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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

LLCF11: ENGLISH & STUDY SKILLS 1

Important Instructions to Students:

1. Read the questions, instructions carefully and answer the questions.
2. You are allowed an **extra 10 minutes reading time** (during this time, you are not allowed to write with pen) and **180 minutes (3 Hours) to complete this paper**.
3. Silent, non-programmable calculators are allowed, but not supplied.
4. Write all your answers in the answer booklet provided. If you need extra sheets, please ask from the supervisor. Write your name, course code and student identification number in the answer booklet and in the attendance sheet.
5. This paper contains five (5) sections A, B, C, D and E. All questions are compulsory to answer
6. Write all your answers legibly. The marker has the right to award zero for answers that are not legible.
7. This is a **Closed Book Examination**. The University views plagiarism, cheating and dishonest practice as serious offences and if found, offenders are penalized.

Examination Paper Content (Format):

<u>Section</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Marks</u>	<u>Suggested Time</u>
A	Expository Essay Writing	15	40 minutes
B	Reading Skills	15	35 minutes
C	Summary Writing	10	15 minutes
D	Language and Grammar	30	30 minutes
E	Literature	30	60 minutes
	TOTAL	100 (50%)	180 Minutes

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Write an expository essay of about 250 words on any **one** of the following topics.

1. Reading for pleasure improves academic performance and language skills.
2. Financial literacy should be a mandatory subject in high schools.
3. Impact of technology on students' learning and social life.
4. The rise of artificial intelligence is reshaping future job markets.
5. Peer pressure can strongly influence teenagers' decision-making.
6. Climate change education should be integrated into all school curriculums.

Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

THE IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON SOCIETY

Knowledge is power. We all recognize this saying but few understand the empowering role social media has played. Through social media, anyone online is empowered by an unrestricted flow of information to add to their knowledge bank. In today's world, it is **undeniable** that social media plays an important role in impacting our culture, our economy and our overall view of the world. Social media is a new forum that brings people to exchange idea, connect with, relate to, and mobilize for a cause, seek advice, and offer guidance. Social media has removed communication barriers and created decentralized communication channel and open the door for all to have a voice and participate in a democratic fashion including people in repressive countries. Social media outlet enables common interest based groups such as students to work in a collaborative group projects outside of their class.

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Although it has brought about many benefits, allowing us to easily connect with friends and family around the globe, allowing us to break down international borders and cultural barriers, social media has come at a price. Social media has a negative impact on our lives because the combination of isolation and global reach

15 has eroded our culture. Social media is robbing us of trust and comfort we once placed in one another, replacing the human fellowship, physical and emotional support we once drew from each other with virtual connection. It robs us from self-control and from the ability to think independently and instead makes us gullible to join any group that posts perverse messages that tickle our ear and amuse our senses without evaluating the consequences.

20 Ironically, social media is in effect turning us into one of the most antisocial generations, yet. We prefer texting to phone conversations, online chat to a face-to-face meeting, and many have replaced human interaction with convenient platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Social media fosters a false sense of online "connections" and superficial friendships leading to emotional and psychological problems. The Second harm of social media is that it can become easily addictive taking

25 away family and personal time as well as diminish interpersonal skills, leading to antisocial behavior. Lastly, social media has become a tool for criminals, predators and terrorists enabling them to commit illegal acts.

Amedie, J. (2015) 'The Impact of Social Media on Society

Multiple Choice

(2m)

Write the correct option in your Answer Booklet.

1. Which of the following is not a role of social media?

(1m)

- a. ideas are exchanged.
- b. guide and support.
- c. provides reliable information.
- d. connects with friends and families.

2. The word **undeniable** (line 3) is synonymous to

(1m)

- a. disagreeable
- b. beyond doubt
- c. measurable
- d. doubtful

Sentence Completion

(4m)

Complete the following sentences using the ideas given in the passage. Use your own words.

3) Social media has given certain countries _____

(2m)

4) The effects of social media to students are _____

(2m)

Open-Ended Question

(6m)

Write your answers in complete sentences.

5. What can a person benefit from social media?

(2m)

6. Social media is turning human beings into antisocial beings. Explain how.

(2m)

7. Identify the two harmful effects of social media explained in the last paragraph.

(3m)

SECTION C**SUMMARY WRITING****[10 marks]**

Write a summary of the following passage **using your own words** in the spaces provided below. Your summary should be between **95 to 100** words.

Progress on Gender Equality Goal

The gateway to the Fiji Islands, Nadi could be dismissed as simply the entry and exit point for visitors on their way to Nadi International Airport. Fiji's largest town, Nadi grew almost by accident. During World War II, a small airstrip was extended for use by military aircraft and in the late 1940's, it was further developed to Civil Aviation Standards. It became the first international airport in Fiji and as tourist numbers grew, so did this small town set amidst canefields and with a spectacular aspect across Nadi Bay.

