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Mid-term Examination Schedule

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Monday
Date	03/12/2013 E.C	04/12/2013 E.C	05/12/2013 E.C	06/12/2013 E.C	07/12/2013 E.C	08/12/2013 E.C	10/12/2013 E.C
Course	Maths1011	FLEn1011	SpSc1011	Psyc1011	LoCT1011	GeES1011	Phys1011

Bahir Dar University
Faculty of Humanities
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Communicative English Skills (FLEn 1011) Mid-Term Exam

Name: _____ Id. No: _____ Section_____

Time allowed: 90'

August 2021

GENERAL INSTRUCTION

This exam accounts for **30%** of the course assessment. It has eight parts. Read all the instructions and the questions carefully and answer appropriately. Write your answers on the spaces provided legibly.

INSTRUCTION 1: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

1 Bermuda Triangle, a region of the Western Atlantic Ocean, has become associated in the popular imagination with mysterious **maritime** disasters. Also known as the Devil's Triangle, the triangle-shaped area covers about 1,140,000 Sq. Km (about 440,000 Sq. miles) between the island of Bermuda, the coast of Southern Florida, and Puerto Rico.

2 The creepy reputation of the Bermuda Triangle may be traceable to reports made in the late 15th Century by navigator Christopher Columbus concerning the Sargasso sea, in which floating masses of gulfweed were regarded as **eerie** and dangerous by early sailors; others date the unpleasant reputation of **it** to the mid-19th Century, where a number of reports were made of unexplained disappearances and mysteriously abandoned ships. The earliest recorded disappearance of a United States ship in the area occurred in March 1918, when the USS Cyclopes **vanished**.

3 The incident that consolidated the reputation of the Bermuda Triangle was the disappearance in December 1945 of Flight 19, a training squadron of five US Navy torpedo bombers. It left Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with 14 crewmen and disappeared after radioing a series of distress messages; a seaplane sent in search of the squadron also disappeared. Aircraft's that have disappeared in the area since this incident include a DC-3 carrying 27 passengers in 1948 and a C-124 Globe master with 53 passengers in 1951. Among the ships that have disappeared was the tanker ship *Marine Sulphur Queen*, which vanished with 39 men **aboard** in 1963.

4 Books, articles, and television broadcasts investigating the Bermuda Triangle emphasize that, in the case of most of the disappearances, the weather was favorable, the disappearances occurred in daylight after a sudden break in radio contact, and the vessels vanished without a trace. However, skeptics point out that many supposed mysteries result from careless or biased consideration of data. For example, some losses attributed to the Bermuda Triangle actually occurred outside the area of the triangle in stormy weather conditions or in darkness, and **some** can be traced to known mechanical problems or inadequate equipment.

5 Scientific evaluations of the Bermuda Triangle have concluded that the number of disappearances in the region is not abnormal and that most of the disappearances have logical explanations. Paranormal associations with the Bermuda Triangle persist in the public mind, however.

INSTRUCTION 2: Say whether the following statements are **True** or **False** based on the information given in the passage. (1 point each)

_____1. The Bermuda Triangle covers the area between the island of Bermuda, the coast of Southern California, and Puerto Rico.

_____2. The unpleasant reputation of the Triangle is connected to the disappearance of some ships in the mid-19th century.

_____3. As a result of the conclusions of scientific evaluations of the Triangle, mystical associations with the Bermuda Triangle significantly faded.

INSTRUCTION 3: Choose the **correct answer** for each of the following questions and write the letter of your choice on the spaces provided. (1 Point each)

____4. The Bermuda Triangle is regarded in Columbus' report as a dangerous place because…

A. they saw some sunken ship.
B. their ship was drawn into the center of the place by an unknown force.
C. they considered floating gulfweeds was eerie.
D. they read the reports of other sailors who escaped from disaster.

____5. The incident that has strengthened the fear that people have for the triangle is…

A. the disappearance of the USS Cyclops.
B. the missing of a training squadron
C. some scientific evaluations.
D. the investigation of some books, articles, and television broadcasts.

