

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN ARTS & CULTURE –
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AEL 1212 BASIC ENGLISH – II

Time: 02 hours

Index No :

Instructions to the candidates:

1. Duration: 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 09 pages.
6. Write your Index Number clearly on the space given.

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Question Number	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
1	25
2	10
3	10
4	10
5	20
6	25
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01. Reading

2.1. Read the following article and answer the questions on it.

Bears are mammals. Although there are only eight living species of bear, they are widespread, appearing in a wide variety of habitats throughout the Northern Hemisphere and partially in the Southern Hemisphere. Bears are found in the continents of North America, South America, Europe, and Asia.

Common characteristics of modern bears include a large body with solid legs, a long snout, shaggy hair, paws with five claws, and a short tail. While the polar bear mostly eats meat and the giant panda feeds almost entirely on bamboo, the remaining six species feeds largely on varied diets including both plants and animals.

With the exceptions of courting individuals and mothers with their young, bears are typically solitary animals. They are generally active at day and sleep at night, but may be active during the night (nocturnal) particularly around humans. Bears are aided by an excellent sense of smell, and despite their heavy build they can run quickly and are good climbers and swimmers. Some bear species eat large amounts fruits which affects their behavior. Bears use shelters such as caves as their dens, which are occupied by most species during the winter for a long period of sleep.

Bears have been hunted since prehistoric times for their meat and fur. To this day, they play a prominent role in the arts, mythology, and other cultural aspects of various human societies.

(Source: Wikipedia.com)

I. Are the following statements true (T) or False (F). Write 'T' if the statement is true and 'F' if the statement is false.

Eg) Bears are mammals. (T)

- a. Bears are living all around the world. ()
- b. The modern bears have long tails. ()
- c. The bears only eat plants. ()
- d. Some species of bears are active at night. ()
- e. The bears cannot run very fast because they are heavily built. ()
- f. The bears are good swimmers. ()
- g. The behavior of some bear species is affected by their diets. ()

- h. The bears spend for a long period of time out of their shelters during the winter. ()
- i. They take part in the cultural activities of human societies. ()
- j. Bears are lonely animals. ()

(10x1=10)

II. Underline the most suitable answer according to the above given passage.

- a) The passage describes about:
 - I) the mammals
 - II) the bears
 - III) a variety of habitats.

- b) The bears live in the continent of
 - i) Australia
 - ii) Africa
 - iii) Europe

- c) The bears have
 - i) claws
 - ii) no tail
 - iii) no teeth

- d) The bears can be described as animals
 - i) living in families
 - ii) no use for human beings
 - iii) can move fast

- e) The bears can
 - i) fly despite their weight.
 - ii) smell well.
 - iii) be found in all the continents in the world.

(5x1=5)

III. Answer the questions below.

- i) How many living species of bear are there?

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ii) Name five common characteristics of modern bears.

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iii) What do the bears eat? Name two.

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iv) How is the behavior of some bear species affected?

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v) Why are bears hunted for since ancient times?

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(5x2=10)

02. Select the appropriate form of the verb given in the bracket to make meaningful sentences.

1. ELTU(be) one of the service providing units at the EUSL.

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| (a) has | (c) is |
| (b) were | (d) been |

2. ELTU(take) new steps to introduce many courses to the external students currently.

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| (a) is taking | (c) took |
| (b) takes | (d) has been taking |

3. Second year students(learn) Intermediate English for the last five weeks.

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| (a) are learning | (c) have learnt |
| (b) have been learning | (d) learn |

4. An earthquake(hit) the Nepal – the only Hindu Country in the world recently.

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| (a) has hit | (c) is hitting |
| (b) was hit | (d) hits |

5. Senior Students(complete) the Basic English Programme last year
 (a) completing (c) completed
 (b) completes (d) has completed
6. Final year students(make) Presentation on their thesis project next week
 (a) make (c) will make
 (b) made (d) will be make
7. The family (live) in Paris from 2000 to 2013 as Diaspora when they were displaced in Sri Lanka
 (a) has lived (c) is living
 (b) had lived (d) has been living
8. Maggie Noodles – the product of Nestle Sri Lanka(ban) in several States in India since it contains lead & MSG recently.
 (a) banned (c) was banned
 (b) has been banned (d) is banning
9. Junior Students of Faculty of Arts & Culture(practise) a variety of practical English tasks regularly to use the language in their day to day life.
 (a) practise (c) are practising
 (b) have practised (d) practised
10. Many development activities(take place) at the Eastern University at present.
 (a) are taking place (c) have taken place
 (b) took place (d) is taking place

(1x10=10)

03. Select the most appropriate preposition to fill the gaps in the following text.

with	on	between	to	from	in	of	at	from	for
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Computers have become a part of the day-to-day life of most children. (1)..... European countries computer based training takes place (2);..... an early age. Students learn using special training programmes (3)..... a computer without the help (4)..... a teacher.

Nowadays, researching (5)..... school projects is easy, (6)..... the availability of the internet and relevant information. Children are able (7)..... progress, according to their abilities. Computer based lessons are interactive (8)..... the children since they are different (9)..... the traditional blackboard based lessons. There are no communication barriers since immediate feedback takes place (10)..... the student and teacher.

Teachers too get an opportunity to teach the lessons to the students in a very interesting manner. They can include multimedia presentations and 3-D animations, so that students can learn on their own pace, even from home.

So, like in everything, there is a positive and negative side to computer based education too.

(1x10=10 Marks)

04. Form questions from the statements given below where the underlined word would be the answer:

Look at the example.

Viji stays in the Women's hostel.

Where does Viji stay?

1. They get their meals from the canteen.

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2. The first year Arts & Culture students started their university studies last year.

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3. They are borrowing books from the library for their reference.

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4. They have English lessons for two hours per week.

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5. They will complete their second semester examination soon. ;

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(1x10=10)

06. Write a composition on any one of the following:

1. Importance of English for Academic Success.
2. A review of a film you enjoyed recently
3. The career you would like to take up after the completion of your degree.
4. Write a letter to your pen friend describing about Sri Lanka and its cultural richness.
5. Write a story with a moral/good message that begins Once upon a time.....

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