



FINAL EXAMINATION
SEPTEMBER 2016

SUBJECT : FUNDAMENTAL ENGLISH
SUBJECT CODE : WEB 10302
LEVEL : BACHELOR
DURATION : 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Read carefully all the instructions in the question paper.
 2. This question paper consists of THREE (3) sections: Section A, B and C.
 3. Answer all questions.
 4. Write all your answers in this question booklet.
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THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF 14 PAGES EXCLUDING THE COVER PAGE.

Section A (Total: 40 marks)**Part I (10 marks)**

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle the answer closest in meaning to the word in **BOLD** in each sentence.

1. The playwright was used to receiving nothing but **accolades** from the critics, but this time around, the critics criticised everything about the play, calling it uninspired and boring.
 - A. expressions of disapproval
 - B. expressions of approval
 - C. unwanted advice
 - D. negative reviews

2. With its four thousand square feet and attached three car garage, the house was **mammoth**. However, being big didn't make it pretty. It was an absolute monstrosity, badly designed, and uncomfortable to live in.
 - A. tilted
 - B. mortgaged
 - C. huge
 - D. haunted

3. In the beginning, the crowd had been orderly, but after the union leader announced that there would be no wage increase, **pandemonium** broke out and spread through the hall as people began shouting and throwing things at the speaker.
 - A. confusion and disorder
 - B. fights
 - C. the sound of horns
 - D. announcement

4. From childhood, he had been a **staunch** friend who was always there when I needed him. Suddenly in the past year, he had become unreliable and withdrawn.
- A. casual
 - B. devoted
 - C. unstable
 - D. distant
5. When she was twelve, she hated her **gargantuan** height, which made her tower over the boys in the class. However, she gloried in her college basketball team when she was eighteen years old.
- A. enormous
 - B. slender
 - C. crooked
 - D. dwarfed
6. The **ghastly** face of the dead man floated up from the bottom of the pool and scared us all.
- A. wicked
 - B. chubby
 - C. horrible
 - D. egotistical
7. The smell coming from the kitchen **enticed** the neighbours to come over and see what was baking in our oven.
- A. reared
 - B. tempted
 - C. disgusted
 - D. alarmed

8. We knew there would be a rainbow after the **ensuing** rains.
- A. heavy
 - B. ending
 - C. following
 - D. light
9. The girl was **mortified** to see that her name was on the board for talking too much at lunch, and she put her head down on her desk and cried.
- A. happy
 - B. intense
 - C. shocked
 - D. indecisive
10. Jennifer had a **scowl** on her face. She was unhappy about her grades.
- A. grin
 - B. frown
 - C. smirk
 - D. stare

Part 2 (10 Marks)

INSTRUCTIONS: CIRCLE the correct answer.

1. In difficult moments, people have to _____ themselves.
A. adapt
B. adopt
2. The proposal presented by the Union has no _____ at all.
A. effect
B. affect
3. The bandits continued to _____ the police.
A. allude
B. elude
4. These vegetables have been in the fridge for over three weeks! They are all _____.
A. ripen
B. rotten
5. I don't think Reena and Shiela should work together on this project. They have shown us before that they are quite _____ as partners.
A. incompatible
B. incomparable
6. The socket is easy to assemble or _____ as is needed.
A. dissemble
B. resemble
7. This village has an old community hall, a theatre and several statues of _____ men.
A. imminent
B. eminent

8. The great thing about this bank loan is that it gives you ample time to _____.
- A. pay it in
 - B. pay it off
9. Jane's bicycle helmet is too tight, and it's giving her a headache. Can you _____ it for her?
- A. loosen
 - B. loose
10. Sometimes acidic or alkaline properties _____ in the juices and secretions of the body produce corresponding disturbances.
- A. predominant
 - B. predominate

Part 3 (10 Marks)**INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the Blanks with the correct affix(es).**

1. English _____ (prevail) in all fields of study.
2. This article expresses a very one-sided and _____ (national) view in favour of English language.
3. Skydiver Gregory Robertson, 35, made one of the daring _____ (rescue) in skydiving history.
4. Thanks to Robertson's help, she is alive and has _____ (recover).
5. Despite my close _____ (familiar) with the Justin Bieber's family, this was the kind of situation where irrational but deeply ingrained prejudices completely overmaster reason and experience.
6. Many people today feel that _____ (history), women have not been treated well as men in most cultures.
7. Certain critics of the _____ (feminist) have argued that the term mankind does not really matter because everyone knows that the words 'man' and 'mankind' also refer to women.
8. In Greek mythology, Tantalus was punished for _____ (suffer) eternal hunger and thirst.
9. The new collaboration between the herbalist and the modern doctor has _____ (cover) previously unrecognised benefits of traditional cures.
10. Ibn Sina's most renowned _____ (achieve) was the Canon of Medicine, an encyclopaedia that dealt with virtually every phase of the treatment of disease.

