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THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

B. A IN ENGLISH & ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING - LEVEL 5  
 FINAL EXAMINATION - October 2017  
 THEORY & PRACTICE OF LANGUAGE TESTING - LSU3205  
 DURATION - THREE HOURS (03 hours)

DATE: 27. 10. 2017 TIME: 9.30 am. - 12.30pm

ANSWER PART (A) AND THREE (03) OTHER QUESTIONS CHOOSING AT LEAST ONE EACH FROM PART (B) AND PART (C).

**Part A**

1. (a) Fill in the blanks with suitable words / phrases.
  - i) A ..... is a document which provides a comprehensive map of a test including the content, types of test items and allocation of marks.
  - ii) A test that provides the level of test takers' knowledge irrespective of the teaching is known as a / an .....
  - iii) An example for a subjective test is .....
  - iv) The process of collecting and analysing data systematically in order to make decisions is known as .....
  - v) If a test satisfies the necessary resource requirements, that test has .....



(b) **What do you understand by the following terms? Explain briefly giving examples where necessary.**

- i) Direct testing and Indirect testing
- ii) Formative assessment and Summative assessment

**(25 marks)**

**Part B**

2. Reading comprehension can be assessed using different techniques. Name 03 techniques that can be used to test reading comprehension of Secondary level students. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each technique.

**(25 marks)**

3. Design a test to assess the writing skill of a group of first year undergraduates. Provide the marking criteria.

**(25 marks)**

4. Essays can be assessed through holistic and analytic marking methods. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of these two types of scoring methods.

**(25 marks)**

**Part C**

5. What are the basic resources required for conducting a test of speaking? Explain the importance of those resources for the successful administration of a speech test.

**(25 marks)**

6. Listening can be assessed through an integrative approach to assessment. Describe 04 techniques that can be used for the integrative assessment of listening. Elaborate your answer with examples.

**(25 marks)**