



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
B. A IN ENGLISH & ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING
FINAL EXAMINATION

THEORY & PRACTICE OF LANGUAGE TESTING - June 2009
DURATION - LSU 3205
THREE HOURS (03 hours)

DATE: 30. 06. 2009 **TIME:** 1.30 pm. - 4.30pm

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

Part A

1. (i) Compare and contrast the following information gap methods of testing speech of ESL learners at a lower intermediate level.

Information gap	student – student
Information gap	student - examiner
- (ii) Discuss the aspects you need to consider when preparing a rating scale for testing speech proficiency.
2. What factors do you need to consider when setting tasks for testing the listening skills of a group of A/L qualified students awaiting university entrance? Your answer should include at least 03 examples of possible testing methods.
3. (a) What factors would you take into consideration when preparing Multiple Choice Questions?
- (b) Discuss the effectiveness of Multiple Choice Questions in language testing.
- (c) Prepare a set of Multiple Choice Questions to test the following grammar items. (Give 02 sentences / questions to test each item.)
 - The present continuous
 - The preposition 'through'
 - The simple present passive voice

- The vocabulary item 'present' as a noun
 - The past perfect tense
4. (a) Testing reading requires employing a number of techniques. Discuss.
- (b) Select 04 techniques that can be used in testing Reading for intermediate level undergraduates and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using each technique.

Part B

5. (a) Why would you conduct tests in the language classroom?
- (b) Describe 05 different types of test items that can be used in testing language proficiency.
6. Mention the language skills and areas that should be tested when administering a Grading Test for a group of students who wish to follow an English Course. Give examples where possible.
7. Prepare an answer key to mark a formal letter. Consider 30 as the total mark allocated.
8. Write short notes on any 3 of the following.
- a) Validity in Testing
 - b) Norm referenced tests
 - c) Cloze tests
 - d) Essay type questions