

**FINAL  
ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT**

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Session	:	<u>April 2020</u>
Programme	:	<u>Diploma in Business (DIB) Diploma in Mass Communication (DMCN) Diploma In Finance (DIF) Diploma In E=Commerce (DEC) Diploma In Entrepreneurship (DENT)</u>
Course	:	<u>ENL2103: English For Academic Purpose</u>
Date of Examination	:	<u>August 5, 2020 (Wednesday)</u>
Time	:	<u>8:00am – 10:30am</u> Reading Time : <u>Nil</u>
Duration	:	<u>2 Hours : 30 Minutes</u>
<b>Special Instructions</b>	:	<b>Answer all FOUR (4) questions. Answer ALL questions in A4 FOOLSCAP PAPER.</b>
Materials permitted	:	<u>Nil</u>
Materials provided	:	<u>Nil</u>
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*This paper consists of 7 printed pages, including the cover page*

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**Instruction:** This paper consist of **FOUR (4)** questions. Answer **ALL** the questions.

**Question 1** **(20 Marks)**

Fill in the blanks with the most suitable words given below.

Therefore	Despite	Moreover	Afterwards	Such as	Indeed	Namely
Similarly	On the contrary	So	Consequently	Yet	Even though	Especially
Before	As a result	No Matter	Because of	In Fact	Comparatively	But

1. In the last few years, revenue from the manufacturing sector has been on the decline. \_\_\_\_\_, revenue from the hospitality industry enjoys a healthy growth.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ the invention of the mobile devices, people spent more of their leisure time reading books and catching up with their family and friends.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ I am allergic to flowers, he still bought me a bouquet of roses.
4. Road users complain bitterly about potholes in the streets and constant malfunction of the traffic lights, \_\_\_\_\_ they resist paying higher taxes for the improvement of these services.
5. Jogging in the park can make people more aware of their physical surroundings, \_\_\_\_\_ the scent of the honeysuckle or the flowering trees.
6. Some people built their houses very close to the shoreline. \_\_\_\_\_, they had had to spend a lot of money trying to protect their property from the sea.
7. Science-fiction writer, Arthur C. Clarke, correctly predicted that satellites would be used for communication. \_\_\_\_\_, he correctly predicted that 1959 would be the year the first rocket to the moon will be launched.
8. Although it is important to cook meat thoroughly, overcooking presents its own danger, \_\_\_\_\_ cancer.
9. Higher paid employees, \_\_\_\_\_, contribute less of their income to taxes than lower paid people do.

10. They have never been to the beach; \_\_\_\_\_ , they are not sure if they will enjoy it.
11. I am not brave at all; \_\_\_\_\_, I am terrible at sports.
12. The girls wanted an ice cream cone, \_\_\_\_\_ they left the park early.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ the US-Iran tensions, the local stock market remains strong and stable.
14. A mother can recognize the feel of her child's skin when blindfolded. \_\_\_\_\_, she can instantly identify her baby's cry.
15. At first, I did not know which tour package I should choose, but \_\_\_\_\_, I decided on a local tour.
16. The bond investors target Asian markets, \_\_\_\_\_ those that have performed poorly in the recent months.
17. Even though employees are assured that their medical files are confidential, clerical staff have access to them. \_\_\_\_\_, if they are entered into a computer data base, they are available to anyone with access.
18. The profit of the company had increased only minimally this year \_\_\_\_\_ an increase in production costs attributable to rise in fuel prices.
19. A series of massive bush fires fueled the Australian continent. \_\_\_\_\_, more than a million animals were left dead and thousands of people became homeless.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ how long you have been using tobacco, you can still overcome your addiction to it.

**Question 2****(30 Marks)**

Provide a short summary for **ALL** the following passages. Each summary should be about **40 to 50 words**.

**Passage 1****(10 Marks)**

When an individual drives a car, heats a house, or uses an aerosol hairspray, greenhouse gases are produced. In economic terms, this creates a classic negative externality. Most of the cost (in this case, those arising from global warming) are borne by individuals other than the one making the decision about how many miles to drive or how much hairspray to use. Because the driver (or sprayer) enjoys all the benefits of the activities but suffers only part of the cost, that individual engages in more than the economically efficient amount of the activity. In this sense, the problem of greenhouse gases parallels the problem that occurs when someone smokes a cigarette in an enclosed space or litters the countryside with fast-food wrappers. If we are to get individuals to reduce production of greenhouse gases to the efficient rate, we must somehow induce them to act as though they bear all the costs of their actions. The two most widely accepted means of doing this are government regulation and taxation, both of which have been proposed to deal with greenhouse gases.

