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**HEA 101 - INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDIES**

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Please check that this examination paper consists of SIXTEEN pages of printed material before you begin the examination.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. This examination paper contains NINE questions.
2. This paper is divided into FOUR sections: Section A, B, C and D. Answer ALL questions in all sections.
3. Answers for all sections must be done in the booklet.

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Section A [30 marks]

Answer ALL questions in this section.

There are THREE questions in Section A. ALL answers for Section A must be done in this booklet.

1. Describe the phoneme (bold and underlined) in each of the following words according to **tongue height** and **position (vowel)** or **voicing, place of articulation**, and **manner of articulation (consonant)**.

[a] /φε:/ (fur) \_\_\_\_\_

[b] /ΣIπ/ (ship) \_\_\_\_\_

[c] /γ□v/ (gone) \_\_\_\_\_

[d] /πεv/ (pen) \_\_\_\_\_

[e] /βθδZ/ (badge) \_\_\_\_\_

[f] /δZετ/ (jet) \_\_\_\_\_

[g] /ρIΔ↔μ/ (rhythm) \_\_\_\_\_

[h] /φυ:Z↔λ/ (usual) \_\_\_\_\_

[i] /jε:/ (year) \_\_\_\_\_

[j] /ηIρ↔YIκ/ (heroic) \_\_\_\_\_

[10 marks]

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2. Circle ONE word only for each of the following:

[a] Circle the word that **begins** with a vowel:

use            hair            whole            honour

[b] Circle the word that contains a central vowel:

pen            chat            cut            pod

[c] Circle the word that contains a diphthong:

young            ear            sheep            caught

[d] Circle the word that **ends** with a vowel:

close            feel            paw            once

[e] Circle the word that **begins** with a consonant:

hour            once            heir            X-ray

[f] Circle the word that **begins** with a bilabial consonant:

photo            whom            film            mane

[g] Circle the word that **begins** with a velar consonant:

knife            gnome            gym            clue

[h] Circle the word that **begins** with an alveolar stop:

theme            true            throw            thick

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[i] Circle the word that **ends** with an affricate consonant:

rush            edge            rose            wish

[j] Circle the word that **ends** with a lateral consonant:

pill            fly            light            limb

[10 marks]

3. [a] Rewrite the transcribed words below using English spelling.

[i] /INɣλIΣ/ \_\_\_\_\_

[ii] /φ↔τ□γρ↔φι:/  
\_\_\_\_\_

[iii] /□:Π↔/  
\_\_\_\_\_

[iv] /κ↔μπλι:τ/ \_\_\_\_\_

[v] /μɛIντɛIv/ \_\_\_\_\_

[5 marks]

[b] Transcribe the following words using phonetic symbols.

[i] communicate \_\_\_\_\_

[ii] other \_\_\_\_\_

[iii] expensive \_\_\_\_\_

[iv] thrill \_\_\_\_\_

[v] forget \_\_\_\_\_

[5 marks]

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Section B [10 marks]

4. Answer all questions by providing the right form of the verb.

- [a] In terms of what is (understand) \_\_\_\_\_ about the activity described, you may want to write a proper essay for this course.
- [b] The students (be) (make) \_\_\_\_\_ the same mistake for the last few months.
- [c] They are not coming to school, (be) \_\_\_\_\_ they?
- [d] Twenty-two percent of the participants of the race (be) \_\_\_\_\_ females.
- [e] Ahmad drives to work every morning. However, yesterday he (take) \_\_\_\_\_ a bus to work.
- [f] Ramachandran, as well as his two friends, (be) (miss) \_\_\_\_\_ for the last 2 days in the jungle.
- [g] By the time my father arrives to pick me up tomorrow, I (pack) \_\_\_\_\_ my personal belongings.
- [h] Every boy and girl in the school (be) (ask) \_\_\_\_\_ to complete the form two months ago.
- [i] Reading novel and poetry (be) \_\_\_\_\_ different from reading non-fiction or factual information.

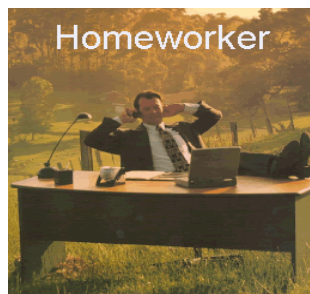
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- [j] The person whose vision is strictly limited to his or her own needs and desires (be) \_\_\_\_\_ generally ineffective in dealing with other people.

Section C [30 marks]

Read the following passage and answer all the questions that follow.

### Close to Home



Some people can never get away from work these days. They are at the constant mercy of their cell phones, pagers, two-way radios or other electronic devices. Take my sister Cindy. When it comes to high-tech gadgets, she was ahead of her time. Twenty years ago her business phone rang at home and an ever present walkie-talkie was there to provide access and communication between her husband, herself and the truck drivers in their small business. Her husband was one of the first people I knew with a cell phone, back when they were known as 'car phones' because they did not detach from the car.

Cindy recalls attending to her kids' soccer games with an **oversized** walkie-talkie in hand, so she could conduct business, if necessary. Today, the company is equipped with cell phones, two way radios and all-in-one radio and telephone sets. But the business line still rings at home, which can be

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good or bad. "Having it forwarded to the house makes it flexible because you don't have to be at the office to answer the phone," Cindy said. "The drawback is you can't ever get away from the phone. You sort of live your business all the time. It is there at home with you."

