Gratia Christian College
宏恩基督教學院

Examination

Programme	:	General Education
Academic Year (Semester)	:	2025 - 2026 (Semester 1)
Course Code	:	HGE101
Course Title	:	English I: Reading and Writing Skills
Date	:	19/12/2025 (Friday)
Time	:	19:00 pm – 21:00 pm
Weighting	:	30% of the Overall Marks

Student ID No. : _____

Student Name : _____

This paper has **8** pages (including this cover page).

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1. This question paper contains 4 parts.
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Part I. Reading Comprehension (20 marks)

1.1 Passage A (8 marks)

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

THE RISE OF ONLINE LEARNING

The growing popularity of online learning is changing the landscape of higher education, offering both significant advantages and notable challenges for students. One of the primary benefits is the flexibility it provides; learners can access course materials and complete assignments according to their own schedules, which is particularly helpful for those who have jobs or family commitments. Furthermore, online platforms often give students access to a wider range of courses and international experts that might be unavailable locally. However, this mode of study also has its drawbacks. Success in an online environment requires a high degree of self-discipline and motivation, as the lack of a fixed classroom schedule can lead to procrastination. Additionally, students may miss out on the social interaction and networking opportunities that a traditional campus provides. When choosing their study path, students must therefore carefully consider their own learning styles and personal circumstances to decide if online education is the right fit for them.

1. What is the purpose of this paragraph? (2 marks)
   A. To argue that online learning is better than traditional classroom learning.
   B. To explain the advantages and disadvantages of online learning.
   C. To describe the different platforms used for online courses.

2. What is the topic sentence? (2 marks)

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3. Which detail supports the challenges of online learning? (2 marks)
   A. Learners can access course materials and complete assignments according to their own schedules.
   B. Success in an online environment requires a high degree of self-discipline and motivation.
   C. Online platforms often give students access to a wider range of courses and international experts.

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4. What does the concluding sentence do? (2 marks)

A. It introduces a new argument about the cost of education.
B. It summarizes the main advantages discussed in the paragraph.
C. It gives a recommendation based on the presented information

1.2 Passage B (12 marks)

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

SOURCES OF CAREER SATISFACTION

Career satisfaction is a crucial aspect of overall well-being, and it is influenced by a variety of key factors beyond just salary. One primary source of satisfaction is a sense of purpose. Many people find deep fulfillment in work that they feel is meaningful, whether it involves helping others, contributing to society, or creating something of value. Another significant factor is work-life balance. Jobs that offer flexible hours or remote working options can lead to higher satisfaction by allowing employees to better manage their personal and family commitments. Furthermore, a positive work environment, characterized by supportive colleagues and respectful leadership, is essential for morale and long-term job enjoyment. Opportunities for growth and development also play a critical role; when employees feel they are learning new skills and have a clear path for advancement, they are more likely to feel engaged and satisfied. Finally, recognition for one's contributions, through fair compensation, praise, or promotions, reinforces a sense of being valued. Understanding these diverse factors can help individuals make more informed choices about their career paths.

1. What is the main purpose of this paragraph? (2 marks)
   A. To argue that salary is the most important factor in a job.
   B. To classify different types of careers and their requirements.
   C. To explain the various factors that contribute to career satisfaction.

2. What is the topic sentence? (2 marks)

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3. How do opportunities for growth contribute to career satisfaction? (2 marks)

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4. According to the paragraph, what is one benefit of a positive work environment? (2 marks)

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5. Which factor for career satisfaction do you believe is the most important? Explain your reasoning using evidence from your own career choice. (4 marks)

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Part II. Grammar and Vocabulary (38 marks)

2.1 Sentences vs. Fragments (6 marks)

Instructions: Please tick if the following sentences are complete.

