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ENL 1214: ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS 2

FINAL EXAMINATION: JAN 2014 SESSION

This paper consists of FOUR (4) questions. Answer ALL questions in the answer booklet provided.

Question 1 (25 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the following questions.

- 1 Discovered in the early 1800s and named ‘nicotianine’, the oily essence now called nicotine is the main active ingredient of tobacco. Nicotine, however, is only a small component of cigarette smoke, which contains more than 4,700 chemical compounds, including 43 cancer-causing substances. In recent times, scientific research has been providing evidence that years of cigarette smoking vastly increases the risk of developing fatal medical conditions.
- 2 In addition to being responsible for more than 85 per cent of lung cancers, smoking is associated with cancers of, amongst others, the mouth, stomach and kidneys, and is thought to cause about 14 per cent of leukemia and cervical cancers. In 1990, smoking caused more than 84,000 deaths, mainly resulting from such problems as pneumonia, bronchitis and influenza. Smoking, it is believed, is responsible for 30 per cent of all deaths from cancer and clearly represents the most important preventable cause of cancer in countries like the United States today.
- 3 **Passive smoking**, the breathing in of the side-stream smoke from the burning of tobacco between puffs or of the smoke exhaled by a smoker, also causes a serious health risk. A report published in 1992 by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) emphasized the health dangers, especially from side-stream smoke. This type of smoke contains smaller particles and is therefore more likely to be deposited deep in the lungs. On the basis of this report, the EPA has classified environmental tobacco smoke in the highest risk category for causing cancer.
- 4 As an illustration of the health risks, in the case of a married couple where one partner is a smoker and one a non-smoker, the latter is believed to have a 30 per cent higher risk of death from heart disease because of passive smoking. The risk of lung cancer also increases over the years of exposure and the figure jumps to 80 per cent if the spouse has been smoking four packs a day for 20 years. It has been calculated that 17 per cent of cases of lung cancer can be attributed to high levels of exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke during childhood and adolescence.

- 5 A more recent study by researchers at the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF) has shown that second-hand cigarette smoke does more harm to non-smokers than to smokers. Leaving aside the philosophical question of whether anyone should have to breathe someone else's cigarette smoke, the report suggests that the smoke experienced by many people in their daily lives is enough to produce substantial adverse effects on a person's heart and lungs.
- 6 The report, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (AMA), was based on the researchers' own earlier research but also includes a review of studies over the past few years. The American Medical Association represents about half of all US doctors and is a strong opponent of smoking. The study suggests that people who smoke cigarettes are continually damaging their cardiovascular system, which adapts in order to compensate for the effects of smoking. It further states **that people who do not smoke do not have the benefit of their system adapting to the smoke inhalation.**
- 7 This report emphasizes that cancer is not caused by a single element in cigarette smoke; harmful effects to health are caused by many components. Carbon monoxide, for example, competes with oxygen in red blood cells and interferes with the blood's ability to deliver life-giving oxygen to the heart. Nicotine and other toxins in cigarette smoke activate small blood cells called platelets, which increases the likelihood of blood clots, thereby affecting blood circulation throughout the body.
- 8 The researchers criticize the practice of some scientific consultants who work with the tobacco industry for assuming that cigarette smoke has the same impact on smokers as it does on non-smokers. They argue that those scientists are underestimating the damage done by passive smoking and, in support of their recent findings, cite some previous research which points to passive smoking as the cause for between 30,000 and 60,000 deaths from heart attacks each year in the United States. This means that passive smoking is the third most preventable cause of death after active smoking and alcohol-related diseases.
- 9 The study argues that the type of action needed against passive smoking should be similar to that being taken against illegal drugs and AIDS (SIDA). The UCSF researchers maintain that the simplest and most cost-effective action is to establish smoke-free work places, schools and public places.