The modern conflict of work and home affect many people. It is no longer just business owners and professionals such as doctors who were at **the beck and call** of their livelihood; even the average employee finds it difficult to get away from work sometimes. Pagers, cell phones and other devices can be a mixed blessing, providing access and efficiency, yet at the same time, inconvenience and interruption of family life and personal time.

This phenomenon has been explored extensively by Maggie Jackson, a **columnist** and author of *What's Happening to Home: Balancing Work, Life and Refuge in the Information Age*. The New York resident, who worked as a reporter for the *New York Times* and the *Boston Globe*, said that technology is defining home life and blurring the boundaries between work and home. With the explosion of hi-tech devices such as cell phones and PDAs or personal digital assistants, she said, "The march of technology into our lives is unstoppable."

While viewing technological development as a gift, Jackson warns that it may require sacrifice as well. Mobile technology is turning homes into workplaces, she said, citing the popularity of the computer armoire and a modern sofa that make it easier to bring work into the living room. In coming decades, she predicts that the lines between work and home will be even dimmer, and people would not feel a need to hide their computers in fancy furniture.

Jackson reports that 70 percent of all employees must be accessible to their jobs during off-hours and says that technology is **chipping away** at weekend and vacation time. "It changes the parameters of a worker's private

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time,” she said. In addition, the domestic life has moved from the home and neighbourhood into the workplace, she said, noting that employees may eat, socialize and even work out at the company. From work, parents may instant-message their children or connect their latch-key kids via telephone or personal cell phones. Jackson says that 60 million people bring their cell phones to work each day. Some children even fax homework and report cards to Mum and Dad to check at the office. “Home and work are becoming truly portable,” Jackson said.

The sacrifices and costs of losing what have been boundaries between work and home include lack of refuge in the home and loss of private life. Jackson **advocates** employer respect for the personal life of workers and commends companies like Ernst & Young for making efforts to protect that privacy and limit the on-call time of employees. Other drawbacks to the expansion of technology include the loneliness and distance of virtual relationships, which can give people the feeling of being together when they are actually apart.

“The **proliferation** of mobile technology is effecting the way we relate to each other,” said Jackson, who discussed parents who instant-message their children to come down to dinner rather than shouting upstairs and those who read bedtime books to children over the telephone while on business trip. She said that friends might use technology as a new form of togetherness by carrying out their relationships via technology. “Face to face togetherness is the old standard,” she said. “Families are now portable too.” High-tech devices can also invade the privacy of others when they interrupt performances, business meetings, or dinner conversations, Jackson said.

So, what can be done about the technology invasion? Do we try to squelch it, live with it or just find the right balance? We may find a clue in



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Jackson's depiction of a transition of the past. She said that when the Industrial Age gave way to computer age, many people worried that the new devices would overtake their old way of life. And one wise observer summed their fears up when he warned people: "Be sure that we control the gadgets and not the other way round." That is not bad advice for today, either.

(L. Smith and N. Mare, 2004)

5. Write the main idea of the passage using one or two sentences.

Main Idea: \_\_\_\_\_  
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[4 marks]

6. Use the sentence clues from the article to define the words in bold in your own words.

[a] Cindy recalls attending to her kids' soccer games with an **oversized** walkie-talkie in hand, so she could conduct business, if necessary.

**Oversized** means \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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- [b] The modern conflict of work and home affect many people. It is no longer just business owners and professionals such as doctors who were at the **beck and call** of their livelihood; even the average employee finds it difficult to get away from work sometimes.

**Beck and call** means \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- [c] This phenomenon has been explored extensively by Maggie Jackson, a **columnist** and author of *What's Happening to Home: Balancing Work, Life and Refuge in the Information Age*.

**Columnist** means \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

- [d] Jackson reports that 70 percent of all employees must be accessible to their jobs during off-hours and says that technology is **chipping away** at weekend and vacation time.

**Chipping away** means \_\_\_\_\_  
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- [e] Jackson **advocates** employer respect for the personal life of workers and commends companies like Ernst & Young for making efforts to protect that privacy and limit the on-call time of employees.

**Advocates** means \_\_\_\_\_

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**Proliferation** means \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Identify which of the following statements are true or false. Write (T) for statements that are true and (F) for statements that are false in the answer column provided.

No.	Statement	T or F
[a]	Cindy has to be at her office in order to answer the business phone.	
[b]	Only doctors and business owners must be accessible to their jobs at all times.	
[c]	Maggie Jackson believes that we cannot stop technology in our lives.	
[d]	Some people hide their computers in their living rooms.	
[e]	60 million children fax their homework to their parents at work.	
[f]	Modern technology has resulted in the loss of private life for some people.	

[6 marks]

8. Answer ALL questions.

[a] Maggie Jackson predicts that the lines between work and home will be even dimmer in coming decades, and people would not feel the need to hide their computers in their fancy furniture. What is Ms. Jackson inferring about people today?

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[b] Jackson says, "The proliferation of mobile technology is affecting the way we relate to each other." What kinds of relationships is she talking about? How are those relationships changing?

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[c] What do you think is Cindy's opinion about the effects of modern technology on her family's life? Why do you think so?

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[d] What do you think is Maggie Jackson's opinion about the effects of high-tech gadgets on family life? Why do you think so?

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[8 marks]

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