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THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
B.A. / DIPLOMA IN ENGLISH
AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING - LEVEL 3
FINAL EXAMINATION - August 2017
ACADEMIC WRITING/ADVANCED WRITING - LSU1202/LSD1202
DURATION - THREE HOURS (03 hours)

DATE: 19. 08. 2017
TIME: 1.30 pm. - 4.30 pm.

Instructions: Answer all questions on the paper itself.
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| Question No: | Marks Obtained | Maximum |
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| Part A - 1 | | 14 |
| 2 | | 10 |
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| Part B - 4 | | 20 |
| 5 | | 40 |
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Signature of Examiner :

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Part A

1. Study the sentence given below and try to grasp the meaning expressed.

The Sri Lankan parliamentary election was last held on 17 August 2015, ten months ahead of schedule.

Complete the sentences below in ways that express the same meaning as the one above.

1. The last time.....
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2. The parliamentary election
..... by ten months.
3. Two years have.....
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4. A parliamentary election hasn't
.....
5. The earlier schedule
.....
6. 2015
.....
7. It's two years
.....

(14 marks)

2. Complete the following by placing an appropriate cohesive marker in the space in each sentence.

1. A student can receive his or her degree certificate from the Chancellor of the university.
..... s/he can graduate in absentia and get the certificate sent by post.
 2. Finding water for domestic use is a huge problem in some areas of the country.
..... some people in these areas are moving to other parts of the country.
 3. the warning given by the police, people still bathe in the rough sea areas.
 4. All the applicants to the degree programme have to sit a selection test.
....., they have to face an interview.
 5. Miduli received adequate marks to enter university.
....., she decided to go for a job in a bank.
- (10 marks)**

3. Rewrite the following sentences using more formal/ more cautious language.

1. Researchers looked at the methods of combatting dengue.
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2. The new computer system has got rid of the company's stock control problems.
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- 3. One thing resulting from automation is people not having enough jobs.
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- 4. This programme was set up to increase medical care.
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- 5. The psychiatrist looked at the client's history to find out which treatments had previously been implemented.
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- 6. Computers will replace classroom teachers in the 21st century.
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- 7. It is obvious that after the intensive training, participants became tired of the task.
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- 8. The writer has churned out many books in the last two years.
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(16 marks)

Part B

4. **Write an appropriate topic sentence for each of the paragraphs given below.**

- a)
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A paragraph could contain a series of brief examples or a single long illustration of a general point, or it might describe a place, character, or process, narrate a series of events, compare or contrast two or more things, classify items into categories, or describe causes and effects. Regardless of the kind of information they contain, all paragraphs share certain characteristics.

b)

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It was the burning of massive quantities of coal that accompanied the Industrial Revolution that introduced the modern concept of pollution, as well as set in motion the chain of events that has produced climate change and global warming. Environmental pollution produces a number of negative effects, including ocean acidification, global warming, acid rain, and habitat loss for plant and animal species. Additionally, environmental pollution has a number of adverse health effects on human beings.

c)

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The first skill is not taking on more than you can handle. If you are working part-time, have a family and are involved in a community organisation, then taking a full course-load at university will be too much. Another time management skill is reasonably estimating the time required to perform each of the tasks at hand. For example, deeply reading a chapter from a course text cannot be completed in between television programmes. Finally, actually doing what needs to be done seems obvious, but is a very difficult skill. By learning time management skills your university study will be successful and most importantly enjoyable.

d)

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First, the teapot is heated by filling it with water that has just come to a boil. This water is then discarded, and one teaspoon of loose tea per cup is placed in the teapot (the exact amount may vary according to taste). Fresh water that has just reached boiling point is poured into the pot. A good calculation is six ounces of water for each cup of tea. The tea must now be steeped for three to five minutes; then it is poured through a strainer into a cup or mug.

e)

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Both are bodies of water, but oceans are very large bodies of salt water, while lakes are much smaller bodies of fresh water. Lakes are usually surrounded by land, while oceans are what surround continents. Both have plants and animals living in them. The ocean is home to the largest animals on the planet, whereas lakes support much smaller forms of life. When it is time for a vacation, both will make a great place to visit and enjoy.

(20 marks)

5. One of the decisions school leavers have to make is whether to seek higher education in Sri Lanka or go abroad. Consider this issue and write a compare/contrast essay on the following topic:

Going to a local university vs going to a foreign university after leaving school.

- Choose a point by point or full block organisational method
- Your essay can focus on
 - o Similarities OR
 - o Differences OR
 - o Similarities and differences
- Underline the thesis statement

(40 marks)