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SLUTTEKSAMEN

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2010N PRACTICAL ENGLISH

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Skriftlig eksamen

Tid: 2.5 timer

Målform: Engelsk

Sidetal: 2 + forside

Hjelpemiddel: Ingen

Merknader: Svar på **alle** spørsmålene.

Vedlegg: Ingen

Denne eksamen teller 100% av den endelige karakteren i kurs 2010N.

Eksamensresultata blir offentliggjort på nettet via Studentweb

30% 1. Answer only two of the following questions. Each answer should be approximately 80-100 words long (7-10 sentences). Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.

1. In what ways is spoken language different from written language?
2. With reference to British and American English as models for foreign language tutoring, what challenges face the learner and the teacher?
3. Why is it virtually impossible to count the number of words in English?

25% 2. The following short passage contains 12 errors/pitfalls of a grammatical, lexical, or stylistic nature. Rewrite the entire passage after making the necessary changes and underline the changes you have made.

One of the most exciting events of the nineteenth century was a rather unique industrial world's fair held in the Crystal Palace in London, a glass building that looked all together fragile but was in fact very strong. A large percentage of the populace were so enthusiastic about the display that some attend the show several times. Inside the transparent building, surprise after surprise were unveiled. The visitors were treated to extensive displays of machinery and furniture, textiles were hanged from the ceiling, and exotic plants was clustered in small groups all the way down the aisle. It was kind of difficult for anyone to pick their favorite between the hundreds of exhibits. All so plentiful and so highly decorated that they had a dazzling affect on the eyes.

15% 3. Correct errors in agreement in the following sentences. If a sentence contains no error, label it (C). Rewrite the corrected sentences in full.

- a. Through military training, the youth of America acquire a great deal of knowledge; when he finishes his period of service, he has a more mature mind and is able to make quick decisions.
- b. There comes a time when everyone must think about retirement.
- c. Either a sprinkler system or a convenient fire alarm box is necessary in most academic buildings, especially if it is large.
- d. The stories from this humorous book captures small-town American life.
- e. Before one purchases an electrical appliance, you should find out how expensive it will be to operate.
- f. None of the bridesmaids believed that she would have occasion to wear her lavender dress again.

15% **4. Make each of the following sentences complete and clear by inserting just one word. Rewrite the corrected sentences in full.**

- a. Mrs. Duncan told us that Susie had gone over to visit Mimi and David had not yet returned from the tennis courts.
- b. My employer always has and always will be insolent to his employees.
- c. He had done his best to miss the car and hit the child instead.
- d. His objection and acceptance of the boy's course seemed, to say the least, paradoxical.
- e. Many men of brilliant talents are crushed by force of circumstances and their genius forever lost to the world.
- f. This secret was known to both my sister and closest friend.

15% **5. Correct the faulty modifiers in the following sentences. If a sentence contains no error, label it (C). Rewrite the corrected sentences in full.**

- a. Television stations that run too many old movies frequently lose viewers.
- b. Hoping to make a profit, the stock market became Janet's interest.
- c. Where can I buy overalls for children that won't shrink?
- d. Lisa only attended college for one reason: to meet boys.
- e. Strictly speaking, horses should always travel with their passports.
- f. People have, after finishing late afternoon shopping, often to drive home in heavy traffic.