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Communicative English Language Skills I (FLEn 1011) Final Examination

Student's Name: _____ Id. No: _____ Sec: _____
Time allowed: 1: 30 hrs.
Value: 50%

I. Reading Passage: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Do you run away when you hear a bee buzzing? Many people do. A bee sting hurts and some people are allergic to bee venom. But did you know that bees are very important to humans? Honeybees do more than just make honey. They fly around and pollinate flowers, plants, and trees. Our fruits, nuts, and vegetables rely on these pollinators. One fifth of America's food supply is pollinated by the honeybee.

Have you seen or heard a honeybee lately? Bees are mysteriously disappearing in many parts of the world. Most people don't know about ~~this problem~~. It is called "colony collapse disorder" (CCD). Some North American beekeepers lost 75% of their hives from 2006-2008. Bees in Italy and Australia are disappearing too.

The disappearance of the honeybee is a serious problem. Can you imagine never eating another blueberry? What about almonds and cherries? Without honeybees food prices will skyrocket. The poorest people always suffer the worst when there is a lack of food.

This problem affects other foods besides fresh produce. Imagine losing your favorite ice cream! Haagen Daaz is a famous ice cream company. Many of their flavors rely on the hard working honeybee. In 2008, Haagen Daaz began raising money for CCD. They also funded a garden at the University of California called The Haven. **This garden** helps raise awareness about the disappearing honeybee and teaches visitors how to plant for pollinators.

Donating money to research is the most important thing humans can do to save the honeybee. Scientists need money to investigate the causes of Colony Collapse Disorder. Some scientists blame CCD on climate change. Others think pesticides are killing the bees. Commercial bee migration may also cause CCD. Beekeepers transport **their** hives from place to place in order to pollinate plants year round.

Not everyone has money to donate regularly. There are other ways to help the honeybee. Spread the word by telling **your** friends and family about the problem. Tell your teacher about the disappearing bees too. Maybe your class can write a letter to the government.

A. Reading Comprehension: Choose the best answer and write your choice on the space provided in the answer sheet (1.5 pts. each).

1. What is the possible title of this passage?
A) Commercial bees migration
B) The disappearing honeybees
C) Advantages of honeybees
D) Protecting honeybees
2. Honeybees are very important because they produce honey and _____.
A) pollinate flowers
B) sting people
C) cure allergies
D) keep people safe
3. The problem of honeybees disappearing is called _____.
A) colony disappearing disorder
B) colony keeping disorder
C) colony cooperation disorder
D) colony collapse disorder
4. According to the article, honeybees pollinate _____ of America's food supply.
A) 25%
B) 15%
C) 20%
D) 30%
5. If honeybees disappear due to CCD, food prices will _____.
A) rise
B) collapse
C) fall
D) diminish
- Haagen Daaz is worried about CCD because they flavor their ice creams with _____.
A) ground nuts
B) honeybees
C) beekeepers
D) fruits and nuts

7. What's the most important thing people can do to save the honeybee?
A) donate to CCD research
B) transport more beehives
C) eat less ice cream
D) design policies
8. One of the possible causes of CCD is the use of poisons called
A) pesticides
B) allergies
C) pollinators
D) insecticides
9. Moving honeybees from place to place is called
A) CCD transportation
B) commercial bee migration
C) beekeeper pollination
D) cross pollination
10. Another way to help the honeybee is to _____ about the problem.
A) stop talking
B) spread denial
C) spread the word
D) adaptation
11. Some North American beekeepers had _____ of their hives from 2006-2008.
A) one third
B) two third
C) half
D) quarter

B. Reference Questions: Write the word or phrase that the following words or phrases refer to on the space provided in the answer sheet (1.5 pts. each).

12. 'this problem' (Paragraph 2). _____
13. 'this garden' (Paragraph 4). _____
14. 'Their' (Paragraph 5). _____
15. 'your' (Paragraph 6). _____

C. Vocabulary from the Passage: Find the words which have the following definition from the reading text and write them on the space provided in the answer sheet (1.5 pts. each).

16. carry the pollen from one flower to another (Paragraph 1) _____
17. not known (Par. 2) _____
18. show quick rise (Par.3) _____
19. a particular quality of taste (Par. 4) _____
20. say someone did wrong (Par.5) _____

II. Grammar

A. Fill in the blank spaces with the right form of the verb tenses from the words in brackets, and write your answer on the space provided in the answer sheet (1 pt. each).

In my leisure time, I like listening to music and watching films. For your surprise, I am not a fan of sports. I _____ (1) (never be) interested in physical activities, but I _____ (2) (be) very excited 9 years ago when I _____ (3) (get) a chance to meet Mohammed Ali. Even today, he _____ (4) (be) my personal hero. In fact, I hate boxing because I _____ (5) (not understand) the romance of watching two grown men fight each other on the ring. At any rate, when I was teaching at Columbia in 1980's, I _____ (6) (take) every class of mine on a walking tour of Harlem. During that time, I _____ (7) (use) to end my tour at restaurant in New York. One day while I _____ (8) (eat) a lunch with my colleagues, Mohammed Ali _____ (9) (come) into the restaurant. After he _____ (10) (talk) to the receptionist, he _____ (11) (sit) on the chair and ordered a cappuccino. At a time, I was lucky to _____ (12) (meet) him in person again in such circumstances.

B. Read the following paragraph and complete the blank spaces using either active or passive forms of words given in brackets (1 pt. each).

My roommate asked me about Oman, and then I told him that Oman _____ (13) (locate) on the Persian Gulf, and it is one of the most fascinating countries to visit. Before oil _____ (14) (discover) in 1970, it was one of the poorest nations. However, since that time the Omanis _____ (15) (make) astonishing progress catching up with the rest of the world. Before 1970, Oman _____ (16) (have) only about five kilometers of paved road, two schools and two hospitals. In the past 25 years, thousands of miles of paved roads _____ (17) (build). And today all Omani children _____ (18) (receive) an education and every citizen can _____ (19) (care for) in a local hospital or clinic. Much of the credit for this remarkable transformation must _____ (20) (give) to Sultan Qaboos, the leader of Oman.