

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

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FINAL EXAMINATION

THE STRUCTURE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

DURATION



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- THREE HOURS (03 hours)

DATE: 06. 06. 2010

TIME: 9.30 am.

- 12.30pm.

ANSWER QUESTION 1 AND 2 OTHERS, SELECTING ONE FROM PART B AND ONE FROM PART C.

Part A

1. a) Transcribe the following stanza in phonetic notation to represent
  - i. Received Pronunciation (RP)
  - ii. Standard Sri Lankan Pronunciation (SLE)

They went past their old school on the way home

- b) Describe the differences between RP and SLE articulation of sounds represented by the letters that are underlined in the above stanza. For the vowel sounds support your answer with diagrammatic illustrations of cardinal vowel figures.

(40 marks)

Part B

2. a] The use of the suffix – '**en**' in English is illustrated in Lists A and B. Examine Lists and answer the given questions.

	<b>List A</b>	<b>List B</b>
(a)	stiffen	drunken
(b)	moisten	sunken
(c)	loosen	carven

- i) What part of speech does the suffix '**-en**' attach to in
- List A?
  - List B?
- ii) Is 'en' an inflectional suffix or a derivative suffix? Give reasons for your answer.
- iii) In what way does the suffix 'en' change the meaning or the function of the word it is attached to?
- iv) Add 03 more words with the suffix - **en** to List A and another 03 to List B.
- b] i) Identify 03 derivational morphemes and 03 inflectional morphemes in the text given below.
- ii) Give reasons for your selections.

"In most countries curriculum planning and development is done by a central body set up by the state. It is a specialized task handled by curriculum specialists who are expected to have considerable experience in teaching."

3. a] i) Break up the following sentences I, II, III and IV into Subject and Predicate.  
ii) Underline the Simple Subject and Simple Predicate.  
iii) Identify and name the adverbs/adverbials and adjectives.

Sentence I:

They also agreed to establish institutional linkages among national institutions in the region to facilitate the sharing of knowledge, information and capacity building programmes in climate change related areas

Sentence II:

The workers at the community food bank gather a rich variety of surplus food and distribute it regularly to day care centers and homes for the elderly

Sentence III:

Some fatal road accidents were reported last week where passengers and bystanders near highways were killed and maimed due to reckless driving of motorists

Sentence IV:

The aim of organic gardening is to create an environment in which healthy plants can be grown successfully without the aid of chemicals that would either pollute the soil or damage wild life.

- b] Draw tree diagrams to illustrate the phrases in the following sentence.  
In one corner of the crowded road the folk singer sits on a rickety stool playing lonesome tunes on his battered old guitar drinking warm beer and spending long nights on the road

(30 marks)

Part C

4. Animal communication systems share many of the design features found in human language. Discuss.
5. "The vocabulary of English is large, complex and constantly changing." Describe the way in which new words are added to the English language. Illustrate your answer with examples

(30 marks)