



Terminal Examination –FALL2021

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Part 1

Q1: Rewrite the following paragraph correcting all the misplaced and dangling modifiers.

5 Marks

I bought a fresh loaf of bread for my sandwich shopping in the grocery store. Wanting to make a delicious sandwich, the mayonnaise was thickly spread. Placing the cold cuts on the bread, the lettuce was placed on top. I cut the sandwich in half with a knife turning on the radio. Biting into the sandwich, my favorite song blared loudly in my ears. Humming and chewing, my sandwich went down smoothly. Smiling, my sandwich will be made again, but next time I will add cheese.

Q2: Re-write the following paragraph after correcting the errors of verb tense consistency.

5 Marks

It is not difficult for novice cooks to make really good scrambled eggs. Even a young child can turn out fluffy, creamy eggs with a little patience and, of course, adult supervision. The method I (use)<sup>1</sup> comes from my grandmother, who (teach)<sup>2</sup> it to me when I was a little girl. First, you melt some butter in a skillet over low to medium heat. After it (melt)<sup>3</sup> but not browned, (crack)<sup>4</sup> two eggs directly into the skillet. If possible, you should use eggs that (has)<sup>5</sup> already been brought to room temperature for an hour before cooking. Do not beat the eggs in a bowl or (stir)<sup>6</sup> them in the skillet. Also, do not add milk or water to the eggs. Contrary to common opinion, adding milk or water (do)<sup>7</sup> not improve the consistency of the eggs. Water or milk toughens the eggs. Eggs are delicate and (cook)<sup>8</sup> best with very little handling. Watch the eggs closely, and keep the temperature low. You should not stir the eggs at all until the clear part (is, was)<sup>9</sup> just starting to turn white. While you (wait and watch)<sup>10</sup> the eggs, you can put some bread in the toaster. After the whites (become)<sup>11</sup> opaque, run a fork or small spatula very slowly through the eggs to mix them. At this point, you must watch the eggs very carefully or they will quickly overcook and become dry.

**Q3: Rewrite the sentences after correcting the errors in the following sentences and underline where you have made the corrections:** **5 marks**

1. "Can I lock the room, please?" asked the boy.
2. I wish I have more time to finish the proposal.
3. I work here since 2010.
4. Please improve your handwriting.
5. She's really selfish. She only cares about her.
6. I am not interested in going their with you.
7. Each of them were busy with their work.
8. Please repair this chair as it's arm is broken.
9. The affects of the storm could be seen everywhere.
10. I and he went to the park.

**Q 4: Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write all your answers in your answer book.** **8 Marks**

An hour and a half had passed since we had seen any human scratches on the great green kingdom below us, the rainforest of southern Suriname at the northern fringes of Amazonia. Since then our Cessna six-seater had droned over an unforgiving landscape of jungle dotted with cloud shadowed puddles and tree-choked arroyos (steam beds) streaked by brown rivers. Even at 4000 feet I could feel the oppressive heat, and we were beginning to descend the lumpy carpet of rain forest gradually metamorphosed into a canopy of high trees that hid the ground.

Mark Plotkin leaned forward and squinted. Three plumes of smoke stained the horizon ahead. A few seconds later a clearing suddenly materialized, dun-colored and impossibly puny amid the green sea. Now I saw a village of about 80 thatched huts clustered beside a chocolate river. Plotkin grinned. "Welcome to Kwamalasamutu", he said. "The first time I came here I thought I'd found paradise. I still think it's as close as we're apt to get".

Plotkin-New Orleans born, Harvard trained, and Washington based- was coming home, in a sense, to this tiny settlement in Amazonia. Plotkin has assigned himself the task of collecting and documenting the plants the Tirios (Amazonian Indians) use before the mixed blessings of creeping civilization supplant the tribal medicine men and their wisdom.

