



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
PROGRAMME IN BASIC ENGLISH - LSC 1201
COMMUNICATION SKILLS II - LISTENING AND SPEECH
FINAL EXAMINATION - 2010 / 2011

Date : 23rd October 2011

Time : 1.00 p.m. – 1.45 p.m.

Teacher Instructions

1. Familiarize yourself with the test paper.
2. Explain the **instructions** to the students carefully.
3. Give students 05 minutes to look over the questions.
4. Read the listening text at normal speed. (Not too fast or too slow).
5. Give students approximately 08 minutes to fill in the blanks & complete question 1.
6. Read out again clearly and at normal speed. (Not too fast or too slow).
7. Give students 08 minutes to check the answers.
8. Give students 15 minutes to complete Question 02.

Listening Text

Listen to the following audio commentary of the Perahera from the 'You Tube' and answer the given questions. The Kandy Esala Perahera is a major tourist attraction in Sri Lanka during the month of August.

Dalada Maligawa or 'The Temple of the Tooth' is not just an important religious centre in Sri Lanka – it is also a significant centre for history, art, tradition and culture.

There are special religious programmes conducted in the Maligawa on every Full Moon Poya day where large numbers of people participate. Of these the most important is the Esala Mangallaya. Esala, according to the Sinhalese Calendar, is the month of July/August. This is the month in which Kandy gets into a festive mood. Shop-keepers and hotel-owners get ready to cater to the massive crowds that come to the city. Maligawa and its premises are gaily decorated and are illuminated with strings of lights.

These lights burn throughout the night. A few days before the Perahera, Kapá, a sapling from a tree that sheds milky juice is planted in each of the four Devalas. On the 5th day, after the Kapá ceremony the Kumbal Perahera begins and goes on for 10 consecutive nights when colourfully dressed dancers and drummers parade the streets of Kandy. What is meant by the word Perahera is a colourful procession of musicians, dancers, flag bearers, torch bearers and the officials of the Maligawa who walk along the streets of Kandy to the rhythm of the drummers.

The most colorful Perahera is the Randoli Perahera which falls on the Esala Full Moon Poya day. On this day, the Perahera starts at the auspicious time. The Diyawadana Nilame in full traditional Kandyan dress, enters the inner chamber to receive the Perahera Karanduwa or the special casket containing the Buddha Relics. The Mahanayake Thero will place the relics casket on a special cloth embroidered with gold and silver. The Diyawadana Nilame, who is the chief custodian or the protector of 'The Temple of the Tooth' carries the relics casket with both hands. As he steps out of the chamber bearing the relics casket, the crowd chants 'sadhu, sadhu, sadhu' and the chorus will go on while the mini perahera begins. A red and yellow floor mat (pavada) is laid before him, and two selected people will start strewing jasmine flowers on the relics casket.

As this procession goes along the street every by stander would feel his or her heart beating faster - this is Sri Lanka's culture at its best!



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PART B

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INDEX NO.	:
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Instructions : Answer All Questions.

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Question No:	Marks Obtained	Maximum
1	10
2	20
Total	30

Percentage %

Signature of Examiner :

Name :

QUESTION I

You will listen to an audio commentary. Listen carefully and answer the given questions.

(1) 'The Temple of the Tooth' is mainly known as a centre of history / geography / religious importance / traditional importance.

(00 ½ mark)

(2) It is also famous for a) b)
c) d)

(01 mark)

(3) Esala according to the Sinhala calendar is

(01 mark)

(4) What happens in the four Devala's 05 days before the Perahera:

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(01 mark)

(5) The Kumbal Perahera lasts for nights.

(01 mark)

(6) Who is not mentioned in the article you just heard

- (i) torch bearers
- (ii) drummers
- (iii) elephant keepers
- (iv) officials

(01 mark)

(7) The Esala Full Moon day is important because

- (i) the Kapá ceremony takes place on that day
- (ii) the Diyawadana Nilame receives a special casket
- (iii) the Randoli Perahera starts on this day
- (iv) the protector of the Temple of the tooth calls in the perahera

(02 marks)

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John : So tell me, why is the Perahera important to you?

You :
(religion, culture, tradition, history) (03 marks)

John : Tell me about the Elephants – It's amazing how you discipline them. How do you do it?

You :
(trained by experts) (02 marks)

John : What is in that beautiful casket? Why is it carried in both hands?

You :
(relics and respect) (02 marks)

John : People carry flags – what are these flags?

You :
(flags of regions) (02 marks)

John : Ok, I would love to see this Perahera – what should I do first?

You :
(hotel accommodation) (01 mark)

John : What about transport?

You :
(Intercity train) (01 mark)

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John : Why not the bus?

You :

(comfortable, lovely scenery) (01 mark)

John : How can I buy tickets?

You :

(Book through the phone) (02 marks)

John : Thanks very much! See you later – you have a nice day, man.

