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NUFYP STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Nazarbayev University Foundation Year Program

STUDENT REMINDERS

Mock Reading Exam

The semester two **Mock Reading Exam** will take place on Zoom and Moodle from **10.00am to 11.30am** (Astana time), **Thursday, 1st April.**

The Moodle quiz will begin at **10.15am**, and it will last **75 minutes.**

The test contains **30 multiple choice questions.**

TIMETABLE AND DEADLINES

WEEK 11

March 29th, Monday.

EAP: Regular Tutorials

March 30th, Tuesday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: RW1: Nominalization

EAP Moodle and Zoom: RW2: Final Draft Peer Review

March 31st, Wednesday

EAP Zoom: LS1: Meet with RW tutor to discuss Viva Project

EAP: Research Project Final Draft Due by 11:00 pm

April 1st, Thursday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: Mock Reading Exam 10:00-11:30

April 2nd, Friday

EAP: Regular tutorials

PDM: Week 11: Staying Motivated

Must be completed by the time assigned by your tutor.

Semester Two Mock Reading Exam

Assessment Description

The Mock Reading Exam contains **30 multiple choice questions**.

These questions are based on the three texts **here**, which were made available on Moodle from the 4th March (10 questions for each text).

Each question has 4 possible responses. You should attempt to answer as many questions as possible within the time allowed.

IMPORTANT: Although this exam is based on three texts with ten questions for each text, the final reading assessment will be based on **two texts** with **fifteen questions** for each text.

Everything else (including times and question types) will be the same.

Moodle Quiz Information

- Answers to questions can be found in the sections of text above the questions.
- Once you have submitted an answer, you cannot change it or see it again: you CANNOT go back to a question once you submit it.
- There is no time limit to answer individual questions, but remember that you have 75 minutes to answer 30 questions (15 questions for each text).
- The exams will be recorded on Zoom and we will investigate any suspicion of cheating.
- It is recommended that you find a quiet room in which to take the exam.
- Please make sure your electronic devices are plugged in or fully charged. Turn off notifications from messaging apps during the exam.

Semester Two Mock Reading Exam

Moodle Quiz Rules

- Once you have started the quiz you must NOT type on a keyboard, use a phone, or any other device. You must NOT use a pen and paper to take notes. The only allowed actions are scrolling and clicking.
- You must NOT use any web pages other than Moodle.
- You must NOT use a copy of the full assessment reading text.
- You must have your camera on at ALL times and you must NOT be muted. Turn off the volume so that you are not distracted by other students.
- Your entire face must be visible at ALL times.
- You must NOT use any kind of virtual background.
- You must NOT eat during the exam. You may drink water.
- You must NOT look away from your computer screen repeatedly or for an extended period of time. You could be suspected of cheating.
- You CANNOT leave the exam early. If you finish early, make sure you submit the quiz, but do NOT leave the LockDown Browser or use your phone. Wait patiently and look at the screen.
- You CANNOT use the toilet or leave your seat during the exam unless it is an emergency. In this case, a report will be made and you will be contacted to explain the issue after the exam.

If you break any of these rules, you may be disqualified from the exam. If you are suspected of cheating, you are at risk of being expelled from NU.

Before the Exam:

Download the LockDown Browser if you have not done so already:

- Select the quiz named 'LockDown Browser Download' on Moodle.
- You will see the message "This quiz has been configured so that students may only attempt it using the Respondus LockDown Browser."
- Below this will appear a "Download LockDown Browser" link. Click the button to go to the download page and then follow the instructions.
- Download Respondus LockDown Browser to your computer; follow the installation instructions.

Note: LockDown Browser only needs to be installed once to a computer or device. If you still have it downloaded from last semester, you do not need to download it again. The browser will start automatically when a quiz requires it.

Semester Two Mock

Reading Exam

Instructions

On Exam Day:

1. Make sure your computer and phone are fully charged before the exam begins. You will use your phone to join the Zoom meeting. You will use your computer to take the exam on Moodle.

Once you join the lockdown browser, you will not be able to see the time on your computer. If your phone is placed vertically, you can see the time on your screen while using Zoom.

2. Open Zoom and join your class's Zoom meeting with your phone at 10.00am on the day of the exam.

Make sure your camera shows your full face as it would during a normal Zoom lesson.

- a. Make sure your phone is fully charged before the exam begins.
- b. If your Zoom call is ended at any time during the exam, rejoin the Zoom call immediately.

3. First, your tutor will give instructions. When your tutor tells you to, turn on your mic, but then turn off/down the volume on your computer.

This means that the tutor will still be able to hear you, but you will not be distracted by the other students' mics on Zoom.

4. Go to the EAP Assessments Page 2020-21 on Moodle and wait for the exam to begin at 10.15am. At 10.15am, enter the quiz for your group number and click 'Launch LockDown Browser.'

- a. The browser may ask you to quit Skype, Discord, or other applications.
- b. Click 'Close Process' to quit those applications.

5. The LockDown Browser should direct you to Moodle. Log into Moodle and go to the quiz. There should be a button that allows you to begin the exam.

6. Take the reading exam. Do NOT forget to click submit at the end of the exam.

- a. If you finish the exam early, do NOT leave the LockDown Browser!
- b. You must stay for the entire 75 minutes.

7. Once the 75 minutes has ended, click the quit button at the bottom right of the LockDown Browser.

You may leave the Zoom meeting when your teacher tells you to do so.



