

ARW3 - Midterm Exam

Due Sep 13 at 5:30pm	Points 100	Questions 15
Time Limit 50 Minutes		

Instructions

Dear student,

Next, you will be assessed on the contents of the course.

This written exam focuses on Reading Comprehension and Writing.

You will only have one opportunity to take the test.

You will have 50 minutes to complete the test.

Attempt History

	Attempt	Time	Score
LATEST	Attempt 1	50 minutes	60 out of 100

⚠️ Correct answers are hidden.

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Section I: Reading Comprehension

To read for main ideas, details, and inference

Partial

Question 1

4 / 20 pts

Read the following text and use the information to answer the questions.

The Importance of Learning a Language

1) India has two national languages for central administrative purposes: Hindi and English. Hindi is the national, official, and main link language of India. English is an associate official language. The Indian Constitution also officially approves twenty-two regional languages for official purposes. Dozens of distinctly different regional languages are spoken in India. Apart from these languages, Hindi is used for communication in India. The homeland of Hindi is mainly in the north of India, but it is spoken and widely understood in all urban centers of India. In southern India, people speak different languages not much related to Hindi, which leads to more resistance to Hindi there and allows English to remain a lingua franca to a greater degree.

2) Since the early 1600s, the English language has had a **toehold** on the Indian subcontinent, when the East India Company established settlements in formerly Madras, Calcutta, and Bombay respectively. For centuries, India has had a longer exposure to English than any other country which uses it as a second language. And, this has gradually affected all places, habits and culture.

3) In India, English serves two purposes. First, it provides a linguistic tool for the administrative cohesiveness of the country, causing people who speak different languages to become united. Secondly, it serves as a language of wider communication, including a large variety of different people covering a vast area. It overlaps with local languages in certain spheres of influence and in public domains.

4) English has special national status in India. It has a special place in the parliament, judiciary, broadcasting, journalism, and in the education system. One can see a Hindi-speaking teacher giving their students instructions during an educational tour about where to meet and when their bus would leave, but all in English. It means that English permeates daily life and is always expected, especially in the cities.

5) The importance of the ability to speak or write English has recently increased significantly because English has become the de facto standard. Learning English language has become popular for business, commerce and cultural reasons and especially for internet

communications throughout the world. The call center phenomenon has stimulated a huge expansion of internet-related activity, establishing the future of India as a cyber-technological super-power. This has made 'knowing English' indispensable.

6) The prevailing view seems to be that unless students learn English, they cannot obtain good quality jobs, communicate efficiently with others, and have the benefit of India's rich social and cultural life. Men and women who cannot comprehend and interpret instructions in English, even if educated, are unemployable. They cannot help with their children's school homework every day or decide their revenue options of the future.

7) A positive attitude to English as a national language is essential to the integration of people into Indian society. There would appear to be virtually no disagreement in the community about the importance of English language skills. Using English you will become a citizen of the world almost naturally. English has been used dominantly as a medium for inter-state communication and broadcasting both before and since India's independence. India is, without a doubt, committed to English as a national language. The impact of English is not only continuing but increasing.

Questions:

1. According to the writer, the Indian constitution recognizes...

[Select]

2. English's status as a lingua franca is helped by... it shares many grammatical similarities with Hindi.

3. In paragraph 2, '**toehold**' means that English...

[Select]

4. Hindi-speaking teachers...

[Select]

5. In paragraph six, it says 'the prevailing view', which suggests that...

[Select]

Answer 1:

22 official languages in total.

Answer 2:

it shares many grammatical similarities with Hindi.

Answer 3:

has had a presence in India.

Answer 4:

only use English for instructions.

Answer 5:

the view is incorrect.

Section II: Grammar**Reported Speech****Question 2****3 / 3 pts****Change the following sentence using reported speech.**

- A cure for the disease will be found by the end of the year according to some experts.
- Experts said that...

Your Answer:

Experts said that a cure for the disease would be found by the end of that year according to some experts.

Question 3**3 / 3 pts**

Change the following sentence using reported speech.

- Foreigners will not be permitted to enter Spain if they are not vaccinated.
- I saw on TV that...

Your Answer:

I saw on TV that foreigners would not be permitted to enter Spain if they were not vaccinated.

Question 4**3 / 3 pts**

Change the following sentence using reported speech.

- Many people around the world have died because of COVID-19
- The newspaper said that...

Your Answer:

The newspaper said that many people around the world had died because of COVID-19.