You :

(appropriate response) (01 mark)

Question 01

Giving Directions

Option A -

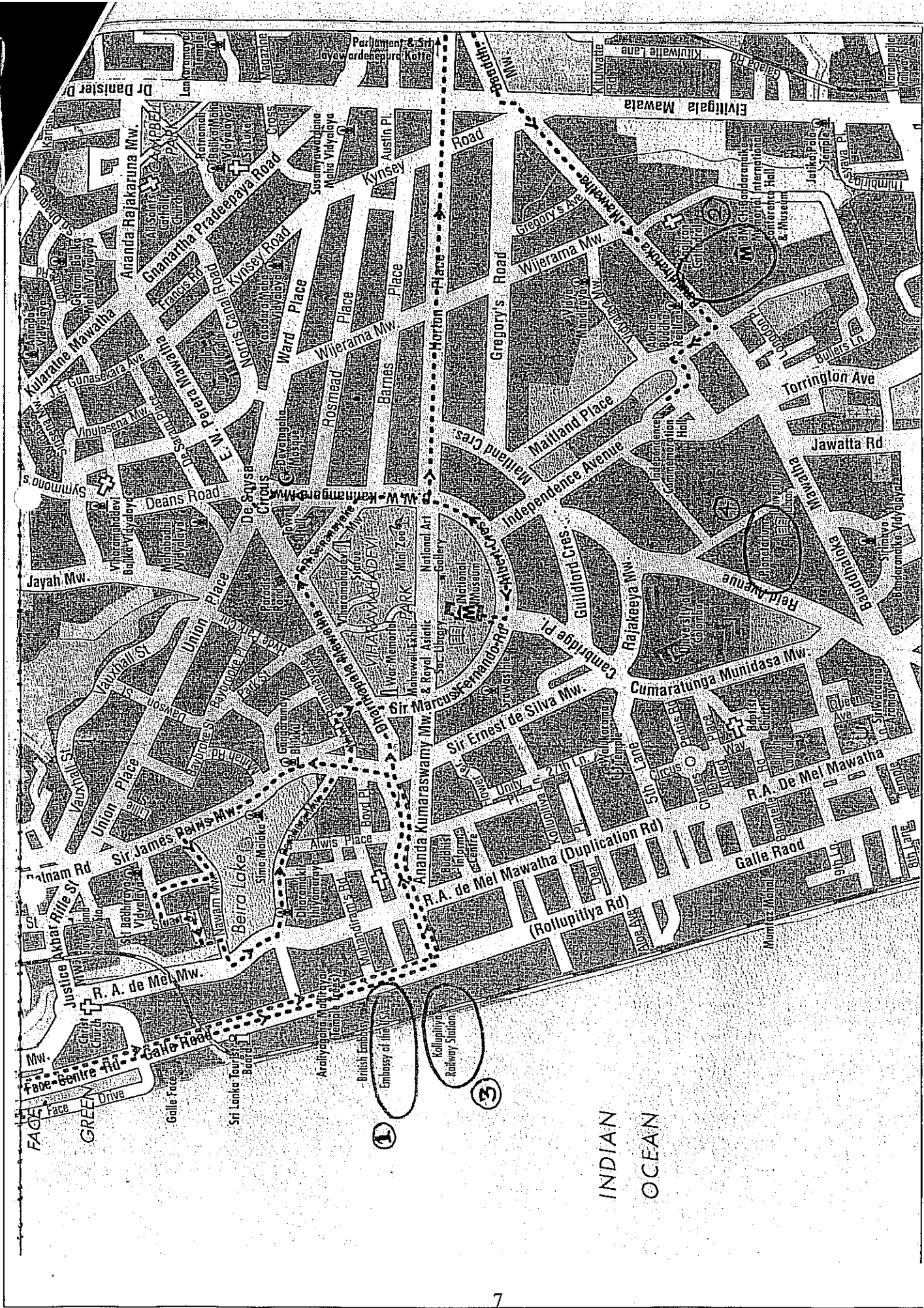
- (a) You meet a foreigner near the US Embassy (see the spot marked ① on the map). He wants to go to the BMICH ②. Give him the relevant directions using the Map of Colombo. Your invigilator will act as the foreigner.

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Option B

- (a) You are standing near the Kollupitiya railway station (see the spot marked (3) on map). A group of students from outstation wants to visit the Colombo Planetarium (marked (4) on the map). Give them the relevant directions.



- ①
- ③

INDIAN
OCEAN

Question 02 - Examiner's Copy

Short Interview

- President** : Good morning, how are you?
- You** :
- President** : Give me a brief introduction of yourself.
- You** :
- President** : So why did you join this youth group?
- You** :
- President** : What did you learn by working with young people?
- You** :
- President** : Tell me something about India.
- You** :
- President** : If an Indian asks you to describe Sri Lanka how would you do it?
- You** :
- President** : As a Sri Lankan youth what is your message to the Indian youth?
- You** :
- President** : How do your parents feel about you going away for a week?
- You** :
- President** : How do you feel about going away from your family for a week?
- You** :
- President** : Ok, I wish you good luck – and a safe journey
- You** :

Question 02 - Student Copy

You've been selected by the main Youth Group of your district to represent Sri Lanka at a conference in India. The President of the Youth Group will interview you just before the trip.

Your invigilator will play the role of the President.