

**University of Ruhuna - Faculty of Technology**

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**Course Unit: ENG 2232, English IV**

**Time: One and a half hours**

**Answer all sixty (60) questions**

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- This question paper contains 14 pages including this instruction page.
- This paper carries 60% marks of the course unit

**Question 1 -5**

**Select and underline the most suitable subordinate conjunctions from the given choices.**  
**(05 Marks)**

1. I washed my hands and removed the face mask ..... I got home.

- a) as soon as
- b) while
- c) whenever
- d) before

2. We saw a lost puppy on the road ..... we were walking to the market.

- a) after
- b) while
- c) before
- d) until

3. It was informed that the university will remain closed ..... the lockdown is lifted.

- a) whenever
- b) while
- c) until
- d) after

4. We should revise the lessons and be ready ..... the exams start.

- a) whenever
- b) while
- c) before
- d) after

5. My grandmother gives me homemade milk toffee ..... I visit her.

- a) while
- b) whenever
- c) before
- d) until

### Question 6-11

Read the passage given below and choose the suitable answer for each question. (06 marks)

#### Artificial intelligence to predict the weather in the future

Scientists at Google-owned London AI lab DeepMind and the University of Exeter partnered with the Met Office to build the so-called nowcasting system. Traditional methods use complex equations and often forecast for only between six hours and two weeks' time. The AI system can make more accurate short-term predictions, for critical storms and floods. Climate change is making it harder to anticipate adverse weather conditions, as the frequency and severity of heavy rain increases which researchers believe will lead to both significant material damage and death. "Extreme weather has catastrophic consequences, including loss of life and, as the effects of climate change suggest, these types of events are set to become more common" Met Office partnerships and product innovation head Niall Robinson said. The system learned how to identify common patterns of rainfall, using UK radar maps from 2016 to 2018. It was tested on maps from 2019 and found, by 50 Met Office meteorologists, to be accurate in 89% of cases. The research, published in the journal *Nature* found: "Meteorologists significantly preferred the [AI] approach to competing methods." DeepMind senior scientist Shakir Mohamed said: "It's very early days but this trial shows that AI could be a powerful tool, enabling forecasters to spend less time trawling through ever growing piles of prediction data and instead focus on better understanding the implications of their forecasts. "This will be integral for mitigating the adverse effects of climate change today, supporting adaptation to changing weather patterns and potentially saving lives."

6. What is a benefit of using an AI system for forecasting weather?

- a) sending updates to mobile devices
- b) making more accurate short-term predictions
- c) cost effective
- d) predictions are made 24 hours earlier

7. What makes it harder to anticipate adverse weather conditions?

- a) the traditional methods used for forecasting weather
- b) insufficiency of equipment
- c) climate change
- d) insufficient budget

8. When did the system learn how to identify common patterns of rainfall, using UK radar maps?

- a) 2005- 2006
- b) 2014-2015
- c) 2016- 2017
- d) 2016-2018

**State whether the following statements are true or false**

9. AI system can make more accurate whether forecasts than the traditional methods.

- a) true
- b) false

10. Traditional methods do not use complex equations.

- a) true
- b) false

11. Researchers think that extreme weather conditions will not lead to catastrophic consequences.

- a) true
- b) false

### **Question 12-16**

**Choose the correct meaning of each of the following words. (05 marks)**

12. Anticipate

- a) to expect something
- b) to hope for something
- c) to believe in something
- d) to know something

13. Catastrophic

- a) resulting in a joyous event
- b) causing a lot of problems for people
- c) an important event
- d) advantageous event

14. Mitigate

- a) to make something less harmful, serious, etc.
- b) to make something more harmful and serious
- c) to make something simple
- d) to make something understandable

15. Adapt

- a) to change something in order to make it suitable for a new use or situation
- b) to take somebody else's child into your family and become its legal parent(s)
- c) to change something entirely
- d) to make noticeable changes to something

16. Significant

- a) small and unimportant
- b) large or important enough to have an effect or to be noticed
- c) something critical
- d) something that is worthless

**Question 17-21**

**Select the most suitable answer regarding paragraph writing. (05 marks)**

17. The first sentence of a paragraph is called,

- a) the topic sentence.
- b) the conclusion.
- c) the body of the paragraph.
- d) none of the above.

