

## ANSWERS 2007

### II. READING SKILLS

(40 MARKS)

**A. Choose the best answer a, b, c or d in each case according to the text: (5 x 2 = 10 marks)**

1. In distance learning the teacher and the learner are separated by .....  
b. location and time.
2. Learning at a distance is a study method that allows students to .....  
b. manage their own programme of study.
3. Distance learning provides students with the opportunity to .....  
a. acquire higher qualifications.
4. Students who take distance learning courses should be .....  
c. motivated and responsible.
5. Courses studied at a distance are ..... conventional courses.  
b. far less expensive than

**B. Answer the following questions on the passage: (3 x 3 = 9 marks)**

1. What is the relationship between distance learning and technology?  
They are interrelated / linked with each other. Distance learning makes full use of modern communication technology.
2. Why do employers acknowledge the value of distance learning?  
Because they recognise that the students become independently minded, resourceful, self-disciplined and highly motivated.
3. Give **three (3)** factors students should consider before enrolling in a distance learning course.
  - (a) Check that the course they choose is suitable for them.
  - (b) The qualification acquired is recognised in their home country.
  - (c) The university which offers the course is acknowledged by an authorised body.

**C. Extended writing:****(15 marks)****(Use information from the text and your own views.)**

In your own words outline the **benefits** derived from taking a distance learning course and explain why one might **not** choose to follow such a course.

**Write about 80 - 100 words.**

**Benefits**

- Students choose the time, the location and the way they wish to learn.
- Students, can still work and stay at home if they have family commitments.
- The qualifications gained are identical in quality to institution – based courses.
- This type of courses are far less expensive than conventional courses.
- Competent in the language of the country - linguistic experiences from every day life

**One might not choose to follow such a course because**

- He cannot have social relationships with his fellow students.
- He does not have the opportunity to have a face-to-face interaction.
- It does not have direct, immediate feedback.
- The support from his classmates is non existent.
- He does not have the opportunity for cultural experiences.

**D. Match the words/phrases in Column A, in bold in the text, with the words/phrases in Column B, according to the text:****(More words than needed are given.)****(6 x 1 = 6 marks)**

Column A		Column B
1. conventional	<b>f</b>	a. accepted
2. rely	<b>c</b>	b. mainly
3. tailored	<b>e</b>	c. depend
4. predominantly	<b>b</b>	d. exclusively
5. associated with	<b>g</b>	e. adapted
6. recognised	<b>a</b>	f. traditional
		g. related to
		h. limited

**III. LANGUAGE USAGE****(15 MARKS)**

**A. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word in bold and other words to complete each sentence. Do not change the words given. (5 X 1 = 5 marks)**

1. We **have not (haven't) written to each other** for four months.
2. Andrew **promised (to call) that he would (could) call Jane** that night.
3. If Tom **had enough money he would buy** a new car.
4. James **must have seen** the burglar.
5. The first prize in the European Song Contest **was won by** Serbia.

**B. Fill in the gaps in the following passage with only ONE word.**

**(10 x 0,5 = 5 marks)**

1. in
2. to
3. be
4. such
5. important, interesting, indispensable, essential
6. for
7. on
8. as
9. which, that
10. of

**C. Fill in the gaps in the following text with the correct form of the words given in brackets.**

**(10 x 0,5 = 5 marks)**

1. entertainment
2. truly
3. developed
4. distance
5. information
6. facial
7. extremely
8. enable
9. discriminate
10. personalities