### EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

# FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN ARTS & CULTURE- 2015/2016 (September-October 2017)

**AEL 1112** 

BASIC ENGLISH -I

lime: 02hours

#### nstructions to the candidates

- Answer all the questions on the answer sheet provided.
- Marks will be deducted for spelling errors and grammatical mistakes.
- · Read each question carefully and answer them.
- This paper consists of ...... pages.
- Time allocated for the paper is TWO (02) hours.

#### l: Read the following text and mark the correct answer on the answer sheet provided:

There were about 12,000 elephants in Sri Lanka at the beginning of this century. The elephant population today is estimated 2000-3000.

One reason for this drop in the size of the elephant population in Sri Lanka is of exporting animals. Sri Lanka has been **exporting elephants** for nearly two thousand years.

Another reason is that during the British period huge areas of the Hill country were changed from elephant habitat to human use. At the same time the elephants were thought of as pests. Therefore people who killed elephants were given money as a reward. Between 1945-1948, 3500 elephants were killed for money in the Northern Province and 2000 were killed between Galle and Hambantota.

Thirdly, although elephants were protected after independence, irrigation and housing projects have taken away more of the elephants traditional habitat.

Today elephants are like an island- surrounded by humans. This not surprisingly, leads to conflict between humans and elephants. Elephants have **seasonal migratory routes**. They like to move in search of food and water. Therefore they need large areas of land. But, as Sri Lanka's human population grows, humans take more and more of their land each year for agriculture.

This has led to more and more **conflict** between humans and elephants. In 1991, 32 humans were killed by elephants. This number **increased** to 66 in 1992, 105 in 1993, and 188 in 1994. It dropped to 90 in 1995 and rose again to 120 in 1996. There have been 190 reports of property damaged bt wild elephants in 1993, 418 in 1994 and 623 in 1996. (Adapted from – *The Island*, 5.10.97)

The writer gives three reasons for the drop in the size of the elephant population. What are they?

- 1. elephants habitats were destroyed by humans, humans used elephants for circuses, importing animals.
- 2. exporting elephants, killing animals, using elephants for religious processions.
- 3. importing animals, elephants habitats were used for irrigation projects, they are used for heavy work.
- 4. exporting animals, elephants habitats were changed to human use, elephants habitats were used for irrigation and housing projects.

(03 Marks)

<ul> <li>B. What does the writer compare elephants to?</li> <li>1. an island encircled by humans</li> <li>2. an island surrounded by water</li> <li>3. an isle covered by food and water</li> <li>4. a place surrounded with agricultural land</li> </ul>	(03 Marks)
<ol> <li>According to the above paragraph, why do humans and elephants conflict?</li> <li>humans use elephants to do heavy work</li> <li>elephants are killed by farmers</li> <li>peoples use elephants' habitats for cultivation</li> <li>other animals attack elephants</li> </ol>	(03 Marks)
<ol> <li>Why do elephants migrate seasonally every year?</li> <li>they move to get water and food</li> <li>they go to other areas to destroy agricultural lands</li> <li>they go in search of healthy foods and pure water</li> <li>they move to kill humans</li> </ol>	(02 Marks)
Mark the <b>correct meaning</b> of the words from the passage (which are in <b>b</b> provided. Follow the instruction from <i>E to H</i>	old letters) on the answer
<ul> <li>E. Sri Lanka has been exporting elephants for nearly two thousand years.</li> <li>1. selling elephants to another country</li> <li>2. killing elephants</li> </ul>	
<ul><li>buying elephants from another country</li><li>protecting elephants</li></ul>	(03 Marks)
F. In the British period huge areas of the hill country were changed from elep  1. regular action of elephants 2. cultivated land 3. the place where animals are normally found 4. a famous place	phant <b>habitat</b> to human use (03 Marks)
G. In those days elephants were thought as pests.  1. wild animals 2. domestic animals 3. dangerous animals 4. animals that destroy plants	(03 Marks)
H. There have been 190 reports of <b>property</b> damaged by wild animals.  1. land and building 2. treasure 3. bag and baggage 4. parks and rivers	(03 Marks)
Mark the correct group of words and on the answer sheet provided. Fo	llow the instruction from $I$
<ol> <li>Find out the groups of nouns in the following:</li> <li>pest, money, Northern</li> <li>pest, people, money</li> <li>kill, pest, protect</li> </ol>	(04
J. Find out the groups of verbs in the following:  1. kill, protect, move 2. pest, huge, move 3. people, protect, Northern 4. pest, people, protect	(04
<ul> <li>K. Find out the groups of adjectives in the following:</li> <li>1. people, Northern, kill</li> <li>2. pest, British, Northern</li> <li>3. kill, protect, Northern</li> <li>4. Northern, British, huge</li> </ul>	4 Marks)