As a field ethnobotanist, Plotkin is the most visible exponent of a discipline that has only recently come into its own. Where ethnobotany was once mainly concerned with plant identification, it is viewed today as a potential life saver. The chemical components of plants that medicine men use in healing rites could conceivably be building blocks for new drugs or even cures for such scourges as cancer and AIDS.

Q 1: what does the writer mean by "human scratches" in the opening sentence of the article?

- a. Signs of human destruction      ☒ b. Human traces  
c. Ruins of primitive ages      d. Scars on human bodies

Q 2: Select the letter for the word that is opposite in meaning to metamorphosed.

- a. converted    b. altered      c. mutated    ☒ d. stagnated

Select the letter for the word that is closest in meaning to the vocabulary word. (Question 3 & 4)

Q 3: Squinted

- ☒ a. peered      b. parachuted      c. held back    d. overwhelmed

Q 4: Grinned

- a. groaned      b. frightened      ☒ c. chuckled    d. murmured

Q 5: What did the creeping civilization do to the tribal medicine men and their wisdom according to the passage?

- ☒ A. It deposed them    B. It strengthened them.    C. It killed them.    D. It prized them.

Q 6: What the passage is about?

- a. It introduces the site of Kwamalasamutu to the world.  
b. It introduces the contributions of Mark Plotkin.  
☒ c. It describes a research expedition of some botanists to Amazonia.  
d. It describes the healing rites of old civilizations.

Q7: Where does Mark Plotkin live?

Q 8: Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

**Q5: Suppose you want to organize a seminar on "Hidden truths of the Universe". You want to invite a renowned guest speaker for the event. Write a letter to your HOD mentioning details of your planned program and requesting him to approve your request and provide the facilities required for the event.**

**10 Marks**



**Q6: Write a précis/summary of the following passage in around 100 words: 7 Marks**

**Steve Jobs' Last Words Will Make You Change Your View of Life Completely**

I reached the pinnacle of success in the business world. In others' eyes, my life is an epitome of success. However, aside from work, I have little joy. In the end, wealth is only a fact of life that I am accustomed to. At this moment, lying on the sick bed and recalling my whole life, I realize that all the recognition and wealth that I took so much pride in, have paled and become meaningless in the face of impending death. In the darkness, I look at the green lights from the life supporting machines and hear the humming mechanical sounds, I can feel the breath of god of death drawing closer...

Now I know, when we have accumulated sufficient wealth to last our lifetime, we should pursue other matters that are unrelated to wealth... Should be something that is more important:

*Perhaps relationships, perhaps art, perhaps a dream from younger days ... Non-stop pursuing of wealth will only turn a person into a twisted being, just like me. God gave us the senses to let us feel the love in everyone's heart, not the illusions brought about by wealth. The wealth I have won in my life I cannot bring with me. What I can bring is only the memories precipitated by love. That's the true riches which will follow you, accompany you, giving you strength and light to go on. Love can travel a thousand miles. Life has no limit. Go where you want to go. Reach the height you want to reach. It is all in your heart and in your hands. What is the most expensive bed in the world? – "Sick bed" ... You can employ someone to drive the car for you, make money for you but you cannot have someone to bear the sickness for you. Material things lost can be found. But there is one thing that can never be found when it is lost – "Life".*

When a person goes into the operating room, he will realize that there is one book that he has yet to finish reading – "Book of Healthy Life". Whichever stage in life we are at right now, with time, we will face the day when the curtain comes down. Treasure Love for your family, love for your spouse, love for your friends...

Treat yourself well. Cherish others.

**Q7: Write an essay of 350-400 words on the following:**

**10 Marks**

Many of us spend hours in front of our computers and communicate more by e-mail or instant messaging than in person. Some people believe that this is good because it helps shy people communicate more openly with others. Others believe that computer communication prevents us from developing interpersonal skills and limits our ability to have meaningful relationships with others. How do you feel about this issue? Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.

Your essay must have clearly written, outline (2 marks), thesis statement, supporting arguments and relevant examples.