



SLIATE

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**Higher National Diploma in English
1st Year, Second Semester Examination – 2016
EN1214-Language Structure Usage & Linguistics I (Full Time & Part Time)**

Instructions for Candidates:

Answer only 05 questions.

All questions carry equal marks

No. of questions: 06

No. of Pages : 03

Time : Three Hours

Question 01

i). Underline the verb in each of the following sentence and state their type according to the verb complementation.(transitive, intransitive, ditransitive, intensive)

- a) Students organize a drama competition.
- b) It became dark.
- c) I showed him how to make a kite.
- d) She went to school with her mother.
- e) The wind blows.
- f) The wind blew the paper away

(1×6=6 Marks)

ii). Discuss the specific features of primary auxiliary verbs and modal auxiliary verbs with examples. (14 Marks)

Question 02

i). Construct grammatically correct meaningful sentences using the following verbs/verb phrases.

a) Was written	e) Have been learning	h) Goes
b) Had bought	f) Was reading	i) Is being typed
c) Has been posted	g) will be singing	j) shall
d) will have been postponed		

(1×10=10 Marks)

ii). State the voice of the following sentences and change them active to passive and vice versa.

- a) The government gave teaching appointments to all graduates.
- b) Who gave this book?
- c) They have postponed our exam.
- d) What is Mala writing?
- e) They will issue our results soon.
- f) Did boys make kites?
- g) The teacher asked the students to assemble in the school main hall.
- h) The director has given his approval for the promotion campaign.
- i) Students will have completed their assignments by the end of next week.
- j) We should encourage the learners.

(1×10=10 Marks)

Question 03

i)."Some words in English language can be used as adjectives as well as adverbs". Do you agree with this statement? Justify your answer using at least five words in both ways.

(10 Marks)

ii). Explain the following with examples.

- a) Gradable adjectives and non-gradable adjectives
- b) Pure adjectives and derived adjectives

(5×2= 10 Marks)

Question 04

i). American English differs from British English in number of ways. Explain five of them with relevant examples.

(10 Marks)

ii). Explain any two of the following topics.

- a) Formal and Informal language
- b) Dialect
- c) Standard English

(5×2=10 Marks)

Question 05

- i). What is connected speech? (6 Marks)
- ii). List out the aspects of connected speech (4 Marks)
- iii). Explain two of them with appropriate examples. (5×2=10 Marks)

Question 06

Write short notes on the following topics (10×2=20 Marks)

- a) Weak form and strong form
- b) Supra segmental phonemes