

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH FOR BUSINESS &
PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION - STAGE 1 - (LSC 2210)
COMMUNICATION SKILLS II - SPEECH AND LISTENING SKILLS
FINAL EXAMINATION - 2014 / 2015



Date : 03rd October 2015

Time : 12.00 noon – 1.00 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 question paper.
4. Read the listening text at normal speed, (not too fast or too slow)
5. Give students approximately 15 minutes to answer the questions.
6. Read out text again clearly and at normal speed (not too fast or too slow)
7. Give students 10 minutes to check the answers.
8. Give students 25 minutes to complete Question 02.

Listening Text

Every year the World Literacy Day falls on the 8th of September. In Sri Lanka the month of September is considered the month of literacy activities. During September the Sri Lanka Book Publishers Association organises the Colombo Book Fair. It is held at the BMICH. It is a special event that draws large crowds. It lasts for nearly 10 days. It is open from 9 am to 9 pm.

The Colombo Book Fair is a major event in the Asian region. About a million customers visit the fair in the 10 days. In 2015 the fair will be held for the 17th time.

The admission fee to the fair is Rs. 20/. However children in school uniform, very young children and members of the armed forces are admitted free of charge. The Education Department also provides funds to schools for the staff to visit the fair and buy books for libraries etc. Almost all booksellers in the country from the smallest to the largest and well-known names take part on the fair. Sometimes the large book stalls spread over a number of stalls.

The fair caters to a wide variety of interests associated with literacy for adults. New books are launched with well-known writers making speeches about them. There are also panels reviewing important books. Street drama groups perform plays of current interest in the fair grounds. In the evening there are popular musical shows too.

There are attractions for children too. Large numbers of children enjoy the magic shows that are held from time to time. Drawing competitions are also conducted for the children who visit the fair. There is great excitement among the children who participate in these events.

There are many benefits for the book lovers who visit the fair. One is the discounts that are given on all the books sold at the fair. Another is that visitors have a variety of books to select from all displayed in one location.

Books in all three main languages Sinhala, English and Tamil are on display. In addition there are books in French, Chinese, Hindi and other languages. Books of nearly all disciplines can be found here. Fiction, that is novels and short stories and school books are those most on display. However books on history, culture, medicine, archaeology, finance, politics, health and nutrition and cookery and many other fields are available here.

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Instructions : Answer All Questions.

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Question No:	Marks Obtained	Maximum
1	25
2	25
Total	=====	50
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Percentage %

Signature of Examiner :

Name :

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QUESTION 2

(A) You visited the Colombo Book Fair and met an old class mate in the canteen. The following conversation takes place between you and your friend Gayani. Complete it by filling in the blanks using the cues given.

Gayani - Hello Manel! Seeing you after a long time. Have you finished buying books?

You -
(Manel)

(No. Came for a snack/going again/ask if Gayani has finished)
(03 marks)

Gayani - I have finished. I am getting back. But before that I have to catch up with news about you. Are you working anywhere?

You -

(bank/Management Trainee/Ask what Gayani is doing)
(03 marks)

Gayani - I am an Accounts Clerk in a firm. Do you meet any of our class mates?

You -

(positive reply/Some come to the bank/Ask if she joined the Old Girl's Association)
(03 marks)

(B) Ruwan has returned from a visit to the Book Fair. He gets a telephone call from his friend Bimal asking him about the fair. The following conversation takes place. Complete it by filling in the blanks following the cues.

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Bimal - I heard you went to the Book Fair. How was it?

Ruwan -
.....
(good experience/asks if Bimal is going) (02 marks)

Bimal - I want to go too. I am a bit busy.

Ruwan -
.....
(over in 3 more days/go as soon as possible) (02 marks)

Bimal - It is must be pretty crowded?

Ruwan -
.....
(agrees/worth going/get discounts too) (02 marks)

Bimal - I can go tomorrow. Can you join me?

Ruwan -
.....
(agrees/leave at 10' clock) (02 marks)

Bimal - Where shall we meet?

Ruwan -
.....
(give a suitable reply) (02 marks)