

**University of Asia Pacific**  
**Department of Civil Engineering**  
**Semester Final Examination Spring-2013**  
**Program: B.Sc Engineering (Civil)**

Course Title: English Language II  
Time: 3.00 Hours

Course Code: HSS 103  
Full Marks: 50

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

When you imagine the desert, you probably think of a very hot place covered with sand. Although this is a good description for many deserts, Earth's largest desert is actually a very cold place covered with ice: Antarctica. In order for an area to be considered a desert, it must receive very little rainfall. More specifically, it must receive an average of less than ten inches of precipitation—which is the amount of rain, sleet, hail, or snow that falls on the ground every year. Antarctica, the coldest place on earth, has an average temperature that usually falls below the freezing point. And because cold air holds less moisture than warm air, the air in Antarctica does not hold much moisture at all. This is evident in the low precipitation statistics recorded for Antarctica. For example, the central part of Antarctica receives an average of less than 2 inches of snow every year. The coastline of Antarctica receives a little bit more—between seven and eight inches a year. Because Antarctica gets so little precipitation every year, it is considered a desert.

The air over Antarctica is too cold to hold water vapor, so there is very little evaporation. Due to this low rate of evaporation, most of the snow that falls to the ground remains there permanently, eventually building up into thick ice sheets. Any snow that does not freeze into ice sheets becomes caught up in the strong winds that constantly blow over Antarctica.

Now, answer the following questions:

**1×07=07**

- 1) What do we consider usually as a desert?
- 2) Why Antarctica does not hold much moisture?
- 3) What criterion is needed for an area to be considered a desert?
- 4) What is precipitation?
- 5) What is the statistics of precipitation in Antarctica?
- 6) What causes the thick ice sheets in Antarctica?
- 7) Which is actually world's largest desert? Why?

2. Rewrite any **ten (10)** of the following sentences using appropriate modal verbs:

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- a) You are suggested not to blow horn loud while crossing a hospital.
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- g) Am I allowed to submit your assignment next week?
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- a) Wisdom (synonym)
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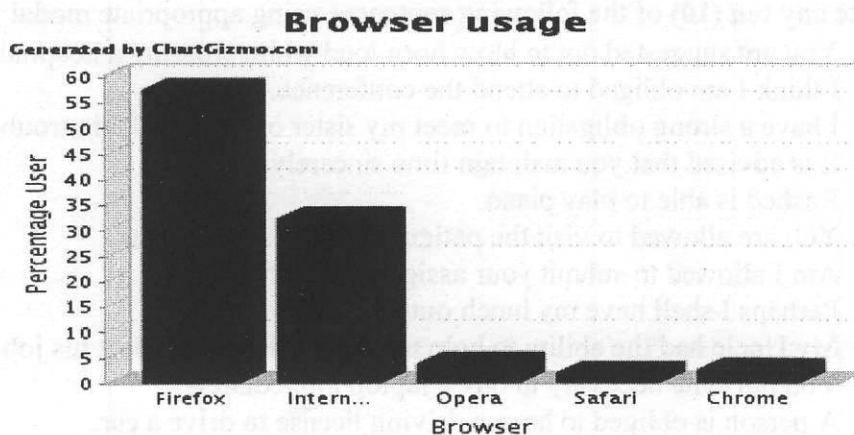
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**Or,** A team from your department recently launched a fund for the street children. As the team leader, write a report to your registrar about the progress of the fund. **05**

8. Write a paragraph on any **one (1)** of the following (word limit 130) **08**

- a) Your Last Eid Vacation
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