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INSTRUCTION

- This Examination paper contains SIX [6] questions in ELEVEN [11] pages.
- There are TWO sections to this paper.
- Answer FIVE [5] questions, THREE [3] from Section A (QUESTION 1 is COMPULSORY) and ALL from Section B.
- Section A and B must be handed in SEPARATELY.

SECTION A - (50 marks)

1. Read Appendix A carefully. Then answer the following questions.
  - (a) What single quality characterizes this Declaration, emotion or intellect? Give reasons for your choice.
  - (b) What reasons do the authors give for publishing the Declaration to mankind?
  - (c) Explain the distinction between 'prince' (line 57 and 'brethren' (line 61).
  - (d) Illustrate the use mode of (a) legal, (b) religious contexts to add solemnity to the Declaration.
  - (e) How objectively would you say the 'facts' in paragraphs 7 and 8 are presented. Discuss the connotative use of words.
  - (f) What comment do you make on the reference to the American Indians (lines 51 - 54).
  - (g) What is the emotional effect of the final sentence?

(20 marks)

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2. Refer to APPENDIX B for this question.

Using the selection of quotations given, write an article titled "Mrs Thatcher: The Woman and the Leader", in two [2] versions using any two of the following styles:

- (a) sensational / playful
- (b) responsible / informal
- (c) intellectual

Indicate which two styles you have chosen.

Some aspects you can analyse are:

- (a) Has she opened the door for more women to excel in the public sphere?
- (b) Has she sacrificed her feminity to reach the top?
- (c) Any other issues you consider important and relevant.

(15 marks)

3. Study the two extracts in APPENDIX C. Write an essay on your conception of the strengths and weaknesses of USM undergrads learning and using English as a Second Language in terms of the message in both extracts.

(15 marks)

4. Answer all 3 parts of this question.

(a) Write sentences pointing out the fallacies contained in the following statements. Indicate what type of fallacy each sentence illustrates.

- i. Goldilocks Hair Tonic feeds your hair with its natural food, with the three all-important elements, Pyrtocol, Ortokurl and Styctite.
- ii. Education is desirable because educated people are desirable.
- iii. No one can use profane language and be a good right-thinking person.

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- (b) Specify some harmful deductions that might be made by someone who believes the generalization that Caucasians are mentally superior to all other kinds of people.
- (c) Prepare a full syllogism, using the following as conclusions.
- i. War will soon break out in the Middle East again.
  - ii. Malaysians are poor drivers.
  - iii. I hate Professor R. Phorf.
  - iv. Amir will get better grades this Semester than I will.
  - v. Mary will divorce Joe.

(15 marks)

SECTION B - Answer ALL questions (50 marks)

5. Analyse the following samples of discourse according to (a) mode, (b) tenor, (c) domain and (d) show how they fit into Martin Joo's "Five Clocks".

i. A: Honey

B: Ah-ha

A: I want you to be the mother of my children.

ii. Magistrate: I'm putting it to you again - are you going to make an offer - uh - uh to discharge this debt.

Defendant: Would you in my position?

Magistrate: I - I'm not here to answer questions - you answer my question.

Defendant: One rule for one and one for another - I presume.

Magistrate: Can I have an answer to my question - please.

Magistrate: The question is - are you prepared to make an offer to the court - to discharge - this debt.

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Defendant: What sort of minimal offer would be required.

