



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

DIPLOMA IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

FINAL EXAMINATION

- September 2025

ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS

- LED3508 / LSD1208

DURATION

- THREE HOURS (03 hours)

DATE: 13.09.2025

TIME: 01.30 pm. - 04.30 pm

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Question No:		Marks Obtained	Maximum
Part A	1	50
Part B	2	<u>50</u>
Total		<u>100</u>

Name of Examiner :

Signature of Examiner :

ANSWER QUESTION 01 IN PART A, AND ANY ONE FROM PART B

Part A

- 1. Write an essay consisting of 05 or 06 paragraphs (including the introductory and concluding paragraphs in approximately 600 – 750 words), on the following topic:**

With the global push towards sustainability, transportation is undergoing significant changes. Currently, there are two main types of cars in use: electric cars (EVs) and traditional gasoline-powered cars. Compare and contrast these two types of vehicles, and state which type of vehicle you would choose.

When writing the essay, you should:

- a) State the pattern of organization.
- b) Give a title to your essay.
- c) Underline the thesis statement.
- d) Indicate your choice in the concluding paragraph.

(50 marks)

Part B

2. Write an essay consisting of 05 or 06 paragraphs (including the introductory and concluding paragraphs in approximately 600-700 words) on any ONE of the following topics.

A. Road accidents in Sri Lanka have risen sharply in recent years, claiming numerous lives and causing serious injuries each day. Critically examine the problems created by this situation and propose well-argued solutions that could realistically reduce the number of accidents.

OR

B. The Sri Lankan elephant has long coexisted with humans, but today it faces alarming threats to its survival. Recent media reports have documented a sharp rise in elephant mortality, largely due to human-driven factors. Examine the main causes behind this increase and discuss the major consequences for both elephant populations and human societies.

When writing the essay, you should:

- a. State the pattern of organization of the essay
- b. Give a title to your essay,
- c. Underline the thesis statement.

NB: Please ensure that your essay stays within the allocated word limit. Exceeding the limit may result in marks being deducted.

(50 marks)

