

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DIPLOMA IN ENGLISH / B.A. IN ENGLISH
AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING



FINAL EXAMINATION

THE STRUCTURE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

DURATION

- **LEVEL 3**
 - **November 2016**
 - **LSD1204/LSU1204**
 - **THREE HOURS (03 hours)**

DATE: 26. 11. 2016

TIME:

9.30 am.

- 12.30 pm.

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN PART A AND 02 OTHERS, SELECTING ONE FROM PART B AND ONE FROM PART C.

Part A

- 1) How would the following words be pronounced in Sri Lankan English and Standard British English (RP)? Illustrate the articulation using the phonetic alphabet. If a word is pronounced in the same way in both dialects indicate that as well.

	Word	Similar / Different Pronunciation	Sri Lankan English	Standard British English (RP)
1	Ever			
2	Fever			
3	Boat			
4	Face			
5	Preface			
6	Day			
7	Monkey			
8	Donkey			
9	Fair			
10	Dolphin			

(20 marks)

- 2) Describe how the underlined **sounds** are produced in RP and Sri Lankan English.
When describing the articulation of vowels / diphthongs use the cardinal vowel diagram.

Father , phone, old, pot,

(20 marks)

Part B

- 3) a) The use of the suffix – **en** in English is illustrated in Lists A and B. Examine these lists and answer the given questions.

List A

- (a) dampen
- (b) deepen
- (c) sharpen

List B

- swollen
- frozen
- driven

- i) What part of speech does the suffix **-en** attach to in
 - a) List A?
 - b) List B?

(02 marks)

- ii) Is **'en** an inflectional suffix or a derivative suffix? Give reasons for your answer.

(06 marks)

- iii) In what way does the suffix **'en** change the meaning or the function of the word it is attached to?

(06 marks)

- iv) Add 02 more words with the Suffix '**en**' to List A and another 02 to List B.

(04 marks)

- b) i) Identify 05 derivational morphemes and 03 inflectional morphemes in the text given below.
- ii) Give reasons for your selections.

There is a risk that the increased adoption of a global language may lead to the weakening and eventually the disappearance of some minority languages. It is estimated that up to 80% of the world's 6000 or 50 living languages may die out within the next century, and some commentators believe that a too – dominant global language may be a major contributing factor in this trend.

(12 Marks)

- 4) i) Identify the Simple Subject and the Noun phrases in the following sentences.

Sentences	Simple subject	Noun phrase
a) She loved the beautiful dark red dress.		
a) Some tasty chocolate cookies were served.		
b) How is your sister keeping?		
c) My aunt Audrey's dog chased the large stray cat		

- ii) Draw tree diagrams to illustrate the underlying structure of the noun phrases you identified in section (i) of this question. Marks will be deducted for tree diagrams that do not follow the accepted conventions.

(30 marks)

Part C

- 6) 'Animal communication systems share many of the design features found in human language.'

Discuss the above statement giving examples where necessary.

- 7) What do you understand when someone says "S/he knows English". Discuss in relation to different users of language.

(30 marks)