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Fourth SEMESTER

**Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) - MG4SECENG200 - ENGLISH FOR
INTERNATIONAL CAREERS**

(2024 ADMISSION ONWARDS)

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

Maximum Marks: 50

***Remember(K), Understand(U), Apply(A), Analyse(An), Evaluate(E), Create(C), Skill(S), Interest(I)
and Appreciation(Ap)***

Students should attempt at least one question from each course outcome to enhance their overall outcome attainability.

Part A

MCQ

Answer all questions

Each question carries 1 marks

1. Why we use symbols on notetaking? [U] / [CO1]
 - a). To impress the teacher
 - b). To write more
 - c). To save time and focus on key ideas
 - d). To practice spelling
2. How do international English tests evaluate your writing skills? [U] / [CO4]
 - a). Through multiple-choice questions
 - b). Through listening exercises
 - c). Through interviews
 - d). Through structured essay tasks
3. Falling intonation is typical for: [A] / [CO2]
 - a). Yes/No questions
 - b). Lists
 - c). Surprises
 - d). Statements

4. Read the following sentences: Neutral: The company reported a 10% increase in sales. Opinion-loaded: The company announced a disappointing 10% increase in sales. What is the effect of the word "disappointing" in the opinion-loaded sentence? [A] / [CO3]
- a). It provides factual information
 - b). It emphasizes the company's financial struggles
 - c). It expresses a negative opinion about the sales increase.
 - d). It highlights the company's success.
5. Which visual representation is best used to show trends over time? [K] / [CO4]
- a). Pie chart
 - b). Flow chart
 - c). Line graph
 - d). Table

[1x5 = 5]

Part B

SHORT ANSWER

Answer any **6** questions

Each question carries **5** marks

6. How does proficiency in English enhance an individual's employability across different countries and professions? [U] / [CO1]
7. Explain the difference between IELTS Academic and IELTS General Training. [U] / [CO1]
8. Why is listening considered the foundation of communication? [K] / [CO1]
9. What are common topics asked in IELTS speaking tests? [A] / [CO2]
10. How can candidates expand answers in Part 1 of IELTS speaking test? [A] / [CO2]
11. Read the passage and infer the implied message about the person's situation: [A] / [CO3]
The empty coffee mug sat beside the glowing laptop. The clock on the wall showed 2:00 AM. A pile of textbooks was open on the desk. He rubbed his eyes and sighed deeply. His pen moved quickly to fill the final answer.
12. What skills do short answer questions aim to assess in a reading test? [U] / [CO3]
13. Using the TOEFL independent writing introduction strategy, write a clear introduction paragraph for the topic "Discipline is more important than creativity" [K] / [CO4]

in achieving long-term goals," stating your position and one main reason.

14. Identify two situations where semi-formal letters are used.

[A] / [CO4]

[5x6 = 30]

Part C

ESSAY

Answer any **1** questions

Each question carries **15** marks

15. Analyse the practical importance of alternative English proficiency assessments such as the Duolingo English Test (DET) and PTE, with reference to accessibility and professional needs.

[U] / [CO1]

16. Here is a passage. After reading it, answer each question, not exceeding 50 words.

[U] / [CO3]

In international careers, cultural competence is increasingly recognised as a skill equal in importance to technical knowledge or language proficiency.

Professionals often operate in environments where values, social norms, and communication styles differ significantly from their own. Failure to recognise these differences can lead to misunderstandings, damaged relationships, and even professional setbacks. Cultural competence involves more than factual knowledge about other cultures. It requires openness, self-awareness, and the ability to reflect on one's own assumptions. Professionals who demonstrate cultural sensitivity are better able to collaborate, negotiate, and build trust across borders. This skill is particularly valuable in leadership roles, where decisions affect diverse teams. As global mobility increases, employers place growing emphasis on intercultural skills. Language proficiency provides access to communication, but cultural competence determines its effectiveness. Together, they form the foundation of successful international engagement.

1. Why is cultural competence important in international careers?
2. What problems may arise from a lack of cultural awareness?
3. How does the passage define cultural competence?
4. What can be inferred about employer priorities in global contexts?
5. Explain the relationship between language proficiency and cultural competence.

17. Describe a book or a movie that changed your way of thinking. Explain why it had this impact on you.

[A] / [CO4]

[15x1 = 15]