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	FINALTERM EXAMINATION SPRING 2006 ENG101 - ENGLISH COMPREHENSION (Session - 1)	Marks: 40 Time: 120min

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Exam Date: Thursday, August 17, 2006

Please read the following instructions carefully before attempting any of the questions:

1. Attempt all questions. Marks are written adjacent to each question.

2. Mistakes in spelling, punctuation and grammar may be penalized in any part of the

paper.

3. Read the given passage carefully before you attempt any question.

4. Do not ask any questions about the contents of this examination from anyone.

a. If you think that there is something wrong with any of the questions, attempt

it to the best of your understanding.

b. If you believe that some essential piece of information is missing, make an

appropriate assumption and use it to solve the problem.

c. Write all steps, missing steps may lead to deduction of marks.

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Passage

Just as most of us were finally beginning to grasp the Y2K problem, the confusion that may follow a computer's failure to read zero-zero as the year 2000. Along comes September 9th, 1999.

Some older computers, we were told, might read 9-9-99 as a kind of shorthand used to mark the end of a program and shut something down! Like the northwest electric grid of the Bonneville Power Administration.

That got everyone's attention focused on the last big nationwide power company readiness drill for the year two thousand.

Here in Washington State, and practically everywhere else in the United States and Canada, September 9th arrived without a hitch.

At least not a computer hitch. But there was a telephone call that threatened BPA's power grid, one of the biggest in the country. The call came from someone who persuaded someone else to throw some switches. However, an alert operator rerouted power and quickly fixed the problem.

Judi Johnson is a Bonneville Power Administrator; "There are people who would like Y2K to be a real event."

After a tour of BPA's control center, energy secretary Bill Richardson declared it and the nation almost ready for New Year's Day, 2000. He says, "I can report today that Bonneville is Y2K ready, and I have had reports from power companies all over the country that they have all passed with flying colors."

The secretary acknowledged that 9-9-99 was never a serious concern but a way to focus on 1-1-2000.

In the end, the energy secretary said, it was not so much a test of Y2K readiness, as it was a show of confidence in the nation's electric companies even though, he acknowledged, one percent is still not Y2K compliant.

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Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Marks											
Question	11	12									

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Marks											

Question No: 1 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Choose the best option.

The K in Y2K means _____ .

- **kilogram**
- **100**
- **Kilometer**
- **1000**

Question No: 2 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

It was feared that computers on September 9, 1999 would _____

- **start a virus spreading**
- **shut down all programs**
- **send wrong messages to power companies**
- **process faster than usual**

Question No: 3 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

On September 9, 1999 at Bonneville Power Administration

- **a person broke in and set some switches**
- **the computer shut down but was fixed**

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- **a telephone call threatened to shut down power**
- **nothing happened all day**

Question No: 4 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

The secretary of energy thinks _____.

- **almost all power companies in the world are ready for Y2K**
- **there needs to be a lot of work done before Y2K**
- **he had bad reports from power companies about September 9, 1999**
- **almost all power companies in the US are ready for Y2K**

Question No: 5 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

As January 1, 2000 gets closer, _____ of the nations electric power companies are ready.

- **99 percent**
- **100 percent**
- **1 percent**
- **50 percent**

Question No: 6 (Marks: 3)

How September 9, 1999 was was seen by most experts?

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Question No: 7 (Marks: 3)

What did alert operator do on September 9, 1999?

Question No: 8 (Marks: 10)

Write a précis of the given passage.

Question No: 9 (Marks: 4)

Describe what you think is going to happen on January 1, 2000?

Question No: 10 (Marks: 4)

What are you doing to get ready for January 1, 2000?

Question No: 11 (Marks: 5)

Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions of time.

"Till" and "before" are examples of preposition of time. Others include "from", "during", "after", "for", "by", "at", "on", "in", and "since".

1. **I got in touch with them_____Eid.**
2. **He will have to wait _____ he gets his passport before traveling to Indonesia.**
3. **Bats sleep _____ the day and only come out _____ night.**
4. **They will be away _____ the middle of February to the end of March.**
5. **The concert should end _____ midnight.**

Question No: 12 (Marks: 6)

Fill in the blanks with suitable idioms from the given options. You may need to change the tense of the verbs accordingly.

Like a fish out of water	**dress up to the nines**
A vicious circle	**take the rap for (something)**

1. **There is no need to _____ for the camp fire.**

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2. **She is always _____ what other people have done because she is afraid of reprisals.**

3. **The middle-aged woman felt _____ at her daughter's party.**

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