



**SLIA TE**

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**Higher National Diploma in English**

**First Year – Second Semester Examination - 2017**

**EN 1216 – Professional Writing – II (Full Time/Part Time)**

**Instructions for Candidates:**

Answer **four (04)** questions only.  
All questions carry equal marks.

No. of questions: 05  
No. of pages : 03  
Time : Two (2) hours

**Question 01**

1. Choose the best linking word from each bracket and fill the blanks to make a meaningful sentences.
  - a. Promise me that you will phone me ..... you get to the airport  
(although / as soon as/ in case)
  - b. He didn't come home until past midnight ..... He had promised that he would be in by 8am (so that, although, as soon as)
  - c. ..... the rise in oil prices, the inflation rate rose by 1.25%  
(because /due to/ so that )
  - d. Taxes have gone up, ..... social security contributions have gone down  
(as the result/ whereas/ also)
  - e. The new supermarket is so much cheaper than the one in David Street. ...., they do free home deliveries too. (however/ furthermore / because)
  - f. ..... the company is expanding, we need to hire more staff  
(since / however/ due to )
  - g. The price of orange is high ....., frost damage  
(because / because of /since)

h. I'm sorry, Peter is ill and I can't come ..... (too / either/ however)

i. The report is badly presented. ...., it contains inaccuracies.  
(though/moreover/because)

j. The sea was cold, but he went swimming ..... (nevertheless/ also/ as well as)

(10 marks)

2. Identify 05 linking words used in the paragraph and write their functions in your answer script.

One of my favorite hobbies is traveling. Therefore, I decided to get a job that paid me to travel because I just couldn't afford my habit. I worked for a company called Offroad where I led bicycle trips. It was a really hard job. I got to spend two months living and working in France's wine country. In addition, I went to the south and stood on the red carpet where they hold the Cannes Film Festival. Riding bikes all summer was great, and traveling around France was incredible; however, the job was too much work and not enough play. Thus, while it fed my traveling addiction, I knew that job wasn't for me.

(15 marks)

(Total- 25marks)

#### Question 02

Provide a vivid description of your role model. It could be your favorite actor, singer, movie director, fashion model, political figure, best friend, parents, etc. Include the following information in your description.

Appearance.

What kind of person.

Why you are impressed.

OR

Write a short story with the beginning "Nimal saw an old woman who was walking in the street with a dirty sack in her hand....."

(25 marks)

**Question 03**

You have seen a vacancy published in “Sunday Observer” last Sunday, for the post of “English Teacher” in a well-recognized international school in your area. As you are interested in working as an English teacher, write a CV and a covering letter to be sent applying for the above post.

(25 marks)

**Question 04**

1. Write a letter placing an order for a few electronic items for E-brand electronic shop situated in the center of your city area.

(15 marks)

2. Design a commercial advertisement to be published in a newspaper for a beauty product that is to be introduced to the market, including all the elements of an effective advertisement.

(10 marks)

**Question 05**

Write an argumentative essay on one of the following topics.

- a. Is utopian Sri Lanka, a dream or a reality?
- b. Why are youngsters addicted to selfies?
- c. Famous figures in the entertainment field like actors, actresses, models, singers, film/music artists etc. should be given the chance to contest at election’.

(25 marks)