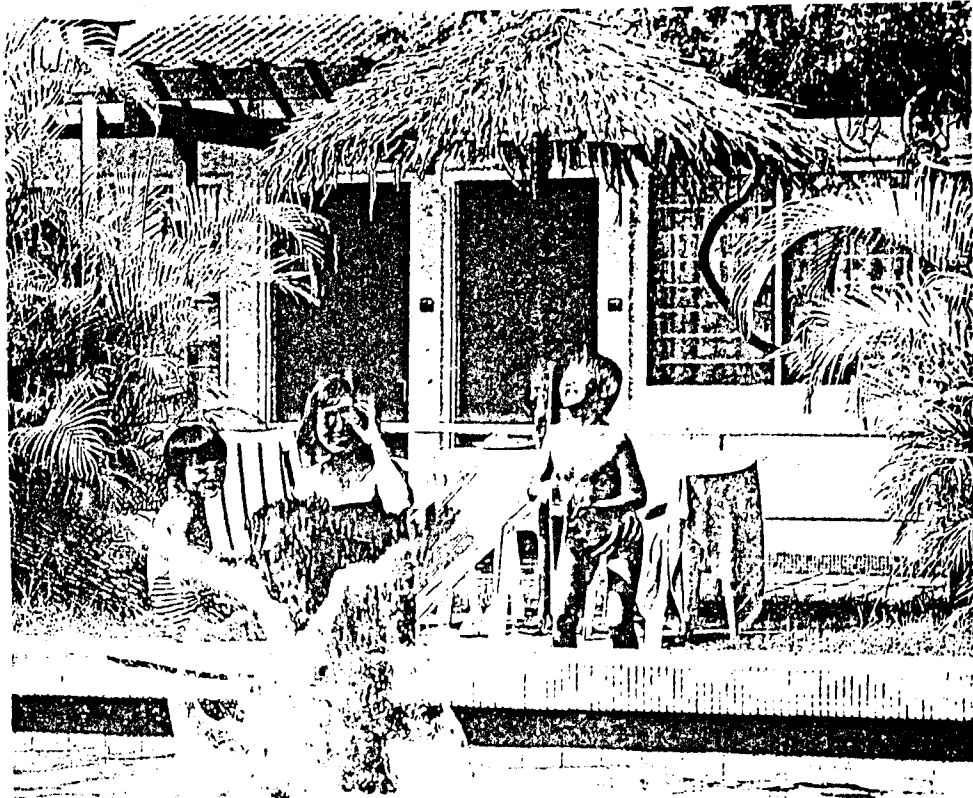
Magistrate: It's not a bargaining situation - it's an straight question Mr. H. - can I have an answer.

Defendant: Well I'll just pay the court a pound annually.

Magistrate: That's not acceptable to us.

iii.

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- iv. They worked together, coming and going, in a rhythm, which carried their feet and their bodies in tune. She stooped, she lifted the burden of sheaves, she turned her face to the dimness where he was, and went with her burden over the stubble. She hesitated, set down her sheaves, there was a swish and hiss of mingling oats, he was drawing near, and she must turn again. And there was the flaring moon laying bare her bosom again, making her drift and ebb like a wabe.

He worked steadily, engrossed, threading backwards and forwards like a shuttle across the strip of cleared stubble, weaving the long line of riding shocks, nearer and nearer to the shadowy trees, threading his sheaves with hers.

From: D.H. Lawrence, The Rainbow, Ch. 4

v. LIFE AMONG THE STRAWBERRIES

Pundit Yoshimi Ishikawa provides a refreshingly different view amid the U.S. Japanese slanging match.

By Kumiko Makihara, TOKYO

If American automakers want Japanese consumers to buy their products, they should make sure their cars become fashionable in Los Angeles and New York City. Eager to follow U.S. trends, Japanese would no doubt rush to buy the vehicles they now spurn. If the Japanese government wants to reduce its trade surplus with the U.S., it should impose a "contribute America tax" to fund the purchase of goods from America. The controversial remarks by Japanese Diet member Yoshio Sakurauchi--that 30% of American workers can't read--should have triggered a renewed respect for the U.S., not an angry war of words. Says Yoshimi Ishikawa: "If 30% of Americans really were illiterate, Japan should look up to the U.S. as a country that can give jobs to such people."

TIME, February 17, 1992

(25 marks)

6. Legalese covers a spectrum of language use, ranging from language used in courtrooms (spoken mode) to formal written forms (written mode). Elaborate on the above statement and exemplify with concrete examples. (See APPENDIX D).

(25 marks)

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APPENDIX A

*Independence*

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary from one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with  
10 certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organising its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should  
20 not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these colonies, and such is now the  
30 necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of government.

The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having, in direct object, the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world:

He has refused his assent to laws the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his governors to pass laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation  
40 till his assent should be obtained; and, when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. . . .

He is, at this time, transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation, and tyranny, already begun, with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the head of a civilised nation.

He has constrained our fellow-citizens, taken captive on the high seas, to bear arms against their country, to become the executioners of their friends and brethren, or to fall them-  
50 selves by their hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian savages; whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes, and conditions.

In every stage of these oppressions, we have petitioned for redress, in the most humble terms; our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

60 Nor have we been wanting in attention to our British brethren. We have warned them, from time to time, of attempts made by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them, by the ties of our common kindred, to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They, too, have been deaf to the voice of justice and consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity which denounces our separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, enemies in war, in peace, friends.

70 We, therefore, the representative of the United States of America, in general Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our inten-

tions, do, in the name, and by the authority of the good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these united colonies are, and of right ought to be free and independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved; and that, as free and independent states, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which independent states may of right do. And, for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honour.

selected from *Declaration of American Independence*,

THOMAS JEFFERSON

NOTE This is a shortened form of the *Declaration of Independence*: the sections omitted are merely some of the 'facts' in the middle part.



