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## University Examinations 2024/2025

### SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

#### EEL 3201: READING AND WRITING SKILLS IN ENGLISH

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions

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#### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define reading? (2 marks)
- b) Briefly explain three factors that affect flexibility and efficiency in reading. (6 marks)
- c) Show two relationships between reading and writing. (4 marks)
- d) Explain four various reasons why people read. (8 marks)
- e) “A paragraph is a series of sentences that are organized and coherent” discuss three components of a paragraph. (6 marks)
- f) Distinguish two differences between scanning and skimming when reading. (4 marks)

#### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the SQ3R reading techniques. (10 marks)
- b) Briefly explain five benefits of writing. (10marks)

#### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the three parts considered in a good essay writing. (9 marks)

- b) Writers' code information in a diagrammatic display. Highlight six factors considered for an effective diagram. (6 marks)
- c) Show the main purposes for writing. (5 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) There are several types of reading. Discuss any five types. (10 marks)
- b) A library is a centre that facilitates the use and access to information. Briefly discuss four types of libraries, giving examples where each can be utilized. (10 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Using examples, discuss the following poetic forms and figurative language used in reading and writing. (10 marks)
  - i. Irony
  - ii. Symbolism
  - iii. Hyperbole
  - iv. Rhetorism
  - v. Imagery
- b) Writing is a process. Briefly discuss any five stages used in essay writing. (10 marks)