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THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
PROGRAMME IN PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH - LSC 2202 - 2011 / 2012
COMMUNICATION SKILLS - LISTENING AND SPEECH
FINAL EXAMINATION

Date : 16th February 2013

Time : 12.45 p.m. – 1.30 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 in Question I.
4. Read Text to students clearly and at normal speed (not too fast or too slow).
5. Give students 10 minutes to fill in the information / and write the answers to the questions.
6. Read the text once again at normal speed.
7. Give students 6 minutes to complete answers.
8. Read text once again to check answers – allow 2 minutes.
9. Give students 20 minutes to complete Question 2.

TEXT

Once a year during February, the sands around Jaisalmer in the State of Rajasthan come alive with the brilliant colours, music and laughter of the Desert Festival. Dressed in brilliantly coloured costumes, the people of the desert dance and sing haunting ballads of courage, romance and tragedy. Sponsored by the Rajasthan State Tourism Corporation, this festival is a joyful celebration of the traditional performing arts and creative crafts of Rajasthan.

A few days before the festival musicians, dancers and performers from all over Rajasthan start moving in colourful camel caravans towards the golden town of Jaisalmer, which takes a festive look. The fair has snake charmers, puppeteers, acrobats and folk performers. Camels, of course, play a major role in this festival, where the rich and colourful folk culture of Rajasthan is on show.

With the arrival of the artistes, a delightful series of programmes begin. There is music everywhere and at every given hour. Beginning at sunrise, it reaches its zenith under the umbrella of the star - studded sky. Though it is mainly a festival of the performing arts, there are several other events that display the culture of the people.

Through the day, visitors can come face to face with the desert craftsmen. Exquisitely embroidered skirts, hand woven shawls, rugs, carvings on wood and stone, camel decorations, embroidered leather bags, ethnic silver jewellery and terracotta are brought in from all over the desert. These skillfully turned out crafts are exquisite objects of art for those who appreciate handicrafts.

Evenings are meant for the main shows of music and dance. Vibrating desert drums can be heard for miles around. Continuing till late into the night, the number of spectators swells up each night and the grand finals takes place, on the full moon night.

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Each year the number of spectators swells up. Although the basic design of the festival remains the same, each year there are a few new events.

Camels are not just beasts of burden but an integral part of the desert life and the camel events confirm this fact. Special efforts go into dressing the animal for entering the spectacular competition of the best - dressed camel. Camel owners compete with each other for winning the camel races. To add some more fun and colour, the camel show has two unique events - the camel polo and the camel dance.

Other interesting competitions are the moustache and turban tying competitions. Both the turban and the moustache have been centuries old symbols of honour in Rajasthan.

Jaisalmer is the only place where this desert festival is celebrated with great zest and zeal. Rajasthan being a popular tourist destination, the festival adds to its colour.

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Task - 1

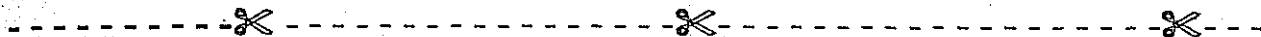
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Role Play :

You had a party for your Birthday last night which went on till midnight. The next morning your neighbour complains to you saying that his son could not study for his A/L exams which will be held next week. The neighbour expresses his displeasure & asks you not to do such things again.

The two roles are:

- You
- Your neighbour

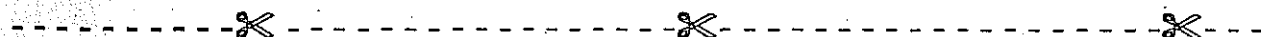


Task 2

You have ordered 10 copies of the Oxford Dictionary from a book shop. Instead they have sent you 10 copies of the Cambridge dictionary. Express your displeasure to the Manager of the bookshop and ask him to rectify the error. Say that you need the books urgently.

The two roles are:

- You
- Book Shop Manager



Task 3

Last week you moved to a new house : "Furniture Movers" has removed your furniture to the new house. Now you find that some valuable ornaments were damaged and two silver jugs are missing. Speak to the manager of "Furniture Movers". Express your displeasure and ask him to look into this problem.