APPENDIX B

*'It seems to me that Mrs Thatcher operates with a relatively limited total of fairly simple ideas and notions. She seems to be convinced of what most politicians have ceased to be convinced of, that there are such things as 'good guys' and 'bad guys', not to say 'good' and 'evil'—it's that kind of . . . simplicity of perception, of speech and of analysis which leads me to hesitate when I'm invited to say that Mrs Thatcher is a thinker.'*

Enoch Powell 1988

*'Does she even realise she's a woman? Her entire raison d'être seems to be to get women back to the scullery, where she wasn't. She doesn't have any of the intuitive, caring qualities traditionally associated with women, but the awful thing is that one has to admire the woman.'*

Maureen Lipman 1988

*'She is a woman and, as a woman in power, is constantly trying to prove herself. She feels she has to show how strong she is. But she does not have to because she is the Prime Minister and we all respect her.'*

Norman St John-Stevan 1981

*'I do not like her either as a man or a woman.'*

Giscard d'Estaing 1988  
(Quoted in You magazine)

*'Her style of Prime Ministership means that if and when things go badly wrong there will be nobody else to blame. Moreover, she will not find herself in those circumstances surrounded by loyal and affectionate colleagues.'*

Peter Jenkins 1979

Venus was sculpted by man,  
But the far more attractive woman, Margaret Thatcher,  
Was sculpted by Allah.  
My heart raced when I saw her face to face,  
Her skin was smooth as ivory,  
Her cheeks as rosy as an English rose,  
And her eye as lovely as a mare's.  
Her figure is more attractive than the figure of any cherished wife  
Or coveted concubine.

Poet Laureate of Saudi Arabia 1975  
(Commissioned by Prince Fahd)

*'She is the most beautiful woman it has been my good fortune to meet. Her beauty is enhanced by her unmatched intelligence.'*

Crown Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia 1975

*'She's the best man in Britain. I am inspired by her leadership.'*

Ronald Reagan 1988

*'Very much the sort of woman who does well in a man's world.'*

Denis Healey 1988

*'I am very impressed with the lady . . . she is quite a girl.'*

Henry Kissinger 1975

*'She has never been prettier . . . she is in love with power, success and with herself.'*

Barbara Castle 1975  
(Alter Mrs T won leadership)

*'I feel she's done a great disservice to women. She's the type of woman who makes cowards of men, the authority figure—the headmistress, the bus conductress—she frightens me.'*

Sue Townsend 1988

*'She has been her own woman and hasn't tried to be a man or imitate one. I have found she's very much a woman at heart and cares deeply what happens to children and families. She pays no lip service to the idea of a standardised female, and I admire that.'*

Mary Whitehouse 1988  
(President, National Viewers and Listeners Association)

*'Mrs Thatcher is possessed of an armoury of weapons but humour is not one of them.'*

Julian Critchley 1988

*'That woman has more guts than any man I know. She is just like me, a pioneer of the women's movement and she didn't give up just because she was 40.'*

Joan Collins 1988

*'I think she is good for women simply by existing—to prove that women can be Prime Minister. Perhaps that overrides everything else. It's something she can't help doing. Merely by existing she's good for all little girls at school.'*

Fay Weldon 1988

*'I love Maggie. She speaks fighting talk. Like machine gun. Rat-atat-atat.'*

Japanese Journalist 1979

*'She is beautiful, gay, very kind and thoughtful; and a jolly good cook too.'*

Denis Thatcher 1970

*'Who could meet Margaret without being completely slain by her personality and intellectual brilliance?'*

Denis Thatcher 1988

APPENDIX C

(A)

BELONGING

You may excel  
in knowledge of their tongue,  
and universal ties may bind you close to them;  
but what they say, and how they feel -  
the subtler details of their meaning, thinking, feeling,  
reaching -  
these are closed to you and me for evermore;  
As are indeed the interleaves of speech - our speech -  
which fall on them  
no more than they were dead leaves in dust-dry harmattan,  
although, for years, they've lived and counted all there  
is to count  
in our midst!

G. Adali-Mortty

(B)

You taught me language; and my profit on't,  
Is, we know how to debunk: the red plague grid you,  
For learning us your criticism.

William Shakespeare

APPENDIX D

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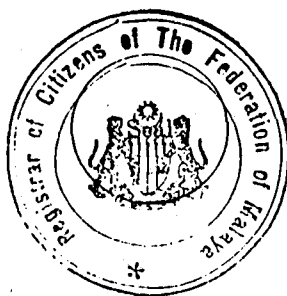
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*[Handwritten Signature]*

Registrar