



**UNIVERSITI KUALA LUMPUR  
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**FINAL EXAMINATION  
JULY 2025 SEMESTER**

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**COURSE CODE** : KEP 00103  
**COURSE NAME** : FOUNDATION ENGLISH 1  
**PROGRAMME NAME** : FOUNDATION IN BUSINESS  
**DATE** : 16 DECEMBER 2025  
**TIME** : 2.00PM - 5.00PM  
**DURATION** : 3 HOURS

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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1. Please read the instructions given in the question paper **CAREFULLY**.
2. This question paper has information printed on both sides of the paper.
3. This question paper consists of **THREE (3)** sections: Section A, Section B & Section C.
4. Answer **ALL** questions in the **ANSWER BOOKLET**.
5. This question paper must not be removed from the examination hall.

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**THERE ARE 7 PAGES OF QUESTIONS, EXCLUDING THIS PAGE.**

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## SECTION A (Total: 30 Marks)

INSTRUCTION: Answer ALL questions.

Please use the answer booklet provided.

## THE GHOST AND THE HACK

- I I preferred libraries to people. That's as formative as it gets. With a 4.0 and not many friends, I went to Holy Cross when it was still boys and majored in English and Theology. I thought about becoming a priest but couldn't write homilies." "You couldn't write homilies?" I said. "That's your line?" He raised an eyebrow. "Preaching is harder than people think." "I'm not disagreeing. I just didn't expect a guy who wrote My Quarterback Mind to be so... **ecclesiastical**." He actually laughed at that. "We contain multitudes." We moved on to The Work, where he came alive. He mimicked the authors he'd ghosted: the breathy Hollywood memoirist, the grizzled quarterback, and the spiritual CEO who talked about leverage and mindfulness in the same sentence. 5
- II It was **uncanny and often hilarious**. I'd start laughing, and he'd crack up too. 10  
But then he'd go quiet. Not sad, just... emptied. "You okay?" I asked one afternoon after he nailed a perfect impression of the "faith-based space entrepreneur. "I'm fine," he said. "This part's just muscle memory." "Then what's next?" He glanced at the outline. "Regret," he said, and stood up to make more coffee. A week in, I'd had enough. "You know," I said, "if you want this book to mean something, you're going to 15  
have to stop hiding behind other people's voices." He stared at me. "You think I'm hiding?" "I think you're performing." He didn't argue. He rubbed his face and said, "You ever leave a story out of fear?" "Every writer does." "Yeah. Well. Sometimes the stories I didn't write were the ones that aged the worst."
- III That night over dinner, he told me about a son he had never met. Just floated it 20  
out, mid-salad. "His name was Eddie," he said. "You're just dropping that in now?" "I don't know what I'm doing," he said, poking at his food. "That's why you're here." I nodded, writing the name down carefully. Then I looked at him, not as a project or paycheck, but as a man trying to say something true for once. Later, I found a Post-it on my legal pad that I hadn't written. You only get to rewrite the past once. Make it 25  
count. The next morning, I brought it up. "That Romanian airport story, what were you reading before The Interrupted Vacation saved you?" He didn't look up from his notebook. "I've never been to Romania." I blinked. "But that's what you said."

He waved a hand like brushing away a gnat. "Oh, right. No, I just made that up. It sounded better than saying I found it in a used bookstore in Weehawken." It sounded off hand. But something cracked. Not a lie, a fracture in the facade. A crease in the page before the story folds. It happened late one night. We hadn't spoken for over an hour. 30

Adapted from <https://blog.reedsy.com/short-story/33cwy4/>

### Question 1

Discuss **TWO (2)** themes in relation to the short story.

(4 marks)

### Question 2

What do the following **PRONOUNS** refer to in the passage?

- (a) I (line 1)
- (b) it (line 2)
- (c) He (line 4)
- (d) We (line 6)
- (e) it (line 25)

(5 marks)

### Question 3

Describe **TWO (2)** characteristics of Ted McGinn.

(4 marks)

Question 4

*“It was uncanny and often hilarious”*

Why do you think the person described it that way?

(2 marks)

Question 5

*“I just didn’t expect a guy who wrote My Quarterback Mind to be so...  
ecclesiastical.”*

In the conversation above, define *ecclesiastical*.

(2 marks)

Question 6

Write a synopsis of the short story. Remember to provide **THREE (3)** significant events from the story.

(6 marks)

Question 7

Describe **THREE (3)** moral values that you learn from the short story.

(6 marks)

Question 8

What is Ted McGinn’s occupation?

(1 mark)

**SECTION B (Total: 50 Marks)**

**INSTRUCTION: Answer ALL questions.**  
**Please use the answer booklet provided.**

**Question 1**

Fill in the blanks with the **CORRECT PREPOSITIONS**.

1. The dog jumped \_\_\_\_\_ (over/under/behind) the fence.
2. He has lived here \_\_\_\_\_ (since/for/in) 2020.
3. The meeting is scheduled \_\_\_\_\_ (on/in/since) Tuesday.
4. They travelled \_\_\_\_\_ (by/in/on) bus to the campus.
5. Adam will finish his assignment \_\_\_\_\_ (in/at/about) two hours.
6. Sarah is responsible \_\_\_\_\_ (to/for/at) leading the project.
7. Tony and Simon walked \_\_\_\_\_ (along/across/over) the beach during their vacation.
8. We will visit the twins \_\_\_\_\_ (on/in/at) March.
9. The old man walked slowly \_\_\_\_\_ (over/under/at) the bridge to get to the other side.
10. The puppy ran \_\_\_\_\_ (through/around/in) the yard chasing a squirrel.

(10 marks)

**Question 2**

Write **FOUR (4)** Declarative, **THREE (3)** Interrogative and **THREE (3)** Imperative sentences.

(20 marks)

**Question 3**

Fill in the blanks with the correct **SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE, SIMPLE PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE** and **SIMPLE PAST TENSE**.

Tania usually \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) her grandparents on weekends, but this month she \_\_\_\_\_ (help) her father with a big project at home. Last Friday, she \_\_\_\_\_ (bake) an orange cake for her grandmother's birthday, and everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) it very much. Right now, Tania \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on a science presentation that \_\_\_\_\_ (require) a lot of research. She always \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to finish her homework before dinner, but yesterday she \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) asleep early and \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) to complete it. Her teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (expect) better preparation in the next class.

(10 marks)

**Question 4**

In the following sentences, determine whether it is a **PHRASE** or a **CLAUSE**.

1. Throwing sheets on roads.

**Answer:**

2. While stones covered the street.

**Answer.**

3. Nobody resides there.

**Answer:**

4. Besides old cars and bikes.

**Answer:**

5. Unless it snows.

**Answer:**

6. Swimming can be fun.

**Answer:**

7. That we purchased yesterday.

**Answer:**

8. Which disappeared.

**Answer:**

9. Walk fast.

**Answer:**

10. To jump quickly.

**Answer:**

(10 marks)

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**SECTION C (Total: 20 MARKS)**

**INSTRUCTION: Answer the question.**

**Please use the answer booklet provided.**

Write a paragraph of not more than 100 words about the following:

**“ A Global Issue and Its Possible Solution ”**

**END OF EXAMINATION PAPER**