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COURSE NAME: English Language **TRACK: UNIFIED TRACKS AND RELIGIOUS**

COURSE CODE: Eng. 101 Blind **TIME: 2 Hours**

Listening 1: (5 Marks)

Listen to the following news story about a train accident and decide whether the following sentences are True (T) or False (F).

1. The train crashed in the tunnel because it was travelling at 170 kilometers. ( )
2. Only twenty-eight passengers on the train were injured. ( )
3. The firefighters took a long time to arrive. ( )
4. The train driver did nothing to stop the train. ( )
5. One sheep only survived the accident. ( )

Listening 2: (5 Marks)

You will hear people talking in five different situations. Listen and choose the correct answer a, b or c.

1. What is true about the woman?
a. She's having a great time.
b. She is disappointed.
c. She is in Italy.

2. Where does the conversation take place?
a. At an airport b. At a bus stop c. On a train

3. Who did Monroe Street get its name from?
a. an actor b. a president c. an actress

4. Why do the Japanese clean their houses before the New Year arrives?
a. Because they want to start the New Year with a clean house.
b. Because they go round to each other's houses.
c. Because they have big parties at their houses .

5. How do Sam's parents feel?
a. Happy.
b. Unhappy.
c. Afraid.

Reading 1: (10 Marks)

Read the following article and then answer the questions that follow accordingly.

1. Studies say that people nowadays have more free time than ever before. Then why doesn't it feel that way? These days, our free time is usually spent watching television, using computers or **communicating** on our phones. Images and information are constantly flashing into our brains, so it's no wonder we don't feel as if we have really switched off. To really wind down and help us regain our energy levels, it is important to use our free time wisely.

2. Think about what you want to achieve in your free time. Do you want to get fit, get creative or simply relax? Don't worry about what you ought to be doing, just think about what will make you feel more **content**. Also, think carefully when you are going to enjoy your free time, and treat it in the same way as anything else on your calendar. If something else more important comes along, you can choose whether or not to **postpone** it, but never cancel it!

3. Make sure you have everything you need to enjoy your free time in advance. If you're looking forward to a nice long bath, buy in bath oil and candles. If you want to get out in the **countryside**, get your boots and map ready, and don't forget to check the weather forecast.

4. Take the opportunity to **expand** your social circle. Everyone has different interests, so don't expect your mates to be into the same things you are. Give them a break for a while, join a club and get to know people with the same interests as you. You can never have too many friends!

5. Once you're relaxed and energised, you can think about what you'd like to improve in your life. Want to get fit? Learn a skill? **Improve** your job prospects? There are plenty of groups, clubs and classes you can join that will set you on a completely new life path. So what are you waiting for? Get out there and enjoy yourself!

A. Match the paragraphs (1 - 5) with the suitable headings. Note that there is one extra heading. (5 marks)

Headings	paragraphs
Establish your goals	
Meet different people	
Disadvantages of free time	
Make your life better	
Do we really have free time?	
Plan ahead	

B. Match the following words from the article with their definitions. Note that there is one extra word. (5 marks)

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Definitions	Answers
1. to be happy or satisfied.	
2. to take place at a time later.	
3. to become larger.	
4. to exchange information, news, ideas, with somebody.	
5. to make something / somebody better than before.	

Reading 2: (10 Marks)

Read the following article and then answer the questions that follow accordingly.

People Who Made a Big Difference- in a Small Way

Pick up a newspaper, and you'll read about charitable organizations that help victims of earthquakes and wars or about celebrities who make big donations to charity. These are important, of course. But sometimes the media seem to ignore ordinary people who help on a smaller scale. Here is the story of two people who helped with simple ideas.

Mohammed Yunus

Mohammed Yunus, a professor from Bangladesh, has helped many people with his bank. When he was working as a teacher of economics, he thought of a simple concept: microcredit. The idea is to lend small amounts of money to the poor. They can use the money to help themselves. Many use the money to start small businesses. For example, a widow might borrow just $30 to $100. She spends the money to buy cotton. She earns enough money to make a living for herself and her family-and enough money to pay back the loan.

Yunus started the Grameen Bank in the mid – 1970s. Since then, the bank has loaned out almost a billion dollars, and it now lends to 1.6 million micro-entrepreneurs. Small amounts of money- with a big result on the lives of many. And the man who started all this earns $240 a month.

Nancy Lublin

Nancy Lublin was studying to be a lawyer when one day she received an inheritance that changed her life- and the life of others. The money was from her great grandfather, and it wasn't for a large amount – just $5,000. Lublin immediately decided to use the money to help others. And while she was riding up the elevator to her apartment with the $5,000 check, she got the idea. She started a project that gave poor women nice clothes for job interviews.

Nancy Lublin has helped thousands of people since she opened Dress for Success New York in 1997. In a church basement, she has set up in racks of clothing suits, dresses, skirts, and blouses. Individuals, clothing companies, and large stores give Nancy the clothing. Charitable organizations send poor women who are looking for jobs to Nancy's basement. There the women look for clothes that look good on them, and they were them on their job interviews. When women get jobs, Dress for Success gives them another whole new outfit for work. Nancy says that the new clothes give women new confidence. She says that she has seen women look at themselves in their new clothes and says, "Wow, I'm going back to college." Again, a small idea with big results.

Now answer the following questions. (5 Marks)

1. What work was Mohammed Yunus doing when he thought of his plan?

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2. When did Mohammed Yunus start his Bank?

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3. Where did Nancy get the money to start her charity work?

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4. What was the name of Nancy's project?

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5. Where did Nancy open the project?

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B. Read the article again and decide whether the following sentences are true (T) or false (F). (5 marks)

1. The article is talking about celebrities who make huge donations to charity. ( )

2. Mohammed's idea is to give small loans to poor people. ( )

3. Mohammed earns 1.6 million a month. ( )

4. Nancy decided to keep the money for herself. ( )

5. Women who get the job get an extra outfit for work. ( )

Writing 1: (10 Marks) You must answer this question (Write around 80-100 words)

Your friend Alex helped you in studying English**. Write him/her a thank you e-mail.** Your name is Ted.

Task focus2½	Appropriateness2½	Language accuracy 2½	Organization2½	Total 10

Writing 2: (10 Marks) Choose ONE question only. (Write about 150 words)

A. Your weekend was an exciting experience to you**. Write a blog about these exciting things that happened or you did during this weekend.**

OR

B. Like other societies, Bahrain has its own achievements that you are proud of. **Write about one of those achievements.**

Task focus2½	Appropriateness2½	Language accuracy 2½	Organization2½	Total 10

End of Exam