18. The first sentence of a paragraph should,

- a) introduce what the paragraph is about.
- b) conclude the sentence.
- c) be written in formal language.
- d) make an impact on the reader.

19. Supporting details are written,

- a) after the concluding sentence
- b) before the topic sentence
- c) after the topic sentence and before the concluding sentence
- d) at the end of the paragraph

20. Which of the following can be included in the body of a paragraph

- a) a concluding sentence
- b) introducing the topic of the paragraph
- c) facts and statistics
- d) a summary of the paragraph

21. What is the purpose of the concluding sentence?

- a) introducing the terms used in the paragraph
- b) concluding the paragraph and summaries the details
- c) providing facts and examples
- d) none of the above

#### Question 22-26

Select the most suitable answer regarding presentation skills. (05 marks)

22. Which of the following is NOT a good practice in delivering a presentation,

- a) reading the entire slide line by line
- b) mentioning the highlights of what is on the screen
- c) paraphrasing what is on the slides
- d) elaborating each bullet point on the presentation materials

23. Proper eye contact with the audience when delivering a presentation involves

- a) making a sweeping glance of the audience from left to right in the front row of the room.
- b) staring at each audience member.
- c) making a sweeping glance of the audience from the left to the right and front to back of the room.
- d) looking above the audience's heads.

24. The outline of a presentation should be a

- a) list of external sources used in the presentation.
- b) glossary of the technical terms used in the presentation.
- c) list of major headings or topics to be covered in the presentation.
- d) list of requirements and purpose of the presentation.

25. When using content from external sources in presentation materials, it is necessary to include,

- a) acknowledgments.
- b) citations and references.
- c) trademark symbol.
- d) copyright disclaimer.

26. For better readability, it is better if bullet points are,

- a) short phrases or partial sentences.
- b) long sentences.
- c) complete paragraphs.
- d) colourful with a bigger font size.

**Question 27-31**

**Choose the correct sentence type. (05 marks)**

27. Mihiri likes to read English novels and newspapers.

- a) compound sentence
- b) simple sentence
- c) complex sentence
- d) compound complex sentence

28. The students studied theories of language learning for many hours, and they understood those theories well.

- a) compound sentence
- b) simple sentence
- c) complex sentence
- d) compound complex sentence

29. The undergraduates of my university speak only in English at the university premises.

- a) compound sentence
- b) simple sentence
- c) complex sentence
- d) compound complex sentence

30. Although learning English seems difficult to some of the students, it's simpler than they think.

- a) compound sentence
- b) simple sentence
- c) complex sentence
- d) compound complex sentence

31. I went to the town yesterday for shopping and I met one of my friends.

- a) compound sentence
- b) simple sentence
- c) complex sentence
- d) compound complex sentence

**Question 32-33**

**Choose the suitable words and fill in the blanks. (02 marks)**

32. The behavior of the workers always ..... the company.

- a) effects
- b) affects
- c) cause
- d) accept



33. He likes everything about me ..... my anger towards him.

- a) accept
- b) except
- c) effects
- d) expect

**Question 34-44**

**Choose the correct tenses and fill in the blanks. (11 marks)**

34. That group of musicians ..... even when it rains.

- a) has performed
- b) performs
- c) is performing
- d) will perform

35. I ..... English for seven years now.

- a) have been learning
- b) has been learning
- c) have been learned
- d) have been learn

36. I ..... tennis every Tuesday as a habit.

- a) play
- b) am playing
- c) have been playing
- d) played

37. Do not forget that if you need to contact me sometime next week, I ..... at the Hilton in Colombo.

- a) will stay
- b) will be staying
- c) staying
- d) have stayed

38. I ..... hard enough for English last year, that's why my marks were not really that good then.

- a) was not working
- b) were not working
- c) are not working
- d) have not working