The two roles are:

- You
- Manager of "Furniture Movers"

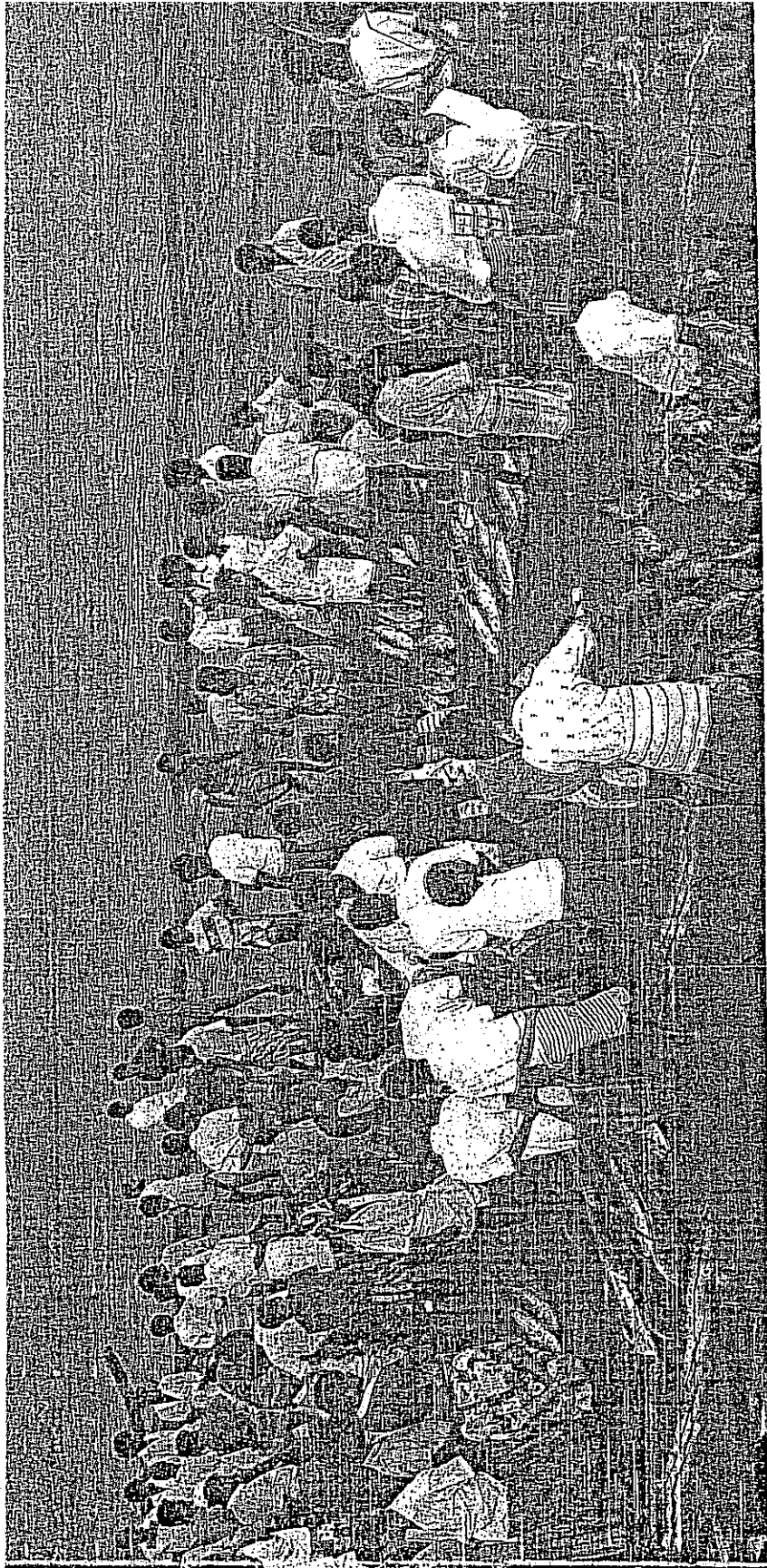


Picture C



Picture A

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Picture B