# THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA PROGRAMME IN BASIC ENGLISH - LSC 1201 COMMUNICATION SKILLS II - LISTENING AND SPEECH FINAL EXAMINATION - 2010 / 2011

Date

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2011

Time

1.00 p.m. - 1.45 p.m.

#### **Teacher Instructions**

- 1. Familiarize yourself with the test paper.
- 2. Explain the **instructions** to the students carefully.
- 3. Give students 05 minutes to look over the questions.
- 4. Read the listening text at normal speed. (Not too fast or too slow).
- 5. Give students approximately 08 minutes to fill in the blanks & complete question 1.
- 6. Read out again clearly and at normal speed. (Not too fast or too slow).
- 7. Give students 08 minutes to check the answers.
- 8. Give students 15 minutes to complete Question 02.

#### **Listening Text**

Listen to the following audio commentary of the Perahera from the 'You Tube' and answer the given questions. The Kandy Esala Perahera is a major tourist attraction in Sri Lanka during the month of August.

Dalada Maligawa or 'The Temple of the Tooth' is not just an important religious centre in Sri Lanka – it is also a significant centre for history, art, tradition and culture.

There are special religious programmes conducted in the Maligawa on every Full Moon Poya day where large numbers of people participate. Of these the most important is the Esala Mangallaya. Esala, according to the Sinhalese Calendar, is the month of July/August. This is the month in which Kandy gets into a festive mood. Shop-keepers and hotel-owners get ready to cater to the massive crowds that come to the city. Maligawa and its premises are gaily decorated and are illuminated with strings of lights.

These lights burn throughout the night. A few days before the Perahera, Kapá, a sapling from a tree that sheds milky juice is planted in each of the four Devales. On the 5th day, after the Kapá ceremony the Kumbal Perahera begins and goes on for 10 consecutive nights when colourfully dressed dancers and drummers parade the streets of Kandy. What is meant by the word Perahera is a colourful procession of musicians, dancers, flag bearers, torch bearers and the officials of the Maligawa who walk along the streets of Kandy to the rhythm of the drummers.

The most colorful Perahera is the Randoli Perahera which falls on the Esala Full Moon Poya day. On this day, the Perahera starts at the auspicious time. The Diyawadana Nilame in full traditional Kandyan dress, enters the inner chamber to receive the Perahera Karanduwa or the special casket containing the Buddha Relics. The Mahanayake Thero will place the relics casket on a special cloth embroidered with gold and silver. The Diyawadana Nilame, who is the chief custodian or the protector of 'The Temple of the Tooth' carries the relics casket with both hands. As he steps out of the chamber bearing the relics casket, the crowd chants 'sadhu, sadhu, sadhu' and the chorus will go on while the mini perahera begins. A red and yellow floor mat (pavada) is laid before him, and two selected people will start strewing jasmine flowers on the relics casket.

As this procession goes along the street every by stander would feel his or her heart beating faster - this is Sri Lanka's culture at its best!



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Date	: •	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2011	INDEX NO.	:		
Time	:	1.00 p.m. – 1.45 p.m.	CENTRE I.D. NO.	:		
Instructions	:	Answer All Questions.				
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QUE	STION I	For Examine
		use only.
You	will listen to an audio commentary. Listen carefully and answer the given	
ques	tions.	
(1)	'The Temple of the Tooth' is mainly known as a centre of history /	
	geography / religious importance / traditional importance.	,
	(00 ½ mark)	
(2)	It is also famous for a) b)	
	c) d)	*******************
	(01 mark)	
(3)	Esala according to the Sinhala calendar is	Ø
	(01 mark)	
(4)	What happens in the four Devala's 05 days before the Perahera:	
	(01 mark)	
(5)	The Kumbal Perahera lasts for nights.	-
	(01 mark)	***************************************
(6)	Who is not mentioned in the article you just heard	
	(i) torch bearers	,
	(ii) drummers	
	(iii) elephant keepers	()
	(iv) officials	
	(01 mark)	
(7)	The Esala Full Moon day is important because	
	(i) the Kapá ceremony takes place on that day	,

(02 marks)

(ii) the Diyawadana Nilame receives a special casket

(iv) the protector of the Temple of the tooth calls in the perahera

(iii) the Randoli Perahera starts on this day

(8)	The	shop keepers/hotel owners are happy during Esala because	For Examiner's
	a)	it's a special month for the city of Kandy	use only.
	, p)	lots of people come to Kandy	
	c)	Kandy city is decorated with lights	
	d)	a large number of people bring them more business	
		(00 ½ mark)	
(9)	The	Randoli Perahera is the most important procession because	***************************************
	a)	of the presence of the Diyawadana Nilame	
	b)	of the participation of the Mahanayake Thero	
	c)	the casket with the Buddha Relics is paraded	••••••
	d)	a lot of chanting is done by people	•••••••
		(00 ½ mark)	•••••
(10)	A Pe	erahera is a	
	a) .	festival of music and dancing	
	b)	festival that features the officials of the Maligawa	
	c)	a colourful procession	
	d)	festival that brings a lot of people to Kandy	
		(00 ½ mark)	
(11)	The	main difference between the Kumbal and the Randoli Perahera is	
	a)	Randoli is a highly colourful procession	
	b)	Kumbal Perahera involves a Kapa ceremony	
	c)	Randoli Perahera parades the Relics Casket	
	d)	Kumbal Perahera is held for 10 days	
		(00 ½ mark)	
(12)	Why	does the text mention shop keepers and hotel owners?	
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		(00 ½ mark)	

