

## Section A [40 Marks]

## **Question I: Essay Writing [25 Marks]**

*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.*

- (a) Though Bhutanese music has flourished and is very popular amongst the people, the music industry largely depends on and uses western musical instruments. Based on this context, explain the importance of preserving the essence of traditional music.
- (b) Explain the scope of farming in Bhutanese economy with a focus on youth.
- (c) Describe your favourite childhood game. Explain the rules and procedures for playing the game.
- (d) Discuss on how to use the social network properly so that it can bring about a positive impact in the user's life. Support your discussion with at least **TWO** examples.







## **Question II: Letter Writing [15 Marks]**

*You are Sonam, a class X student of Blue Poppy Academy, Zhemgang. Write a letter on any **ONE** of the following situations:*

- (a) Your class has decided to develop a recreational park as a part of SUPW in your school. Write to the Chairperson of the School Management Board, seeking financial assistance. While mentioning the amount of fund required, provide the objective and a brief description of your project.
- (b) The former principal of your school has been recently promoted as the Chief District Education Officer (CDEO) of Chukha Dzongkhag. Write to congratulate and wish him/her the best in the new post.
- (c) It is the beginning of your academic session and your class has decided to have a “Get to know each other” themed party. Write an invitation letter as a class captain requesting your class teacher to attend it along with other subject teachers. Your letter must inform about the party venue and time.





## Section B [40 Marks]

### Question III: Nature of Language [10 Marks]

1. For each of the following questions there are four possible responses. Choose the correct response circle it neatly. **DO NOT** circle more than ONE alternative. If there are more than one choice circled, **NO** score will be awarded. [1x3]

(i) A Bhutanese baby who is adopted and brought up by a Spanish speaking couple, will have the physical characteristics inherited from his/her biological parents, but will inevitably speak Spanish. This shows that language is

A innate.  
B arbitrary.  
C acquired.  
D displaced.

(ii) The basic unit of language is

A sound.  
B syntax.  
C gesture.  
D semantic.

(iii) Mrs. Choden, a Dzongkha teacher always lets her students clap whenever a student pronounces unfamiliar words correctly. This process of acquiring language by the children in her class is closely associated with

A Cognitive Theory of Language Acquisition.  
B Rationalist Theory of Language Acquisition.  
C Behaviourist Theory of Language Acquisition.  
D Psycho-linguistic Theory of Language Acquisition.

2. (i) How do you think a child acquires language? Support your answer with either the behaviourist or the rationalist theory of language acquisition with **ONE** relevant example? (5)

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(ii) Read the following clues and complete the crossword puzzle based on them. (2)

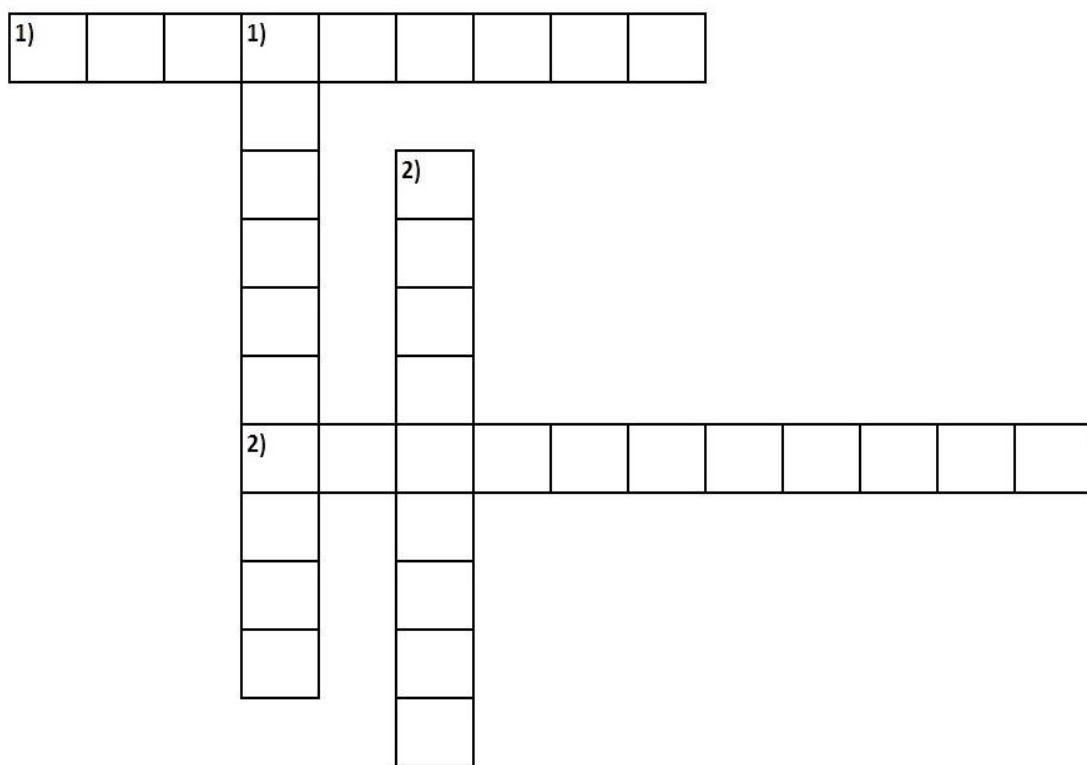
**Across:**

- 1) the study of origin of the words
- 2) the scientific study of language and structure

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**Down:**

- 1) the study of words – how they are formed and their relationship to other words in the same language
- 2) the study of meanings in language.



