

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
PROGRAMME IN BASIC ENGLISH - LSC 1201
COMMUNICATION SKILLS II - LISTENING AND SPEECH
FINAL EXAMINATION - 2011 / 2012

Date : 10th February 2013

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 02 minutes to look over the question paper.
4. Read the listening text at normal speed, (not too fast or too slow)
5. Give students approximately 10 minutes to fill the table.
6. Read out text again clearly and at normal speed (not too fast or too slow)
7. Give students 03 minutes to check the answers.
8. Give students 15 minutes to complete Question 02.

Listening Text

Thailand is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world. The highest number of visitors come from the neighbouring, Buddhist countries of Japan, China and Taiwan. The highest arrivals from other parts of the world are from Germany, the UK and USA. It is a popular destination for Sri Lankans too.

Thailand offers a little bit of everything to the visitor. It has an ancient culture, exotic food, divine beaches and water sports, shopping, magnificent arts and crafts, grand temples and palaces and an active royal family deeply respected by the Thai people.

Bangkok the capital of Thailand is of course well known as a shopper's paradise and whether one is looking for street bargains or up-market designer items, the choice and spread is enormous.

One of the 'must see' sights of Bangkok is the Grand Palace. This vast compound was originally built in 1782 by King Rama I at the same time that Bangkok was made the capital of Siam, while the Royal Residence designed by British architect John Clunish, was added on by King Rama V in 1877.

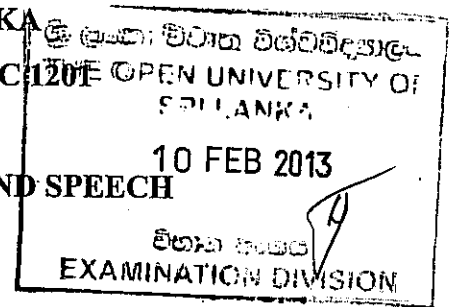
The Royal Residence is a grand building with interiors in the style of the great palaces of Europe. There is much elaborate gold ornamentation, with chandeliers, carpets, ornaments and stately portraits of past kings and queens adding a touch of royal grandeur. Within this compound also lies the Chapel Royal of the Emerald Buddha. The statue, which was first discovered in 1464, is made from one solid piece of green jade and is an object of national veneration and considered priceless.

The Bangsai Arts and crafts Center is about an hour's drive out of Bangkok on a smooth and fast highway and is therefore an ideal tourist attraction. The Bangsai Center was set up in July 1976 by Her Majesty Queen Sirikit. It is a beautiful site incorporating training, workshops, model Thai houses of different styles, a grand sales centre for the crafts produced there, set out in a perfect garden with a bird park and fresh water aquarium.

Currently the center has about 500 trainees undergoing six month courses in a variety of arts such as woodcarving, Thai mask painting, silk weaving, glass sculpture etc, .



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Instructions : Answer All Questions.

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Question No:	Marks Obtained	Maximum
1	15
2	15
Total	30

Percentage %

Signature of Examiner :

Name :

QUESTION IFor Examiner's
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Your teacher will read out a text. Listen carefully and answer the questions.

- (1) The tourist destination mentioned here is
 (i) Sri Lanka (ii) Japan
 (iii) Thailand (iv) USA
(01 mark)
- (2) Visitors come to Thailand from the Buddhist countries
 (i) (ii)
 (iii) (iv)
(02 marks)
- (3) Four things that Thailand offers people are
 (i) (ii)
 (iii) (iv)
(02 marks)
- (4) Do Thai people respect the royal family?
 Yes / No **(01 mark)**
- (5) What is the capital of Thailand?

(01 mark)
- (6) The capital of Thailand is well known as the
(01 mark)
- (7) Mention an important place which tourists should visit in Bangkok.

(01 mark)
- (8) Who were the kings who helped to build this palace?
 (i) (ii)
(01 mark)

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(9) Who designed the Royal Residence?
.....

(01 mark)

(10) What kind of statue is found in the Chapel Royal?
.....

(01 mark)

(11) Mention two tourist attractions in Bangkok.

(i) (ii)

(01 mark)

(12) What kind of arts do trainees learn in the training centre? Mention two.

(i) (ii)

(02 marks)

QUESTION II

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You are planning to visit Thailand soon. You meet a friend (Sujith) who has visited Thailand recently. You talk to your friend to get some information about Thailand.

You : Good morning Sujith. How are you?

Sujith :
.....
(return greeting & asks what he has been doing) (02 marks)

You : I have been studying for my Final examination. Now that it's over I was thinking of going abroad for a short holiday.

Sujith : Oh, that's nice
.....
(asks where he is planning to go) (02 marks)

You : I am planning to visit Thailand next week.
.....
(asks whether Sujith has visited Thailand)
(02 marks)

Sujith : Oh yes I've been there twice. It is a great tourist attraction.

You :
.....
(asks for places of interest)
(03 marks)

Sujith : You can visit the Grand Palace and the Bangsai Arts & Crafts centre.

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You :

(asks where shopping can be done) (02 marks)

Sujith : You can shop in Bangkok. It has everything.

You :

(asks where Sujith stayed during his visit) (02 marks)

Sujith : Oh! I stayed with one of my friends. But there are plenty of hotels for tourists.

You :

(thank for information) (02 marks)