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**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES, THEOLOGY
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**NHSL111: ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
END OF FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATIONS**

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DURATION: 5 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

You are required to answer questions as instructed.

Answer **ONE** (1) question only.

Credit will be awarded for use of good English Language, spellings, punctuation, logical, systematic and neat presentations.

Question One

100 Marks

Write a biography of an eminent person of your choice; living or departed. This person can either be a politician, Religious or business leader that you have come to experience personally. Your biography should focus on the early life of the person, education, profession, and achievements which make him/her an eminent person. Your biography should be under clear subtitles as shown in the examples below, but you can add more others:

Early life of the person

Education

Profession

Achievements

And any other relevant information.....

Question Two.

100 Marks

Read the following passage and then answer the questions that follow

The journey to an Examination room

On examination days, some students bring good luck charms to class. They could wear lucky underwear or have a four-leaf clover in their pocket. While these items are not harmful, there are more effective approaches to do well in an exam. Writing an exam is comparable to completing a marathon. Both activities need you to give it your all for an extended period of time. Before a major race, runners practise. They train in the identical circumstances that they would confront throughout the marathon. In the same way, you can prepare for an exam. Comprehension questions on vocabulary, main concept, details, cause and effect, sequencing, and inferences may be included on a reading test. It is also possible that you may be asked to summarise the text. You will most likely be asked to compose a paragraph about a certain topic on a writing test. Describe something, explain how to accomplish something, tell a tale about something, or express your opinion on something are common subjects. The purpose of a test is generally to demonstrate your ability to apply the skills you have learnt and practised in class on your own.

It is a good idea to take care of your fundamental requirements before the exam begins, just like you would before a big marathon. Get lots of rest the night before, for example. Eat plenty of food on the day of the test. Make a trip to the restroom ahead of time. These things will assist you in concentrating. Do not forget to sign your name on the exam when you obtain it. Take a short glance at each page after that. A lengthy test may be divided into pieces. Keep track of how many points each segment is worth. You will want to keep a constant eye on your pace, much like a runner. If you just have a limited amount of time to complete the test, you should focus on the portions that are worth the most points.

Now it is time to start answering the questions. Pay close attention to the directions and questions. Check to see whether you understand what you are supposed to do. Ask your teacher if you do not understand a question. If you are worried, you might choose to start with the questions that are the

simplest for you to answer. When they are having trouble, some runners utilise positive self-talk. "I feel good about myself and my ability," they tell themselves. I am not going to be concerned. "I will do everything I can." Try out this method. Between portions, take a few slow breaths, rotate your neck and shoulders, and massage your temples for a quick mental break.

Even though it is not part of the instructions, it might be beneficial to conduct a little pre-reading practise you have been taught during a reading exam. For example, before reading the entire paragraph more thoroughly, try skimming it to find out the topic. After that, consider what you already know about the subject. Predict what information could be included in the reading. Pre-writing is a crucial initial step in preparing for a writing test. Before you begin writing, brainstorm and arrange your ideas. Some students neglect to do these two tasks, but they should. These exercises can help your brain perform more efficiently by warming it up. Review your answers before submitting your exam. Unlike a marathon, there is no prize for first place in a test. Make sure your grammar and spelling are correct. Make certain that your instructor can read your handwriting. Finally, double-check that you have answered all of the questions.

- a. Summarise the passage above in approximately 250 words.
- b. Identify five [5] important things that you need to do before submitting your test paper for marking. Explain why these things are important.

Question Three

100 Marks

Write an elaborate letter to your parents giving details of your travel experience to Africa University and your experience of the first month in Zimbabwe. Your letter should start with your flight/trip from the day you left your home country.

Your letter should include information on new things that you have learnt, new friends, challenges experienced, cultural differences observed, etc. Structure your letter in such a way that your paragraphs clearly describe the many experiences you have gone through

Your letter should be at least 2 pages or 800 words.

End of Paper