

SECTION A: Writing [60 Marks]

Question 1.

[30]

*Direction: Write an original essay using features of an argumentative essay on any **ONE** of the following topics. You are reminded that you will be awarded marks for orderly and correct presentation of material, use of appropriate features and style and general accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar.*

- a) Students studying in boarding schools are more independent and self-sufficient than the ones studying in day schools.
- b) Failures are not stepping stones to success. They do not lead to successes and bring about a lot of criticism and embarrassment.
- c) Private tuitions are a necessary evil. Argue for or against the statement.
- d) Social networking creates a better connected society. Argue for or against it.

Question 2

[30]

Direction: Write an original short story in which the protagonist, living in poverty comes upon an unexpected fortune. Emphasis must be made on character development.

You are reminded that in the above task, you will also be assessed on use of language, content and mechanics of writing a short story.

SECTION B: Language [40 Marks]

Question 3. Nature of Language

[10]

Direction: 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 theory of language development suggests that children appropriate sounds and words in reaction to their parents' reinforcement?*

- A Divine Theory
- B Rationalist Theory
- C Behavioural Theory
- D Oral Gesture Theory

Answer _____

(ii) *During a regional school science exhibition, a dish washing machine invented by a class XII student was on display. The energy for the machine had to be generated by continuously rotating a small handle fit to the machine's motor. The machine was called Clean Power Dish Washer.*

What feature of language makes it possible to coin the name for the machine using a combination of words?

- A Human vocal tract
- B Duality of structure
- C Cultural transmission
- D Meta-linguistic system

Answer _____

(iii) Which of the following involves omission of words to form a new word?

- I Clipping
- II Blending
- III Borrowing
- IV Back Formation

- A I and II
- B II and III
- C I and III
- D III and IV

Answer _____

Question 4.

[7]

Direction: Answer the questions given below:

(i) What is the purpose of studying etymology?

(2)

(ii) Explain the arbitrary nature of language by focusing on an example of your own

(2)

(iii) How does language acquisition device help in developing language?

(3)

II GRAMMAR

[30]

Question 5

[1x5]

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

(i) *The thug was charged _____murder.*

A of
B on
C for
D with

Answer _____

*The window was **painted** using tradition*

The highlighted word

- A simple past tense.
- B auxiliary verb.
- C past perfect.
- D modal verb.

Answer _____

(iii) *He wants to be a high level public officer not to serve people, but to feather his own nest.*

The underlined idiomatic expression means

- A to make everyone like him.
- B make a house of his own.
- C become everyone's boss.
- D meet his own interests.

Answer _____

(iv) Each and every student and teacher in the school _____ for a new computer laboratory by next year.

- A hope
- B hopes
- C hoped
- D hoping

Answer _____

(v) *The national football team rejoiced _____ their success.*

- A of
- B at
- C for
- D in

Answer _____

Question 6

[1x10]

Direction: Keeping the meaning similar as far as possible to the original sentences, rewrite the sentences according to the instructions given in the brackets:

i). Newton made discoveries. The discoveries were numerous and wonderful.
[Join the two sentences]

ii). I don't have money. I can't buy any book for you.
[Begin: Had...]

iii). Wrap this walnut cake with silver foil.

[Change it to passive sentence.]

iv). No other woman is as kind as my mother.

[Change it to a comparative sentence.]

v). I wish I were a bird.

[Change it to exclamatory form]

vi). You will be recruited for the job if you have experience.

[Use: unless]

vii). Tshering will always be grateful to you; you helped him out of a great trouble.

[End with: ...you.]

viii). One should have sympathy for the needy.

[Use the verb form of 'sympathy']

ix). I can't find my new set of paints anywhere.

[Begin: My...]

x). He was always late for his work so his office fired him.
[Use: procrastination]

Question 7

[1x5]

Direction: Fill in the blanks with correct phrasal verbs given in the brackets.

- i. The publisher will _____ a book on Bhutanese cuisine. [bring out / bring up / bring on]
- ii. He _____ his poor relatives. [look into / look after / look upto]
- iii. The old dog was _____ by a bus. [run down / run through / run over]
- iv. Chuki and Tashi _____ their father; they have his eyes and mouth. [take after / take off / take up]
- v. Since it began to snow heavily, the meeting was_____
[called in/ called up/ called off]

Question 8.

*Direction: Read the following sentences carefully. Each of the sentence has **one** error in it. Correct **only the error** and rewrite each sentence correctly in the space provided.*

[1x10]

(i) Pema, the sheep herder decided that he needed to buy an ewe to increase his sheep count.

(ii) I have no pen nor pencil.

(iii) Not only had he wore a warm shirt, a sweater, a coat but also an overcoat.

(iv) Rinchen being a well-mannered boy obeys to his elders.

(v) Maya was teased by her friends and she was very angry on them.

(vi) The quality of clothes and shoes have improved.

(vii) The teacher, with all her students are to attend the literary program.

(viii) Rinchen, who is on a ten days leave will come back only on Friday.

(ix) The lama began to sight words from his gold embossed prayer book.

(x) I need to buy the following items, a loaf of bread, half a dozen of eggs and a bottle of milk.
