



United International University
QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE

English Language Institute (ELI)
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Course Code: ENG 1011

Course Title: English I

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

Full Marks: 60

Name of the student:	
Section:	Student ID:
Date of the Exam:	

Marks Distribution:

Content	Marks	Obtained Marks	CO	PO(SoSE)
Reading	20		CO1	P10/P3a
Writing	20		CO2	P12/P1
Listening	10		CO3	P12/P1
Speaking	10		CO4	P12/P3a

Total Mark Obtained:	Finally Countable Marks:
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Signature of the invigilator :

COs	Description
CO1	Create and develop ideas through fluent and error free writing
CO2	Skim, scan and infer from different reading texts in the target language
CO3	Interpret different listening texts of the target language
CO4	Apply target language for establishing spoken communication in different contexts

Section A- Reading
Marks-20

Passage 1

Read the following passage.

The Omicron variant of coronavirus carries a very high global risk of surges, the WHO warned on Monday, as more countries reported cases, prompting border closures and reviving worries about the economic recovery from a two-year pandemic. The World Health Organization advised its 194 member nations that any surge in infections could have "severe consequences" but said no deaths linked to the Omicron variant had been reported so far.

Scientists have said it could take weeks to understand the severity of Omicron, which was first identified in southern Africa. Its appearance was caught in a region of low vaccinated rates. A scientist said, "The new variant is a reminder that inequity in vaccination across the world is what will extend the pandemic". Spooked investors wiped roughly \$2 trillion off global stocks on Friday. Financial markets were restless on Monday, after Japan, the world's third-largest economy, said it would close its borders to foreigners.

A top South African infectious disease expert said Omicron appears to be more transmissible than previous variants, including to people with immunity from vaccination or prior infection. South African cases are likely to top 10,000 a day this week, rocketing up from 2,858 on Sunday and barely 300 a day two weeks ago, Professor Salim Abdool Karim said. But he added that it was too early to say whether symptoms were more severe, and said existing COVID-19 vaccines are probably effective at stopping Omicron from causing severe illness.

Portugal found 13 cases of the variant at a Lisbon football club. Scotland and Austria also reported their first Omicron cases on Monday. A number of countries have imposed travel restrictions, including Japan and Israel, which described its ban on arrivals by foreigners as precautionary. South Africa has denounced restrictions on travel from the region, saying it is being punished for its scientific ability to identify variants early.

European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde sought to reassure investors that the euro zone could cope with a resurgence of the pandemic. "There is an obvious concern about the economic recovery in 2022, but I believe we have learnt a lot," she told Italian broadcaster RAI late on Sunday. "We now know our enemy and what measures to take. We are all better equipped to respond to a risk of a fifth wave or the Omicron variant."

1. Choose the correct answer.

(0.50x4=2)

- a. Which country has not reported any Omicron cases yet?
 - i. South Africa
 - ii. Israel
 - iii. Scotland
 - iv. None of the above
- b. Which word best describes the investors' feelings in the passage?
 - i. Calm
 - ii. Panicked
 - iii. Careless
 - iv. Restless
- c. How many cases of COVID 19 did South Africa detect per day 15 days ago?
 - i. 10000
 - ii. 300
 - iii. 2858
 - iv. None of the above
- d. Omicron is different from other variants because it
 - i. Spreads faster
 - ii. Evades vaccine generated immunity
 - iii. Causes severe illness
 - iv. Kills more people

2. Write true, false or not given. If false, give the correct answer.

(0.50x4=2)

- a. Omicron variant originated in South Africa.
_____.
- b. South Africa has welcome the travel restrictions imposed by other countries.
_____.
- c. Health specialists need more time to be certain whether vaccines prevent Omicron or not.
_____.
- d. Euro zone has witnessed the fourth wave of COVID 19 till now.
_____.

3. Answer the following questions.

(2+2+2=6)

- a. What impact has the new variant brought on the world economy?

Ans: _____

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- b. How does the European Central Bank President differ from the WHO in her reaction to the emergence of the new variant?

Ans: _____

_____.

- c. “The new variant is a reminder that inequity in vaccination across the world is what will extend the pandemic”. Do you agree to the statement? Why or why not?

Ans: _____

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Passage 2

Read the following passage:

Fairooz Faizah Beether of Bangladesh is a recipient of the 2021 Goalkeepers Global Goals Changemaker Award by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. She received the award for her work in promoting good health and well-being under SDG-3. She is a student of Business Administration from Khulna University.

Faizah co-founded Moner School, an online platform that aims to raise awareness about mental health and ensure equal access to mental healthcare across the country. She attended a training session conducted by BRAC's youth platform, where seven participants were asked to form a group, choose a social problem, and design a community project. This ultimately led to the formation of Moner School, through which five members of the original team are still promoting mental health and wellbeing.

