

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
PROGRAMME IN BASIC ENGLISH - LSC 1201 - PART - C
ORAL EXAMINATION - 2007/2008

TO ALL EXAMINERS

PLEASE READ (a) INSTRUCTIONS
 (b) MARKING KEY

VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE ADMINISTERING TEST.

Marking : A panel will consist of 2 examiners. A detailed mark sheet/s will be given to both examiners.

- (i) Please fill this in **carefully** and clearly. (**Candidate's Registration number and Index Number should be written correctly on this sheet.**)
- (ii) (a) Each examiner should fill in a separate mark sheet.
(b) When the test is over prepare a **common mark sheet** in the manner given below.
- Add the two sets of marks in each column provided to enter marks and divide by 2 (average mark).
Enter these marks on the new mark sheet.
- (iii) Panel of examiners must sign all mark sheets.
- (iv) **Centre must be indicated.**
- (v) Please fill in the columns provided for Age, Gender, Ethnic group (PLEASE GUESS the required information. DO NOT **ASK** the candidate.)

Please check the Student's Record Book and enter the Registration Number in the Mark Sheet.

Timing: Maximum time for each candidate is ideally 6-8 minutes.

DO NOT WASTE TIME : because

- a) if Candidate is good - you will realise it
- b) if Candidate is weak - you cannot help by prolonging oral examination.

Note that this timing will help you test 10 candidates per hour. **TRY TO KEEP TO THIS.**

Objectives

Remember you are looking for fluency in speech. Candidates who

- i) hesitate
- ii) repeat themselves
- (iii) show lack of vocabulary
- (iv) do not know their grammar must be penalised.

- Fail -** candidates who
- i) do not understand what you say.
 - ii) answer incorrectly,
 - iii) use faulty grammar, weak vocabulary, poor sentence structure,
 - iv) hesitate.

DO NOT PENALISE PRONUNCIATION BUT CONSIDER SOCIAL ACCEPTABILITY OF CANDIDATE'S PERFORMANCE.

Objectives of Test Questions

Question 01

Tests the candidate's ability to give directions in English, using appropriate prepositions of place, vocabulary.

(A map with 3 options provided.)

Question 02

A telephone conversation with the Registrar's part being role played by the examiner. Tests the candidate's ability to communicate using correct telephone techniques as well as polite forms and, the ability to ask correct information keeping to the thread of the conversation

(An advertisement is provided)

Follow these steps when conducting examination.

1. Call candidate in
2. Ask candidate to pick out an option at *random* (from slips of paper provided)
3. Give candidate the map with Option A, B or C and explain tasks if necessary.
4. Get candidate to perform task of giving directions.
5. Ask candidate for a minimum of 07 sentences giving directions and names of places using correct prepositions.
6. Give candidate Question 02 - the advertisement containing information,
7. Give candidate 01 minute to look over.
8. Conduct the relevant telephone conversation with candidate.
9. Send candidate out of the room.
10. Fill in the mark sheet.
11. Call in the next candidate.