Part 4 (10 marks)

INSTRUCTION: The following sentences are taken from a passage. Identify the errors in the following sentences and write the error and the correct answer in the columns provided. The first one has been identified for you.

No.	Sentence	Error	Correct Answer
0.	My family enjoyed scuba-diving. We go on a diving trip nearly every vacation.	enjoyed	enjoys
1.	We has noticed that there are three completely different kinds of divers which are the "nature lovers", the "pool guys", and the "seals".		
2.	The people whom we called "nature lovers" enjoy getting in the water for a short swim to look at the rocks, seaweed and underwater creatures swimming around.		
3.	The "pool guys", who wear the latest hi-tech equipment, come for a short while to have a swim and test how good their equipment are.		
4.	The "seals", who wear only their swimsuits, dived in the water and disappear for what seem like hours.		
5.	Each of the divers enjoy the ocean in a different way.		
6.	The "nature lovers" is the ones who enjoy snorkeling around for brief periods of time.		
7.	The "pool guys" are the divers who want to go to the beach, or ocean without ever actually leave their backyard.		
8.	The "seals" are the divers who acts as if they are returning to their natural habitat.		
9.	My family are a combination of all three types.		
10.	So, we all experiences our diving trips in our own way.		

SECTION B (Total: 30 marks)

Part 1 (15 Marks)

INSTRUCTION: Identify the following sentences as simple (S), compound (C) or complex (CX). Write your answers in the spaces provided.

0.	It's raining heavily outside yet the children can still be seen playing futsal.	C
1.	Moneychangers in Iran received millions of Euro notes after Greece went bankrupt last week.	
2.	No one knows what is going to happen if Murukama becomes the next president.	
3.	Smartphone users can now charge their phones using the new technology embedded in modern fabrics.	
4.	The baby iguana miraculously escaped from the snakes' grips and bites.	
5.	Form Five students are currently sitting for their national exam; their parents can only hope for the best.	
6.	A malicious computer software has been identified as the primary cause for the major hack that occurred in the government office recently.	
7.	Some schools in Singapore are creating gardens on their premises for such plots offer a chance for students to get close to nature.	
8.	Electric cars are significantly economical but their prices are too expensive.	
9.	Shark meat is easily available in the market due to its high demand.	
10.	Datuk Fatimah Abdullah, who is a government minister, said birth certificate applications by forty children from the orphanage had been processed.	
11.	The company has a retail store and the staff also run an online snack subscription service.	
12.	Rare guitars bought in auctions are kept in homes and rarely brought out.	
13.	The 'Movember Movement' was first established in 2003 in Australia as a means of raising awareness about men's health issues and personalities.	
14.	He is not only a devoted husband and father, but his wife also verifies that he is now a doting grandfather.	
15.	Like many Europeans, the soft-spoken Melania is conversant in a number of languages besides English and her mother tongue, Slovenian.	

Part 2 (15 marks)

INSTRUCTION: Write compound sentences by combining the ideas in the following pairs of sentences using suitable conjunctions.

- 1. Prices of cooking oil have increased.
Restaurant operators are determined to maintain their food prices.

- 2. The organizers were instructed to finish their event on the same day.
They had to extend the ceremony until 9pm.

- 3. Current students play a significant role in increasing their university's ranking.
Alumni contributions have their roles as well.

- 4. The world's highest bridge is almost completed.
Travelers from all over the world are looking forward to see it in China.

- 5. Team Alpha is relaxing leisurely under the tent.
They have confirmed their qualification in the next round.

- 6. Running shoes are not suitable for indoor use.
You should not use them for hiking in the jungle.

- 7. Lying to others is a bad habit.
People lie anyway.

- 8. Coral reefs are vital for a healthy fish population.
Significant fish bombing has made things worse.

B. INSTRUCTION: Write complex sentences by combining the ideas in the following pairs of sentences using suitable subordinating conjunctions.

- 9. More students are aware of confession pages in the social media.
Most of them still think the pages are filled with fake stories.