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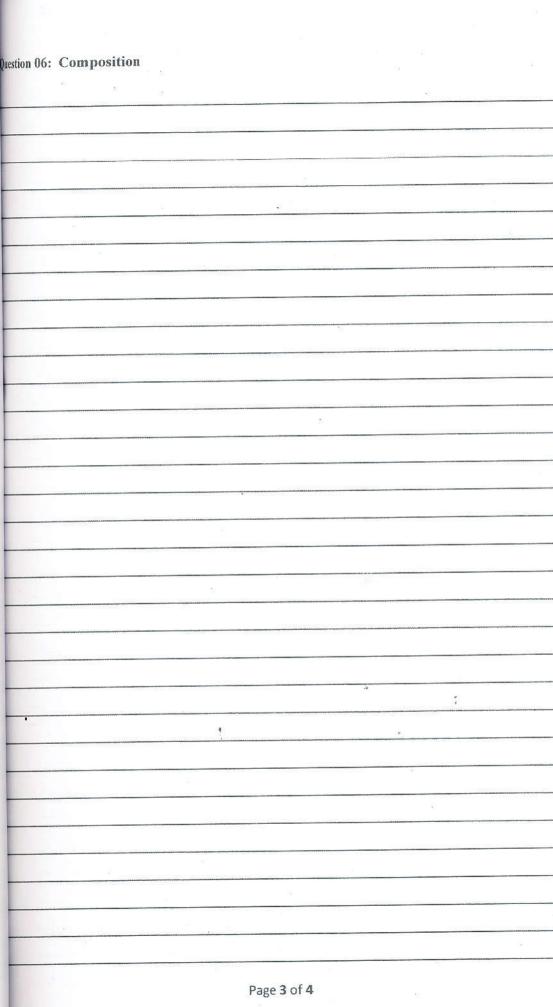
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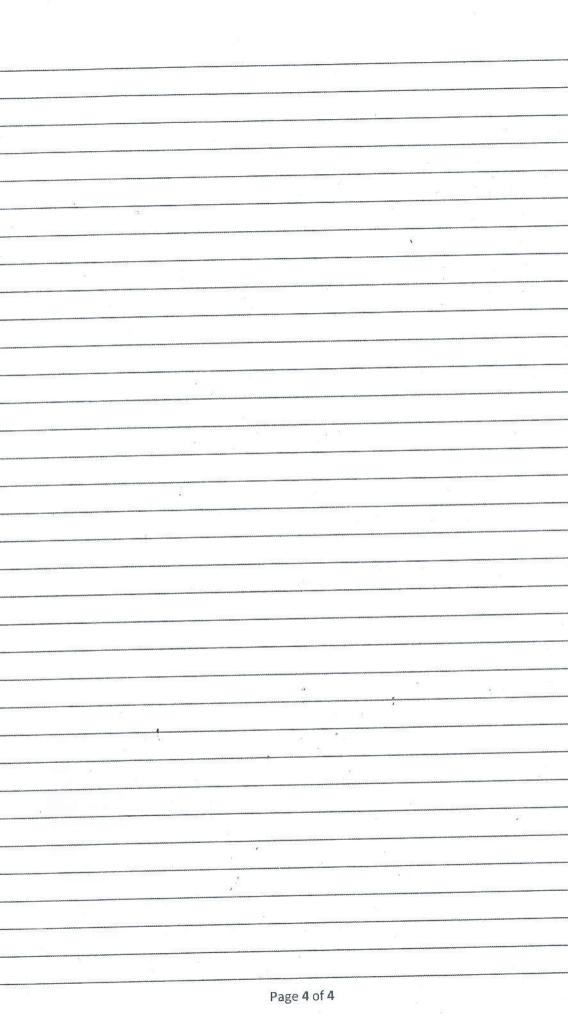
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Q6. Write a composition on any one of the following topics in about 200 words.

A. Your first day at the University

B. A hobby you enjoy

C. Your future plan.

(Total: 20Marks)