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		use only.
The conver	sation given below is incomplete. Complete it by writing the correct	
responses.	Use suitable greetings and polite forms you have learnt.	
Situation		
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Your Austra	alian friend John is curious about the Kandy Esala Perahera. You are	***************************************
anith. Ansv	wer your friend's questions:	
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John :	Good morning, Janith. It's nice to see you again. How've you been?	***************************************
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You :	••••••	***************************************
	(return greeting) (02 marks)	
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John :	I'm fine man. Last night I read a lot about your country. Tell me	
	something Do you know anything about theerr Esala	
	Perahera?	•••••
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You :		
	(appropriate response) (01 mark)	
John :	Why is it held in Kandy – and not in Colombo?	
You :		***************************************
	(Temple of the Tooth) (02 marks)	

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John		So tell me, why is the Perahera important to you?	For Examiner's
			use only.
You	:		
		(religion, culture, tradition, history) (03 marks)	
John	:	Tell me about the Elephants - It's amazing how you discipline	
	•	them. How do you do it?	
You	:		
		(trained by experts) (02 marks)	
John	:	What is in that beautiful casket? Why is it carried in both hands?	
You	:		
		(relics and respect) (02 marks)	
John	:	People carry flags – what are these flags?	
You	:		,
		(flags of regions) (02 marks)	,
John	:	Ok, I would love to see this Perahera – what should I do first?	
You	:		
		(hotel accommodation) (01 mark)	
John	:	What about transport?	
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You	:		
		(Intercity train) (01 mark)	

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John:	Why not the bus?		For Examiner
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You :	•••••	•••••	
	(comfortable, lovely scenery)	(01 mark)	
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John :	How can I buy tickets?		•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
You :		•••••	
	(Book through the phone)	(02 marks)	
John :	Thanks very much! See you later – you	have a nice day, man.	
You :			
	(appropriate response)	(01 mark)	
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## Question 01

#### **Giving Directions**

## Option A -

(a) You meet a foreigner near the US Embassy (see the spot marked 1 on the map). He wants to go to the BMICH 2.

Give him the relevant directions using the Map of Colombo.

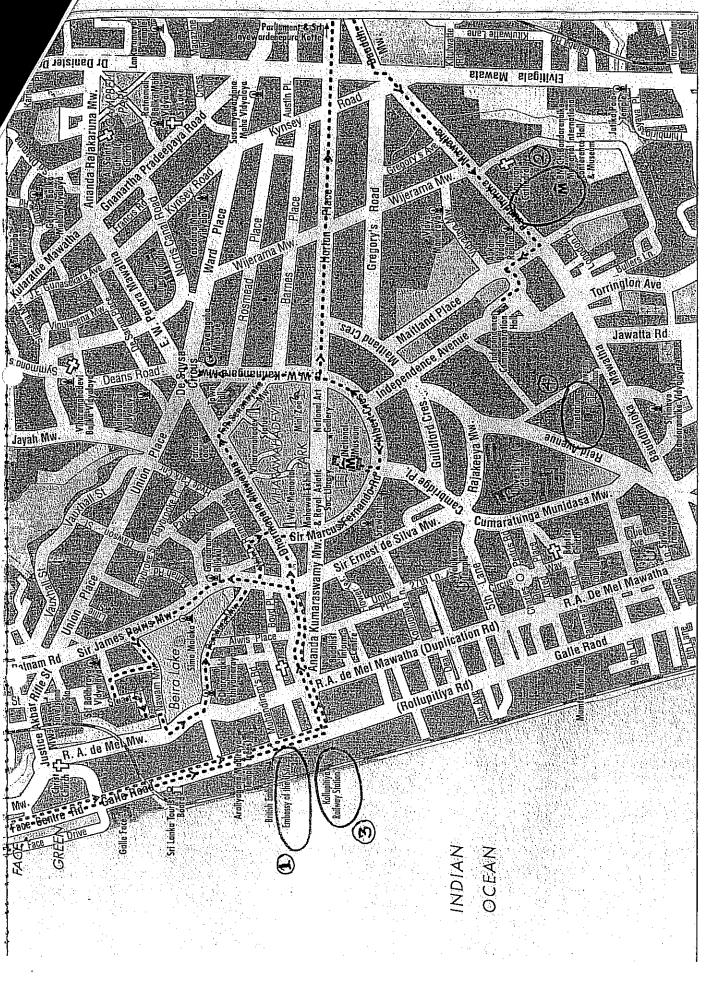
Your invigilator will act as the foreigner.

#### **Question 01**

## **Giving Directions**

#### Option B

(a) You are standing near the Kollupitiya railway station (see the spot marked 3 on map). A group of students from outstation wants to visit the Colombo Planetarium (marked 4 on the map). Give them the relevant directions.



#### Examiner's Copy Question 02 **Short Interview** President Good morning, how are you? You ... Give me a brief introduction of yourself. President You President So why did you join this youth group? You President What did you learn by working with young people? You ..... President Tell me something about India. You President If an Indian asks you to describe Sri Lanka how would you do it? You President As a Sri Lankan youth what is your message to the Indian youth? You . President How do your parents feel about you going away for a week? You President How do you feel about going away from your family for a week?

Ok, I wish you good luck - and a safe journey

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You

You

President

#### Question 02 - Student Copy

You've been selected by the main Youth Group of your district to represent Sri Lanka at a conference in India. The President of the Youth Group will interview you just before the trip.

Your invigilator will play the role of the President.