

**UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, JAMAICA
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS DIVISION
PROFICIENCY TEST IN ENGLISH**

PAPER ONE

TIME: 1 ½ hour

THIS PAPER HAS **TWO QUESTIONS**. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ANSWER BOTH. YOU WILL BE INFORMED WHEN THE FIRST HOUR IS UP. YOU SHOULD THEN GO ON TO THE SECOND QUESTION.

QUESTION 1: ESSAY WRITING

Time: 1 hour

Instructions: Write a FORMAL essay of about **350 words** on the topic given below. Please plan your essay and support your answer with relevant examples. Write clearly and carefully and leave yourself time to proofread at the end. You will be judged on your use of language, grammatical correctness, organization, content and style.

Explain what you consider to be THREE (3) benefits of any **ONE** of the following:

- a. a national welfare scheme
- b. having children later in life
- c. a prenuptial agreement
- d. having a skill

QUESTION 2

Time: 30 minutes

Instructions: Complete the following task in no more than 150 words. Do not include an address in your response. Begin the letter: Dear...

Your faculty is considering mandatory summer internship for all year three students. Many students are, however, concerned about the loss of income from regular summer jobs. As the student representative write a letter to the Dean of your faculty in which you:

- introduce yourself and state your purpose for writing
- explain the importance of summer employment to students
- suggest one possible solution to the problem which would be caused by summer internship

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Explain what you consider to be **THREE (3)** possible ways in which any **ONE** of the following can impact a university student:

- a. nonpayment of student loans
- b. increased tuition fees
- c. removal of part-time programs
- d. limited hall accommodations

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Instructions: Complete the following task in no more than 150 words. Do not include an address in your response. Begin the letter: Dear...

The management of the University recently announced that coaster buses would no longer be allowed to pick up students on campus, and so students are now forced to seek transportation off campus. Many students have voiced several concerns about this change. As President of the Students' union, write a letter to the management of the university in which you

- state your reason for writing the letter :
- briefly outline two major concerns that students have with the recently announced change
- suggest one way in which this problem could be solved