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Course : **ENL1211 : ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS 1**

Date of Examination : 2 August 2019 (Friday)

Time : 8:00AM – 10:00AM Reading Time : Nil

Duration : 2 Hours

Special Instructions :

**Answer all FOUR (4) questions in the answer booklet provided**

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Materials permitted :

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**SECTION A: Reading Comprehension (20 marks)**

Physical fitness is a pre-requisite for experiencing a satisfying and fruitful life full of joys and fulfilment. Barring a small minority, most humans are healthy when they are young. By the time they are in their teens, their interests and tastes start to surface. Some like to read and write. Others develop talents that they discover in themselves. The concern about settling in a job that brings a good salary is the primary objective for most people. Other than for the exceptionally talented, this means a dreary existence where financial security is given greater importance than one's own personal enjoyment.	para 1
Up until the recent past, rest and recreation were viewed by many as irresponsible and self-indulging. It was opined to be an expression of selfishness, with hardly any economic benefit. This evaluation was proven to be fallacious with the discovery of stress as a malady. When people started to 'feel tired' even in the absence of physical exertion it made doctors and scientists wonder about the phenomenon.	para 2
Previously, stress was nearly always viewed as beneficial as it made people rise up to challenges and even become creative. The normal remedy to being tired is to rest. Doctors started to ask why a person in a sedentary job, with little physical exertion could feel abnormally tired. Studies showed that those with hobbies and those who indulged in physical activity that resulted in bodily tiredness were less 'stressed'. The importance of rest and recreation thus came into consideration as a remedy for stress.	para 3
Today, attitudes have changed to such an extent that rest and recreation are now considered essentials to a healthy and satisfying existence. Sports, games and other forms of physical exertion are now identified as absolutely necessary for a healthy body and hence a healthy mind. For the first time in human history, mental health has been given an equal footing to physical health.	para 4
This has led to the emergence of various sciences that deal exclusively with a person's mental health. Gone are the days when 'mentally imbalanced' meant 'stark raving mad', Today, mental imbalance is accepted as a natural phenomenon and is more often than not addressed by counselling, by qualified professionals. Traumatic experiences like grief, disease, natural and unnatural disaster (like financial ruin due to various reasons) are all treated successfully with psychological counselling. It helps victims in such stressful situations to recover from their bad experiences in a shorter space of time and become productive, self-respecting, respectable citizens again.	para 5

<p>The parameters to physical and mental balance have been clearly identified. They are regular physical examinations, a proper balance of rest and recreation, contact with loved ones, friendship and companionship. Today, being employed no longer just means being present to do one's work each day. Today, being employed also means having annual medical check-ups, eating right, being involved in physically exertive activities, attending seminars to enhance one's mental training and attending annual dinners.</p>	para 6
<p>Gone are the days when there was a single guideline on what is good decorum and discipline. Today's attitude is such that there is acceptance to how children, youngsters, teenagers, youths, adults and the aged behave differently. Creches and kindergartens cater to the needs of children. Today, on the other extreme, we have homes for the aged that cater to the needs of the elderly. This is a direct result of the development of sciences that deal with physical and mental balance of various ages.</p>	para 7
<p>In the age of the digital revolution, we may expect more inventions that constantly analyse our physical and mental balance on a more regular basis. When we wear devices that monitor our health constantly, the annual medical check-up will surely become obsolete. The validity of constant information retrieval about our physical and mental balance may best be seen in the case of the pilot who deliberately crashed a plane full of people. He was already proven to have psychological problems. But the information was hidden from the authorities.</p>	para 8

**Answer the following questions using complete sentences**

1. What is the pre-requisite for a life full of joys and fulfilment? 2 marks
2. What was viewed as irresponsible and self-indulging? 2 marks
3. What discovery led to the validity of rest and recreation? 2 marks
4. Who were the less stressed people according to the writer? 2 marks
5. In your own words, what does 'mentally imbalanced' mean? 2 marks
6. How has today's attitude changed in relation to people of different ages? 2 marks
7. What is the other extreme of creches and kindergartens? 2 marks
8. In your own words, what characteristic of a human life is enhanced with good physical and mental balance? 2 marks
9. Write in about 20 words, the importance of striking a physical and mental balance? 4 marks

