UNIVERSITI UTARA MALAYSIA

FINAL EXAMINATION
SEMESTER ONE 2008/2009 SESSION

CODE/COURSE : BLE1012 / COMMUNICATION I
DATE : 31 OCTOBER 2008 (FRIDAY)
TIME : 9.00 – 11.30 A.M (2 ½ HOURS)
VENUE : BK2 (FPAU)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This exam booklet consists of FIVE (5) sections in ELEVEN (11) printed pages excluding the cover page.

2. Answer ALL the questions in the question booklet.

3. Write your answers using a PEN.

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| Section One | /10 |
| Section Two | /10 |
| Section Three | /25 |
| Section Four | /10 |
| Section Five | /20 |
| TOTAL | /75 |

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MATRIC NO. : ________________________________

(in words) (in numbers)

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SECTION ONE (10 MARKS)

You are advised to spend about 20 minutes on this section.

Read the conversation below. Fill in the blanks according to the given functions in the parentheses with appropriate polite expressions. The given words or phrases will guide you in your writing.

**Situation: Outside a grocery shop**

**Safar**: Good morning Siti. How are you? I have not seen you for a long time.  
(1) ____________________________?  
(To offer help – heavy bags)

**Siti**: (2) _______________________  
(To greet, explain and accept) – busy with part time job – direct selling

**Safar**:  (3) ____________________________?  
(To request) – vacancy of direct selling job

**Siti**: (4) ________________________  
(To reply) – positively

**Safar**: Is that so? I am very much interested because I need extra money while waiting for my final semester result. Do I need to go for an interview?

**Siti**: Yes, of course.  
(5) ____________________________  
(To get confirmation) – ask her boss – hand in her business card

**Safar**: May I know exactly where the main office is?

**Siti**: Oh, it’s at Jalan Pantai Indah. Just next to the Pantai Hospital.

**Safar**: Thank you Siti. I really appreciate that.

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**Total Score for Section One: __________/10 marks**
SECTION TWO (10 MARKS)

You are advised to spend about 20 minutes on this section.

You have just checked out from City Youth Hostel. A tourist stops you and asks for directions to Maxwell Hills.

By referring to the map given below, describe how to get there, mentioning a minimum of FIVE (5) landmarks.
Write your directions here:

1. First, you have to turn left and walk straight along Murine Street.

2. 

3. 

4. 

5. 

6. 

Total Score for Section Two: ________/10 marks
SECTION THREE (25 MARKS)

You are advised to spend 50 minutes on this section.

Read the passage below and answer the questions in PARTS A, B, C and D.
Teluk Cengkir (Cengkir Bay), better known as TC to the locals, is synonymous with Georgetown, the capital of Penang. Visitors to Penang make it a point to visit this famous beach and leave behind their footprints in the sand. But there is more to TC than just white sandy beach and the turquoise waters. Sandwiched between TC in the north and Tanjung Rubina in the south is the Teluk Cengkir Virgin Jungle Reserve.

At a little over 32 hectares in size, it occupies the bottom tip of the larger Beserah Forest Reserve. As its virgin status suggests, it is virtually untouched and is a fine example of a lowland dipterocarp forest that extends to the water edge. Its close proximity to Georgetown and renowned beaches like TC makes it highly accessible and earns it a special place among nature lovers.

There are several trails leading to the jungle reserve. When I take the trail that starts from Taman Teruntum, I chance upon Yong and Lee, veteran members of the Malaysian Nature Society Penang Branch, who eagerly take me on a guided tour. After a few minutes of warm-up exercises; we make our way into the jungle.

Intense competition for sunlight causes the trees to grow tall and straight. Most notable of these is the Datar Laut which is endemic in TC and is among the tallest. There is hardly any grass on the ground due to the thick canopy and low light. The canopy also acts to keep the jungle air cool, which is a stark contrast to the heat of the late Sunday morning below.

For the novice and inexperienced, the jungle looks and feels the same after some time. But Lee begs to differ. He stretches his hands and signals us to be silent. We can hear the distant sound of crashing waves and the jungle inhabitants communicating with each other. The loud high-pitched noise of the cicada is easily heard. It takes a well-trained ear, sharp vision and a naturalist...
to be able to locate and identify the animals, birds and insects.

As we make our way back to Taman Teruntum we stop at the foothills and cool off by taking a leisurely around the mini zoo. The large dome-shaped aviary houses some interesting specimens. The lone male peacock struts around proud as ever, showing off its beautiful feathers and seemingly oblivious to the Oriental Pied Hornbills circling above.

