



Gratia Christian College  
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## Examination

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Course Code	:	HGE102
Course Title	:	English II: Integrated English
Date	:	25/04/2024 (Thursday)
Time	:	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Time Allowed	:	2 Hours
Weighting	:	40% of the Overall Marks

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**Instructions to candidates:**

1. This paper contains three parts: Part I Reading Comprehension (20 marks), Part II Grammar and Vocabulary (38 marks), Part III Writing References (12 marks), and Part IV Writing (30 marks).
2. Answer all questions of the paper.
3. Answers to Part I-III should be written on this question paper. Answers to Part IV should be written on a separate answer sheet.
4. This is a closed-book examination.

*No materials or aids are allowed during the whole examination. If any unauthorized materials or aids are found on a candidate during the examination, the candidate will be subject to disciplinary action.*

**Do not turn this page until you are told to do so.**

**You should hand in this question paper after the examination.**

## I. Reading Comprehension (20 marks)

Instructions: Read the following article and then answer the questions below.

### SWEET LOVE

- A Many scientists believe our love of sugar may actually be an addiction. When we eat or drink sugary foods, the sugar enters our blood and affects the parts of our brain that makes us feel good. Then the good feeling goes away, leaving us wanting more. All tasty foods do this, but sugar has a particularly strong effect. In this way, it is in fact an addictive drug, one that doctors recommend we all cut down on.
- B “It seems like every time I study an illness and trace a path to the first cause, I find my way back to sugar,” says scientist Richard Johnson. One-third of adults worldwide have high blood pressure, and up to 347 million have diabetes. Why? “Sugar, we believe, is one of the culprits, if not the major culprit,” says Johnson.
- C Our bodies are designed to survive on very little sugar. Early humans often had very little food, so our bodies learned to be very efficient in storing sugar as most people have more than enough. So the very thing that once saved us may now be killing us.
- D So what is the solution? It’s obvious that we need to eat less sugar. The trouble is, in today’s world, it’s extremely difficult to avoid. From breakfast cereals to after-dinner desserts, our foods are increasingly filled with it. Some manufacturers even use sugar to replace taste in foods that are advertised as low in fat. So while the foods appear to be healthier, large amount of sugar are often added.
- E But some people are fighting back against sugar and trying to create a healthier environment. Many schools are replacing sugary desserts with healthier options, like fruit. Other schools are trying to encourage exercise by building facilities like walking tracks so students and others in the community can exercise. The battle has not yet been lost.

1 Skimming for the main idea of a paragraph. (5 marks)

A. Choose the main idea of each paragraph A-C.

1) **Paragraph A**

- a. Sugar is addictive.
- b. All tasty foods contain sugar.

2) **Paragraph B**

- a. Sugar can cause illnesses.
- b. The number of people with diabetes and high blood pressure is rising.

3) **Paragraph C**

- a. Sugar gives us energy when we don't eat for a long time.
- b. Our bodies need very little sugar to survive, and we now eat too much of it.

B. Complete the sentences to summarize the main ideas of paragraphs D and E.

4) **Paragraph D:** These days, it is very difficult to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

5) **Paragraph E:** There are some people who \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

2 Choose the best answer for each question. (5 marks)

1) What is the reading mainly about?

- a. our addiction to sugar
- b. illnesses caused by sugar
- c. ways to avoid sugar

2) In paragraph B, the word *culprit* is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. disease
- b. sweet food
- c. cause of the problem

3) In paragraph C, what does the phrase *the very thing* refer to?

- a. the amount of sugar in our food
- b. having enough food to survive
- c. our ability to store sugar as fat

4) According to the passage, why is it so hard to avoid sugar?

- a. It gives us needed energy.

- b. It's in so many foods and drinks.
  - c. We get used to eating it at school.
- 5) Which of the following statements about sugar is NOT true?
- a. Our bodies are able to store sugar as fat.
  - b. We need very little sugar to survive.
  - c. Early humans ate more sugar than we do today.

3 Write short answers to the questions below. (10 marks)

1) What disease do a third of adults in the world suffer from?

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2) Why do some manufacturers add sugar to low-fat foods?

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3) What are many schools replacing sugary desserts with?

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4) According to scientist Richard Johnson, what role does sugar play in causing illnesses like high blood pressure and diabetes?

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5) Name two challenges in reducing sugar consumption in today's world.

