Ç.Ü. YADYO PROFICIENCY EXAM OVERVIEW

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SESSION I (Duration: Approximately 100 minutes/ Total 60 pts.)

A. LISTENING COMPREHENSION (30 items - 1 pt. each; total 30 pts.; approximately 30 mins)

PART 1 - Various Situations

In this part you will hear 6 different short dialogues or monologues and a question related to each dialogue or monologue. You will listen to each of them only ONCE. Before you listen to each dialogue or monologue, you will be given 10 seconds in order to read the three alternatives to the question. You are required to mark the best alternative after listening to each situation.

Sample Question

You will read:

1. You hear a man and woman talking. Where does the conversation take place?
   - A) in an office
   - B) at a train station
   - C) in Mr. Zeng’s office

You will hear:

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<th>Man:</th>
<th>Have you delivered those files to Jim Zeng?</th>
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<td>Woman:</td>
<td>Yes. Just ten minutes ago. I left them with his secretary since he was in a meeting.</td>
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<td>Man:</td>
<td>OK. Thanks. I have a train to catch, so I had better leave now.</td>
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<td>Woman:</td>
<td>When will you be back at the office?</td>
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<td>Man:</td>
<td>I should be back early next week. Monday I hope. Oh, I really have to run now. It’s 3 o’clock and the train leaves at 3.20.</td>
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The correct answer is (A).
PART 2 - Dialogue

In this part you will hear a dialogue with 7 questions. You will listen to it only ONCE. Before you listen, you will be given 90 seconds to look at the questions and alternatives. You are required to mark the best alternative after listening to the dialogue.

Sample Question

You will read:

7. Monica says that most people who buy her book_____.

A) have made mistakes in gardening  
B) are knowledgeable about gardening  
C) do not trust professional gardeners

You will hear:

You will hear an interview with Monica Darcey, who has written a bestselling book about gardening ONCE. Listen and for questions 7-13 on your optic form mark the alternative (A, B or C) that best completes the statements or answers the questions.

**Interviewer:** Monica, welcome to the programme. Your book Make Your Garden Unique has been a great success. But why would people want to buy a book about gardening instead of just buying some plants and putting them in the ground?

**Monica Darcey:** Hello! Well, yes, I think that’s what most people do when they move into a place, there’s often little time to think. Lots of readers have written to me saying that they had gone to a garden centre, spent a lot of money on seeds and plants, with not very good results. In fact I think people with that sort of experience make up the majority of my readers!

**Interviewer:** So, how did your interest in gardening start? Were your parents keen gardeners?

**Monica Darcey:** ....

The correct answer is (A)
PART 3 - Multi-speaker Conversation

In this part, you will hear a multi-speaker conversation with 7 questions. You will listen to it only ONCE. Before you listen, you will be given 90 seconds to look at the questions and alternatives. You are required to mark the best alternative after listening to the conversation.

Sample Question

**You will read:**

14. Which of the following information about the game for kids with diabetes is FALSE?

A) In this game, the kid with diabetes is a superhero.
B) In this game, the kid gets a reward for checking blood pressure.
C) Children play this game with healthy kids.

**You will hear:**

You will hear people talking about video games ONCE. Listen and on your optic form, mark the alternative (A, B or C) that best completes the statements or answers the questions.

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Administrator: Well, one game I'm really excited about is for kids with diabetes. You know how hard it is to get kids to test their blood sugar? Well, this game makes it fun. The test is a part of the game - in the game, the kid with diabetes is a superhero whose powers get stronger every time he checks his blood sugar. So he gets a reward for doing something that kids with diabetes usually hate doing. That's just one example of how you use a game to motivate kids to follow your instructions - and to be healthy.

Dr. Joe: Actually, I think that sounds like a great idea. I see a lot of kids with diabetes, and it's so hard to get them to do what they need to do to stay healthy. After all, their lives aren't easy - what kid wants to watch what they eat...and prick themselves with a needle? I'm all for anything that can make these poor kids' lives more fun.

