths

conversation

lost

messages

essential

news

grand parents

letters

telegramme

What is Communication?

Communication means imparting or sharing information. It may be (1) carrying joy or sorrow. Early days people sent (2)through pigeons and animals. Later they sent (3)through postman and (4).....for urgent messages, about sickness or (5)..... . Now, of course, these have (6).....their significance. In some cases letters are (7)for many purposes like, invitation, certificates and important (8), letters have a sentimental value. Our (9) have a liking to hear their loved ones letter read by another due to their poor eye-sight. Phone (10)too may not be suitable for them to hear.

But, now of course telephone, telex, television, and radio are versatile among everybody. Mobile phones have become common thing in everybody's life. People have realized that there is no life without a mobile. It's convenient to convey any message in every form. S.M.S is less cost.

Computer is another revolution. It has brought the whole world closer. They younger and grownups communicate at office or home on E-mails and internet, Fax machine play the main role in everybody's job and activities, to make life more easy and comfortable.

(10 Marks)

05. Write a summary of the following text. You may use any number of sentences but do not use more than thirty-five (35) words

Badminton is a very popular game. It is a fast game. In the game, people use rackets and a shuttlecock. Players hit the shuttlecock back and forth over a net five feet high. They must return it before it hits the ground. They usually play the game on a court. If there are two players, we call it a singles game. If there are four persons or two pairs of players playing badminton, we call it a doubles game. People can play it both indoors or outdoors.

