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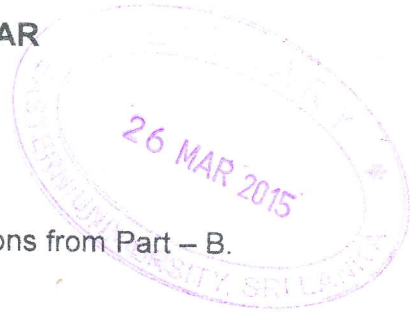
FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN ARTS AND CULTURE  
(2012/2013) – JANUARY 2015

EN - 1112 ADVANCED GRAMMAR

Time: Two (02) Hours.

Instruction to the candidates

- Answer the first question and any three other questions from Part – B.
- Altogether you must answer four questions.
- Each question carries equal marks.
- Give suitable examples for each answer in Part – B
- Marks will be deducted for wrong spellings and wrong grammar.



Part – A

1. Write a summary of the following passage:

Water is a valuable natural resource. Pure water is colorless, odorless, and tasteless. But it is not at all simple and plain and is vital for all life on Earth. Where there is water, there is life, and where water is scarce, life has to struggle. So what is it about water that makes it so important to us? And what is it about water that makes it water? You probably know that the chemical description of water is H<sub>2</sub>O, that is, one atom of oxygen bond to two atoms of hydrogen. The hydrogen atoms are "attached" to one side of the oxygen atom, resulting in a water molecule having a positive charge on the side of the hydrogen atoms and a negative charge on the side of the oxygen atom. Since opposite electrical charges attract, water molecules tend to attract each other, making water kind of "sticky". The side with the hydrogen atoms the oxygen side (negative charge) of another water molecule.

All these water molecules attracting each other means they tend to clump together. This is why water drops are, in fact, drops! If it wasn't for some of Earth's forces, such as gravity, a drop of water would be ball shaped- a perfect sphere. Even if it doesn't form a perfect sphere on Earth, we should be happy water is sticky.

Water is called the "universal solvent" because it dissolves more substances than any other liquid. This means that wherever water goes, either through the ground or through our bodies, it takes along valuable chemicals, minerals, and nutrients. (261 words)

Part – B

2. Write a detailed note on adjectives in English language.
3. Describe the nouns and its usages.
4. What is an adverb? Give a detailed note on adverbs.
5. Clearly describe the use of articles in the English language.
6. Define the term pronoun and discuss the different usage of it.