



EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

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NEL 3210 Advanced General English-II

Time: 02 hours

Index No:

Instructions to the candidates:

1. Duration: Two (02) Hours
2. Answer all questions on the paper itself.
3. Marks will be deducted for wrong spellings and grammar.
4. Read each question carefully and answer them.
5. This paper consists of six (06) pages.
6. Write your Index Number clearly on the space given.

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Question Number

Marks Obtained

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Q.1) Read the following letter and answer the questions in complete sentences using your own ideas.

Home Makers Pvt Ltd,
Town Hall street,
Borella.
19.11.2016

The Sales Manager,
Rejeevans Pvt Ltd,
Templers Road,
Mount Lavenia.

Dear Mr. Gamini,

Mr.G.Prasanna, who is a salesman with your firm, has applied for the **position** of Sales Manager with us.

We would **glad** if you would kindly let us know, **in confidence**, your opinion of his character and ability and his relations with other members of **your staff**.

A short list of the applicants has been prepared, and as the directors meet on 6th Dec, to make the appointment. It would be appreciated if we could have your reply by 1st Dec at the latest.

Yours sincerely,
(K.Vishal)
Personal Manager

Section - I

a) What is Mr. Gamini?

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b) Where does Prasanna work now?

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c) Why is Mr. Vishal writing to the Sales Manager of Rajeevans?

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d) Is Prasanna the only applicant? Give reasons for your answer.

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e) What information is sought by Mr. Vishal about Mr. Prasanna?

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f) Why is it necessary for Mr. Vishal to receive information about Mr. Prasanna before 1st Dec?

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(02x05=10 Marks)

Section - II

Give the meanings of the following words which are on bold types on the text.

a) position.....

b) glad.....

c) In confidence.....

d) Your staff.....

e) Appreciated

(02x05=10 marks)

(Total – 20 Marks)

Q.2) Complete the following text by selecting the right preposition. You may use them more than once.

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Trees do much more than making our world beautiful. They are civilizations' life line; ensuring the air we breathe is cleaner, water is safer 1)use and available in adequate quantities 2) drinking, while providing electricity and sustaining agriculture. Trees conserve the fertility 3).....soil and improve nutrient cycling, which reduces our dependence 4) harmful fertilizers. Trees also act 5) a barrier 6)..... erosion and minimize siltation 7) tanks, rivers and reservoirs. Adequate tree cover ensures high biodiversity and environmental stability. Forests play a crucial role 8) reducing natural disasters such as floods, droughts, landslides and storm surges. Planting trees 9) streets and spaces can reduce urban heat island effects and lessen the associated cost 10).....cooling.

(10 marks)

Q.4) Summarizing

Write down the main idea of the following paragraphs in one sentence each, using your own words. Use a maximum of **10 – 20** words for each summarized sentence.

- 1) Plants cannot live if their shoots do not grow towards sunlight. The leaves must expose the greatest possible surface to sunlight to assist the manufacture of food. This process of manufacturing food by the plant with the help of sunlight is called photosynthesis.

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- 2) Antibiotics remain our most effective weapon against disease-causing bacteria. Antibiotics have the power to save lives and prevent illness. But when they are overused or misused, these drugs make a person more vulnerable to attack by a superbug.

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- 3) Tea Researchers have found that tea can have powerful effect on levels of cholesterol in the blood stream. The level of cholesterol is considered an important factor in the development of heart disease and heart attack risk. A 2002 US study showed that tea can lower bad cholesterol levels considerably.

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- 4) Five students, including the driver, were injured in an accident. Their vehicle ran off the road and hit against a parapet wall at Vellavattai. It was a school van proceeding to Colombo. It was taking students to some schools there.

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5) Two weeks before the prize giving, the class teacher addressed the class. "Our prize giving is very close now. All the children must come dressed well in clean clothes. Specially Nayomi and Sugath must come dressed well. These two are getting prizes."

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(05x05=25 marks)

Q.5) Select a topic of your own choice and develop five power-point slides on the selected subject. Consider the following points in preparing the slides.

- Do not write paragraphs
- Slate the key points / ideas only
- Your main points should be error free

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