

Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology and Education Faculty of Foreign Languages Language Skills Section ☸★☯		END-OF-TERM TEST Semester 1 - School year: 2024-2025 Subject: Basic Writing - Code: WRIT230135 Date: 26 December, 2024 Duration: 60 minutes The test consists of 6 pages. No materials whatsoever allowed. <i>Answers must be directly written on the question paper.</i>
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ANSWER KEY

SECTION A: Sentence writing (6 marks)

Part I: (2 marks) (0.5 marks/each)

Add an independent or/and a dependent clause to each of the following clauses to form compound sentences, complex sentences, or compound-complex sentences. Be sure to write a complete clause containing a subject and a verb and add suitable conjunctions and punctuation.

Suggested answers:

1. Amy, *who has been working hard for many days*, seems to be exhausted.
2. Some people like to get their news from the Internet, *or they listen to news radio programs while they do chores around the house*.
3. On the one hand, social media makes us feel connected; *on the other hand, it also makes us feel judged*.
4. She decided to join the art class *after she realized how much she enjoyed painting*.

Part II: (2 marks) (0.5 marks/each)

Compose sentences of your own as instructed.

Suggested answers:

1. The cat and the dog slept on the couch.
2. She forgot to set her alarm, so she woke up late and missed the meeting.
3. Although she was tired, she stayed up late to finish what she thought was an important project; consequently, she felt extremely exhausted the next morning.
4. Students must take final exams; otherwise, they will receive a grade of incomplete. / The agency will make travel arrangements for you; alternatively, you can organize your own transport.

Part III: Proofreading task (2 marks) (0.4 marks/each)

EACH sentence below may contain **ONE** of the following types of sentence problems: **comma splice, fused sentence, fragment, misplaced modifier, dangling modifier, parallelism, or it may have no error.**

1. Comma splice

I am not angry with you, but I am not happy with you, either.

Or I am not angry with you; I am not happy with you, either.

Or I am not angry with you, nor am I happy with you.

Or Although I am not angry with you, I am not happy with you, either.

Or I am not angry with you. I am not happy with you, either.

2. Dangling modifier

While *I was* finishing the sketch, the pencil lead broke.

3. Fragment

The ancient library with its shelves lined with dusty volumes and forgotten manuscripts *stood* as a testament to centuries of accumulated knowledge.

4. Parallelism

It is easier for a father to have children than *for children to* have a real father.

5. Misplaced modifier

The waiter brought dessert *covered in chocolate* to the table.

SECTION B: Paragraph writing (4 marks)

The following criteria are used for marking:

- *A good topic sentence and concluding sentence*
- *Well-developed ideas (about 2- 3 main ideas which are well-supported)*
- *Unity and coherence*
- *Correct grammar*
- *Correct word choice and spelling*