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Examination Paper

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Course : ENL2103: English For Academic Purposes

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Time : 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Reading Time : Nil

Duration : 2 Hours

Special Instructions :

Answer **All** the questions. Write your answers in the answer booklet provided.

Materials permitted : Nil

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

QUESTION 1

(20 marks)

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate transition words. You may use the words more than once.

in fact	however	in addition	since	therefore
until	unless	although	in contrast	nevertheless
even though	consequently	for instance	so	otherwise
furthermore	likewise	but	indeed	subsequently

1. My classmate's handwriting is always so neat; _____, mine is a total mess.
2. You are not eligible for a subsidized MRT pass _____ you are a full-time student.
3. Alcohol can delay the speed of your response; _____, you should never drink and drive.
4. The student's essay was badly written. _____, it was too short.
5. We hope to receive the order on time; _____ we will have to cancel.
6. I love drinking coffee, _____ it keeps me awake at night.
7. Our company has expanded, _____ we hired new personnel.
8. _____ the boss arrives, I am the one who makes the rules.
9. _____ last week she has not been the same.
10. Global warming has had several impacts on wildlife in Northern Canada. _____, the polar bear has begun to inhabit more southern areas than in the past.
11. Melissa does not like Italian food, _____ she does not eat pasta or pizza.

12. Business administration graduates can obtain jobs in many different professions. _____, people who are unsure of their career paths often choose general business programmes.
13. The article shows several examples of energy-saving technology. _____, very few of the examples are suitable for low-income families.
14. Reading is an excellent way to increase your vocabulary. _____, it can also help you improve your grammar.
15. _____ they tried hard, the students could not complete the project in time as they were lacking in skills and knowledge.
16. There are several course options in this programme. _____, biotechnology, chemistry, and biochemistry are all excellent choices.
17. The professor discussed the sleeping habits of elephants. _____, she did not explain the topic in detail.
18. When you begin an exercise programme, you must be careful not to overdo it. Joel, _____, hurt his back by exercising too hard without warming up first.
19. He should not have used the office property, _____ he ought not to have been in the building at all outside the office hours.
20. The use of emails has increased in the past few years. _____, the use of fax machines has declined.

QUESTION 2**(30 marks)**

Provide a short summary for ALL the following passages.
Each summary should be about 20 to 25 words.

Passage 1

Obesity is a huge problem in many Western countries and one which now attracts considerable medical interest as researchers take up the challenge to find a 'cure' for the common condition of being seriously overweight. However, rather than take responsibility for their weight, obese people have often sought solace in the excuse that they have a slow metabolism. The argument goes like this: it does not matter how little they eat, they gain weight because their bodies break down food and turn it into energy more slowly than those with a so-called normal metabolic rate.

*Summary 1:***(10 marks)*****Passage 2***

Americans of all income levels are now able to spend much more of their money on having fun. One obvious cause is that real income overall has risen. If Americans in general are richer, their consumption of entertainment goods is less likely to be affected by changes in their income. However, some reckon that rising incomes are responsible for, at most, half of the changing structure of leisure spending. Much of the rest may be due to the fact that poorer Americans have more time off than they used to. In earlier years, low-wage workers faced extremely long hours and enjoyed few days off. But since the 1940s, the less skilled have worked ever-fewer hours, giving them more time to enjoy leisure pursuits.

*Summary 2:***(10 marks)*****Passage 3***

Some bullies attack their targets physically, which can mean anything from shoving or tripping to punching or hitting, or even sexual-assault. Others use psychological control or verbal insults to put themselves in charge. For example, people in popular groups or cliques often bully people they categorize as different by excluding them or gossiping about them (psychological bullying). They may also taunt or tease their targets. Verbal bullying can also involve cyberbullying – sending cruel texts, messages, or posting insults about a person on Facebook or other social sites.

*Summary 3:***(10 marks)**

QUESTION 3

(20 marks)

Write out an outline for **ONE (1)** of the topics below:

- 1) What would the effects of illegal immigration be on a country? (*Cause and Effect*)
- 2) Textbooks should be replaced with i-Pads and online resources. Argue *FOR* or *AGAINST* this topic. (*Argumentative*)
- 3) Living in a big city or staying in a village. Which is better? (*Compare OR Contrast*)

Follow the given outline format –

Thesis statement: _____ *Do not write here* (3 marks)

Topic sentence 1: _____ *Do not write here* (2 marks)

Supporting sentences:

A: _____ *Do not write here*
B: _____ *Do not write here*
C: _____ *Do not write here* (3 marks)

Topic sentence 2: _____ *Do not write here* (2 marks)

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Topic sentence 3: _____ *Do not write here* (2 marks)

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Concluding statement: _____ *Do not write here* (2 marks)

QUESTION 4

(30 marks)

Based on your outline in QUESTION 3, develop an essay between 350 to 400 words.

~THE END~

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