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General Instruction:

The exam has seven parts: *Paragraph Completion*, *Paragraph Development*, *Paragraph Unity*, *Inter-sentence Cohesion*, *Sentence Reorganization*, *Writing from Reading*, and *Essay Writing*. You are required to do all the questions according to the given instructions.

Part I: Paragraph Completion (3points)

A. The following paragraph does not have a topic sentence. Read the rest parts of the paragraph carefully and write the appropriate topic sentence for it in the space provided. (1.5points)

1. _____
_____.It is a very sad fact that many girls and boys in Ethiopia get married at a very young age. This is especially common in many villages all over the country, which causes them to produce extra two or more children before they are 20 or 25 years of age respectively and bring faster population increase. Besides, early marriage is very harmful because unless a man and a woman are fully grown up physically and mentally, they are not fit to take up the responsibility of becoming parents. Moreover, both should have finished their education and especially the man should have a job or be economically independent before he gets married. Therefore, we should take steps to see that, ordinarily, women get married after the age of twenty and men only after they are twenty-five.

B. The following paragraph does not have a conclusion. Read the rest parts of the paragraph and understand the details carefully. Then, write an appropriate concluding sentence to the paragraph in the space provided. (1.5 points)

2. One of the major problems we have to face today is unemployment. It is a big problem, a human problem, which we cannot ignore. Yet in looking at it, it has to be remembered that merely giving some kind of occupation to a large number of people does not ultimately increase employment or lessen unemployment. Employment comes from newer and more effective means of wealth production. The whole experience and history of the past 200 years shows that it comes through the growth of technological methods. Do not imagine that we can

effectively deal with the problem of unemployment without technological progress. We cannot. Every country which boasts of full employment today is a country which is technologically advanced. Every country which is not technologically advanced has unemployment or underemployment. _____
_____.

Part II: Paragraph Development (10 points)

Write three examples as supporting details for each of the following sentences. Make sure that the examples are specific. Write the examples/details in complete sentences.

1. *Chat/Khat* has a damaging effect on all who take it.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____

2. War has a lot of disastrous effects on human beings.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

3. Attending language classes regularly has many advantages.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

Part III: Paragraph Unity (2 points)

In the paragraphs below, UNDERLINE the sentence/s, which is/are irrelevant to the topic and thus destroy/s the unity of the 'paragraph'. (1 point each)

1. To get good grades in classes, I need to plan to do three things. First of all, listening carefully to the teacher in class makes me understand the lesson. If I listen carefully to what the teacher says, I can ask questions about things that I do not understand. I can also do the right homework that the teacher assigned. Second, doing my homework every day makes me review the lesson from class. The homework helps me to practice many things from class. I can also find questions in the homework to ask the teacher that will make my English better. Third, making an effort to study gives me the will to learn. If I do not make an effort, I will be lazy. The will to learn makes me try to finish the homework first, and then I will let myself go out with my friends. Finally, I try to make a plan to get a good grade in class, and I will abide by it.

2. The human body is a wonderful piece of work that nature has created. It is not beautiful like the body of a butterfly or peacock but it is shaped practically. It can do many types of work that other animals cannot. It is not strong like the body of a tiger. But in place of physical strength it has a big and sharp brain. By using this brain, the human physique has been able to overcome many of its limitations. By sitting in an airplane, it flies faster than a kite, by riding a motorcycle it travels faster than a leopard, and by firing a machine gun, it fights much better than a tiger. In spite of all these, the human body suffers from many diseases because it has a weakness for habits such as smoking, drinking and overeating. When it is healthy, the body can give great pleasure but when it is sick it can cause great pain. The wise man would always keep his body fit because a healthy mind can work only in a healthy body.

Part IV: Inter Sentence Cohesion (10 points)

Choose the appropriate linking words or phrases in the brackets and underline them to complete the following text.

University Professors have many duties. In the classroom, professors must lecture to the students clearly and effectively. They should encourage the

students to participate actively in the learning process by guiding them to think, and participate in open discussions, and to ask questions. _____, [(1) For example, In addition, However, In other words] a science professor lectures in the classroom and in the laboratory, _____, [(2) while, when, because, after] he or she conducts experiments.

_____, [(3) For example, In addition, However] he supervises students as they carry out their experiments. Another professor may conduct research in his field. _____, [(4) As a result, For example, In addition, However] Professor Bayu did a study of freshmen male college students and depression. He presented the scholarly paper at a conference, and _____, [(5) So, finally, first, therefore] he published it in a professional journal.

Some professors also prepare teaching materials. _____, [(6) For example, In addition, However, Besides] Professor Sulan is writing a textbook for a course he is teaching _____, [(7) because, so that, though, due to] the present textbook is inadequate.

