

University of Asia Pacific
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Course Title: English Language I
Full Marks: 50

*Marks are indicated in the right margin

Section-A

1. Read the passage carefully and then answer the corresponding questions.

From far out in space, earth looks like a blue ball. Since water covers three-fourths of the earth's surface, blue is the colour we see most. The continents look brown, like small islands floating in the huge, blue sea. White clouds wrap around the earth like a light blanket. The earth is shaped like a sphere, or a ball. It is 25,000 miles around! It would take more than a year to walk around the whole planet. A spaceship can fly around the widest part of the sphere in only 90 minutes. Even though spaceships have traveled to the moon, people cannot visit the moon without special suits. The moon has no air or water. Plants and animals can't live there either. Astronauts first landed on the moon in 1969. After that, there were six more trips to the moon. They brought back moon rocks, which scientists are still studying. There are holes, or craters, all over the moon's surface. Scientists believe that meteorites smashed into the moon millions of years ago and **formed** the craters.

The sun is the closest star to earth. A star is a hot ball of burning gas. The sun looks very big because it is so close. But the sun is just a medium-sized star. Billions of far-away stars are much bigger than our sun. The burning gases from the sun are so hot that they warm the earth from 93 million miles away! Even though the sun is always glowing, the night here on earth is dark. That's because the earth rotates, or turns around, every 24 hours. During the day, the earth faces the sun. Then we see light. During the night, the earth turns away from the sun. Then it faces the darkness of space. Each day we learn more about the earth, the moon, and the sun.

1.1 Answer the questions using not more than three sentences:

5×1=5

- a) Write one fact and one opinion from the article that tells what the earth looks like from outer space?
- b) Describe some of the things we know about the moon?
- c) How were the craters on the moon created?
- d) Why did the astronauts bring rocks back from the moon?
- e) What is the main idea of the article?

1.2 Choose the best answer:

5×0.5=2.5

- i) Why do we see the blue colour when we look at the earth from outer space?
 - a) because most of the earth is covered in land.
 - b) because the sun's rays make the earth look blue.
 - c) because most of the earth is covered in water.
 - d) because clouds wrap around the earth.

- ii) What does formed mean in the passage?
- hit
 - made
 - broke
 - stopped
- iii) What causes daylight on earth?
- The full moon causes daylight.
 - Daylight is caused by the earth facing away from the sun.
 - The heat of the sun's rays causes daylight.
 - Daylight is caused by the earth facing toward the sun.
- iv) Which of the following sentences BEST describes the sun?
- The sun looks small because it is so far from earth.
 - The sun is a ball of burning gases that gives the earth heat and light.
 - The sun is a small star.
 - The sun is not as hot as it looks.
- v) Why do we have darkness at night?
- The sun turns away.
 - The earth turns away.
 - The moon turns away.
 - The stars turn away.

Section B

2. Fill in any three of the blanks with appropriate parts of speech.

3×2=6

- Students need to _____ (clearance) why they tried to _____ (deception) the authority.
- Sometimes _____ (beautiful) may _____ (foolish) you.
- _____ (naturalize) products are more _____ (reliance) than the chemical ones.
- The _____ (glorious) of Bangladesh will increase, if we have _____ (united).
- The _____ (discover) of the new island was quite _____ (benefit) for the country.

3. Here are some prefixes and suffixes: fore-, ex-, de-, with-, inter-, -ward, -ent, -ion, -en, -ous.

Add any of them with any five of the following words and make a sentence with each of the new words.

5×1=5

teacher, nerve, soft, code, preside, see, for, held, act, mix

4. Fill in any four of the blanks with appropriate homophones conforming to their respective IPA transcriptions.

4×1=4

- This is the last _____ /aʊə(r)/ of _____ /aʊə(r)/ exam.
- _____ /pɔː(r)/ lots of water to clean your _____ /pɔː(r)/ in summer.
- It is hovering on the _____ /eə(r)/ that you are not the next _____ /eə(r)/ of this wealth.
- My life is at _____ /steɪk/ after tasting the _____ /steɪk/ from local Inn

e) I am _____ /səʊ/ happy that you know how to _____ / səʊ/ clothes.

f) Nawab Siraj ud-doulah was _____ /θrəʊn/ away from the _____ /θrəʊn / of Bengal by the British.

5. Write two sentences with any four of the following words and their homographs.

4×1=4

book, shed, log, execute, yard, chest

6. The following excerpt has some misspelled words. Trace them out and write them correctly.

10×0.25=2.5

Education is the proces by which our mind develops thurgh formal learning. It is mental and intilectoual training, which provides oportunites of grouth and helps to overcome impedements and obstacles. Again, the perpuse of education is to enlighten individowal capasity to the limite.

Section C

(Answer any three of the following questions. Each question carries 7 marks) 3×7=21

7. Compare and contrast between two of your family members. (250 words)

8. Write a paragraph describing the picnic spot you have been to recently. (250 words)

9. Write a letter to your friend apologizing for your bad behaviour at a party. (250 words)

10. Translate the following passage into English:

একবার রাজ্য সূদর্শন ও তেজী মোড়া গ্রন্থের ইচ্ছা পোষন করলেন । তারপর একদিন রাজ্য দ্রমণে যা ওয়ার সময়, পথে একটি মোড়া দেখে ভীষণ পছন্দ হয়ে গেলো । তিনি অতঃপর মোড়ার মালিককে খুঁজে বের করে মোড়াটি গ্রন্থের প্রস্তাব দেন । বিক্রেতা খুশি মনে তার মোড়া রাজ্যকে সোপর্দ করে । তারপর একদিন রাজ্য তার মন্ত্রীকে ডেকে রাজ্যের নির্বোধ লোকের একটি তালিকা তৈরী করতে বলেন । তালিকা তৈরী হয়ে গেলে দেখা গেলো যে, কোন প্রশ্ন ও পরীক্ষা ব্যতীত মোড়া গ্রন্থের জন্য, নির্বোধ লোকের তালিকায় রাজ্যের নাম প্রথমে রয়েছে ।