

# EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

## FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN ARTS & CULTURE

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### AEL 1212 Basic English – II

#### Instructions to the candidates:

1. Time: Two (02) Hours.
2. Answer all the questions on the paper itself.
3. Marks will be deducted for wrong spellings and grammar.
4. Read each question carefully.
5. Write your Index Number clearly on the space given.
6. This paper contains seven (07) pages.

Index Number: .....

#### Question – 01

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

One day in 1924, five men who were camping in the Cascade Mountains of Washington saw a group of huge apelike creatures coming out of the woods. They hurried back to their cabin and locked themselves inside. While they were in, the creatures attacked them by throwing rocks against the walls of the cabin. After several hours, these strange hairy giants went back into the woods.

After this incident the men returned to the town and told the people of their adventure. However, only a few people accepted their story. These were the people who remembered hearing tales about footprints of an animal that walked like a human being.

The five men, however, were not the first people to have seen these creatures called Bigfoot. Long before their experience, local Native Americans were certain that a race of apelike animals had been living in the **neighboring** mountain for centuries. They called these creatures Sasquatch.

In 1958, workmen, who were building a road through the jungles of Northern California often found huge footprints in the earth around their camp.

Then in 1967, Roger Patterson, a man who was interested in finding Bigfoot went into the northern California jungles with a friend. While riding, they were suddenly thrown off from their horses. Patterson saw a tall apelike animal standing not far away. He managed to shoot seven rolls of film of the hairy creature before the animal disappeared in the bushes. When Patterson's film was shown to the public, not many people believed his story.

In another incident, Richard Brown, a music teacher and also an experience hunter spotted a similar creature. He saw the animal clearly through the telescopic lens of his rifle. He said the creature looked more like a human than an animal.

Later many other people also found deep footprints in the same area. In spite of regular reports of sightings and footprints, most experts still do not believe that Bigfoot really exists.

1. What did the five campers do when they saw a group of apelike creatures ?

- (A) They attacked the creatures by throwing rocks at them.
- (B) They ran into the woods and hid there for several hours.
- (C) They threw rocks against the walls of their cabin to frighten the creatures away.
- (D) They quickly ran back into their cabin and locked the cabin door.

2. Did the town people believe the story of the five men about their meeting with Bigfoot ?

- (A) No, not everyone believed their story.
- (B) All the people believed what they said.
- (C) Some said the five men were making up their own story.
- (D) Only those who had heard the same tale the second time believed them.

3. Who were the first people to have seen these apelike creatures before the five campers ?

- (A) The workers who built the road in the jungles of Northern California.
- (B) Roger Patterson and his friend.
- (C) The local Native Americans.
- (D) Richard Brown, a music teacher and a hunter.

4. The word **neighboring** would best be replaced with

- (A) far-off
- (B) Nearby
- (C) Remote
- (D) far-away

5. Who called the apelike creatures 'Sasquatch' ?

- (A) The five campers
- (B) The local Native Americans
- (C) Roger Patterson
- (D) Richard Brown

6. Which of the following pairs is **INCORRECT** ?

- (A) creatures – animals
- (B) woods – jungles
- (C) spotted – saw
- (D) huge – hairy

7. The **BEST** title for this passage would be

- (A) The adventures of the five campers.
- (B) The experts and the existence of Bigfoot.
- (C) The creature called Bigfoot.
- (D) The adventures of Bigfoot.

8. Write a summary of the above passage in about 25–30 words.

(6 marks)  
(Total 20 marks)

**Question – 02**

**Change the sentences to suitable tenses/time:**

Ex:

- He **repairs** electronic equipment for a living.
- He **repaired** electronic equipment for a living.
- He **will repair** electronic equipment for a living.

A)

- 1.....
- 2. The technician demonstrated the skill to the trainees.
- 3.....

B)

- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3. They will go on a picnic to Anuradhapura.

C)

- 1. Nimalan and Rani have been following a computer programming course for three months.
- 2.....
- 3.....

D)

- 1.....
- 2. We had completed the task before the deadline.
- 3.....

E)

- 1. The Faculty of Arts & Culture is conducting extension programmes for the youths.
- 2.....
- 3.....

(20 Marks)

**Question – 03**

**Rewrite the following active voice sentences into passive voice:**

1. They will send a text message to all candidates about the exam date.  
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2. We have to provide assistance to the Samurdhi beneficiaries affected by the floods.  
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3. He has been conducting workshops for the school leavers.  
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4. The manager requests you to wait for a few minutes.  
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5. The Government spends millions of rupees to print free text books for students.  
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6. They explained the examination procedure to all candidates.  
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7. My friend has ordered an expensive watch on e-bay.  
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8. The bank provides a loan scheme to purchase laptops for undergraduates.  
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9. The registrar had requested all students to provide their personal details immediately.  
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10. The Eastern University may conduct a special training programme for women about home gardening.  
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(20 Marks)

**Question – 04**

**Place the following words into right word classes (one word may fit into several classes: place it only once):**

Nouns	Verbs	Adjectives	Adverbs	conjunctions	Prepositions

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|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| publish   | publication | published | beauty     |
| beautiful | beautifully | correct   | correction |
| correct   | corrective  | correctly | fast       |
| speed     | clean       | on        | about      |
| upon      | near        | however   | and        |





