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ENL 1212: ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS 2

FINAL EXAMINATION: JUNE 2015 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 Smoking is the largest preventable cause of premature death, illness and disability. There is voluminous research to prove beyond a doubt that smoking is harmful to the health of smokers and to those around them.
- 2 One of the most serious consequences of smoking is cardiovascular disease. Smoking increases threefold the risk of a heart attack. Studies have shown that there is a positive relationship between the number of packs of cigarettes consumed and the incidence of heart attacks. Nicotine, a component of cigarette smoke, is a stimulant which increases the heart rate and blood pressure. Another constituent of cigarette smoke, carbon monoxide, is even more significant than nicotine in causing heart problems. It causes cardiac deterioration as it greatly reduces the amount of oxygen delivered to the heart.
- 3 Another health problem frequently associated with smoking is lung cancer. On the average, smokers are ten times more likely to die from lung cancer than non-smokers. This is because cigarette tars, which constantly come into contact with the respiratory tract, slowly kill off and replace normal cells with cancer cells. In addition, many of the substances found in cigarette smoke contain carcinogens and these are known to cause cancer.
- 4 A less well-known lung ailment caused by smoking is emphysema. The villain in this case is again tar. As cigarette tars accumulate in the bronchial tubes, they prevent the easy exhalation of air inhaled into the lungs. The emphysematic process eventually causes tissues to rupture and scar tissues develop as a result. This reduces the elasticity of the lungs. In severe cases, patients cannot even blow out a candle held an inch in front of them.
- 5 Smoking does not affect only the respiratory system. More smokers than non-smokers suffer from painful peptic ulcers which may occur in the stomach or the duodenum. Although evidence linking smoking to peptic ulcers is inconclusive, it certainly delays the healing of existing ulcers.

- 6 Women planning to start a family should not smoke. It has been shown that smokers are 30% less fertile than non-smokers. Women who are pregnant have even more reason to avoid smoking. Smoking during pregnancy increases the risk of miscarriage, premature birth or delivering a low-birth weight baby.
- 7 Compared to the mortality rate of cigarette smokers, the mortality rate of cigar and pipe smokers is lower. This does not mean that smoking cigars or pipes is safe. This is because cigar and pipe smokers are more likely to be victims of lip, mouth, or larynx cancer than lung cancer. Since these cancers are easier to detect than lung cancer, they can be treated earlier and thus, fewer deaths occur.
- 8 Despite such strong evidence linking smoking to health problems and mortality rates, people still choose to subject their bodies to the harmful effects of tobacco smoke. Perhaps the only way to reduce smoking is to make it illegal. That, unfortunately, will never happen as tobacco industry is too big a money-maker to be forsaken.

1. Give a suitable title for the passage. (2 marks)
2. In what way does nicotine contribute to incidence of heart attacks? (2 marks)
3. Why do smokers have high tendency to die from lung cancer compared to non-smokers? (2 marks)
4. Why should a pregnant woman not smoke? (2 marks)
5. What will happen to the tobacco industry if smoking is made illegal? Explain your answer. (2 marks)
6. Explain the phrase “...*there is a positive relationship between the number of packs of cigarettes consumed and the incidence of heart attacks*” **in your own words.** (2 marks)
7. How does carbon monoxide cause heart problems? (2 marks)
8. In certain cases, smokers who suffer from emphysema cannot even blow out a candle which is held in front of them. Why does this happen? (2 marks)
9. Why does the writer state evidence linking smoking to peptic ulcers is inconclusive? (2 marks)
10. How does a smoker get emphysema? Explain using **your own words.** (3 marks)

11. Match the following words with word from the passage. (4 marks)

- a. large in number or quantity (para1)
- b. substances that produce cancer (para 3)
- c. disease/illness (para 4)
- d. basis for belief or disbelief/proofs (para 8)

Question 2 (20 marks)

Write a summary of how smoking affects people's health. **USE ONLY THE MATERIALS FROM PARAGRAPH 2 TO PARAGRAPH 6.** Your summary must be in continuous writing (not note form) and it must not be longer than 150 words.

Begin the summary with the following:

One of the most serious...

Question 3 (30 marks)

Section A (10 marks)

You are asked to debate on a topic "Marijuana is harmful to human's health". You argue for the *motion*. State whether the following sentences are relevant (R) or irrelevant (IR) to support your view.

1. Marijuana is harmful in many ways, including brain damage, damage to the reproductive system, and weakening of the immune system.
2. More current studies of people who are heavy marijuana smokers show no evidence of brain damage.
3. Several studies of the effects of marijuana on the human reproductive and immune systems have failed to demonstrate adverse effects.
4. According to government surveys, a conservative estimate of 80 million American has tried marijuana in their life, and 20 million admit to using it recently.
5. Most people who use marijuana most often quit on their own before the age of 34.
6. People who use marijuana often become addicted to it.

7. Marijuana overdose has never been a sole reported as cause of death.
8. Some argue that Heath's tests of the monkey's brain seemed to show conclusive evidence of brain damage when marijuana is used.
9. Marijuana is a "gateway drug" that leads the users to venture into much harder drugs.
10. Reports show that the use of cocaine and heroin has significantly decreased as many people use marijuana as recreational drug.

Section B (20 marks)

You ordered a carved Swiss knife from an online shop as a gift for a friend's birthday. The company was late in sending the gift to you and you were unhappy with it. You found that the knife was not attractive at all unlike what they have put in the advertisement. Besides, they have carved the name wrongly. On top of that, the color of the knife was also not the color that you have ordered. Write a complaint letter to the company and ask for a refund. **You may invent 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 environmental pollution in the world.
2. "Should students be allowed to own credit card?" Choose your stand and support it with valid evidence.
3. Write an article to persuade students to eat breakfast every day.

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