INSTRUCTION 6: In the posts below, which appeared in an online forum, Adey was looking for a piece of Advice and Daniel was the first person to comment. Read what Adey posted, and complete Daniel's advice with the correct form of the words in brackets. (1 Point each)

Posted by: Adey_143
Level: Bronze user
Time: 12:33

I got divorced two years ago, after five years of marriage. I was devastated, and I thought I could never trust anyone again. Then a year ago I met a wonderful man. He came across as a really decent person, honest and reliable. I fell head over heels in love. But a month ago he suddenly stopped calling, without any explanations. I didn't hear from him until last week. He said he'd had a lot going on, but he was sorry and he wanted to start again where we left off. Should I trust him?

Leave your comment....

Posted by: Daniel1988`
Level: Silver user
Time: 12:57

Hello Adey,

I'm sorry to tell you that this guy is bad news. There's no doubt in my mind that he's using you. He (16) _____ (should/ not/ treat) you like that. If you (17) _____ (ask) me, he's acted really selfishly. Are you willing to put up with that kind of behavior, or would you rather have a more fulfilling relationship? Ask yourself how much you really care about him. I suggest you (18) _____ (refuse) to see him for a while and see what happens. If he's interested, he'll do everything he can to win you back. If not, you (19)_____ (have/ better / end) it now, before you get hurt again.

____6. Most people suspected that the mystery of the Triangle was real because…

A. most of the disappearances occurred in daylight and favorable weather conditions.
B. the people who reported the accidents were honorable ones.
C. scientific evaluations concluded that the disappearances are not abnormal.
D. All are correct.

____7. Which one of the following is not a reason why people don't believe in the Bermuda Triangle mystery?

A. Some of the incidents supposed to occur in the place actually occurred outside the triangle.
B. Some accidents are traced to known mechanical problems of inadequate equipment.
C. The number of disappearances in the region is not abnormal compared to other places.
D. None of the above is the answer.

____8. Which one of the following could be the best possible title for the passage?

A. How Ships and Airplanes Vanish in the Bermuda Triangle
B. The Mystery of Bermuda Triangle
C. Scientific Evaluation of the Bermuda Triangle
D. Vanishing into the Sea of Bermuda Triangle

INSTRUCTION 4: What do the words in bold type **refer** to in the text? (1 point each)

9. …"it"… (Paragraph 2 line 4) refers to _____
10. …"it"… (Paragraph 3 line 3) refers to _____
11. …"some"… (Paragraph 4 line 6) refers to _____

INSTRUCTION 5: Match the words presented under column A with words of their **contextual meaning** given under column B. (1 Point each)

A	B
_____ 12. maritime (paragraph 1 line 2)	A. disappear
_____ 13. eerie (paragraph 2 line 3)	B. virtuous
_____ 14. vanish (paragraph 2 line 6)	C. far away
_____ 15. aboard (paragraph 3 line 7)	D. sea
	E. destroyed
	F. on the ship
	G. strange
	H. navy force

INSTRUCTION 7: In the following transcript a journalist is interviewing a politician. Complete the blank spaces with either the **present perfect** or **simple past** form of the verbs in the brackets. (1 Point each)

INTERVIEWER: Sir, you want people to vote for you again. Our listeners want to know why.

POLITICIAN: I think our achievements are clear.

I: Well, not always. For example, under your government unemployment (20)_____(go up) by ten percent.

P: Yes, but you have to look at the international context. The price of oil (21)_____(increase) over thirty dollars last year and there (22)_____ (be) a world recession this year.

I: But now the price of oil (23) _____ (fell) again.

P: Yes, the future looks very good. Since we came to power we (24) _____ (cut) taxes two times, however the previous government (25) _____ (raise) them.

I: What about your record in Education?

P: Standards were terrible under the last government. When we (26)_____(introduce) the new education law, the results improved very quickly.

I: Thank you, sir. Now, the news....

INSTRUCTION 8: Read the email below and complete the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in the brackets in each of the **conditional sentences**. (1 Point each)

Hi Eldana,

That's good news about this good looking guy, but do you really want to go?

If I (27)_____(be) you, I wouldn't accept the invitation. It's just too risky. If you (28)_____ (go) to a night club with strangers, anything can happen. You simply don't do things like that. What would you do if you (29) _____ (want) to go back to campus and he and his friends felt like dancing all the night? How are you going to get to the campus on your own? Take it from me. I always regret that my life (30) _____(not/be) messed up if I hadn't gone out that night. I think it is always better to be safe than sorry. Sorry if I sound like your mum -:)

Take care,

Samiya