In the colonial period, Nadi was seen as the town with the Wild West atmosphere. Nowadays, the streets of Nadi Town are bustling with tourists drawn to the duty free stores, restaurants, bars and handicraft outlets. The markets especially on a Saturday provide some special shopping. Nadi offers a great shopping experience with most of the main shops located along the one very busy and congested main street. Shopping for that trendy outfit in Nadi Town is affordable with items of good quality with several large labels manufactured in the country. T-shirts, jeans, joggers and surf shorts abound here.

Many of the stores have a service-orientated feel about them and staff have impeccable manners.

There are fine jeweller outlets, handicraft shops, tailors and local cafés and restaurants. Woven items and wooden artifacts are some of the most popular souvenir items and these are readily available at many establishments, large and small.

There are very few travellers who venture to these shores who do not return home with a photo or two

of Nadi's major landmark, the Sri Siva Subramaniya Temple. This impressive temple is the second for Nadi, the original having more rustic origins as a thatched hut on the banks of the Nadi River.

Accessible from Nadi are the Mamanuca and Yasawa Island groups. The Tourist VAT Refund Scheme allows a tourist to claim a fund (subject to certain conditions) of VAT paid on goods purchased in Fiji and taken out of Fiji via Nadi International Airport or Suva Wharf.

Adapted from: <https://www.pacificdestinations.com.fj>

a) Punctuation

(4 marks)

Correctly punctuate the following sentences in the space provided in your **Answer Booklet**.

- (i) Did you see the new exhibit at the museum
- (ii) Sarahs birthday is on Monday, isn't it?
- (iii) Wow, that was an incredible performance
- (iv) After school we went to the park my friends played basketball while I read a book.

(b) Word Choice

(4 marks)

Choose the most appropriate word from the pair for each of the sentences given.

- i) The company will _____ (**adopt/adapt**) new policies to improve efficiency.
- ii) I _____ (**resigned/re-signed**) for another year as I love my job.
- iii) We need to _____ (**accept/except**) everyone's opinion before making a decision.
- iv) It's time for us to work _____ (**all together/altogether**) to secure a win.

(c) **Parts of Speech**

(2 marks)

Use the list given below to correctly fill the required parts of speech.

List: its so there
praise without flatter

Adverb	Conjunction	Preposition	Pronoun
(i) _____	(ii) _____	(iii) _____	(iv) _____

(d) **Subject Verb Agreement**

(4 marks)

Write the correct answer that agrees with the subject.

- i) Mathematics _____ my favorite subject.
- ii) The team _____ celebrating its victory tonight.
- iii) Neither of the students _____ prepared for the test.
- iv) Ten kilometers _____ a long distance to walk.

(e) **Working with words**

(4 marks)

Write the correct answer by following the instructions given for each one.

- i) Prefix to the word legal: _____
- ii) Homonym for the word flower: _____
- iii) Number of syllables in computer: _____
- iv) Suffix to the word happy: _____

(f). Rewriting Sentences

(2 marks)

Rewrite each of the following sentences according to the instructions in brackets and ensure the meanings do not change.

- (i) Mere locked the gate. No one could enter. (Join using: ...so that...)
- (ii) "I should revise for my exam tonight," said Jone. (Begin: What.....)

(g). Types of Sentences

(10 marks)

Identify and write down whether the sentences give below are simple, compound, complex and compound- complex.

- i. The baby slept peacefully.
- ii. I wanted to call you, but my phone battery was dead.
- iii. Although she was tired, she finished her homework before going to bed.
- iv. We went to the market, and we bought fresh vegetables.
- v. If you study hard, you will pass the exam.
- vi. The children played outside.
- vii. He missed the bus, so he decided to walk to school.
- viii. After the rain stopped, the players returned to the field.
- ix. She enjoys singing, and she practices daily because she wants to improve.
- x. I read a book, and my brother watched TV while our parents cooked dinner.

SECTION E**LITERATURE****[30 marks]**

There are two parts to this section. Answer the questions from the **two genres**. Each question is worth 15 marks. You are reminded that a good answer makes relevant close reference to the work(s) studied.

Write the title and the author of the text you use in the space provided in the **Answer Booklet**.

Write an essay of **200 to 250** words.

Please note the **Marking Criteria** for Literature Essays: Total

Introduction (1), Content (10), Conclusion (1), Style (2), and Mechanics (1).

PART I**GENRE– POETRY****(15 marks)**

Both "*Kidnapped*" by Ruperake Petaia and "*Too Much to Eat*" by Leonard Garae explore the challenges faced by Pacific Island communities in the context of modernization and globalization. Compare and contrast how each story addresses the themes of cultural identity, loss, and the effects of external influences.

PART II**GENRE– SHORT STORY****(15 marks)**

In Jan Mark's short story "The Choice is Yours," the protagonist is faced with a decision that highlights the tension between personal freedom and societal expectations. Discuss how the story explores the theme of choice and consequence. In your response, analyze how the author uses characterization, setting, and conflict to develop this theme.

THE END