- 10. You must be able to adapt to your surroundings.
It is necessary to do so in order to survive.

11. Her parents did not hesitate to buy the Japanese table that she wanted.
It was only RM100.

12. The books in the library were drenched.
A part of the ceiling collapsed during the thunderstorm.

13. I will repair both the engine and the alarm system.
You and the others continue working on the interior part.

14. Whatever you do, strive to succeed.
You want to fail.

15. Citizens nationwide need to prepare for the worst from today.
Meteorological Department has predicted high tides and heavy rains in most areas next week.

SECTION C (Total: 30 marks)

INSTRUCTION: Read the article carefully and write a summary in about 100 words. Your summary should focus on survival tips for international students in Malaysia.

Being an international student in Malaysia, remember a few vital things. It is alright to be nervous when you are abroad for higher studies. People get the jitters even while applying to universities in their homeland. Mingling with new people, trying different things, and forming a new pack of everything initially blends into a spine-tingling, throat-parching moment of apprehension. But after meeting the other freshman students, you will be able to cast aside the stress and explore the enjoyable side of being one of the international students in Malaysia. This article throws light on the simple ways to make your academic life abroad pleasant and fruitful.

Prepare to meet a lot of people. Tons of international students flock to Malaysia each year, providing you a multi-ethnic atmosphere to live in. In 2010, a survey conducted on 199 institutes in Malaysia revealed that 86,923 students in those institutes hailed from Iran, Indonesia, China, Nigeria, Yemen and other countries. This will allow you to thrive and expand your outlook. Make friends that are worth sticking to till the final year. Alumni network in a cosmopolitan setting has a lot of benefits.

Communicate as much as you can. Being an international student, you are bound to stir people's curiosity and tackle questions about your background, schooling etc. Smile to people, be polite, exchange Facebook IDs and have an "ais kacang" when you are having a discussion. The syrup-topped ice will act as a coolant any time the fellow-freshman dealings bog you down. And remember, it is normal to share your canteen table with strangers as long as they seem polite and safe.

You are not alone; your fellow students are also on the same footing here. Do not hesitate to say hello and get assistance as long as you need to get used to the local markets and food habits. You may feel a little alienated being around locals ceaselessly speaking "Bahasa Malaysia". But, do your bit to fit in. Show interest in what they are talking about. English is known to all and they will smoothly interact with you. Sharply contrasting many other more anglicized neighbouring countries, most locals here openly exhibit emotions. Expect simple, clear-cut answers when you're talking to your new friends around the neighborhood.

Go for holidays where the country has a plethora of stunning tourist spots. So, when your head is heavy with assignments and you need to soothe your nerves, go out. Try the moist rainforests, long beaches, caves, mountains and waterfalls which are not more than a few hours away from the major universities. The diverse geography draws travelers from all over the world and you will enjoy special holiday-break privileges just a stone's throw away. When you are tired of dealing with too many project papers, permit yourself for a cool escape to Langkawi's white sands. You can also sail across the tropical islands in Kota Kinabalu for awesome vacation.

Living cost is relatively inexpensive compared to countries like USA, Australia and UK. But big cities also offer sky-high luxury and expensive hotels which you should reasonably brush aside considering your college tuition fees and off-campus living costs. The transport fare, local restaurants, mini markets to malls, Malaysia offers great options for international students. With a \$40 dollar-a-month gym subscription and \$50 USD transport passes, an international student in Malaysia can enjoy quality living without burning a hole in the pocket. In a regular, low-cost restaurant, \$3 USD can bring you 2 square meals. Surfing net would not require more than \$20USD a month. Start to invest. This is mandatory for all university students to allocate at least \$15 USD per month as health insurance which includes hospitalisation and medical treatment when necessary. In a nutshell, the money required for basic things as food, clothes and lodgings ranges between \$3000 to \$4000 dollars. This applies to both on-campus and off-campus living costs which ensures better savings for future.

Keep your humour alive as laughter doesn't need a language. It is the best remedy for any moment of awkwardness. This will also provide a comic relief to your struggle and occasional sense of isolation. Even if a taxi-driver refuses to turn on the meter, don't argue. Shrug it off with humour and check another one. If wearing shorts be a magnet for a lot of shooting stares, respect local sensibilities and be careful next time. Just a drizzle of light-hearted humour can ward off many stern looks.

Diverse cultures, luscious landscapes, affordable tuition fees, and lavish food options, an international student in Malaysia truly has reasons to rejoice and say "Terima kasih"!

