

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



FINAL EXAMINATION	-	September 2017
ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS	-	LSD1208
DURATION	-	THREE HOURS (03 hours)

DATE: 27.09.2017 TIME: 09.30 am. - 12.30 pm

ANSWER QUESTION 01 IN PART A, AND ANY ONE 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.

With the increased availability of computers and internet technologies, computer-mediated learning environments are on the rise in higher education both in Sri Lanka and abroad. Therefore, in the present context, a student has a choice, whether to follow a programme of study in the traditional, face-to-face classroom or to follow an online programme of study over the internet. Compare and contrast these two types of delivery methods and state your choice.

You should :

- State the pattern of organization.
- Give a title to your essay.
- Underline the thesis statement.
- 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) The disposal of plastic waste is a major issue that has received much publicity, wide media coverage and generated much debate and discussion in Sri Lanka recently. Discuss some of the problems associated with this issue and suggest possible solutions to overcome it.

Or

ii) A matter of serious concern that has arisen in recent times in Sri Lanka is the issue regarding the over – scheduled, hectic life style of present day school-going children. Discuss this issue presenting your views of the likely causes and effects of such a trend.

You should:

- a. State the pattern of organization.
- b. Give a title to your essay.
- c. Underline the thesis statement.

(50 marks)