Launched in 2018, Moner School is an initiative to educate people as well as give them non-judgmental spaces, where they can talk about mental health freely, and get help whenever they need. "We are currently working towards equipping people with the

necessary tools to help take care of their mental health through various trainings and workshops," Faizah explained.

Moner School's team celebrates World Mental Health Day through their annual event, Spreading Happiness. "In Khulna, we distribute yellow balloons, along with a positive note. This year, we also distributed food packets amongst underprivileged communities," Faizah shared. "The balloons depict the carefree days of childhood, reminding people to keep their inner child alive even amidst their chaotic responsibilities of an adult."

Their training sessions have benefitted over 500 people as they addressed topics like the first stage of mental health care, stress-management, mindfulness, and self-love. During the pandemic, Moner School conducted several online workshops and training sessions to address anxiety, stress and depression caused by lifestyle changes and losses due to Covid-19.

Their Facebook group and page provide active listening help through messaging. They have an anonymous sharing space, where they connect mental health professionals with patients. So far, Moner School has served around 1,000 people through primary mental health help.

1. Identify the parts of speech from the given text.

(0.50x4=2)

Pronouns (at least 4)	Conjunctions (at least 4)

2. Make sentences with the following words.

(0.50x4=2)

Award -

Promoting-

Mindfulness—

Underprivileged -

3. Answer the following questions.

(2+2+2=6)

- a. How did Faizah come up with the idea of helping people with their mental health?

Ans: _____

_____.

- b. How do people benefit from Moner school?

Ans: _____

_____.

- c. Do you think Covid 19 could be linked to an increased level of mental anxiety? Give example.

Ans: _____

_____.

Section – B

Writing (Marks-20)

- 1. Read the following passage and summarize it within 90 words:**

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Bangladesh is the land of culture, tradition, festival and beauty. People in this country celebrate different kinds of festival all over the year. Nobanno Utshob is one of the popular cultural and traditional festivals in this country. This festival is also known as New Harvest Festival. The Bengali term Nobanno means 'New Rice' or 'New Crop'. From the ancient times, the Bengali people have been celebrating this festival with joy and hope. The Bengali people generally celebrate this Harvest Festival with food, music, and dance and on this day they also wear traditional dresses.

Agriculture is the main profession of this country's people. Most of the people depend on agriculture, especially the rural people. About 60-70% people depend on agriculture. Agriculture is the backbone of this country's economy. So agriculture has a great importance in the economy of Bangladesh. Paddy (Dhan) is the main crop which is grown by this country's farmers.

The Nobanno Utshob is arranged by the country people to celebrate the harvesting of these crops. The main new rice comes in the Bengali month of Agrayhan and the festival is held at the last part of the month. It's the most joyful day for the rural people because they bring their livelihood to their homes at this time.

To celebrate this festival, people arrange different kinds of homemade foods using their new crops. They also make homemade sweets. They also wear traditional dresses, such as, men wear lungi, panjabi, dhuti etc and women wear sharee with different local cosmetics, flowers, tips etc. In past, this festival was celebrated by only the rural people but nowadays this festival is also celebrated by the urban people. The Nobanno Udjapon Porishod in Dhaka arrange a program to celebrate Nobanno Utshob at Bakultola of the Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka. Different organizations also hold seminar, musical show, and fair to celebrate this festival.

Summary:

2. Fill up the blanks with the Linking Words.

(0.50X8=4)

Unlike Despite But Unless Furthermore And Whereas Although Otherwise

- a.we had planned everything carefully, many things went wrong.
- b. I went home early.....I was not feeling well.
- c. Hurry up.....you will be late.
- d.in Montreal or Toronto, where winters are generally very cold, Vancouver's winters are actually quite mild.
- e. The steak I ordered for dinner was superb.....the chicken my wife had was excellent.

- f. The children played football all afternoon.....the rain and wind.
- g. I like Sally.....I don't like John.
- h. We had dinner, watched TV..... went to enjoy the match, too.

3. Write the Wh questions based on the underlined phrases to complete the conversation. (1X6=6)

Situation: Patrick is shopping for some new trainers and a jumper.

Assistant: Good morning.?

Patrick: Yes, I need some new trainers and a pair of jeans.

Assistant: Ok, sir. About the trainers ,.....?

Patrick: I'm not sure in UK size, I think size 9.

Assistant:?

Patrick: Yes, they fit perfectly. Thank you.

Assistant: Ok, you are size 9.

Patrick:?

Assistant: All the jeans are at the back of the store.

Patrick: I usually buy boot cut jeans.

Assistant: All the boot cut jeans are in the left corner of the shop.

Patrick: Thank you.....?

Assistant: Sure, the changing rooms are over there, by the door.....?

Patrick: Nothing else, thanks. You've been very helpful.

Assistant: You are welcome.

Section-C (Marks-10)

Listening

Section-D (Marks-10)

Speaking