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The following seeks only to provide examples of the kinds of questions which are set. These vary from test, and some sorts of items may not appear here. Among the areas tested are: grammar, punctuation, spelling, vocabulary, general editing, equivalent sentences, summary, reading comprehension.

*In Part 1 the questions **will** use the Multiple Choice format.*

Students are required to write an essay of between 750 and 800 words. Essays should show ability to develop and organise ideas into coherent paragraphs, to construct a good introduction and conclusion.



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

MAIN CAMPUS

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST

Year..20...

CANDIDATE'S NAME:

ID NUMBER:

TERRITORY :

CENTRE:

TIME: 2 HRS

This paper has TWO main sections and eight (8) questions:

N.B. Candidates are required to pass BOTH Sections I and II.

Read ALL of the instructions on the front of this paper before you start to work.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1 Be careful to supply ALL of the information requested on the booklet.*
- 2 Answer ALL questions in Sections 1 to 7.*
- 3 Answer the multiple choice questions (Sections 1 to 7) ON THE SPECIALLY PREPARED MULTIPLE CHOICE ANSWER SHEET ATTACHED.*
- 4 For each question you are given four options: A, B, C or D. Select the option that you consider to be correct by circling and shading the appropriate letter on the sheet provided.*
- 5 Write your essay on the ruled paper provided AT THE BACK THIS BOOKLET*

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE HANDED IN AT THE END OF THE EXAMINATION

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1. Punctuation

Read the sentences below and examine the underlined parts to determine whether there is an error. If there is an error, choose either Option A or B or C. If there is no error, choose Option D.

Computers' cannot think; or can they? No error
 A B C D

It's goal is to shuffle and display, without error, all possible variations of
 A B
one's original ideas. No error
 C D

This story's value lies, in helping you create a multitude of options for
 A B
 developing your ideas. No error
 C D

2. Spelling

Read each of the following sentences to detect whether there are any errors of spelling.

The programme enables you to explore possibilitys and it helps you to break out
 A B C
 of ruts.
 D

It was an elicit act for her to drive the car after she had lost her license. No error
 A B C D

The princaple of equal justice for all is one of the cornerstones of our democratic
 A B C
 way of life. No error
 D

3. SENTENCE COMPLETION

From the options A, B, C, or D, select the one that best completes each sentence

He had neither done his homework

- A or completed his house hold chores.
- B nor completed his household chores.
- C but he had not completed his household chores.
- D and he not completed his household chores.

But for his pension he

- A. was able to purchase an expensive radio.
- B. is in a very comfortable position.
- C. would not be able to survive.
- D. could afford basic amenities.

4. ACCURACY of EXPRESSION

Each of the following sentences an underlined expression. Study the sentences and select the option in which the expression correct, and used correctly.

- A On a hold, the new business has been a success
- B On the whole, the new business has been a success
- C On a hole, the new business has been a success
- D In the whole, the new business has been a success

- A In so far as he started the term late, he has completed a satisfactory course
- B In so far as the weather is concerned, we are still having the picnic
- C In so far as he had too much wine, he is drunk.
- D In so far as we know, the semester lasts twelve weeks

- A A far cry from the village indicated that there was a problem
- B A far cry exists between the ages of these two married people
- C Her living conditions now are a far cry from the luxury of her real home
- D It is a far cry to say that these children are alike.

5. EQUIVALENT SENTENCES

Choose the sentence you consider to be equivalent to the one that is underlined.

41. As a high school student I was vaguely aware of V.S.Naipaul who at that time, must have been gaining a reputation.
- A I was vaguely aware of V. S. Naipaul who had a good reputation as a writer when I was at school.
- B When I was a student at high school V. S. Naipaul had gained a reputation as an excellent writer.
- C When I was a high school student I did not know much about V. S. Naipaul who was already getting to be known.
- D I was not at all aware of the reputation of V. S. Naipaul when I was a student in high school.
42. Today the young women want the freedom that we won, but they do not want to acknowledge the risk.
- A These young women object to acknowledging the risk that gaining freedom requires.
- B Nowadays certain young women desire the freedom without recognizing what we risked for it.
- C Nowadays young women who want the freedom women enjoy need to realize the risks that were taken to get it.
- D These young women want to be free but they fail to realize how much risk it costs

6. SUMMARY

At the end of each passage below, four statements A, B, C, and D are given. Read each passage and select the statement that best summarises the passage.

Passage 1

At the centre of the feminist critique is the recognition that women have been forced to accept an inferior role in society, and that we have come to believe in our own inferiority. Women are taught to be passive, dependent, submissive, not to pursue careers but to be taken care of and protected. Even those who seek outside work lack confidence and self-esteem. Most of us are forced into menial and unsatisfying jobs: more than three-quarters of us are clerks, sales personnel, or factory and service workers, and a fifth of the women with B.A. degrees are secretaries.

- (A) The passive, dependent and submissive roles women have

been socialized into have resulted in a lack of ambition on their part.

- (B) The conclusion that women are socialized into and have accepted an inferior and dependent role in society is supported by the lower-level jobs most women (even graduates) are forced into accepting.
 - (C) A majority of women find themselves in menial and unsatisfying jobs, not by their own choice, but because they are forced into them through lack of other options.
 - (D) It is a lack of confidence and self-esteem that causes women to accept careers that are less than satisfactory, even though only a fifth of the women with B.A. degrees are secretaries.
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7. ESSAY

Write an essay of approximately 750 – 800 words on one of the following topics. Put an X in the box next to the topic you have selected.

- (a) Integration of Caribbean nations
- (b) Computers—a new form of intelligent life
- (c) The impact of the war in Iraq on Caribbean nations
- (d) How to prepare for University life.