

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

B. A IN ENGLISH & ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING

FINAL EXAMINATION

- June 2008

THEORY & PRACTICE OF LANGUAGE TESTING

- LSU 3205

DURATION

- THREE HOURS (03 hours)



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DATE: 24. 06. 2008

TIME: 9.30 pm. - 12.30pm

ANSWER 4 QUESTIONS. YOUR SELECTION SHOULD INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE QUESTION FROM EACH PART .

Part A

1. What would you consider to be the major problems involved in the testing of speech? What steps could be taken to minimize these problems? Discuss these issues giving appropriate examples.
2. Outline and comment on the different types of listening tests that could be utilized in testing the listening skills of students at different levels of proficiency.
3. You have been assigned the task of designing a test of reading for students at an intermediate level of proficiency. Discuss 4 types / techniques of testing reading that you would choose, and the reasons for your choice..
4.
 - a) Writing ability includes competence in many areas. Discuss.
 - b) Discuss three types of tests that are good for assessing writing ability.
 - c) Prepare a marking key to mark a composition written by students who follow an Intermediate level programme in English

Part B

5. Write short notes on 3 of the following
- a) Diagnostic Tests
 - b) Summative tests
 - c) Criterion referenced tests
 - d) Construct validity
 - e) Multiple choice questions
6. Discuss the factors and principles you would take into consideration when preparing a proficiency test in English for a group of undergraduates in Sri Lanka.
7. i) In the field of statistics what is meant by
- a) mean
 - b) median
 - c) mode
- ii) Calculate the mean, median, and the mode of each of the following.
- a) 9, 8, 10, 10, 12, 6, 11, 12, 8, 10
 - b) 110 120 70 90 90 100 80 130 140