39. Thanuja ..... me since she left the city.

- a) has not called
- b) have not called
- c) has not call
- d) have not call

40. The English lesson was great and I think I ..... a lot.

- a) learn
- b) learned
- c) is learned
- d) learning

41. What ..... when the robbery took place?

- a) was you doing
- b) were you doing
- c) was you did
- d) you did

42. We are fed up with the storm and those dark clouds. We expect, when we wake up tomorrow morning, the sun .....

- a) will be shine
- b) will be shining
- c) will shine
- d) is shining

43. When the bell rang after the interval, we ..... at the canteen.

- a) will have been eating
- b) had eat
- c) has been eating
- d) has eaten

44. As I want to pass my English exam successfully next year, I ..... study harder this term.

- a) going to
- b) am going to
- c) will be
- d) go to

**Question 45-52**

**Choose the most appropriate phrasal verb from the given choices. (08 marks)**

45. Your flight is at 3 o'clock, so you'll need to ..... an hour before.

- a) check out
- b) check up
- c) check in
- d) checked in

46. We were sitting in the plane for almost an hour before we .....

- a) lifted off
- b) flew off
- c) took off
- d) took down

47. We ..... home late and went straight to bed.

- a) got back
- b) backed to
- c) arrive at
- d) arrives to

48. 'What's the best way of ..... in Colombo?'

- a) travelling about
- b) transportation
- c) getting around
- d) get to

49. Shenuka is flying to Japan tomorrow so we're going to the airport to .....

- a) pick him up
- b) see him off
- c) take him away
- d) took him away

50. She said that she was .....with a clod

- a) coming down
- b) coming up
- c) taking down
- d) come up

51. The hotel will send a driver to ..... at the airport.

- a) pick you up
- b) bring you back
- c) get you out
- d) get you in

52. Breakfast is from 7 to 9 and you'll need to ..... before 12 unless you want to stay another night.

- a) vacate
- b) check out
- c) get out
- d) get in

**Question 53-60**

**Choose the most suitable answer to fill in the blanks of the letter given below. (08 marks)**

Thusitha Gunawardana,  
No: 17,  
Sarasavi Mawatha,  
Hakmana road,  
Matara,

07<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Secretary,  
ABC Company,  
Katubedda,  
Moratuwa.

Dear Mr. Ekanayake,

53).....

I am writing 54)..... an internship in the IT department at your company. I am currently reading for a degree in Information Communication Technology at the Faculty of Technology, University of Ruhuna. An internship at your company would be an 55).....opportunity to expand my knowledge and skills in the IT field while acquiring work experience.

I completed my second year at the University recently. I will be starting my third year in October this year and as per the degree requirements, I should complete a six-month internship in a company related to my field of study. I have always been 56).....about website development and believe that I will be able to serve your company with my knowledge and skills. Along with academic knowledge, I have also gained experience by working as a freelance web developer over the years. My resume is 57).....for your 58)..... Thank you for your time, I look forward to 59)..... from you soon. Please feel free to contact me at 0718677327 or email me at [thusitha@gmail.com](mailto:thusitha@gmail.com).

(60).....

Thusitha Gunawardana

53.

- a) Asking about an internship
- b) Cover letter
- c) Applying for an internship as a website developer
- d) Internship application

54.

- a) To ask about
- b) To inquire about
- c) Regarding
- d) In order to

55. a) great

- b) cool
- c) ideal
- d) fitting

56. a) passionate

- b) obsessed
- c) interested
- d) excited

57. a) sent

- b) enclosed
- c) forwarded
- d) embedded

58. a) appreciation

- b) consideration
- c) convenience
- d) review

59. a) hearing

- b) seeing
- c) hear
- d) a call

60. a) Yours sincerely,

- b) Yours Faithfully,
- c) Cheers,
- d) Yours,