_____ 1. The library, which is located in the city center.

_____ 2. She completed the assignment on time.

_____ 3. After the meeting concluded and everyone had left the room.

_____ 4. He decided to take the train instead of the bus.

_____ 5. Finding a solution to the complex problem required extensive research.

_____ 6. Because the weather was unpredictable throughout the week.

2.2 Subject-Verb agreement in the simple present (6 marks)

Instructions: Write the correct form of the verb in parentheses to complete each sentence.

1. Everybody in the community _____ (have) a role to play.
2. The committee _____ (meet) every Tuesday to discuss new proposals.
3. A group of tourists _____ (be) waiting outside the museum.
4. Each answer on the application form _____ (require) careful consideration.

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5. The results of the survey _____ (indicate) a strong preference for online learning.
6. Both candidates for the position _____ (possess) excellent qualifications.

2.3 Nouns and Pronouns (6 marks)

Instructions: Please choose the answer that provides a correct noun or a clearer pronoun reference.

1. The manager gave the *new employees* / *them* a detailed orientation.
2. The success of the project depends on the commitment of *the participants* / *them*.
3. After the company merged with its competitor, *it* / *the company* announced layoffs.
4. If a student has a question, *you* / *they* should ask the professor.
5. When David met his brother, *he* / *David* was surprised.
6. The contract was signed by the director and *I* / *me*.

2.4 Subject adjective clauses (4 marks, 2 marks each)

Instructions: Combine the original sentences using an adjective clause. Punctuate your sentences as appropriate.

Original sentences: Gratia Christian College was founded in 2015. Gratia Christian College has two campuses.

Your sentence:

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Original sentences: The researcher received a major award. She discovered the new gene.

Your sentence:

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2.5 Vocabulary (10 marks, 1 mark each)

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

adapt	alternative	appreciate	characteristic	decline	endurance
investigate	maintain	productive	significantly		

1. If you want to be more _____, you should make a to-do list and concentrate on it.
2. When you move to a new country, it can take time to _____ to the different culture and food.
3. The police decided to _____ the murder to find out what really happened.
4. One _____ of a good leader is the ability to listen carefully to others.
5. Marathon runners need a lot of _____ to run 42 kilometers.
6. If the first bus is full, we need to find an _____ way to get to school.
7. I really _____ your help with my homework; I couldn't have finished it without you.
8. It is important to _____ a healthy lifestyle by eating well and exercising regularly.
9. The number of students in the club started to _____ when the meeting time was changed.
10. After the new system was introduced, our team's performance improved _____.

2.6 Collocations (6 marks, 1 mark each)

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

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consequence	display	distinct	motivated	strong	flexible

1. highly _____ to succeed

2. an amazing _____

3. mentally _____

4. a(n) _____ approach

5. quite _____ from each other

6. negative _____

Part III. Writing References (12 marks, 4 marks each)

*Instructions: Rewrite the references so that they adhere to **the APA 7th style**.*
Underline the words that should to be italicized according to APA 7 style.

1. **a book**

Book title: Research design: Qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods approaches
Book edition: 5th edition
Publisher: SAGE.
Author: (1) David Creswell, (2) John W. Creswell
Year of publication: 2018

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2. a journal article

Journal title: Computers and Education: Artificial Intelligence
Journal volume number: 8
Journal issue number: Nil
Article title: Opportunities, challenges and school strategies for integrating generative AI in education
Article page numbers: 1-14
Article DOI: https://doi.org/xxx
Article authors: (1) Davy Tsz Kit Ng, (2) Eagle Kai Chi Chan, (3) Chung Kwan Lo
Year of publication: 2025

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3. an online newspaper article

Reporter: Wynna Wong

Date of updated publication on the website: 30 October, 2025

News article title: Hong Kong LinkedIn users urged to check privacy settings as AI training to resume

Online news agency: South China Morning Post

News article webpage URL: http://scmp.com/news/xxx

Part IV. Writing a Paragraph (30 marks)

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

TOPIC 1: Contrast the experience of reading a traditional printed book with that of reading an e-book.

TOPIC 2: Discuss two impacts of AI technology on your life.

--- End of paper ---

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