

SOUTH EASTERN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

**THIRD YEAR EXAMINATIONS IN BACHELOR OF ARTS (EXTERNAL) – 2007 / 2008
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ELL 3.15 – INTRODUCTION TO APPLIED LIGUISTICS

Answer any five questions.

Time: 03 hours

1. Describe the nature of language.
2. “Grammars account for the fact that the whole means more than the sum of the parts”. Illustrate this statement with examples of sentence formation.
3. “Learner errors should not be considered something adverse and negative because they indicate the process of learning in second language learners”. Discuss.
4. Explain what is meant by code-switching. Relate your answer to the Sri Lankan environment.
5. Teachers of English often find that spelling is one of the most difficult areas to teach. Describe at least three problems in English spelling and comment on why this phenomenon has occurred.
6. “The focus of language teaching should be to enable learners to gain communicative competence”. Discuss.
7. What is the contribution of child language acquisition studies to second language learning?
8. Write short notes on the following:
 - i. Competence and Performance
 - ii. Usage and Use
 - iii. Components of language