Question 5**0 / 3 pts**

Change the following sentence using reported speech.

- The vaccination process in our country started last May.
- I saw in the news that...

Your Answer:

I saw in the news that the vaccination process in our country have started last May.

have started X

Section III: Organizing Information

To organize ideas in a chart

In the next section (Section IV), you are going to write a comparison-and-contrast essay about one of the following topics.

A. Learning in a regular classroom (Situation 1) vs. learning online (Situation 2)

B. Learning English in India (Situation 1) vs. learning English in Peru (Situation 2)

Once you choose the topic for your essay, in this section you need to organize your ideas about it in order to complete the information requested in the chart below.



POINTS TO COMPARE / CONTRAST	SITUATION 1	SITUATION 2
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.



Question 6

2 / 2 pts

Write your answers according to the topic you chose.

Points to compare/contrast: #1

Your Answer:

Learning in a regular classroom (Situation 1) vs. learning online (Situation 2)

Points to compare/contrast	situation1	situation2
Learning	face to face	virtual

Unanswered

Question 7

0 / 2 pts

Write your answers according to the topic you chose.

Points to compare/contrast: #2

Your Answer:

Unanswered

Question 8

0 / 2 pts

Write your answers according to the topic you chose.

Points to compare/contrast: #3

Your Answer:

Question 9

2 / 2 pts

Write your answers according to the topic you chose.

Situation 1 - Idea 1

Your Answer:

Much of the training and formal education in learning institutions that had started as face-to-face in classroom environments has been completed online as in the case of universities, institutes, schools, and training centers.

Question 10

1 / 2 pts

Write your answers according to the topic you chose.

Situation 1 - Idea 2

Your Answer:

In private online lessons, you have the flexibility to plan your learning schedule at the time you want.

private online lessons (THIS TOPIC IS NOT PART OF THE
OPTIONS GIVEN IN THE TASK)

Unanswered

Question 11

0 / 2 pts

Write your answers according to the topic you chose.

Situation 1 - Idea 3

Your Answer:

Unanswered

Question 12

0 / 2 pts

Write your answers according to the topic you chose.

Situation 2 - Idea 1

Your Answer:

Unanswered

Question 13

0 / 2 pts

Write your answers according to the topic you chose.

Situation 2 - Idea 2

Your Answer:

Unanswered

Question 14

0 / 2 pts

Write your answers according to the topic you chose.

Situation 2 - Idea 3

Your Answer:

Section IV: Written Expression

To write a comparison-and-contrast essay

Question 15

42 / 50 pts

Now, write a comparison-and-contrast ESSAY using the information from Section III about the topic you chose:

A. Learning in a regular classroom vs. learning online.

B. Learning English in India vs. learning English in Peru.

Your Answer:

In Peru, the COVID pandemic have resulted in a substantial increase in online learning. Therefore, much of the training and formal education in learning institutions that had started as face-to-face in classroom environments has been completed online as in the case of universities, institutes, schools, and training centers. While this crisis provides a powerful test of the potential of learning online, there are many assumptions about the prerequisite of adequate digital skills, computer equipment and internet access to enhance learning online as well as the difficulty and the struggle of teachers used to classroom instruction. This brief essay discusses the potential of private online learning to increase adult learning opportunities as well as their comparison with private face-to-face learning.

In private online lessons, you have the flexibility to plan your learning schedule at the time you want, such as Sundays, at night or even at dawn. Most of the time the cost is significantly cheaper than face-to-face lessons because the teachers do not need to commute to your home with the implications of that such as time and money invested. In addition of that, you could choose between hundreds or thousands of tutors so you can always get the more convenient tutor for you. Furthermore, many internet service providers started a price war.

On the other hand, in private face-to-face lessons the anticipation in planning your schedule it is something crucial, at the same time, the availability of teachers with the requirements you are looking for could be limited and the price would rise because the limited options that you have. Follow instructions in these lessons is something easier as well as practice role plays and simulate real interactions in daily life.

Finally, the high potential of online learning to increase opportunities for everyone implies the collaboration of different parties such as Peruvian government, internet service providers and suppliers of online learning (private tutors and institutions) and an adjustment in digital skill of people. Addressing these issues could contribute to expanding online learning provision in the post-crisis period and to making it more inclusive.

you are writing about "private" online lessons VS private face-to-face lessons, so the topic of your essay seems to be different from the task that was assigned: write a comparison-and-contrast ESSAY using the information from Section III about the topic you chose: A. Learning in a regular classroom vs. learning online.