*(Source: Anonymous)*

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**Passage 2****(10 Marks)**

Cheese sandwiches can be grilled so that the bread toasts and the cheese melts, a dish referred to as a grilled cheese sandwich or simply grilled cheese. A grilled cheese is often heated by placing the buttered slices of bread, with the cheese between the slices, on a frying pan or griddle. Another form of cooked cheese sandwich is the cheese toastie or toastie, a dish particularly popular in the United Kingdom that is prepared by either baking or grilling a cheese sandwich in an oven, or toasting bag in an electric toaster, or using a pie iron in order to toast the bread and melt the cheese. Cheddar is the most common cheese used in a toastie. It is usually served as a snack, or as a usually lunchtime meal, in most cases with a side of salad. Cooked bread and cheese is an ancient food according to food historians, popular across the world in many cultures. Evidence indicates that in the U.S., the modern version of the grilled

cheese sandwich originated in the 1920s when inexpensive sliced bread and American cheese became readily available. The cheese dream, an open-faced grilled cheese sandwich, became popular in the U.S. during the Great Depression.

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**Passage 3**

**(10 Marks)**

The idea of parallel universes once consigned to science fiction, is now becoming responsible among scientists – at least, among physicists, who have a tendency to push ideas to the limits of what is conceivable. In fact, there are almost too many other potential universes. Physicists have proposed several candidate forms of “multiverse”, each made possible by a different aspect of the laws of physics. The trouble is, virtually by definition we probably cannot ever visit these other universes to confirm that they exist. So the question is, can we devise other ways to test for the existence of entire universes that we cannot see or touch? In at least some of these alternative universes, it has been suggested, we have doppelgangers living lives much like – perhaps almost identical too – our own. That idea tickles our ego and awakens our fantasies, which is doubtless why the multiverse theories, however far-out they seem, enjoy so much popularity. We have embraced alternative universes in works of fiction ranging from Philip K Dick’s *The Man in the High Castle* to movies like *Sliding Doors*. Indeed, there is nothing new about the idea of a multiverse, as a philosopher of religion. Mary-Jane Rubenstein explains in her 2014 book *Worlds Without End*. In the mid-16th century, Copernicus argued that the Earth is not the centre of the Universe. Several decades later, Galileo’s telescope showed him stars beyond measure: a glimpse of the vastness of the cosmos. So at the end of the 16th century, the Italian philosopher Giordano Bruno speculated that the Universe might be infinite, populated by an infinite number of inhabited worlds.

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**Question 3****(20 Marks)**

Write out an outline for a five- paragraph essay for **ONE (1)** of the topics below.

1. Although artificial intelligence improves our world in many ways, but there are concerns about its negative impacts. Explain how artificial intelligence has affected the world negatively.
2. Explain the differences between Online trading and Traditional commerce
3. Mental health issues are increasing significantly among children lately. Are parents responsible for their child's mental health? Discuss.

*Follow the given outline format if you have chosen topic 1 or 2.*

Thesis statement: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 marks)

Topic sentence 1: \_\_\_\_\_ (2 marks)

Supporting sentences: A: \_\_\_\_\_  
 B: \_\_\_\_\_  
 C: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 marks)

Topic sentence 2: \_\_\_\_\_ (2 marks)

Supporting sentences: A: \_\_\_\_\_  
 B: \_\_\_\_\_  
 C: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 marks)

Topic sentence 3: \_\_\_\_\_ (2 marks)

Supporting sentences: A: \_\_\_\_\_  
 B: \_\_\_\_\_  
 C: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 marks)

Concluding statement: \_\_\_\_\_ (2 marks)

**ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY ONLY**-Your essay outline should be written in the following format if you have chosen topic 3:

Thesis statement: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 marks)

Topic sentence 1: \_\_\_\_\_ (2 marks)

Supporting sentences: A: \_\_\_\_\_  
B: \_\_\_\_\_  
C: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 marks)

Topic sentence 2: \_\_\_\_\_ (2 marks)

Supporting sentences: A: \_\_\_\_\_  
B: \_\_\_\_\_  
C: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 marks)

Topic sentence 3 (Counter Argument): \_\_\_\_\_ (2 marks)

Refutation 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Refutation 2: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 marks)

Concluding statement: \_\_\_\_\_ (2 marks)

**Question 4 (30 Marks)**

Based on your outline in Question 3, **develop a five- paragraph essay** of about **400 words**.

**~The End~**

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