

University of Asia Pacific
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Course Code: HSS 301 Course Title: English for Communication
Time: 3 hours

Credit Hour: 3
Total Marks: 50

1. Write a summary of the following text in no more than 100 words: 10

The earth is losing its forests. Presently, trees cover about 30 percent of the earth's surface, but they are being destroyed at an alarming rate, especially in the tropics. Timber harvesting is a major reason for the destruction of the forests. Trees are used for building houses, making furniture, and providing pulp for paper products, such as newspapers and magazines. At least 40 hectares of rainforest are being felled every minute, mostly in order to extract the valuable timber.

Another way that man is destroying the world's forests is by burning them down. In the Amazon, for example, rainforests are being burnt down at a rate of 20 hectares a minute. The main reason for this is to clear the land for farming. Farmers in rainforest countries are often poor and cannot afford to buy land. Instead, these farmers clear rainforest land to raise their animals or grow their crops. Because tropical rainforest soil is so poor in nutrients, farmers cannot reuse the same land year after year. In the following years, farmers just clear more land, destroying the forest piece by piece. Already more than 30 tropical countries have reached a critical level of forest destruction and one-time exporters of timber such as Nigeria and Thailand now have to import timber for their domestic needs.

Should we get all excited and worried about the loss of the forests? Yes, we should. Healthy trees are a vital part of the environment and keep the entire balance of the atmosphere agreeable to all life forms. Forests are catchment areas for rainwater, holding the rainwater in the leaves of the trees, so that it will not sink so quickly into the earth's crust. Furthermore, the forests help maintain the water cycles in the area. The masses of cloud that provide the rain are formed over the moist forests. Thus, the destruction of forests may also lead to a reduction in rainfall over the area, resulting in drought.

2. Fill in the blanks with appropriate linking words: 1×5=5

However	In spite of	Despite	Otherwise	Instead	Moreover	Though
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- a) She got the job _____ the fact that she had very little experience.
- b) My sister's hand-writing is always so neat, _____ mine is a total chaos.
- c) His brother requested him to leave after dinner. He left without having dinner _____.
- d) You'd better wear a helmet when you go roller-blading. _____, you could hurt yourself.

- e) Reading is an excellent way to increase your vocabulary. _____, it can help you improve your grammar.

3. Make WH questions for the following sentences:

1×5=5

- a) He likes learning English. _____
- b) He spent the whole night in the park. _____
- c) She went to the yoga class regularly. _____
- d) The food was neither sweet nor sour. _____
- e) He was beaten for stealing the money. _____

4. Identify *transitive* or *intransitive* forms of the verb. Underline the verb and put *vt* or *vi* in brackets. For example, cook (vt).

1×5=5

- a) I sent the suit to the laundry.
- b) They escaped from the burning house.
- c) I lay down after lunch.
- d) He leaves home at 9.00 every day.
- e) The book is selling well.

5. Complete the following sentences using proper conditionals:

1×10=10

- a) UAP would remain closed tomorrow if
- b) if I ace the SAT.
- c) HSS 301 will be more fun if
- d) If it had not rained early in the morning,
- e) If you were me,
- f) If I did not get into UAP,
- g) Had you been my friend,
- h) You might understand the joke if
- i) If animals could talk,
- j) What would have happened if?

6. Attempt either of the following:

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Suppose you have attended fewer classes than required to sit for your final exam, now write a formal letter to your class teacher through your advisor seeking permission to sit for the exam.

OR

Write a descriptive essay on the future of *Artificial Intelligence* (AI).