The Teluk Cengkir Virgin Jungle Reserve is indeed a treasure trove of biodiversity. It offers a quick lesson in nature course with good old-fashioned exercise walking. We hope it remains as virgin as ever. Driving to Taman Teruntum from Georgetown will take about 10 minutes and it's only a few minutes from TC. From Kuala Lumpur, you have the option of taking the five-hours drive on the scenic North Expressway or taking any of the daily flights. There is ample free parking at Taman Teruntum with a mini zoo and children's playground.

In February, the trees begin to flower. Between the months of August and September, wild fruit hang from the branches. Keep a look out for the Shorea trees. Its seeds have long petals like blades. When dispersed by wind, the petals will spin as the seeds drop, making them look like "micro-helicopters" in flight!

Wear long pants and long-sleeve shirts to avoid mosquito bites. A bottle of insect repellent may come in handy. Wear a good pair of trekking shoes. A torchlight and a pair of binoculars also come in handy when you want to see objects in the jungle more clearly.

Hyatt Regency Penang is the resort nearest to Teluk Cengkir Virgin Jungle Reserve. In fact, one can access the jungle reserve from the hotel itself.

(Adapted from New Straits Times, July 10, 2008)
1. Where is Teluk Cengkir Virgin Jungle Reserve located?

(2 marks)

2. What does the name Teluk Cengkir Virgin Jungle Reserve suggest?

(1 mark)

3. What makes Teluk Cengkir Virgin Jungle Reserve a special place among nature lovers?

(1 mark)

4. How does the canopy of leaves affect the jungle? State TWO(2) reasons.

(2 marks)

5. What are required if one wants to find and recognize animal life in the jungle?

(2 marks)

6. How can one access to the Teluk Chempedak Virgin Jungle reserve? State TWO(2).

(2 marks)

(____ /10 marks)
PART B (5 MARKS)
Based on the text, state whether the following statements are true or false. Write either TRUE or FALSE in the blanks provided.

1. Teluk Cengkir (Cengkir Bay) is known as TC among the Penang residents.  
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2. The tallest tree in the reserve is Datar laut.  
   ________

3. Daily flights are available from Kuala Lumpur to Penang.  
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4. At Taman Teruntum a minimum parking charge is required from the motorists.  
   ________

5. T-shirts and shorts while trekking in the reserve is compulsory.  
   ________
   ( ____ /5 marks)

PART C (5 MARKS)
What do the following words in the text refer to?

1. their (line 3) : ________________________________

2. I (line 13) : ________________________________

3. his (line 23) : ________________________________

4. its (line 31) : ________________________________

5. you (line 48) : ________________________________
   ( ____ / 5 marks)
PART D (5 MARKS)

Choose the correct meaning from column B for each of the words in Column A. Number 0 has been done for you.

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(____/5 marks)

Total Score for Section Three: ________/25 marks
SECTION FOUR (10 MARKS)

You are advised to spend about **20 minutes** on this section.

Fill in the blanks with either the **simple present tense** or the **simple past tense** of the verbs in brackets.

1. Jasmine had walked a long way. The young prince said "__________(do) you like to ride with me on my horse?"

2. Abu ____________ (chop) a big banyan tree behind his house last week.

3. I usually ____________ (jog) at half past six everyday.

4. He brought the axe down on the great ugly head. He ____________ (hit) it again and again. It lay on the stone at his feet. Then it fell into the river.

5. Ultrasound ____________ (be) useful in identifying the presence of pleural fluid and in guiding diagnostic or therapeutic aspiration.

6. In the Q & A section, Chiew cited Datuk Michelle Yeoh, a former Miss Malaysia who eventually landed roles in major Hollywood movies. Her answer ____________ (draw) applause from the packed audience.

7. A massive congestion ____________ (take) place at various PUSPAKOM centers in the state where some drivers waited for hours to get their vehicles inspected.

8. Nurul and Ayin ____________ (has) the same hobby which is shopping.

9. He put his hand on two or three lines in the book. They were written in black. He ____________ (work) very hard to read them.

10. You will need to study in detail. ____________ (not, do) forget to survey the materials first.

**Total Score for Section Four:** ________/10 marks
SECTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

You are advised to spend 40 minutes on this section.

Situation:
Your friend from the United States of America visited you recently. You took her/him for a tour around Malaysia. Below, there are four popular places to be visited. Choose TWO(2) places which you think are suitable for your friend to visit. In not more than 180 words, write about the two places.


- **Penang** – Fort Cornwallis – historical remnants – Penang Museum – Snake Temple – shopping: Gurney Plaza, Queensbay Mall – Butterfly Farm – Bukit Bendera

- **Cameron Highlands** – tea plantation – flower garden – Strawberry Park – hill station: cool climate – fresh vegetables

- **Kelantan** – Pasar Siti Khadijah – shopping – Pantai Cahaya Bulan – Pantai Sri Tujuh – Rantau Panjang