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

Date of Examination : 23 March 2019 (Saturday)

Time : 11:00AM – 1:00PM Reading Time : Nil

Duration : 2 Hours

Special Instructions :

Answer ALL **Four (4)** questions in the answer booklet.

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Materials permitted :

NIL

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Materials provided :

Answer booklet

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Examiner(s) :

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

Para 1	Bangalore City today is gradually gaining fame as the Silicon Valley of Asia. It is destined to be one of the great cities of India, and it will play a great part in bringing that country back to its one-time greatness. The rapid growth of the city is testimony that anything can happen if dedicated men and women get together to make it happen. Having been a place where the British had a garrison, the city was already full of impressive buildings and roads after the colonialist left in 1947. For a few decades, the people went about their roles as farmers and as small industry workers. Then came the computer boom and they took to it like ducks to water.
Para 2	Just 15 years ago, Bangalore did not look at all what it is today. The writer who spent one month in Bangalore had an entirely different experience the first time. The bus that he took from Madras City took the whole night to travel to Bangalore. The ride was terrible and he held his heart in his mouth throughout the journey. When he arrived at 7:00 am, another surprise awaited him; none of the smaller hotels wanted to give him accommodation. This, however, was not because of a lack of rooms. Everywhere the hoteliers had the same message: 'We do not want foreigners!' It was later explained to the writer that this was because some foreigners got drunk, took drugs, brought prostitutes to their rooms and caused all sorts of trouble. The writer was very upset when the hotel clerk said that they especially did not want Singaporeans.
Para 3	The solution was simple, the writer - who was of Indian ethnicity - posed as an Indian citizen. He vaguely remembered his father telling him that he was from the village of Arasantham Patti and at the next hotel claimed that he was from that village. The clerk let out a yawn and registered him. The room was not air-conditioned, but then the whole of Bangalore city had natural air-conditioning, as it was on the Deccan plateau.

Para 4	<p>From the hotel, the writer planned short excursions to places that he wanted to see. Being on a budget, he could not afford the package tours and so had to rely on public transport. The public transport system was far from satisfactory. Every bus was overloaded and the bus conductors were kings. They charged bus fares according to their whims and fancies, and gave out tickets only when they wanted to – pocketing the fares when they thought they saw a passenger that they could shout down. The writer even witnessed an incident when a conductor collected fare from a passenger twice - because he did not have a ticket. But the ultimate happened when once the bus driver stopped ten kilometres from the writer's destination and decided to turn back. The reason was apparently because the writer was the only passenger left in the bus, and bus crew did not think it worthwhile to travel the distance for one man. Anyway, what happened was, when the writer asked why the bus was not making the full route, the conductor threatened to throw him out unless he got off. Usually it is not wise to get into a fight in a foreign land, so the writer got off and walked the ten kilometres.</p>
Para 5	<p>Not all the experience the writer had was bad. He met some very kind hearted people in Bangalore; that was the most beautiful experience the writer had from the city. They were hospitable, and the writer got a lot of kindness from complete strangers. One elderly gentleman invited the writer home for dinner, when all the writer asked was where he could get a good meal in the vicinity. At first the writer refused politely, but the gentleman insisted so strongly that the writer felt honoured to dine with such a person. When the writer finally accepted the invitation, he was given a sumptuous meal, which the ladies of the house cooked at short notice. He was actually treated as a guest; the elder even sent out messages to invite a few relatives and friends and made the occasion into a small celebration. The writer remained friends with the gentleman until he passed away a few years ago.</p>

**Answer the following questions on the answer script.**

1. What is the greatness of Bangalore city today? (1 mark)
2. Explain in your own words what you understand by the phrase '*he held his heart in his mouth*' (paragraph 2). (2 marks)
3. Why was the writer turned away at hotels? (1 mark)
4. How did he finally manage to get a room? (2 marks)
5. Describe an incident that proved how dishonest the bus conductors were. (2 marks)
6. Why do you think the writer avoided quarrelling with the bus crew? (2 marks)

