

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN ARTS AND CULTURE
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EN - 1112 ADVANCED GRAMMAR

Time: Two (02) Hours.

Instruction to the candidates

- Answer the first question in Part – A and any one question from Part – B and any two questions from Part – C.
- Altogether you must answer four (04) questions in both the parts.
- Marks will be deducted for wrong spellings and wrong grammar.
- This paper contains two (02) pages.

Part – A

Answer the First (01) question and any other one question from this Part. Totally you must answer two questions from this part.

1. Write a summary of the following passage:

Although they appear to be absolutely indispensable communication tools these days, you may wonder what are the disadvantages of mobile phones? Believe it or not, mobile phones have their negatives as well.

While it may not be completely fair to lump the entire cell phone industry into one tight package (smartphones are distinctly different from music phones, for instance), there are certain commonalities among most cell phones. That's why when you ask what are the disadvantages of mobile phones, you will come across a similar set of possible responses.

Many of us may have had the experience of being in an important business meeting, only to have someone's BlackBerry phone start ringing with an incoming call or email. It can be terribly annoying and frustrating when such a thing happens. The same can be said about ringing cell phones at movie theaters, family gatherings, and yes, even weddings, like in the picture shown above. Because mobile phones provide a constant avenue for communication, they can interrupt at the most inconvenient of times, under the most inconvenient of circumstances. This is certainly a major problem with the ubiquity of cell phones.

Again, because of this constant form of communication, people also feel compelled to keep communicating while behind the steering wheel. There are certainly many issues surrounding driving safety and cell phones and that's partly why the California cell phone law was introduced. What are the disadvantages of mobile phones? Just ask the victims of motor vehicle accidents involving cell phone usage.

Although the dangers of cell phone towers have not been officially confirmed or refuted, there is certainly some evidence that points toward tumors caused by cell phones. When you consider what are the disadvantages of mobile phones, perhaps the greatest negative impact could be the effects that mobile phones may have on a person's health. Among the negative health effects associated with proximity to cell phone towers are DNA damage, sleeplessness, eye cancer, infertility, cardiac problems, and chronic fatigue.

(331 words)

(Extracted from: http://cellphones.lovetoknow.com/What_are_the_Disadvantages_of_Mobile_Phones)

(20 Marks)

2. Write short notes on the following verbs with suitable examples:

- a. Transitive Verbs
- b. Intransitive Verbs
- c. Reflexive Verbs
- d. Verbs of Incomplete Predication

3. What is Gender in English Grammar? Also describe the following genders with suitable examples:

- a. Common noun
- b. Proper noun
- c. Collective noun
- d. Abstract noun.

(Total Marks 2 X 20 = 40)

Part – B

Answer any two (02) questions from this Part. Totally you must answer two questions from this part.

4. Write a detailed note on adverbs in English language.

5. Define the term pronoun and discuss the different kinds of it.

6. What is "article" in English Grammar? Describe different usages of articles with suitable examples.

(Total Marks 2 X 30 = 60)