## **SECTION B**

### **PART I – 10 marks**

**Identify the sentences as C for complete sentences, RO for Run ons and F for fragments. Rewrite the run-ons and fragments to complete sentences**

1. Last year went to Europe.
2. She enjoys playing soccer.
3. We are studying, he is eating.
4. Taking a trip around the world, costs a lot of money.
5. Driving in the car, listening to music, and talking to my best friend.
6. The sky is starting to clear up it will not rain.
7. The parent dropped off her son at school, the student was late.
8. Looking forward to the concert, but not wanting to spend the money.
9. The young boy likes washing windows because he earns money.
10. We the bus to school.

### **Part II – 10 marks**

**Change these sentences to passive voice**

1. John is keeping my house tidy.
2. Mary followed her schedule as closely as she could.
3. I have thrown all your old letters.
4. The teacher will keep all the forms for the children.
5. The elephant sanctuary received a huge donation from a philanthropist.
6. You have removed all obstacles from my path.
7. Does the worker clean the windows everyday?
8. The programme officer stores all the information about each student.
9. Millions of people read Reader's Digest.
10. The Romans did not build Rome in a day.

**SECTION C - 30 marks****PART I – 20 marks**

**Use the correct form of verbs in parentheses – simple past tense, present perfect, or present perfect progressive**

A. May 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (take) photos ever since her parents 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) her a camera when she 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) only ten. At first she only 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (take) color snapshots of friends and family, but then she 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (change) to black and white. Lately, she 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (shoot) a lot of nature photographs. This year she 7. \_\_\_\_\_ (compete) in three amateur photography contests. In fact, last month she 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (win) second prize for her night-time photo of a lighting storm.

B. Carlos 9. \_\_\_\_\_ (began) playing music when 10. \_\_\_\_\_ (get) an electric guitar for his twelfth birthday. He 11. \_\_\_\_\_ (not stop) playing since. In fact, the guitar 12. \_\_\_\_\_ (become) more than just a way of having some fun with his friends. Last year he joined a local band. Since then, they 13. \_\_\_\_\_ (perform) all over town. So far this year, they 14. \_\_\_\_\_ (give) six concerts, and they have plans for many more.

C. Kate 15. \_\_\_\_\_ (find) a beautiful old stamp last month which is part of her collection. At first she 16. \_\_\_\_\_ (save) stamps from letters that she got from friends. After a while, though, she 17. \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to look more actively for stamps. Lately she 18. \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) them from special stores and 19. \_\_\_\_\_ (trade) stamps with other collectors. So far, she 20. \_\_\_\_\_ (find) over 200 stamps from all over the world.

**PART II – 10 marks**

Use the correct form

Fill in the blanks with appropriate transitions from the table below

immediately	likewise	however	afterward	although
also	even though	consequently	between	yesterday

- Jenny does very well in her math classes; \_\_\_\_\_, she struggles with writing.
- I often oversleep; \_\_\_\_\_, I often miss the bus!
- We went to the movies; \_\_\_\_\_, we went out for ice cream.
- Marcia witnessed the accident; \_\_\_\_\_ she called 911.
- Lane still writes letters to Lucy \_\_\_\_\_ he is no longer her boyfriend.
- We are going to have a clown, \_\_\_\_\_ we are thinking about pony rides.
- The book is right there, \_\_\_\_\_ the lamp and the glass.
- We are out of Pop Tarts; \_\_\_\_\_ we are out of cereal.
- Today it is going to be seventy degrees and sunny; \_\_\_\_\_ is snowed!
- I got an A on the test \_\_\_\_\_ I have to admit, I did not study.

**SECTION D – 30 marks**

Choose one of the topics below and write an essay of about 250 words

- Describe a disastrous outing with your family.
- How to become a good leader.
- Compare and contrast two countries.