

All the questions are to be answered in English on the answer sheets provided.

1. Words in our mental lexicon are known to be related to one another. Discuss the relationships between words, using examples from the English language. (15 points)
2. Some grammar books say there are three basic tenses in English—the present, the past and the future; others say there are only two basic tenses—the present and the past. Explain what tense is and whether it is justifiable to say there is a future tense in English. (35 points)
3. 1) Give an account of what you know about the English subjunctive mood. (20 points)  
2) If you are to teach a group of senior middle school students the subjunctive mood in 45 minutes, how are you going to plain your class? (20 points)
4. It has been observed that women tend to approximate more closely to the standard language than men do. Why do you think is this so? (30 points)
5. What do you think are the similarities and dissimilarities between learning a first and a second language? (30 points)