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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE**

## MAIN EXAMINATION

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TENT 2

COURSE TITLE: ANALYSIS OF LITERARY AND NON-LITERARY TEXTS

**COURSE CODE**:

E3P1

TIME ALLOWED:

**3HRS** 

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS,

**EACH QUESTION IS WORTH 20 MARKS** 

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1. A. What are the criteria of a piece of written/ spoken language to be called a text?

Little more than two weeks before general elections, a bomb blast rocked Spanish politics. The violence returned to the island of Bacan in North Maluku province Tuesday, ending two weeks of calm in the region with 12 people reported killed.

News of the killings came a day after the government said it was preparing to start negotiations with the National Liberation Army, Colombia's second largest leftist rebel group.

- B. What do you think about the following? Is it a text?
- 2. Complete the table below concerning the difference between spoken and written language.

	Spoken Language	Written Language
Manner of production		
Punctuation		
Fillers		
Grammar		
Vocabulary		
Control of the situation	And the state of t	
The use of conjuctions		
Subject-Verb construction		
Active-Passive construction		
Pause		The granding are also a contract of the contra

### 3. CONTEXT

What may the speaker imply in his/ her utterance? And what can the listener infer from it?

"My heart is in two places, but American is where I belong".

Madeleine Albreight,

Prague-born US Secretary of State, dismissing overtures by Czech President Vaclay Havel to succeed him in 2003.

"I think that the elderly Mrs. Thatcher also needs an analysis by doctors."

Abel Matutes,

Spanish Foreign Minister, after Britain's Iron Lady accused Spain of "judicial colonialism" for pursuing dictator Augusto Pinochet.

"Whoever doesn't like it can drink the water of the Dead Sea."

Yasser Arafat,

Palestinian leader, vowing to declare an independent state this year.

"The Chinese people are ready to shed blood and sacrifice their lives to defend the soverignty ... of the motherland."

Zhu Rongji,

Chinese Premier, threatening military action if Taiwan opts for independence.

# 4. COHESION

Analyze the cohesion relation and the cohesion devices of the following text.

This is an extract of an interview between TIME and Chen Shuibian, the new Taiwan's president-elect.

TIME : What will be your first act as President?

Chen :First I have to make four calls and see one person. The four calls will be to the other candidates to express my appreciation for the opportunity I had to mature and grow during the campaign period. The one person I must see is Lee Teng-hui, since I am succeeding him as President. He contributed a lot to Taiwan's democracy and progress, and I will seek his advice on many matters of domestic and international affairs.

- 5. How do cohesion and coherence relate to each other in the readers/ listeners' attempt to understand what they read/ listen to?
- 6. Write short notes on each of the following as significant features of conversation.
  - a) Face and Politeness
  - b) Turn taking
  - c) Grice' maxims of cooperation
  - d) Repair and preference organisation