

Eastern University, Sri Lanka

Faculty of Arts and Culture

First Year First Semester Examination in Arts and Culture 2011/2012
(Special Repeat)

ENG – 1101 Grammar and Composition

Time: Two Hours

Instruction to the candidates

Answer any four questions selecting at least one from each section.
Each question carries 25 marks.
Use appropriate examples whenever necessary.

Section – A

1. Write a detailed note on adverbs with suitable examples.
2. Discuss the use of articles in the English language.
3. What is an adjective? Write different types of adjectives in the English language.

Section - B

4. Summarize the following passage.

There was a man who worked all of his life and saved all of his money. He was a real miser when it came to his money. He loved money more than just about anything, and just before he died, he said to his wife, "Now listen, when I die, I want you to take all my money and place it in the casket with me. I want to take my money to the afterlife."

So he got his wife to promise him with all her heart that when he died, she would put all the money in the casket with him.

Well, one day he died. He was stretched out in the casket, the wife was sitting there in black next to her closest friend. When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said "Wait just a minute!"

She had a shoe box with her, she came over with the box and placed it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket down and rolled it away. Her friend said, "I hope you weren't crazy enough to put all that money in the casket."

"Yes," the wife said, "I promised. I'm a good Christian, I can't lie. I promised him that I was going to put that money in that casket with him."

"You mean to tell me you put every cent of his money in the casket with him?"

"I sure did. I got it all together, put it into my account and I wrote him a cheque."

5. Write an essay on how English language can be developed through teaching English literature in about 350 to 400 words.
6. Paraphrase the following poem in about 150 to 200 words and write which aspects of the poem you like in it.

"Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening," by Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.