(Source: <http://www.ielts.org/>, n.d)

1. What does paragraph 1 tell you about cigarette smoke? (2 marks)
2. Why is smoking attributed to 30% of deaths due to cancer? (2 marks)
3. In your own words, explain the term "**passive smoking**". (2 marks)
4. How does passive smoking bring danger to people who do not smoke? (2 marks)

5. Based on paragraph 4, what will happen to a family's health condition if one of its members is a heavy smoker? (2 marks)
6. What was the main conclusion drawn by the researchers from University of California (UCSF) from their research finding? (2 marks)
7. The study done by the researchers from UCSF also suggests that "...*people who do not smoke do not have the benefit of their system adapting to the smoke inhalation*". (para 6). Based on this study, what do you think will be the consequence for the people who do not smoke when they inhale cigarette smoke? Provide 2 reasons for your answer.
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II) (3 marks)
8. Why do some scientists who work with the tobacco industry assume that cigarette smoke has the same impact on smokers as it does on non-smokers? (2 marks)
9. Apart from establishing smoke-free work places, schools and public places, what else can be done to control passive smoking? (3 marks)
10. Find a word in the passage that describes the meaning as the following. (5 marks)
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| a. a constituent part of something | (para 1) |
| b. can be hindered | (para 2) |
| c. people who are against something/ idea | (para 6) |
| d. to make judgments as to merits and faults | (para 8) |
| e. forbidden by law or statute | (para 9) |

Question 2 (20 marks)

Write a summary on the effects of smoking (including passive smoking) and the causes of cancer in the findings of UCSF research. USE ONLY THE MATERIALS FROM PARAGRAPH 5 TO PARAGRAPH 9. Your summary must be in continuous form (not note form) and it must not be longer than 150 words. Begin the summary with the following:

Smoking is largely responsible for lung cancers and ...

Question 3 (30 marks)

Section A (10 marks)

You are asked to debate on a topic “**Television has destroyed communication among friends and family**”. You argue for the opposition. State whether the following sentences are relevant (R) or irrelevant (IR) to support your view.

1. Watching television is a great means of eliminating stress and tension.
2. Some people believe that television has destroyed communication among friends and family.
3. When there was no television, people were more communicative than they are today.
4. If members of a family have common interests and they want to make each other happy they will always find many ways to spend their time together and be close.
5. Television can be a great resource of subjects to discuss about things that are current in trend.
6. Some people may argue that television shows have become a need in the lives of some youth that they spend most of their time watching the shows.
7. People can watch the news channel to keep abreast of the latest news.
8. Nowadays, things have changed a lot, as there are countless T.V shows and movie series which distract the youth from socializing and meeting.
9. Before, when there was no T.V, members of the family would gather more often to share stories and interact with each other.
10. Some parents who chiefly waste their time by merely watch their favorite movies and series will not have adequate time to allot for their children.

Section B (20 marks)

You found this advertisement in The New Star newspaper.

Tutor
Tunas Manja Tuition Centre

Company Overview

Tunas Manja Tuition Center was established in 2010 at Pandan Indah, Ampang. Medium-sized tuition centre that offers tuition and homework guidance for primary and secondary school children. Our mission is to provide the best education and intensive care in terms of spiritual and physical to each apprentice.

Requirement:

- Candidate must possess at least SPM/"O" Level, Diploma Advanced/Higher/Graduate Diploma, Bachelor's Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Professional Degree, Education/Teaching/Training, Linguistics/Languages or equivalent
- Requires to be fluent in English
- Applicants must be willing to work in Pandan Indah, Cheras or Serdang
- At least 1 year experience required
- Cheerful personality
- Positive working attitude
- Able to work independently
- A team player

Interested candidate may send in his or her application via e-mail at **tunasmanjatc@gmail.com**

Write a cover letter to the company and explain why are you the most suitable candidate for this job. **You may include other necessary details.** Your letter should be about 150 - 200 words.

Question 4 (25 marks)

Choose any ONE (1) of the essay topics below and write an essay of 250 -300 words.

1. Discuss the causes of bullying among secondary school students.
2. "Should university incorporate creative thinking skills in its course structures?" Choose your stand and support it with valid evidence.
3. Write an article to persuade university students to get involve in extracurricular activities actively.

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