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HMC 1105: ENGLISH FOR JOURNALISTS

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SERIES: AUG 2019

TIME: 2HOURS

Instructions to Candidates

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, Examination Pass and Student ID

This paper consists of five questions. Attempt question ONE (compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

Do not write on the question paper.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Mention the EIGHT parts of speech. (4 marks)
- b) Define what gerunds are and give an example. (2 marks)
- c) Outline THREE characteristics of English for small screen devices. (3 marks)
- d) Describe the Inverted pyramid style and what it entails in news writing. (3 marks)
- e) Mention THREE types of conjunctions. (3 marks)
- f) State SIX types of pronouns. (5 marks)
- g) Outline FIVE features of a sports article. (5 marks)
- h) Use appropriate tenses for the following sentences. (5 marks)
 - i. This shirt _____ (cost) ten dollars. (present simple)
 - ii. Before I lost my job, I _____ (work) on some important projects. (Past Perfect Continuous)
 - iii. After I graduate from college, I _____ (study) for a Masters degree. (Future simple)
 - iv. He _____ (call) me ten minutes ago. (Past simple)
 - v. I _____ (live) in this house for five years. (Present perfect)

QUESTION TWO

I. Choose the appropriate determiners from the box and fill in the blanks in the following sentences. (10 marks)

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- a) I have a book. I will write _____ name on _____ book.
We will write _____ names on _____ books.
- b) The children are walking with _____ parents.
- c) I rang him up _____ times but there was no reply.
- d) _____ animals are in danger of becoming extinct.
- e) _____ her parents are doctors.
- f) The gardener put _____ soil into _____ flower pot.

II. Complete the sentences using (*much/many* or *a lot of*) appropriately. (5 marks)

- 1. I know old Mr. Higgins has ... money.
- 2. There aren't ... portraits of Shakespeare.
- 3. Don't be discouraged! ... have failed to run the marathon.
- 4. Take as ... of these tiles as you want.
- 5. ... was said about it.

III. Complete the sentences below using either 'their' or 'there' or 'they're' where necessary. (5 marks)

- i) _____ house is always full of visitors.
- ii) _____ comes the train.
- iii) _____ both good people.
- iv) _____ is nothing wrong with _____ food.
- v) Tom and Suzy are very energetic. _____ always doing something.

QUESTION THREE

- a) Describe FIVE types of verbs and give examples for each. (10 marks)
- b) Explain FIVE differences between news writing and feature writing. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Provide the synonyms of the underlined words. (5 marks)

- i. My grandfather is very funny.
- ii. Stacey was known for her honesty at work.
- iii. Journalists must be fair under all circumstances.
- iv. He is a very lucky man.
- v. Our old neighbor is always mean with people.

- b) Provide homonyms for the following words. (5 marks)

- i. Meet
- ii. Plane
- iii. Weak
- iv. Buy
- v. Cite

- c) Explain the following terms and give an example to each: (10 marks)

- i. Idioms
- ii. Onomatopoeia
- iii. Similes
- iv. Alliteration
- v. Metaphor

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Describe FIVE determinants of news. (10 marks)
- b) Explain FIVE types of features. (10 marks)