**Question IV: Grammar [30 Marks]**

1. For each question, there are four alternatives: A, B, C and D. Choose the correct alternative and circle it. **DO NOT** circle more than ONE alternative. If there are more than one choice circled, **NO** score will be awarded. [1x10]

(i) You will get used to \_\_\_\_\_ journals every day. It improves your writing and brings clarity to your thoughts.

A write  
B writing  
C be writing  
D be written

(ii) Select the sentence which best describes the illustration below.



- A The grandmother is standing against her grand-children.
- B The grandmother is standing between her grand-children.
- C The grandmother is standing among her grand-children.
- D The grandmother is standing behind her grand-children.

(iii) *He had been working for more than 10 hours. He \_\_\_\_\_ be tired after such hard work. He \_\_\_\_\_ prefer to get some rest.*

- A had better, must
- B mustn't, should
- C may, should
- D must, might

(iv) Do not \_\_\_\_\_ your glasses when you are outdoors.

- A lose
- B loss
- C lost
- D loose

(v) *Thimphu commuters suffer from frustrating traffic congestion particularly during the morning and evening rush hours.*

The underlined word is an example of

- A a gerund.
- B an adjective.
- C a conjunction.
- D a phrasal verb.

(vi) Which idiomatic expression will best complete Kinzang's statement?

*Lhatu:* *Did you like my singing at the function?*

*Kinzang:* *Well, it was ok.*

*Lhatu:* *Please give me your honest view.*

*Kinzang:* *My advice is ..... .*

- A don't be in high spirits.
- B don't rise to the occasion.
- C don't pay through the nose.
- D don't give up your day job.

(vii) *The clothes worn by the carnival performers were gaudy.*

The underlined word means

- A flashy.
- B beautiful.
- C expensive.
- D traditional.

(viii) Choose the sentence which has the same meaning to the sentence:

*You can always count on me.*

- A You can always bank on me.
- B You can always pass on for me.
- C You can always fall in with me.
- D You can always carry on with me.

(ix) *I hate going to the market with my sister. She is such ..... person and cannot stop buying even after our bags are full.*

- A a workaholic.
- B a shopaholic.
- C a social type.
- D an outdoor type.

(x) Select the correctly punctuated sentence.

- A Pema is a terrific singer; his song's are soft, soulful and melodic.
- B Pema is a terrific singer; his songs are soft, soulful and melodic.
- C Pema is a terrific singer, his songs are soft; soulful and melodic.
- D Pema is a terrific singer-his songs are soft, soulful and melodic.

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

**[1x10]**

(i) The big green leather bag belongs to them.  
(Replace 'them' with a possessive pronoun)

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(ii) Although the weather was gloomy and our money scarce, we had a good time meeting with our old friends.  
(Replace 'although' with 'despite')

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(iii) My grandmother prefers to drink tea to juice.  
(Use: ...as much as...)

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(iv) It is a five minute drive from where I live to the nearest cinema hall.  
(Begin: It takes ...)

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(v) I have never met a person as meticulous as him.  
(End:.....met.)

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(vi) In rural areas, faecal waste is the major cause of water pollution.  
(Replace 'pollution' with 'pollutant')

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(vii) Only a person of such noble upbringing can triumph over this situation.  
(*Change to negative sentence*)

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(viii) My mother said, “Would you help me in the kitchen?”  
(*Change to reported speech*)

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(ix) The rain was very heavy. It caused a major landslide in the nearby village.  
(*Combine using “enough to”*)

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(x) No one ran as fast as him in the summer athletic competition.  
(*Begin: He was ...*)

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**3. Choose the suitable response from the two alternatives given in the bracket at the end of each sentence and complete the sentence.**

**[1x5]**

(i) They.....the work before the teacher came. (have finished/had finished).

(ii) I didn't see Jamtsho at the children's park. In fact, I didn't see ..... The place was empty. (anybody/nobody)

(iii) The old man gave a/an .....look at the new film poster. (disinterested/uninterested)

(iv) Let's complete our group assignment, ..... we? (shall/haven't)

(v) The man .....wallet was stolen, reported to the police station. (whom/whose)

4. Look at the pictures and complete the sentences writing what you think would/wouldn't happen. Write TWO continuations for each case.

(1/2 x 10)



Example:

If the gymnast lost his balance...

- a) ...he would be injured.
- b) ...he would be out of the competition.

i) If the bus broke down...

a) ...

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b) ...

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ii) If the diver confronted a shark...

a) ...

\_\_\_\_\_

b) ...



iii) If the tiger brought down the metal mesh protection...

a) ... \_\_\_\_\_

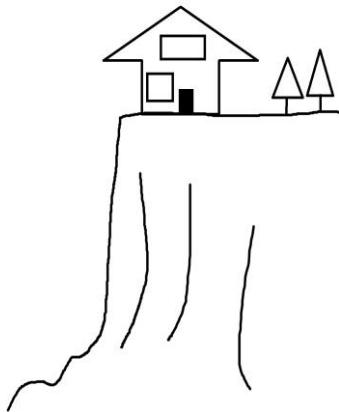
b) ... \_\_\_\_\_



iv) If the waiter tripped over...

a) ... \_\_\_\_\_

b) ... \_\_\_\_\_



v) If earthquake struck the place...

a) ... \_\_\_\_\_

b) ... \_\_\_\_\_