



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

DIPLOMA IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

FINAL EXAMINATION	-	October 2024
ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS	-	LED3508/LSD1208
DURATION	-	THREE HOURS (03 hours)

DATE: 05.10.2024

TIME: 09.30 am – 12.30pm

ANSWER QUESTION 01 IN PART A, AND 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.

Both live drama and movies have been a source of rich entertainment to many over the years. Some prefer to watch a live performance at a theatre, while others prefer to watch a movie at the cinema or home.

Compare and contrast these two types of performances (live dramas and movies) and state your choice.

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 700-800 words) on any ONE of the following topics.

i) Fishermen crossing borders is a serious problem on the Indo-Sri Lankan maritime border. It has led to a great deal of suffering among the fisherfolk on both sides.

Discuss the problem associated with the above issue and suggest possible steps that can be taken to address it.

Or

ii) "In December 2015 in Paris, all nations agreed to invest and intensify combat against global warming for a sustainable, low-carbon future. However, this goal is unlikely to be achieved, as most developing countries including Sri Lanka continue to use coal as a source of power generation".

In light of this statement, present your views on the cause for Sri Lanka to turn to coal power generation and its impact on humans and the environment.

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.

(50 marks)