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ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING UNIT

PROFICIENCY EXAM  
2006-2007 ACADEMIC YEAR

Day 1

LISTENING PAPER  
(20 Marks)- 40 Minutes

READING PAPER  
(25 marks) 40 Minutes

WRITING PAPER  
(25 marks)-40 minutes

GRAMMAR PAPER  
(20 marks) 40 Minutes

Day 2

SPEAKING TEST(10 marks)

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In the Proficiency Examination, there are 5 sections.

Day 1. listening, reading, writing, and grammar

Day 2. speaking

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SAMPLE QUESTION TYPES FOR DIFFERENT SECTIONS:

LISTENING PAPER

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I. You will hear a passage about "Home Computers." Fill in the table by listening to the text from the tape recorder. You will listen to the tape twice.

Title of computer program used    What does the program do?

1.

2.

3.

II. Listen to the lecture and take notes in the space below. You will listen to the tape twice.

The Changing U.S. Job Market

I. Change in work force: ..... to ..... econ.

A. Definitions

1 .....

2 ..... :

II. ....

A. Manufacturing: .....

1..... 2

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B. Significant

- 1..... 2
- .....
- B. Service jobs: .....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- a. eg.: .....
- b. eg.: .....
- III. Problems (=results)
- A.....
- B.....
- IV. Conclusion: .....

READING PAPER

Name and Surname:

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ATTENTION!

WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE BOOKLET, MARK YOUR ANSWERS IN THE "ANSWER SHEET" YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN.

Headaches

The causes of headaches, whether they are the common kind of tension or migraine headaches, or any other kind, are usually the same. During periods of stress, muscles in the neck, head and face are contracted so tightly that they "exert" tremendous pressure on the nerves beneath them: headaches, taking many forms from a constant, dull pain to an insistent hammering, result.

Although at least 50% of American adults are estimated to suffer one or more headaches per week; it is the 20 million migraine sufferers who are in especial difficulties. Migraines, which are mostly suffered by women, can involve tremendous, unrelieved pain.

Migraine, which may also be caused by stress, can occur in people who "bottle up" their emotions and who are very conscientious in their performance. Escaping from stressful situations, being open with one's feelings, lowering one's expectations can help reduce the stress and so cut down on those headaches which cannot be "helped" by Aspirin and other non-prescription painkillers.

1- It can be restated from the passage that

- A) tension or migraine headaches are common to all people.
- B) headaches can have a variety of symptoms.
- C) tension or migraine headaches are suffered by at least 50% of American adults.
- D) headaches always produce the same result.

2. During periods of stress

- A) the neck, hand and face are contracted.
- B) some nerves have great pressure put on them.
- C) a constant dull pain always results.
- D) some important muscles experience hammering.

3. In America

- A) a majority of adults has at least one headache a week.
- B) only women suffer migraines.
- C) over 20 million men suffer migraines.
- D) a majority of the headaches suffered are migraine headaches.

4- A restatement of the second sentence of the second paragraph could be

- A) Women suffer tremendous, unrelieved pain when they have migraines
- B) All sufferers of migraine, usually women, can experience a great, continuous pain.
- C) Female migraine sufferers experience great, continuous pain.
- D) Migraines are associated with tremendous, unrelieved pain for the women who experience them.

5. According to the author, migraines can be caused by

- A) expectation of stress.
- B) being too worried about doing a good job.
- C) escaping from one's emotions.
- D) lowering your expectations in life.

6. Headaches can be avoided by

D) lowering your expectations in life.

6- Headaches can be avoided by

- A) taking Aspirin
- B) taking pain killers which are not on prescription.
- C) being very emotional
- D) reducing stressful situations.

7. What does the word “those headaches” in line 12 refer to?

- A) headaches that can be used easily
- B) headaches caused by working hard
- C) headaches that many people suffer from
- D) headaches which have no specific treatment.

8- What does the word “bottle up” in line 9 mean

- A) concentrate B) contain C) concept D) conceal

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WRITING PAPER

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Choose one of the topics below, and then write an essay about it within 300 words. Take into account such points as the topic sentence, supporting ideas, examples, details, facts and etc.

- The problems encountered while living in a dormitory.
- Advantages and disadvantages of living in a big city.
- The reasons for having a university education.

GRAMMAR PAPER

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A. Choose the alternative which best completes the sentence

1. How long ago.....?

- A) did they leave this city
- B) have they been living in this city
- C) had they been working in this company
- D) will they be working here

2. She got married last year. Since then she.....

- A) gave up her job
- B) is working as a teacher
- C) was living in a small town
- D) has been living in the country

3. Torn : Father was late last night. Do you know why?

Sue : I don't know. He.....

- A) can't have been late
- B) should have worked until late
- C) might have worked overtime
- D) had to finish a report

4. Anyone ..... in animals can join our club.

- A) is interested B) interested C) is interesting D) interesting

Speaking Exam

I. First of all, you will talk about yourself, your family or your home town, etc.

II. Second, you will be given a picture or a poster and you will tell us what's happening, and may make up a story which begins with this scene or ends with this scene, etc.

III. Finally, you will be given a topic to talk about or discuss within 4-5 minutes. Sample talking topics are:

- 1. What advice would you give someone who wants to succeed in his/her career?
- 2. “Young couples should lead their own lives and not worry about their parents.” Discuss.
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5. Compare the life of a woman today with that of your grandmother. What changes do you expect to see in your granddaughters' lives?
6. "Advertisements are full of lies." Attack or defend this viewpoint.
7. Explain what a bank account is for. What are its advantages and disadvantages?
8. "People should wait for what they want." Attack or defend this viewpoint.
9. "Festivals and carnivals are a waste of time and money." Discuss.
10. Is it easier to choose presents for men or for women? Discuss.