4. Marking Instructions

Question 01 - Giving Directions - Location

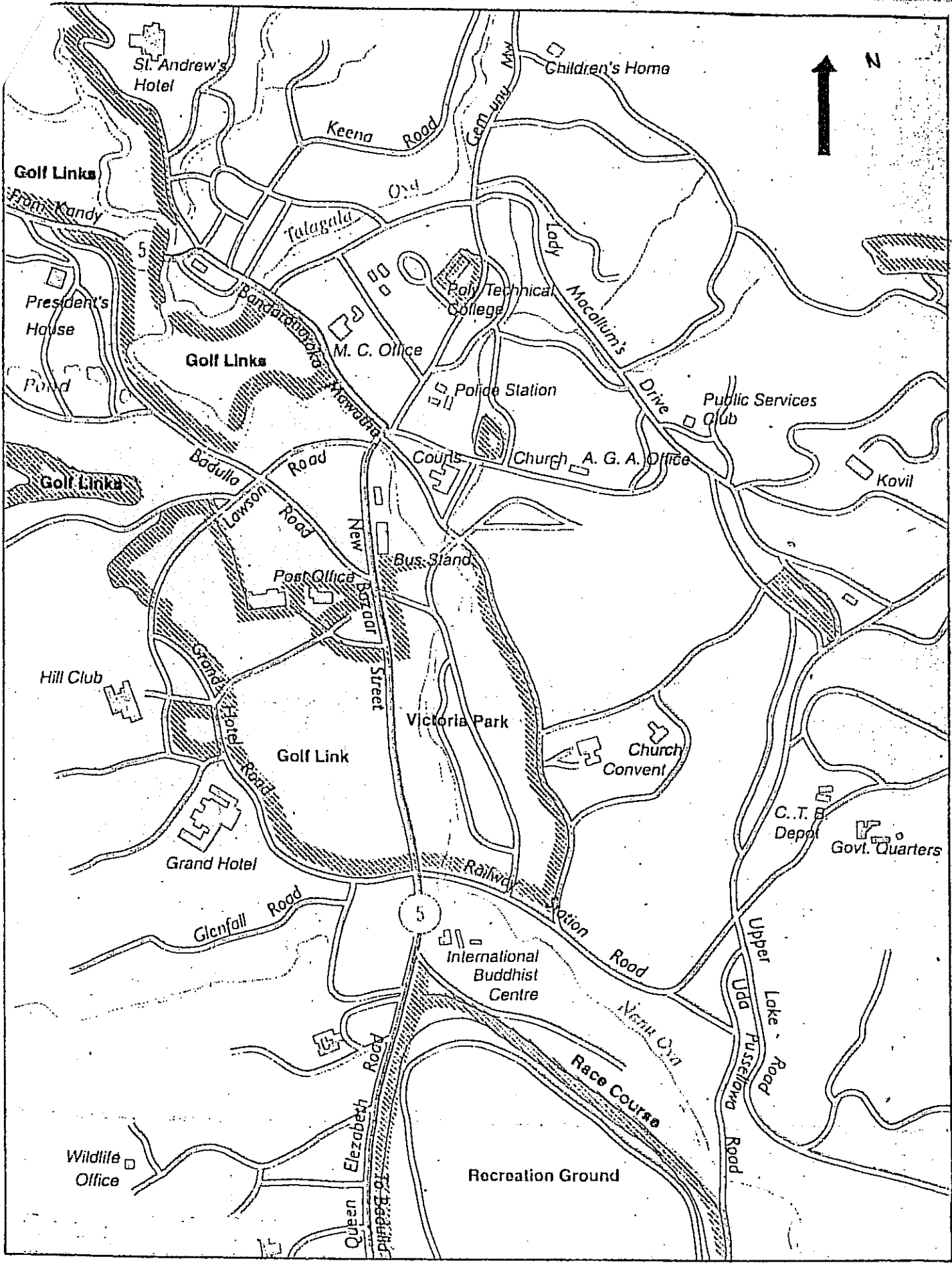
The candidate will have to

- give directions to get to a place and give location of a place using words of direction and prepositions of place.

Phrases and vocabulary that candidate may / should use

To indicate direction	Prepositions of place
go straight / go past	on the left (you will find)
Turn right	along
Turn left	between
	by the side of etc.

Task	Time	Marks
Giving Directions - Locations - words of direction and prepositions of place. (01 mark for each correct use of required vocabulary; delete marks for incorrect use of phrases / words) - overall fluency	5 – 6 minutes	07 <u>03</u> 10 ==
Telephone Conversation - Correct/- telephone techniques; opening, closing conversation; polite forms - Overall Fluency	3 – 4 minutes	08 <u>02</u> 10 ==



Map should be here

Question 1

Option A

I) Description of Route

Your friend Raja is at the Grand Hotel. He wants to go to St. Andrew's Hotel.

Give him clear directions using words such as get on to / turn right / turn left / go along etc.

Mention the places he will pass on the way.

II) Location

Give the location of the following 2 places.

Name nearest road and location in relation to other buildings.

(a) M.C. office

(b) Post office

Question 1

Option B

I) Description of Route

Your friend Sriya is at the Hill Club. She wants to go to the Children's Home.

Give her clear directions using words such as get on to / turn right / turn left / go along etc.

Mention the places she will pass on the way.

II) Location

Give the location of the following 2 places.

Name nearest road and location in relation to other buildings.

(a) Grand Hotel

(b) Recreation ground

Question 1

Option C

I) Description of Route

Your friend Kumari is at the International Buddhist Centre. She wants to go to the Children's Home.

Give her clear directions using words such as get on to / turn right / turn left / go along etc.

Mention the places they will pass on the way.

II) Location

Give the location of the following 2 places.

Name nearest road and location in relation to other buildings.

a) Bus stand

b) Grand Hotel

Question 02 - Student Copy

Telephone Conversation

You are Rita, the officer in charge of Local Tour Packages at Laksiri Travels. There is a call asking for information about the tour packages offered by your company.

Look at the details given in the box below and give the correct information to the caller. (Use the polite forms you have learnt when answering the phone.)

LAKSIRI TRAVELS
Local Tour Packages

Tours to ancient cities

- Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa - 3 days
- Sigiriya and Dambulla - 2 days

Tours arranged to other cities on request.

Travel by Luxury A/C vehicles.

Comfortable accommodation - Luxury hotels.

Minimum no. of passengers - 20

Rs. 2000/- per head

Call Rita - 0778320520 for details.

25, Kelaniya Road,
Kiribathgoda.

NOTE : Your examiner will play the callers role.

Question 02 - Examiner's Copy

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

Examiner (Caller) : Hello! Is that Laksiri Travels? Can I speak to Rita?

Student (Rita) :

Caller : I want to find out about your local travel packages.

Rita :

Caller : How many days does the Anuradhapura tour take?

Rita :

Caller : How about your vehicles?

Rita :

Caller : What kind of accommodation do you provide?

Rita :

Caller : Can I know the rates?

Rita :

Caller : Do you undertake tours to other cities?

Rita :

Caller : Thank you, I'll call you again.

Rita :

(Ends conversation politely). **(10 marks)**