

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN ARTS & CULTURE- 2014/2015
(December 2017)

NEL 3210 ADVANCED GENERAL ENGLISH -II

Time: 02hours

No:

Instructions to the candidates:

1. Answer all questions on this paper itself.
2. Marks will be deducted for spelling errors and grammatical mistakes.
3. This paper consists of SEVEN (07) pages.

Examiner's use only

Question Number	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
1	30
2	10
3	15
4	20
5	10
6	15
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Q1. Read the following passage and complete the given questions below:

The English language is an official or recognized language in more than sixty countries world-wide, from Bhutan to Brunei and Tanzania to Togo. It is also the language with the largest vocabulary in the world, with more than a million words.

To help people cope with this extensive word stock, many dictionaries have been created throughout the ages. This year, a new super dictionary called the bank of English was opened to the public. This in reality is a computer database that contains millions of words from newspapers, books, letters advertisements and even ordinary conversations. The definitions and different uses of every English word has been catalogued and fed in to this computer, making it one of the most valuable of all dictionaries available today.

This large vocabulary is one of the reasons why English dominates the world in the late twentieth century. There are other languages which have spread across the world. French, Spanish and Arabic for example, are used in large areas of the globe. The language with the largest numbers of speakers is Chinese which has a billion speakers compared to the 350 million for English. But there can be a little doubt that English has become the global language of communication.

The dominance of English can be attributed to other social and historical factors too. English was once the mother tongue of the British Empire which straddled a quarter of the globe. It is also the language of the United States, currently the only super power in the world.

English language papers and television stations, have sprung up all over the world, It is so dominant in the world's media that on the first of July 1994, the French passed new laws to stop the flood of English words into their language, Newspapers, broadcasters and advertisers could face jail for breaching these regulations.

(1) Are the following statements "True" or "False. Write (T) if the statement is true and (F) if the statement is false:

- (a) The English language is an official language in sixty countries. ()
- (b) English language has one million words. ()
- (c) The "super dictionary" is a data base that contains words from newspapers, books and letters. ()
- (d) English is the only language that spreads all over the world. ()
- (e) In 1994, laws were passed to stop the flood of English words into French. ()

(2X5 = 10Marks)

(2) Complete the following sentences by choosing the suitable word or words and underline it:

- (1) A billion people speak in the world.
(a) Chinese (b) French (c) Arabic
- (2) 50 million people in the world.
(a) Arabic (b) Tamil (c) English
- (3) English dominates the world
a) in the late nineteenth century b) in the twenty first century
c) in the twentieth century.

English was once the mother tongue of the

- a) world b) British Empire c) Arab countries

(2X4= 8 Marks)

Answer the following questions:

What are the two features of English language mentioned in the first paragraph

a)

b)

c) What's the name of the "super dictionary" created recently?

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d) Write one reason why English dominates the world?

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e) Name some languages which are spread across the world?

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(3X4= 12 Marks)

(Total: 30 Marks)

Choose the right preposition and fill in the blanks.

1) Will you be.....home today?

- (a) at (b) in (c) on

2) He is never late. He always come.....time.

- (a) at (b) on (c) in

3) How many students are thereyour class?

- (a) in (b) at (c) on

4) The teacher wrote something.....the board.

- (a) at (b) in (c) on

5) Many people work.....this building.

- (a) at (b) in (c) on

6) I will meet you.....7.00 PM.

- (a) in (b) on (c) at

7) Let's meet.....Wednesday.

- (a) on (b) at (c) in

8) I am going to Japan.....seven days.

- (a) in (b) at (c) on

9) I met John.....my friend's party.

- (a) in (b) at (c) on

(10) She was sitting.....her car.

- (a) at (b) on (c) in

(1 X10 =10 Marks)

Q3: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verbs given in brackets:

- (a) Farm workers [clean] the farm area next weekend.
- (b) We [get up] early in the morning every day.
- (c) My sister was cooking while my friend [read] English newspaper.
- (d) Though the rich man had enough money, he [not help] the most vulnerable.
- (e) English Language Teaching Unit, Eastern University, Sri Lanka..... [arrange] an English Talent Show next month.
- (f) My friend [not sleep] last night because of English Assessment Examination.
- (g) We [go] to the University Library every day.
- (h) My roommate [read] English Story Books usually.
- (i) We [study] English Language from childhood.
- (j) Undergraduates [do] good service for the country in future.

(2 X 10 = 20 marks)

Complete the below application form with the relevant details (Do not use your own and other personal details)

Membership Application Form

Public Speaking Club, Eastern University

Name in Full:

Title: Mr Mrs Rev Miss

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Religion:

Civil status : Single Married

Age on the Application Closing Date:

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District:

Contact Number:

Email ID:

Interested in: Debate/ Drama / Other (please specify).....

Are you interested in public speaking : Yes No ;

Signature:

(15 Marks)

Prepare a cover letter (letter of application) in about 100 words for the post of management trainee at ABC Food City, Batticaloa advertised in the Sunday Observer 11.2017.

Write a CV.

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