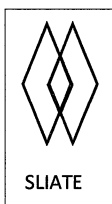


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**Higher National Diploma in English**  
**Second Year 2nd Semester Examination-2016**  
**EN: 2201 Practical and Professional Writing IV (Part Time - Repeat)**

**Instructions:**

Answer 04 questions only.

All questions carry equal marks.

No. of Pages : 03

No. of questions: 05

**Time : Two hours**

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Q.01)

Imagine that you work as a journalist of a famous Sri Lankan English newspaper and you edit the "Cinema" page of the paper. You recently noticed that a new film has grabbed the attention of the film goers. You watched it and now write a review of it for the general public. Use about 250 words.

(25 marks)

Q.02)

Write a persuasive and argumentative article on the government's recently taken decision to give tabs to Advanced Level students in schools. Give a suitable title to your article.

(25 marks)

Q.03)

- a) Write a story based on your imagination starting with the given sentence. Provide a title. Use about 250 words.

"While I was walking along the road one day, I happened to notice a small brown diary lying on the pavement. I picked it up and....."

(15 marks)

b) Read the following outline. Imagine you are the Kandy correspondent. Then, using the information provided build up a newsreport. Supply a suitable title for the news report.

- An eight year old girl
- Mother in Middle East – no news from her for 2 years father says
- Father went Rajanganaya in search of a job
- Girl lived with grandmother in Digana
- Snake bite, girl died
- On the way from temple with grand mother
- Autopsy conducted by J.M.O. Kandy Teaching Hospital

(10 marks)

Q.04)

Write a précis of the following in about 120 words. Suggest a title for your précis.

Today, with just twenty-six letters, we can write a letter to our friends or answer an examination question. Thousands of years ago, there was no writing system at all. News, knowledge and information were passed on from one person to another by word of mouth. If you ever played 'rumor clinic' where a cognate message is passed from one person to another down the chain by mouth, you will understand the inefficiency of the system. Messages passed down are unreliable as the speakers may mix up or lose part of the information.

The first written language was invented by the early cave man. They tied bits of animal hair together to form brushes and painted pictures on the cave wall, telling their friends about their hunts. It was after several centuries that different writing systems like the Chinese characters and hieroglyphs in Egypt were invented. The alphabetical system that we are using currently also came about only after many decades of development.

Besides alphabets, the invention of writing tools is another major transition. In olden times, the kind of writing tools used, depended on the material they wrote on. For example, in the Middle East, where clay is abundant in supply, the early people used hollow reed 'pens' to carve onto the wet clay tablets. After which, these clay pieces were baked till rock hard to make the writings permanent. In ancient Egypt, Egyptians either wrote on scraped thin pieces of animal skins called 'parchment' or flattened papaya stems known as 'papyrus'. Their writing tool was a primitive kind of fountain pen -- a reed with ink inside.

It was only in the 1880s, that fountain pens were invented. Before that, most people used either quill pens - sharpened bird feathers or nibbed pens, which were dipped into ink before writing. Fountain pens invented later have both plus and minus points. With tiny ink tanks in

them, fountain pens are superior to quill or nibbed ones as the ink in them do not run out as quickly. The disadvantage is that sometimes, the nibs of the fountain pens may break, causing the ink to leak, staining the writer's fingers.

The flaw in fountain pens has led to further investigation and the successful invention of the first 'ballpoint' pen by a Hungarian, Ladislao Biro. There were many people after him who tried to improve upon the appearance of his ballpoint pens. Today, 'ballpoint' pens are conveniently and widely used in the world.

(25 marks)

Q.05)

You happened to see the following advertisement in a news paper. As you have successfully completed the Higher National Diploma in English and have 2 years of experience as an English teacher you thought of applying for the post. Now prepare your CV and the covering letter for the post.



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