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## II. Grammar and Vocabulary (38 marks)

### 2.1 Ways of expressing past events (5 marks)

*Instructions: Choose the letter of the correct answer.*

- 1) Leonardo Da Vinci both recorded his ideas and \_\_\_\_\_ pictures of them in a notebook.
- a. was drawing
  - b. drew
  - c. was drew
  - d. did draw
- 2) The National Defense Act of 1935 \_\_\_\_\_ the construction of six new air bases in the United States.
- a. was authorized
  - b. was authorizing
  - c. did authorize
  - d. authorized
- 3) On May 7, 1915, as the ocean liner *Lusitania* \_\_\_\_\_ near the coast of Ireland, a German U-boat sank the ship with torpedoes.
- a. was sailing
  - b. sailing
  - c. did sail
  - d. was sailed

- 4) In 1975, the results of a four-year study \_\_\_\_\_ that the subjects who reduced their salt consumption lowered their blood pressure by more than 6 percent.  
a. were showing      b. showed      c. was showing      d. was shown
- 5) Cellist Yo-Yo Ma, who was born in France to Chinese parents, \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States.  
a. was grown up      b. was growing up      c. grew up      d. did grew up

## 2.2 Parallel structure (6 marks)

*Instructions: There is one parallelism error in each sentence. Underline and correct the error.*

- 1) College students can live at home, in a campus dormitory, or renting an apartment.
- 2) Two-thirds of the people surveyed said they thought married people were happier, healthier, and they were more fulfilled than unmarried people.
- 3) The most common advice for treating a cold is to rest, drink hot liquids, and taking vitamin C.
- 4) Scientific experiments on animals can be justified if they will save human lives, end human suffering, and there will be contributions to science.
- 5) A snake moves in a serpentine (S-shaped) movement by contracting its muscles, thrusting its body from side to side, and it creates a series of curves.
- 6) For years, mountain gorillas in Uganda have been threatened by habitat loss, disease, and there is illegal hunting.

## 2.3 Adverb clauses (6 marks)

*Instructions: Read the following sentences and underline the adverb clauses / subordinating conjunctions. Write S if it is a complete sentence. Write F if it is a fragment.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Some people call a doctor whenever they feel sick, while others prefer to wait a day or two.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Because raccoons have been able to adjust to life in urban centers very well in many parts of the U.S.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) While some people say they never forget a face.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) After there is lightning, there is always thunder.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5) Although in the past American young people typically moved out of their parents' homes after they graduated from high school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6) The church is still not finished even though.

**2.4 Sentence types (6 marks)**

*Instructions: Combine these short sentences into one sentence. You can add new words and move words around, but you should not add or omit any ideas.*

- 1) a. Human babies are born very helpless.
- b. Human babies are more helpless than other animal newborns.
- c. Human babies need to stay with their parents.
- d. Human babies stay with their parents for a very long time.

Your sentence: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2) a. There has been a lot of research on mindfulness training.
- b. Research shows that mindfulness training can improve people's physical and mental health.
- c. No one is sure how or why mindfulness training helps.

Your sentence: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## 2.5 Vocabulary (10 marks)

*Instructions: Find the correct word or phrase from the box to complete each sentence.*

deliver diverse illustrate implement preference principle pursue  
risk task transform

- 1) The company plans to \_\_\_\_\_ its outdated manufacturing processes to improve efficiency.
- 2) The government aims to \_\_\_\_\_ new policies to address the issue of climate change.
- 3) Climbing a mountain involves a certain level of \_\_\_\_\_ due to the unpredictable weather conditions.
- 4) She decided to \_\_\_\_\_ her dream of becoming a professional dancer and enrolled in a prestigious dance academy.
- 5) The artist used various colors and techniques to \_\_\_\_\_ the beauty of the sunset in her painting.
- 6) Honesty and integrity are fundamental \_\_\_\_\_ that guide our actions.
- 7) When it comes to food, everyone has their own \_\_\_\_\_, some prefer sweet while others prefer savory.
- 8) Completing the project on time was a challenging \_\_\_\_\_ that required the team's full dedication.
- 9) The university prides itself on its \_\_\_\_\_ student body, representing various cultures and backgrounds.
- 10) The courier company strives to \_\_\_\_\_ packages to their customers within 24 hours.

## 2.6 Collocations (5 marks)

*Instructions: Fill in the blank with the word or phrase that most naturally completes the phrase.*

aspects distraction exposure obligations surveys

- 1) take online \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) discuss many \_\_\_\_\_ of the issue

- 3) a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ from work
- 4) limit \_\_\_\_\_ to the sun
- 5) have family \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Avoiding Plagiarism by Paraphrasing** (12 marks, 6 marks each)

*Instructions: Paraphrase the following sentences in writing.*

3.1 Although many people are skeptical that bitcoin will increase its value, other people believe it will completely change national and international banking system.

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3.2 ChatGPT can aid young children in developing writing skills through offering translation and summarizing content, empowering learners with disabilities, and assisting in report writing.

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**IV. Writing a Paragraph** (30 marks)

*Instructions: Choose one topic and write a paragraph of about 200 words. Use details and examples to support your topic sentence.*

**TOPIC 1:** Compare or contrast two people that you admire.

**TOPIC 2:** Choose a problem that university students face and suggest two solutions.

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