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Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology  
Proficiency in English Examination 2015  
Level I - Preliminary English  
FDN 1110  
Reading & Writing

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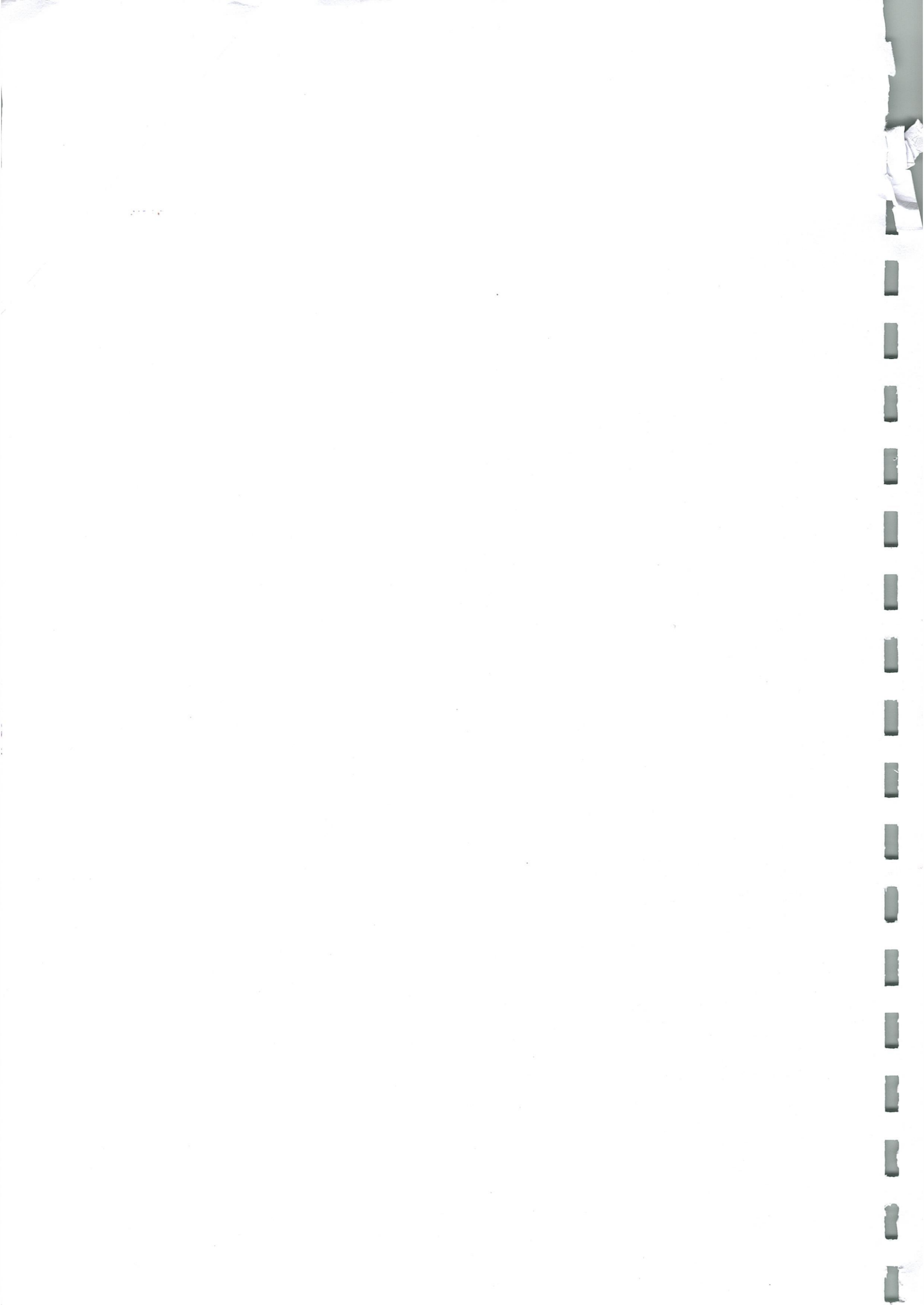
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**Reading**