Finally, the faculty is required to maintain office hours for student advisement. During this time, students can get help on difficult material or problems. Professors can _____, [(8) however, also, therefore, on the other hand] use this time for university-related activities. _____, [(9) In short, Finally, In addition, In fact] professors are always very busy. _____, [(10) However, Because, Moreover, Therefore,] they usually enjoy the work because it brings many challenges and personal satisfaction.

Part V: Sentence Re-organization (10 points)

The following jumbled sentences, if rearranged, go together to form a well organized paragraph which talks about anthropologists. Thus, rearrange the sentences and write their numbers in the order they should come in the paragraph. Use the space provided at the bottom to write your answers.

1. Archeologists examine different forms of social organization by looking at how humans lived.

2. They usually work in the form of participant observation; they live with the people whose culture they study for a period.
3. These anthropologists may come under different branches: physical anthropologists, archeologists, linguistic anthropologists, and cultural anthropologists.
4. Linguists involved in the field of anthropology are interested in comparing different language forms as well as different uses of language in different contexts.
5. Cultural anthropologists who record and analyze data from their participant observations are called ethnographers.
6. Many different types of scientists study human beings, but there is a special group of scientists who seem to have the most complicated job of all.
7. Physical anthropologists try to understand how humans have evolved from their ancestors over the last few million years.
8. Cultural anthropologists, on the other hand, study human behavior and compare different cultures.
9. That is, they examine how humans lived based on the information they get from the remains of the houses and objects that humans have left behind.
10. These scientists are called anthropologists, and they are people who try to understand human behavior.

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PART VI: Writing from Reading (5 points)

Read the following text and give answers for the questions that follow it.

I am a movie fanatic. When friends want to know what picture won the Oscar in 1980 or who played the police chief in Jaws, they ask me. My friends, though, have stopped asking me if I want to go out to the movies. The problems in getting to the theater, the theater itself, and the behaviors of some patrons are all reasons why I often wait for a movie to show up on TV.

The first reason is that getting to the theater causes difficulties. Leaving a home equipped with a TV and a video recorder is not an attractive idea on a humid, cold, or rainy night. Even if the weather cooperates, there is still a thirty-minute drive to the theater down a congested highway, followed by the hassle of looking for a parking space, and then there are the lines. After hooking yourself to the end of a human chain, you worry about whether there will be enough tickets, whether you will get seats together, and whether many people will sneak into the line ahead of you.

The second reason is that once you have made it to the box office and gotten your tickets, you are confronted with the problems of the theater itself. If you are in one of the run-down older theaters, you must adjust to the musty smell of seldom-cleaned carpets. Escaped springs lurk in the faded plush or cracked leather seats, and half the seats you sit in seem loose or tilted so that you sit at a strange angle. The newer twin and quad theaters offer their own problems. Sitting in an area only one-quarter the size of a regular theater, moviegoers often have to put up with the sound of the movie next door. This is especially jarring when the other movie involves racing cars or a karate war and you are trying to enjoy a quiet love story. In addition, whether the theater is old or new, it will have floors that seem to be coated with rubber cement. By the end of a movie, shoes almost have to be pried off the floor because they have become sealed to a deadly compound of spilled soda, hardening bubble gum, and crushed Ju-Jubes.

The third and most important reason is that some of the patrons are even more of a problem than the theater itself. Little kids race up and down the aisles, usually in giggling packs. Teenagers try to impress their friends by talking back to the screen, whistling, and making what they consider hilarious noises. Adults act as if they were at home in their own living rooms and comment loudly on the ages of the stars or why movies aren't as good anymore. In addition, people of all ages crinkle candy wrappers, stick gum on their seats, and drop popcorn tubs or cups of crushed ice and soda on the floor. They also cough and burp, squirm endlessly in their seats, file out for repeated trips to the rest rooms or concession stand, and elbow you out of the armrest on either side of your seat.

After arriving home from the movies one night, I decided that I was not going to be a moviegoer anymore. I was tired of the problems involved in getting to the movies and dealing with the theater itself and some of the patrons. The next day I arranged to have cable TV service installed in my home. I may now see movies a bit later than other people, but I'll be more relaxed watching box office hits in the comfort of my own living room.

A. Write the thesis statement of the text. (1 point)

B. Complete the following table using the information in the text. (4 points)

Paragraph Number	Main Idea
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Paragraph No: <u>3</u>	
Paragraph No: <u>5</u>	

Part VII: Essay Writing. (10 marks).

Write an essay of five paragraphs on one of the following topics. Be aware that your essay will be evaluated for its **organization, content, language** and **neatness**.

1. Joining my department has many benefits.
2. First year students at A.A.U experience a lot of difficulties.

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