Math Club

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Data Mining

15h | March 31 2021

Zoom meeting ID: 966 8806 9171

ALC NEWS: SEMESTER 2 WEEK 11

Welcome back. I hope you had a joyful Spring Festival and are now refreshed and ready for the last push to the end of your foundation year.

Next week you will be submitting your Research Projects and taking a mock reading exam, so the ALC is open again from Monday for consultations if you need any last minute advice. Practice reading exams will also be available on the ALC Moodle page from Monday.

Speaking Circles will resume next week.

Personal Consultations

Remember that consultations can also provide help and guidance with personal statements, viva practice, elective essays and exam preparation.

Your appointment will be more productive if you let the tutor know why you are attending when you make the booking.

I hope you can find something to excite your imagination as well as give you a chance to improve your professional skills.

John Seely
ALC Manager

ALC NEWS: SEMESTER 2 WEEK 11

Personal Consultations

Personal Consultations are available from 9am–7pm Monday to Friday.
Sign up on Moodle from this [link](#).

1. Choose a free time that is convenient.
2. Add a comment if you wish. You may now also upload a file.
3. The tutor will email you a Zoom invitation just before your meeting.
4. Because we had problems with late bookings not always registering in time for Zoom invitation to be sent, we have imposed a 30 minute “moat”. This means you will be unable to make or amend a booking later than 30 minutes before a session begins. This should reduce the likelihood of you not receiving a Zoom invitation.
5. The system will email you a reminder on the morning of your booking.

Please cancel your booking if you change your mind or cannot attend.

This means someone else can attend and means you can make another booking that same week.

Short Courses and Workshops

Short Course & Workshops Week 11		
Language & Linguistics	Thurs 18:00	Lesson 4
Phillip Bell	Fri 18:00	Rhetoric: Speeches and Writing
		Sign up Here

Click on the course for the link:

[Language and Linguistics](#)

Click on the article for the link:

[Mining Firm Oil Spill Fine News Article](#)

["My Mistress's Eyes"](#)

["Wondrous Moment"](#)

ALC NEWS: SEMESTER 2 WEEK 11

Speaking Circles

<u>Speaking Circles in week 11</u>		
Speaking Circles happen every day at 5pm and some lunchtimes. Details and sign-up sheets are available on the ALC Moodle .		
<p>Current Affairs Circle</p> <p>Mark Houghtaling</p>	<p>Mon 17:00</p>	<p>This week we look at a recent environmental legal ruling.</p> <p>Norilsk Nickel: Mining firm pays record \$2bn fine over Arctic oil spill.</p> <p>The related news article is here.</p>
<p>Debate Forum</p> <p>Huw Cumming</p>	<p>Tues 12:30</p>	<p>The topic for week 11's debate is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Free speech is non-negotiable"</p> <p>Come along and argue your point of view.</p>
<p>Literature & Spoken Word</p> <p>Claudia Kiburz</p>	<p>Sat 11:00</p>	<p>The poems for April 3rd brings us the season of spring, a time when many people begin to think of LOVE. Which language can best express deep and profound love: Russian or English? Listen to the two poems and come ready to share your ideas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My Mistress' Eyes by William Shakespeare (1564-1616) • Wondrous Moment by Alexander Sergeyevich Pushkin (1799-1837) <p>Click on the HOT SPOTS in the image to hear and read the poems.</p>
<p>Talking about Films</p> <p>What are YOU watching?</p> <p>James Arthurs</p>	<p>Wed 17:00</p>	<p>In week 11, on April 1st, we continue to look at some of the main characters of the Harry Potter films (and books) and the actors who portrayed them. We began with Alan Rickman, and will continue with some clips featuring Sebastian Snape, followed by Brendan Gleeson (Alastor Moody). We will also look at (and talk about) some clips from videos of Vivas.</p>
<p>Discussion Circle</p> <p>Andrew Fox</p>	<p>Thurs 12:00</p>	<p>The topic for week 11 is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">'Should People Marry? - the Benefits and Drawbacks'</p>
<p>Travel Circle</p> <p>Natasha Sinclair</p>	<p>Thurs 17:00</p>	<p>In week 11, we will hear about Dark Tourism, will give our opinions on the topics raised, and share our 'thanatourism' experiences.</p>

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

WEEK 11: MARCH 29TH - APRIL 2ND

MARCH 31ST, WEDNESDAY BY 11:00 PM

EAP: Research Project Final Draft Due

APRIL

Week 12: APRIL 5TH - 9TH

APRIL 7TH, WEDNESDAY

Geography: Essay (Online)

Week 13: APRIL 12TH - 16TH

Chemistry: Team Project During Seminars

APRIL 12TH, MONDAY BY 6:00 PM

Physics Quiz 4 Due

Week 14: APRIL 19TH - 23RD

EAP: Individual Research Project Viva

Biology: Poster During Seminars

Business: Business Plan Part III

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 15: APRIL 26TH - 30TH

EAP: Individual Research Project VIVA

Business: Project Presentation

MAY

MAY 3RD, MONDAY

HOLIDAY: Kazakhstan People's Unity Day Observed

MAY 4TH - 12TH

FINAL EXAMS

MAY 7TH, FRIDAY

Defender of the Fatherland Day

MAY 10TH, MONDAY

HOLIDAY: Victory Day

USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION AT NU

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE EAP STUDENT ASSESSMENT HANDBOOK ON MOODLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS ON YOUR RESEARCH PROJECT.

THE STUDENT HANDBOOK ON THE NU WEBSITE HAS SOME USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION.

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