1. Arrange the following segments to make a coherent invitation. (The first and last segments have been done for you as examples)

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ at 8.30 am \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Chief Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Dress Code: Lounge/Sari \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Prof. Tilak Gamage \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Please be in your seats by 8.30 am) \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Senior Professor, Prof. Gamini Senanayake  
Vice-Chancellor, University of Ruhuna \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ takes pleasure in inviting \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ The organizing Committee of the 12<sup>th</sup> Academic Sessions \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ The Auditorium, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences  
University of Ruhuna \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to the Inaugural Ceremony of the 12<sup>th</sup> Academic Sessions & 11<sup>th</sup> Vice-Chancellor's  
Awards Ceremony \_\_\_\_\_

(10 marks)

2. Read the following extract from a UNICEF report, and answer the questions:

### Children in the World

The United Nations declared 1979 the International Year of the Child.

About 122 million children were born. One of every 10 of these infants were dead within 12 months, as victims of disease, starvation, under-development, poverty, or other preventable causes.

There are 1438 million children under 15 years of age in the world.

ie. 36% of the total population.

Of these:

1. Two hundred and twenty seven million (16%) have insufficient food energy.
2. Two hundred and fifty million (35%) are of school age but out of school.
3. Forty three percent of primary school age girls in third-world countries are not in school.
4. Five million (0.03%) die each year from 6 major infectious diseases preventable by immunization.
5. Fifty five million (4%) work in the world's labour force.
6. Four hundred and seventeen million (29%) live without adequate housing.
7. Six hundred and four million (42%) do not have access to adequate medical care.
8. Seventy two million (5%) suffer from sever handicaps.
9. One hundred and seventy three million (12%) need special educational rehabilitation.

Third world statistics

75% of the world population resides

86% of all babies are born

98% of all infant deaths occur

For 1.1 billion people in 40% countries:

Life expectancy at births is 46 years.

Mortality under 5 years is 22%.

Access to clean water in rural areas is 15%.

Per capita income is an average of US \$ 310 per year.

In the world there is:

one soldier for 43 persons

one doctor for 1030 persons

One trident submarine costs US \$ 1.5 billion, which corresponds to a 5-year programme for universal child immunization against 6 deadly diseases preventing 1 million deaths per year.

Every day, 350,00 children are born.

Every week, 260,00 children die due to lack of food, disease or military conflict.

Questions:

1. According to the passage, what was the world population in 1979?

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2. How many babies born in the world died before age 1?

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3. In what area of the world was the infant mortality rate highest?

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4. Quote a line from the report that indicates sex discrimination.

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5. According to the passage, what is the impact of war on children?

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The Status of Children in Sri Lanka

Infant mortality rate – 19.4 per 1000 live births (1988)

60% infant deaths occur during the first 28 days

- the majority in the first week

In children under 5, 25% of all reported deaths are due to diarrhoeal diseases.

93% of primary school children are affected by mild, moderate or severe degrees of malnutrition

Weight-for-age records from CHDR show that

36% infants

35.5% 1 – 2-year-olds

34.7% 5-year-olds are below the third centile.

About 30% of paediatric beds are occupied by children with diarrhoea.

Universal Child Immunization with BCG, DPT, polio and measles has been achieved.

Encephalitis & DHF have become a threat to the life of children.

Questions:

State whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F):

6. According to the given statistics, in 1988, more than half the deaths of infants born in Sri Lanka that year, occurred in the first month. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Of such deaths, less than 50% occurred in the first week. \_\_\_\_\_
8. In children under 5, a quarter of all reported deaths are caused by diseases connected to diarrhea. \_\_\_\_\_
9. In children under 5, the majority of cases of malnutrition are reported among infants. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The immunization programme for polio has been successful. \_\_\_\_\_

(20 marks)

3. Read the poem and fill in the blanks with words from the box. (NB There are more words than blanks, so you will not be using all of them.)