Dr. Brenda: Well, I can see how things might work hard with kids, but most of us work with adults.

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The correct answer is (C).
PART 4 - Lecture:

In this part, you will hear 2 lectures with 5 questions each. You will listen to each lecture only ONCE. Before you listen, you will be given 90 seconds to look at the questions and alternatives. You are required to mark the best alternative after listening to each lecture.

Sample Question

You will read:

21. What do the students who join the college need to do quickly?
   A) make new friends
   B) find their way around
   C) get to know their teachers

You will hear:

LECTURE 1

You will hear a teacher talking to a group of new students who are going on a tour of a college ONCE. Listen and for questions 21-25, on your optic form, mark the alternative A, B or C that best completes the statements or answers the questions.

Thank you all for coming to our college open evening. In a short while, I’ll take you around the different departments and facilities. When you start next term, you’ll have a lot of time to get to know your teachers and make new friends. For now, I’d just like to show you what the college offers to you. In the first week, many students get lost. For this reason, it is a good idea to learn where things are as soon as you arrive.
The college has a total of 970 students- all between the ages of 16 and 18 and they study a lot of different subjects….

The correct answer is (B).
B. READING COMPREHENSION (30 items / 1 pt. each; total 30 pts.; 70 mins.)

PART 1- Sentence Completion

In this part you will be given 5 incomplete sentences. You are required to choose the alternative that best completes the sentences.

Sample question

31. When there is sunshine, most people feel happier ________.

A) now we know more about the effects of sunshine
B) because the sun helps our bodies produce some chemicals that keep our bodies healthy
C) for centuries, people have been fascinated by the power of the sun
D) as the oceans take huge amounts of heat from the sun

The correct answer is (B).
PART 2 - Paragraph Completion

In this part, you will be given 5 paragraphs in which one sentence is missing. You are required to choose the alternative that best completes the paragraphs.

Sample Question

36. English is everywhere. It is on signs, clothing, soft drinks and household products around the world. Despite the popularity of English words and phrases, however, they are not always welcome. _______. For example, in 1975, the French started a commission to try to stop, and even punish the use of English words. Similarly, some countries have tried to avoid using English to save their native tongue.

A) Hundreds of words borrowed from English can be found in other languages.
B) English is the most used language in international business, science and medicine.
C) Some people think that the use of English words is threatening their native language.
D) Everything would be easier if everyone spoke the same language – English.

The correct answer is (C).
PART 3 - Paragraph Comprehension

In this part you will read 5 different paragraphs. There will be one question for each paragraph about finding the main idea, supporting ideas, purpose of the paragraph, writer's opinion or making inferences, guessing the meaning from the context or reference words. You are required to choose the best alternative that best completes the statements or answers the questions.

Sample Question

Scientists may know a lot about the outside of the earth, but they still are not sure about the inside. For example, they understand how mountains are made and what a volcano is, but they do not know when a volcano will send hot rock into the air. Scientists also are not sure about how the earth was made. They have many different ideas about this. There are still many questions for scientists who study the earth.

41. Which of the following best expresses the main idea of the paragraph?

A) Scientists have different ideas about how the earth was made.
B) Scientists now know a lot about the earth.
C) Scientists still have many questions about the earth.
D) Scientists understand how landscapes are formed.

The correct answer is (C).
## PART 4 - Text Comprehension

In this part you will read 3 texts with 15 questions in total. The questions will be about finding the main idea, supporting ideas, purpose of the text, writer's opinion or making inferences, guessing the meaning from the context or reference words. You are required to choose the best alternative that best completes the statements or answers the questions.

### Sample Text

All animal life on the planet Earth depends on a sufficient supply of oxygen for its day-to-day survival. The trees that cover our landscapes provide a large portion of this supply: trees take carbon dioxide from the surrounding air and in return, they create a sizeable amount of oxygen. Unfortunately, human beings, who cut down large numbers of trees to create land, shelter and energy, create the most significant threat to the survival of world-wide tree population.

