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## Higher National Diploma in English

First Year, Second Semester Examination – 2015

EN.1214: Language Structure Usage & Linguistics II (Full Time & Part Time)

Instructions for Candidates:

Answer 05 questions only.

All questions carry equal marks.

No. of questions: 06

No. of pages : 04

Time : 03 Hours

### Question 01

i. Briefly explain the basic forms of verbs in English and their uses with example sentences.

(10 Marks)

ii. Identify the Tense, Aspect, Mood and Voice of the following sentences.

a. Sumana has been working here for last three years. - present

b. The letter was written by him. - past simple

c. They visited us last week. - past simple

d. Please sit down. - present imperative

e. Has she got the appointment? - present

(10 Marks)

(20 Marks)

ASPECT  
Perfect  
perfect

Indicative  
Imperative  
Imperative  
Active  
Passive  
Active  
Active  
Active

### Question 02

i. Explain five (5) uses of passive voice with appropriate examples.

(10 Marks)

ii. Turn the active voice sentences into passive and vice versa.

(10 Marks)

a) An exhibition will be held at our school next month.

b) The room is cleaned every day.

c) They have postponed the examination until next month.

- d) Did you meet him last Sunday?
- e) They are building a new hospital in the city.
- f) That house will be searched by the police.
- g) I can finish this work by tomorrow.
- h) The officer sent us the message two days after the incident.
- i) The situation is serious. You must do something.
- j) The injured person was taken to the hospital.

(20 Marks)

### Question 03

Read the following paragraph and Find out two words or phrases from the text for each of the following categories.

There is no more pleasurable and profitable form of keeping indoor pets than the culture of fresh water fish. Both the ancient Romans and the Chinese were very interested in it and are said to have spent vast sums in building elaborate ponds to rear some of the most rare and most costly varieties. Even today fish keeping as a hobby has lost none of its charms. This is very useful for the unemployed. Some, by keeping fish, earn better than others do. If you keep a small aquarium at home and rear a few fish in it, you will be able to see at leisure a bit of the varied drama and beauty of the under-world. The tank must have as natural a setting as possible, for then only will fish make it a happy home, and multiply in number. Those interested can begin with the resources available. Angel Fish and Golden Fish are some of the favorites of aquarists. The male and female of the Angels should be kept apart by placing a sheet of glass between them until they show definite signs of mutual affection. They build their nest in the sand and lay eggs about 500 which will hatch within two weeks. The aquarist will have to suffer loss at the start. For want of experience, he may not be able to provide the fish with a well-conditioned tank. The result is that some specimens may die. Incorrect feeding too may bring about several deaths. These losses are really painful and disheartening, but with patience and experience, you will find your hobby one of absorbing interest. Once you know the art of looking after them well and assisting them in times of distress, you will have one of the pleasantest hobbies that will reveal to you the most fascinating secrets and wonders of fish life and you can lead your life more freely and happily than many others do at present.

- (a) Adverbials of Manner - .....
- (b) Adverbials of Time - .....
- (c) Adverbials of Place - .....
- (d) Adjectives used attributively - .....
- (e) Adjectives used predicatively - .....
- (f) Adjectives used as the head of a noun phrase - .....
- (g) Comparative Adjectives - .....
- (h) Comparative Adverbs - .....
- (i) Superlative Adjectives - .....
- (j) Postpositive Adjectives - .....

**(20 Marks)**

**Question 04**

i. "Uses of written variety of a language differs from its spoken variety." Do you agree?  
 Comment on the above statement with appropriate examples.

(10 Marks)

ii. Write short notes on any two of the followings.

- a. Dialect
- b. Register
- c. Idiolect
- d. Style

(5x2 =10 Marks)

**(20 Marks)**

**Question 05**

i) Discuss the differences between American English and British English with examples?

(10 Marks)

ii) Identify the intonation pattern of the following sentences.

- a) What are they doing?
- b) Damith was injured in the accident.
- c) They haven't gone there, have they?
- d) What is this?
- e) If you work hard you can succeed.

(5 Marks)

Handwritten marks and a circled number 12.

iii) Underline the stressed words in the following sentences.

- a) They are washing dishes.
- b) Where is her office?
- c) I am fine.
- d) Samitha doesn't like cartoons.
- e) The teacher explained the lesson very clearly.

(5 Marks)

**(20 Marks)**

**Question 06**

i. Briefly explain three (3) aspects of connected speech?

(6 Marks)

ii. Name the aspect of connected speech for the following words.

- a. Interesting
- b. Windmill
- c. My town
- d. Law and order

(4 Marks)

iii. Transcribe the full and reduced forms in phonetics of the following words in the table.

Word	Full form	Reduced form
the		
some		
him		
could		
from		

(10 Marks)

**(20 Marks)**