

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DIPLOMA IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE



FINAL EXAMINATION - **October 2016**
ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS - **LSD1208**
DURATION - **THREE HOURS (03 hours)**

DATE: 21.10.2016 **TIME:** 1.30 pm. - 4.30 pm

ANSWER QUESTION 01 IN PART A, AND QUESTION 02 FROM PART B.

Part A

1. **Write an essay consisting of 05 or 06 paragraphs (including the introductory and concluding paragraphs) (approximately 600 – 750 words) on the following topic.**

When a health problem arises, choosing the right type of hospital to receive medical treatment is very important. In Sri Lanka, a choice exists between seeking medical treatment in either a government hospital or a private hospital. Compare and contrast the two types of hospitals and state your final choice.

- a) Give a title to your essay.
- b) State the pattern of organization.
- c) Underline the thesis statement.
- d) Indicate your choice in the concluding paragraph.

(50 marks)

Part B

2. **Write an essay consisting of 05 or 06 paragraphs (including the introductory and concluding paragraphs) (approximately 700-800 words) on any ONE of the following topics.**

- i) Sri Lanka is faced with a notable increase in attempted suicides among senior citizens which is of concern to both government and society. What problems do you feel are associated with this phenomenon and what are some possible solutions.

Or

- ii) Recent reports in the newspapers reveal that there is a growing population of users of skin whitening products. Discuss possible causes and effects of the use of these products.
- a. Give a title to your essay.
 - b. State the pattern of organization.
 - c. Underline the thesis statement.

(50 marks)