7. What word would you use to describe the elderly gentleman? What evidence from the passage can you use to support that? (2 marks)
8. Read the following statements carefully and determine if they are **TRUE** or **FALSE**. (4 marks)
- Bangalore City used to be a significant place in the past.
  - The writer had a fantastic time during his ride from Madras City to Bangalore.
  - The writer was prepared with a travel itinerary about the places he wanted to explore in the city.
  - The elderly gentleman took the writer to a restaurant with experienced cooks and great tasting dishes.
9. Find a word or phrase from the passage that has the same meaning as provided below. (4 marks)
- devoted or committed (paragraph 1)
  - to pretend or to impersonate (paragraph 3)
  - taking or stealing (paragraph 4)
  - area or neighbourhood (paragraph 5)

## SECTION B – (30 marks)

### Part 1 – 10 marks

Write **FRAGMENT** or **RUN-ON** on the answer script for each sentence given. **Rewrite** the following fragments and run-ons as correct sentences. You can add or remove words.

- Helped him discover.
- He read and wrote poems, a few years later he started writing short stories.
- Writing is like work it is hard work.
- Because I have no money.
- It takes rest to have energy working is difficult.
- The rainfall this year was abundant the crops will be plentiful.
- Learning about language and words.
- America, the greatest country in the world.
- I went in, I bought the painting, I drove straight home.
- High grades do not come easily they are earned by hard word and perseverance.

**Part II – 10 marks****Change the sentence structure as directed in the parentheses.**

11. He tried his best, but he didn't succeed. (simple)
12. The clown entered the circus ring, and the children started clapping. (complex)
13. If you take care of the pence, the pounds will take care of themselves. (compound)
14. You have to be careful, for the discipline teacher is monitoring your routine (complex)
15. The battle has been won; nonetheless, the war is not over. (complex)
16. The country has suffered huge losses despite the President's dedication. (complex)
17. Driving aimlessly for hours; finally, he pulled over the pavement. (complex)
18. Leprosy is curable, and everybody knows this. (complex)
19. He is a famous performer; moreover, he has performed all over the world. (simple)
20. Knocking the gate, he demanded admission. (compound)

**Part III – 10 marks****Combine the sentences as directed in the parentheses. Use correct conjunctions words and punctuation.**

21. Kim and Park were selected partners for the project.  
Park did most of the work. (compound)
22. The prefect wiped the white board.  
It was filthy with last week's notes. (complex)
23. The wizard cast a spell on the entire city.  
The citizens fought him. (compound)
24. Susan and Martin were waiting for the paint to dry.  
Susan went to Home Depot. (complex)
25. I was listening to Eminern music.  
I have new respect for him. (complex)

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

**Change the sentences to passive voice.**

1. We have reanalyzed your figures in order to determine the range of error.
2. The lab operators are preparing the samples before being sent out for examination.
3. The teacher will grade the papers according to the criteria stated in the syllabus
4. Homeowners cannot pay off those loans in any shorter period of time.
5. Miranda's father pulled away everything she loves.
6. Tina had opened the present.
7. Healthy people take balanced food to avoid diseases.
8. The hummingbirds relish the sugar water.
9. Louise has designed the living room using recycled materials.
10. Tim is chopping the tree with an axe.

**PART II – 10 marks**

Choose the correct word and write your answer in the Answer Script.

when	in addition	whenever	in this way	because of
for example	besides	whereas	nevertheless	firstly

Animals use various means to protect themselves. (11)\_\_\_\_\_ color is one that is widely used as a protective devise. For instance, some birds display brightly colored feathers (12) \_\_\_\_\_they are threatened. These are designed to frighten away the enemy. (13)\_\_\_\_\_ to color, some animals emit a peculiar smell for the same purpose. (14)\_\_\_\_, form may be used to conceal the animal. Some insects, (15)\_\_\_\_conceal themselves by making themselves resemble plants. (16)\_\_\_\_, they are hardly visible because they can merge into their surroundings. Other animals adopt regular patterns of behavior (17)\_\_\_\_\_ they are frightened. Some pretend to be dead (18)\_\_\_\_\_, others

just come forward and stand still. 1(9)\_\_\_\_, buffaloes were almost eliminated in the 19<sup>th</sup> century  
(20)\_\_\_\_their lack of resistance to hunters.

**SECTION D – 30 marks**

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

1. Describe a nightmare.
2. How to market a new product to young people.
3. Compare a holiday by the beach and a holiday on the hill top.

*~THE END~*  
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