

## Section A

## Question I

*Write an expository essay of 350-400 words on any ONE of the topics given below. Marks will be awarded for orderly and coherent presentation of materials, use of appropriate features and general accuracy of spellings, punctuation and grammar.*

[25]

- (a) The benefits of staying physically active.
- (b) Write about the greatness of your favourite historical figure.
- (c) The necessity of being computer literate in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- (d) Choosing the right stream of study in Class XI is crucial to shaping one's future.







## Question II

*You are Tshering, a class X student studying in Great Vision School, Darjeeling, India. Write a letter on any **ONE** of the following situations given below:*

[15]

- (a) Write to the principal of Pelyab Middle Secondary School, Gasa where you studied till class nine, inquiring about your school leaving certificate which you need to submit in original to your new school.
- (b) Write to the manager of Hotel Meto in Phuentsholing, expressing gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful service the hotel staff gave you and your family during your travel to Darjeeling in July 2016.
- (c) Write to the editor of Bhutan News in Thimphu asking whether she/he would be interested in publishing news about the victory of the Bhutanese Students' Association football team in the regional school football tournament that was held in July 2016.





## Section B

### Question III: Nature of Language

1. *For each of the following questions there are four possible responses. Choose the correct response and write it in the space provided.*

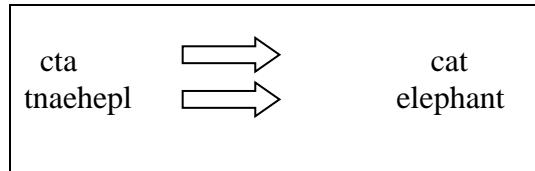
[1x3]

(i) Which school of thought states that the language is learnt through constant reinforcement and that a child is born with an empty slate mind?

- A naturalist
- B rationalist
- C perfectionist
- D behaviourist

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) From the diagram given below, choose the correct feature of language that is illustrated:



- A Language is a system of systems.
- B Language has duality of structure.
- C Language is an open-ended system.
- D Language as a cultural transmission.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

(iii) The three fundamental levels of language are

- A forms > meaning > sounds.
- B sounds > meaning > forms.
- C meaning > forms > sounds.
- D sounds > forms > meaning.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

2. *Answer the following questions:*

[7]

(i) "Human language has meta-linguistic system." Explain.

(3)

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(ii) How is human language “species-specific and species-uniform”?

#### Question IV: Grammar

1. *For each of the following questions there are four choices. Choose the best answer and write it in the space provided.*

[1x10]

(i) “I can’t put up with Namgay Om’s nasty comments anymore!” said Tandin.

Which one of the following is the closest in meaning to the given statement?

- A Tandin cannot tolerate Namgay Om’s nasty comments anymore.
- B Tandin doesn’t like Namgay Om’s nasty comments anymore.
- C Tandin can’t put up Namgay Om’s nasty comments anymore.
- D Tandin hates Namgay Om and her nasty comments.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

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(ii) Read the following sentences to see if they are correctly structured and choose the correct series of **right** (R) or **wrong** (W) sentences.

- i) Rita has had enough of horror movies. (....)
- ii) Hard works is always rewarded. (....)
- iii) It was a honour for me to stand next to the movie legend. (....)
- iv) Yuden received a yellow beautiful bag. (....)

- A R R W W
- B W W R W
- C W R W R
- D R W W W

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

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(iii) They were given freedom to.....the books of their interest.

- A chose
- B choice
- C chosen
- D choose

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

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(iv) You.....better take off your wet shoes.

- A had
- B will
- C must
- D could

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

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(v) He was very sick last night. The meat he had for dinner.....(be) good.

A mustn't have been  
B couldn't have been  
C wouldn't have been  
D shouldn't have been

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

(vi) *Rinchen has borrowed money from the office on many occasions. He needs to.....exactly how much he owes to it.*

A put out  
B clear up  
C make up  
D work out

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

(vii) Choose the sentence which has the same meaning as the sentence given:  
*Every candidate is required to write a poem on the theme.*

A Every candidate must write a poem on the theme.  
B Every candidate could write a poem on the theme.  
C Every candidate might write a poem on the theme.  
D Every candidate would write a poem on the theme.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

(viii) In the Manas Wildlife Park, we came across a.....of elephants.

A herd  
B band  
C flock  
D bunch

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

(ix) He doesn't mind helping me cook a meal so long as I.....  
everything when we have finished.

A put out  
B sort out  
C bring up  
D put away

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

(x) What my uncle.....and what he does are not necessarily the same.

- A tell
- B told
- C said
- D says

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

2. *Using the instructions given in the brackets, rewrite each of the following sentences without changing the meaning.*

[1x10]

(i) We have finished the rice and we need to buy it this weekend.  
[Use “run out”]

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(ii) War brings about only a lot of pain and great destructions.  
[Begin: Nothing.....]

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(iii) The pigeons can fly great distances.  
[Change into interrogative sentence]

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(iv) The Taj Mahal is held as a beautiful architectural masterpiece.  
[Use the noun form of ‘beautiful’]

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(v) “I haven’t met Sonam in the last five years,” said Lhakpa.  
[Change to reported speech.]

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(vi) Whenever my dog is given a bone, it buries it in the backyard.

*[Begin: If.....]*

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(vii) You must sound the alarm if you happen to get captured by the other team members.

*[Begin: Should....].*

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(viii) All the mobile technicians own smartphones.

*[Use: has]*

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(ix) The price of the leather jacket that Nima bought for his son was exorbitant.

*[Rewrite using “cheap”]*

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(x) My granny does her gardening on Sundays.

*[Begin: Sundays usually...]*

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**3. Fill in the blanks as instructed in the brackets.**

**[1x5]**

(i) My parents went to Paris and saw .....Eiffel Tower.  
*(Use correct article)*

(ii) Dorji.....all the windows of the science lab last night.  
*(Use correct form of verb “shut”)*

(iii) He took to .....(get up) early and walking noisily about the house.  
*(Use the correct form of the verb)*

(iv) In a fortnight's time we would be .....  
(vacate) this house.  
(Use the correct form of the verb)

(v) He was furious. He ..... [can't] speak for  
some time.  
(Use the correct form of the verb)

**4. Each of the following sentences below has an error. Edit the sentence and  
rewrite it correctly.**

**[1x5]**

(i) A pack of violent dogs were attacking a man carrying some meat.

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(ii) Sheila spreaded a lot of lies regarding her friends.

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(iii) The students worksheets show that they have not understood the calculations.

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(iv) The student requested his teacher to grand him leave for two days.

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(v) Dago's grandparents herded their sheeps into the lush mountain pasture.

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