

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH FOR BUSINESS &
PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION – STAGE 2 – (LSC 2213) - 2014 / 2015
COMMUNICATION SKILLS II - SPEECH AND LISTENING SKILLS
FINAL EXAMINATION

Date : **10th October 2015**

Time : **11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**

Teacher Instructions

1. Familiarize yourself with the test paper.
2. Explain the **instructions** to the students carefully.
3. Give students 05 minutes to look over the questions in Question I.
4. Read Text to students clearly and at normal speed (not too fast or too slow).
5. Give students 10 minutes to fill in the information / and write the answers to the questions.
6. Read the text once again at normal speed.
7. Give students 05 minutes to complete answers.
8. Read text once again to check answers – allow 05 minutes.
9. Give students 20 minutes to complete Question 2.

Listening Text

Sri Lanka is famous for its natural beauty. Wild life sanctuaries & national parks are located all around the country which are very popular among local and foreign travelers. Lahugala National Park is one of the smallest national parks in Sri Lanka. Although it is small in size it is an important habitat for elephants and endemic birds of Sri Lanka. Originally it was designated as a Wild Life Sanctuary in July 1 of 1966. Then this protected area was up graded to a national park on October 31 of 1980. It is situated in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka and is 318 km to the east of Colombo. Its nearest city is Potuvil.

Last month, I was able to explore this park. The magic of the place is partly due to the untraveled paths and temporary roads. Because the park has been prohibited for locals and tourists during the civil war, wild life has grown hugely in numbers.

Lahugala is spread out flatly with rocks and crops here and there in this ever green forest. The huge trees and bushes in the jungle covered another important place – the Magul Maha Viharaya. It was found across the road from the park's main entrance. It is here that King Kavantissa wedded Vihara Maha Devi.

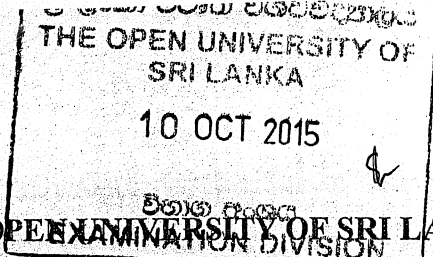
Within 20 minutes of entering the park, I realized that a large number of endemic birds are found here and the guide told me that they are a special feature of Lahugala National Park. At various places we could see large boards were placed displaying colourful paintings and giving information about the animals found in the park.

The guide stopped at look out points- mostly set in rocks around the man-made tanks. He showed us the habitats of egrets, pea fowl, mynahs and swallows within half an hour of entering the park. He looked for foot prints to follow and tried to identify the different animal sounds that came from the jungle tree tops. He pointed out the smallest insects as well as huge dragon flies. He took us to the old tank where we observed crocodiles from the safety of the tank bund. We also observed other birds such as larks and hornbills with a good pair of binoculars. Each one

had different colours, communication methods, hunting habits, choice of animals they caught and displayed different behavior patterns.

Once, we got down from our vehicle to climb to a bird watching tower. We observed birds such black storks, painted storks and green pigeons and a lot of pea cocks with a good pair of binoculars. Each one had different colours, communication methods, hunting habits, choice of animals they caught and displayed different behavior patterns.

We were also able to observe elephants while we were going through the park. As it was the dry season they were drinking at the water holes. But our guide said, "it is the 5000 small animals that count, not the big 5".



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INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

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Question No:	Marks Obtained	Maximum
1	25
2	<u>25</u>
Total	=====	50 =====

Percentage %

Signature of Examiner :

Name :

Your teacher will read a text. Listen carefully and answer the given questions.

Question 1

Underline the correct answer.

- i) The national Park mentioned in this passage is (Yala / Lahugala / Potuvil) (02 marks)
- ii) It is km away from Colombo. (318 / 308 / 381) (02 marks)
- iii) Lahugala National Park is in size. (small/ medium / big) (02 marks)
- iv) An ancient temple situated close to this park is (Mangala Maha Viharaya / Magul Maha Viharaya / Magulgala Maha Viharaya) (02 marks)

Complete the following sentences by filling in the blanks.

- v) Lahugala National Park is an important habitat for and of Sri Lanka. (02 marks)
- vi) Lahugala Wild Life Sanctuary was upgraded to a National Park in (02 marks)

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- vii) Wild life has grown well here because the park was closed to people during the..... period.

(02 marks)

- viii) Large boards placed at various points gave about animals in the park.

(02 marks)

- ix) We saw some in the old tank.

(02 marks)

- x) The guide showed the speaker some birds such as and

(02 marks)

- xi) The birds were different from one another because of the differences in,, and

(03 marks)

- xii) The guide said that it is more important to see 5000 than 5 big ones.

(02 marks)

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Question 2

You are a Director in the wild Life Department. You have been invited to give a speech to a group of school children in the A/L class, who are planning to visit Sinharaja forest, to deliver a speech on protecting the wild life and natural environment of Sri Lanka. Write down the speech you would deliver. Begin the speech by saying:

Good morning dear students,

Today I am happy to be here

(25 marks)

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