



Høgskolen i Telemark

FINAL EXAM

**2005 INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE
NEW YORK**

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Tidsrom: 4 hours

Målform: English

Sidetall: 3 + front page

Hjelpemiddel: Lists of AE vowels and consonants;
Rules for the pronunciation of “past tense *-ed*”, and
“inflectional *-s*”;
Stress pattern of verbs.

Merknader: This exam (in three parts) counts 60% towards the final mark
in 2005 Introduction to English Language.)

Please write your answers on the ordinary answer paper, and
arrange your papers so that your answers appear in the same
order as the questions.

Vedlegg: Ingen

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GRAMMAR 50%

Each of the two questions below counts 50% of the final mark in grammar.

Question 1

Comment on the difference in form and meaning between the two members of each pair below.

- 1a She was seeing John at that time.
b She saw John at that moment.
- 2a My uncle left me on the corner.
b My uncle left me one million.
- 3a It is Charlie's proposal that is sensible.
b It is sensible to accept Charlie's proposal.
- 4a I still remember the last time I rang Don.
b I still remember last time; I rang Don.

The Magic of Michelle

- 1 Forgive me in advance for fawning, but Michelle Obama is the coolest first lady ever.
- 2 She clinched it for me this week by skipping rope on the South Lawn as part of a
- 3 "healthy kids fair".
- 4 The scene underscored my impression of the first lady as utterly unencumbered by
- 5 convention. She seems to feel free — free enough to loosen up and laugh a little, free
- 6 enough to let her inner child peek through the veil of parenthood, free enough to be
- 7 herself.
- 8 Frankly, I couldn't imagine recent first ladies jumping a puddle on the sidewalk, let
- 9 alone two ropes swinging at the same time in opposite directions. So, on behalf of
- 10 New York City, allow me to say: Well played.
- 11 She seems particularly suited to these times. She provides a certain authenticity and
- 12 clarity of self in a time of uncertainty, projecting a casual grace onto a world of
- 13 anxiety. She has become a powerful symbol of fearlessness, refinement, frugality and
- 14 frivolity, managing to be both fun and serious simultaneously. She's genuinely human.
- 15 If George W. Bush was the president that Americans most wanted to have a beer with,
- 16 then Michelle Obama is becoming the first lady we most want to have a laugh with.
- 17 And that's cool.

Based on an article in *The New York Times*, Oct 24, by Charles B. Blow

Question 2

Read the text above and give brief answers to the following questions. Use complete sentences in your answers

- 1 Why do we have to use the *-ing*-form in line 2 (*skipping*)?
- 2 Which verb form is used in line 1 (*forgive*) and line 10 (*allow*)?
- 3 Give the clause structure of *Michelle Obama is the coolest first lady ever*. (line 1)
- 4 What word class does *coolest* belong to and which form does the word have here?
- 5 Give examples from this text of a) a proper noun, b) a common noun, c) a noun used as a countable and d) one used as an uncountable.

- 6 Lines 8-10 contain different adverbials functioning as adjunct, disjunct and conjunct. Find examples of all three types and explain how they differ in function.
- 7 This text has some features of language that are fairly formal but others that are on the informal side. Give examples of each type.

PHONETICS 30%

The percentage assigned to each question is indicated in the margin.

Question 1 (20%)

Transcribe the following passage phonemically (the symbol ∇ has been added to indicate which words are stressed):

The ∇young ∇deputy ∇nodded to the ∇deputy who was ∇giving ∇orders to the
∇prisoner. It had ∇something to ∇do with the ∇floor of the ∇outside ∇toilet.
∇This ∇toilet was for ∇colored ∇people who ∇came to the ∇courthouse, and it
was ∇down in the ∇basement. You ∇entered it from the ∇courthouse ∇parking
lot. I had gone ∇in there ∇once or ∇twice my∇self, but it was ∇always ∇filthy,
and like ∇everyone I ∇knew, I ∇tried to a∇void going ∇down there.

Adapted from E. J. Gaines *A Lesson Before Dying*

Question 2 (10%)

Mark the main stress of the following verbs. How can the stress pattern be predicted in these cases?

educate	visit	portend
antagonise	circumambulate	galvanise

THE HISTORY AND SPREAD OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (20%)

1. According to David Crystal, "The history of English is one of repeated invasions, with newcomers to the islands bringing their own language with them, and leaving a fair amount of its vocabulary behind when they left or assimilated" (*The English Language*, p. 173).

Discuss this statement with reference to Latin, Scandinavian and French loan words.