But humans are not the only force that threatens the survival of these huge and powerful members of the plant kingdom. Trees – among the oldest and largest organisms on the planet – face many other dangers. Lightening, fire and other natural disasters, for example, can harm many square miles of old-growth forest in a few hours. Disease-causing fungi and harmful insects can also eradicate entire populations of trees within a particular region.

### 46. What is the main topic of the text?

| A) The importance of the Earth’s oxygen supply |
| B) Human kind’s effect on the environment |
| C) Dangers facing the Earth’s trees |
| D) The survival strategies of tree populations |

**Answer:** C)

### 47. Which of the following is the greatest danger to tree populations?

| A) Disease-causing fungi |
| B) Fire |
| C) Energy supplies |
| D) Human beings |

**Answer:** D)

### 48. The word ‘eradicate’ in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to which of the following?

| A) help to survive |
| B) destroy |
| C) postpone |
| D) encourage |

**Answer:** B)

### 49. According to the last paragraph, if a tree lives only in warm climates, __________.

| A) It can survive in a variety of environments. |
| B) Climate does not affect it. |
| C) It is widely distributed. |
| D) It is not very adaptable. |

**Answer:** D)

### 50. What does this in paragraph 1 refer to?

| A) oxygen |
| B) survival |
| C) Earth |
| D) portion |

**Answer:** A)

The correct answers are 46 (C), 47 (D), 48 (B), 49 (D), 50 (A)
SESSION II (Duration: Approximately 70 min. / Total 40 pts.)

A. INTEGRATED WRITING (10 pts.)

In this part you will listen to a lecture ONCE. While you are listening, you are expected to take notes. Using these notes you will write a summary of the lecture in about 70 words. Your notes will not be graded. Your paragraph will be graded according to content, organisation, and accuracy of language.

Sample Question

You will listen to a lecture about tourism ONCE. Look at the chart below carefully and take notes. You will need these notes to write the summary of this lecture. Your notes will not be graded.

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Using your notes above, summarize the lecture you hear about tourism in 70-80 words. Your paragraph will be graded according to content, organization, and accuracy of language. (10 pts.)
B. LANGUAGE USE (10 pts.)

PART 1 – Dialogue Completion (4 pts.)

In this part, you will read 2 dialogues with one sentence removed. You are required to complete each dialogue with a suitable statement or statements. Your answer must be correct meaningfully and grammatically. Each question is worth 2 points. Your answer will be graded according to content, manner, and accuracy of language.

Sample Question

Complete each dialogue with a suitable statement or statements. Your answer will be graded according to content, manner and accuracy of language.

Receptionist: Thank you for staying with us Mr. Jackson. Did you like our hotel?
Guest: _____________________________________________________________
Receptionist: Thank you for your positive comments. We are expecting to see you again.

Possible Answers:
- Yes, I liked it. Our room was comfortable and the service was great.
- Yes, everything was great.
- I loved all the facilities and the meals.

PART 2 – Response to a Situation (6 pts.)

In this part you will be given 3 different situations. You are expected to respond to each of them. Each question is worth 2 points. Your response will be graded according to content, manner and accuracy of language.

Sample Question

Respond to the following situations. Write your responses in the blanks provided. Your response will be graded according to content, manner and accuracy of language.

Your friend who likes watching the opera has called you to say that he has two tickets for today's performance at the local opera house. Since you don't like opera much, you make up an excuse and say:

______________________________________________________________

Possible Answers:

- Thank you for your invitation, it would be great, but I have an important exam tomorrow. So, I have to study.
- I'd love to, but I have to babysit my nephew.
C. WRITING A TEXT (20 pts.)

In this section, you are expected to write a paragraph related to the given topic in about 160 words. You can use the guidelines given.

Sample Question

*What are the causes OR effects of cheating in exams?*

Write a paragraph in 160-180 words. The following points are given as guidelines. You may use these or any other ideas you wish. Your paragraph will be graded according to *content, organization, and accuracy of language.* (20 pts.)

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