

# EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

## SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN COMMERCE AND MANAGEMENT- 2017/2018 (JANUARY 2020)

### ENG 2022 ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS

Time: 02 Hours

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#### 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 09 pages.

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Question Number	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
01	30	
02	35	
03	10	
04	25	
Total	100	

## Reading Skills

**Q1: Read the following text and answer the questions that follow:**

Long gone and forgotten are the days when commercial activities such as exchange of goods and services for money, between two parties, had to take place in a traditional setting. The customer going to the marketplace, checking out a variety of products, choosing required stuff, purchasing them and then paying the specific amount is what marks traditional commerce. However, nowadays with technology innovations, modern ways of selling goods and services have come up. For instance, e-commerce is the service where people buy and sell products via the Internet.

Even with the advent of e-commerce, some people prefer traditional commerce because they think that e-commerce is not safe. However, both methods are reliable to use. Traditional commerce involves the exchange of goods and services between two people face to face and is one of the oldest modes of buying products and services. It is done by almost everyone all over the globe.

E-commerce or electronic commerce is like traditional commerce. As such, it also involves exchange of goods and services. The only difference is that it is conducted online via an electronic network – the Internet. Nowadays it has been extended to online social networking. With e-commerce, transactions, assistance, and communication are done through the use of an electronic medium. All business activities including selling, ordering, purchasing, payments are performed over the internet. Technologies such as electronic data interchange, email, and electronic fund transfers are used for transactions and payments.

There are major differences between traditional commerce and e-commerce. Traditional commerce focuses on the exchange of products and services through personal interactions and is therefore manual while e-commerce trading activities are online via the internet and are considered automatic.

Traditional commerce is limited to time business hours mostly during the day while e-commerce is 24/7. It can be done anytime, day and night. In addition to that, traditional commerce allows a buyer to physically inspect goods and test out services before making a purchase. Conversely, with e-commerce, products and services are not examined physically. As far as consumer

interactions are concerned, traditional commerce provides face to face interaction. On the other hand, e-commerce can be termed as screen to face interaction. Traditional commerce is limited to a particular geographical location while e-commerce is global and has no physical limitation. Modes of payment in traditional commerce include cash, cheques, and credit cards. With e-commerce, there's electronic funds transfer, credit card numbers and more. Delivery of goods and services is instant with traditional commerce while e-commerce delivery takes some time. It is difficult to establish and maintain standard practices in traditional commerce. However, with e-commerce, uniform strategies can be quickly established and maintained.

Following the discussion above, both traditional and e-commerce are modes of exchanging goods and services. Each has its pros and cons. E-Commerce is like conventional commerce with the major difference being the platforms via which the exchange and business transactions occur. E-commerce saves consumers a lot of time and is therefore convenient because you can buy goods and services in the comfort of your home or just from anywhere at any time.

Source: <http://www.differencebetween.net/business/difference-between-traditional-commerce-and-ecommerce/>

1. Give the Summary of the text in 30—40 words


Marks: 05

2. Give a suitable title to the Text:

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Mark: 02



3. What is the intention /purpose of the writer of the above text?

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Marks: 03

4. Why do still most people prefer traditional commerce over e-commerce in the age of technology?

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5. Mention one chief difference that clearly defines the nature of e-commerce in comparison to traditional commerce, as mentioned in the text?

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6. List four of the major differences that make e-commerce distinct from traditional commerce. (Answer in point form is encouraged)

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7. Mention one extension of the scope of e-commerce due to the advancement of Internet?

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Marks: 03

8. How could you convince one who wants to switch over from traditional mode of sale of hand designed jewellery to e-commerce? Suggest your answer based on information provided in the text?

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9. Write a definition for e-commerce (using your own words) based on the conceptual inputs received from the text.

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(Total Marks: 30)

### English Language Structure

**Q2: I. Fill in the blanks by using the correct tenses in the dotted lines. Base form of the verbs is given in the brackets.**

1. We .....a documentary when it started to rain. (to watch)
2. I .....to visit you yesterday, but you.....not at home.(to want) (to be)
3. Look! It....., so we can't .....to the beach. ( to rain) (to go)
4. There are a lot of clouds! It .....soon. (to rain)
5. The sun ..... in the west. (to set)
6. Since 2018 they ..... their son every year. (to visit)
7. While the consultant ..... Mr.Siva this morning, his son ..... outside. (to advise) (to wait)
8. I..... for my consultancy payment for two hours. (to wait)
9. After Kumar .....the film on TV, he decided to buy the book. (to see)

10. Wait a minute, I ..... this box for you. (to carry)

(Total Marks: 10 x 1.5=15)

**II. Change the following sentences into passive voice and write them in the dotted line provided.**

1. We will provide you a chance again.

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2. They have changed the date of the examination.

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3. They were interviewing her for the job.

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4. The chief examiner told them not to talk in examination hall.

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5. The supervisor will examine the research report.

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6. The lecturers encourage the students to develop their presentation skills.

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7. The management has now improved the communication with the students.

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8. I have attached the current status report for your suggestions and additions.

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9. The college has listed and displayed the scholarship recipients for this year.

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Handwriting practice lines consisting of 25 horizontal dotted lines.