**Not**

By Erin Hanson

You are not your age,  
Nor the size of clothes you wear.  
\_\_\_\_\_ are not your weight  
Or the colour of your hair.  
You are \_\_\_\_\_ your name,  
Or the \_\_\_\_\_ in your cheeks  
You are all the \_\_\_\_\_ you read

And all the words you speak.  
 You are your croaky \_\_\_\_\_ voice  
 And the smiles you try to hide  
 You are the sweetness in \_\_\_\_\_ laughter  
 And every \_\_\_\_\_ you've cried  
 You're the songs you sing so \_\_\_\_\_  
 When you know you're all alone  
 You are the places that you've been to,  
 And the one that you call \_\_\_\_\_  
 You are the things that you \_\_\_\_\_ in,  
 And the people that you love  
 You're the photos in your \_\_\_\_\_  
 And the future you dream of  
 You're made of so much beauty  
 \_\_\_\_\_ it seems that you forgot  
 When you decided that you were defined  
 By all the things you're not.

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|---------|---------|---------|-------|--------|
| and     | bedroom | believe | books | but    |
| dimples | home    | my      | not   | loudly |
| morning | tear    | you     | your  | mirror |

(10 marks)



**Writing**

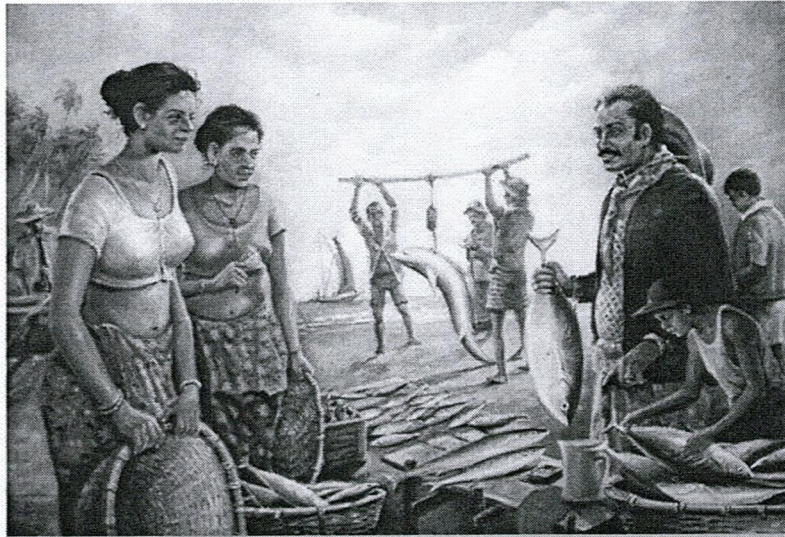
4. Look at the two pictures, and write five sentences each describing what you see.

(a)



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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

(b)



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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

(10 marks)

5. Insert the necessary capitalization and punctuation in the following passage:

the water cycle

the earth is the only planet in the solar system where liquid water is found on the surface water is the only substance which under the ranges of pressure and temperature experienced on earth is present in solid liquid and gaseous phase the water cycle is therefore of fundamental importance to many processes unique to earth in comparison to outer planets of our solar system Saturn jupiter uranus neptune and pluto and their moons are too cold to contain water in any form other than ice the inner planets mercury and venus are too hot to hold water in any form other than



6. Write to your sister, in response to the following letter:

No. 4, Alwis Place  
Pepiliyana Road  
Nugegda  
29/05/2015.

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Dearest Loku Duva,

Hope you have settled in by now. Thattha is much better, and the doctors say there is nothing to worry about. But now we have another problem: Nangi is refusing to leave her job and go to university, saying that we need the money, and can't afford to have two people in the university at the same time. Can you please advise her? You are the only person she will listen to.

Punchi Amma was here last week. She came down for Harini Akka's wedding, and stayed a few days to help me out while I was at the hospital. In two days' time Thattha will be back home, but he's on medical leave for another month. A lot of people asked after you at the wedding. They all expect you to do well and be an example to your sister.

When will you be coming home? There is a long weekend next month, but if you are busy, don't waste time on travel. Only write to Nangi, but pl don't tell her that I told you to.

Look after yourself, and don't worry about matters at home.

Love//  
Amma.

