

SECTION A: Writing [60 Marks]

Question 1.

[30]

*Direction: Write an original essay of about 450 to 500 words using the 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) The growth of drug abusers among the Bhutanese youth today is chiefly due to lack of proper guidance and time from the elders.
- b) Happiness of the people is directly proportional to the economic development of the nation.
- c) Examinations do not test the ability of a child.
- d) Ban on import of chillies should be taken as a blessing in disguise by the Bhutanese.

Question 2.

[30]

Direction: Write an original **tragic** story of about 450 to 500 words narrating the downfall of the protagonist; emphasis should be made on the **conflict**.

You are reminded that in the above task, you will be assessed on language use, content and mechanics. Ensure that your story is not plagiarized or reproduced from other sources (movies, novels, stories, etc.)

SECTION B: Nature of Language & Grammar [40 Marks]

Nature of Language

Question 3.

[10]

Direction: 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.

[1x4]

(i) *The word, 'examination' is generally used as only 'exam'. This is an example of*

- A clipping.
- B blending.
- C borrowing.
- D back-formation.

(ii) *This morning Jambay woke up early and started sharing his last night's dream to our mother. He told her that he dreamt of a mysterious animal that could breathe fire. What feature of language did Jambay use?*

- A duality
- B arbitrary
- C open-ended
- D displacement

(iii) *"Thou shall be punished if thy err!" raved the actor on stage.*

The underlined words are no longer used as they are now

- A obsolete.
- B informal.
- C derogative.
- D meaningless.

(iv) How did onomatopoeic words evolve into the human language system?

- A through lack of words
- B through imitations of sounds
- C through extensive use of words
- D through borrowing words from ancestors

Question 4.

[6]

Direction: Answer the questions given below:

(i) In what ways, can it be said that language is symbolic in nature? (3)

(ii) If you were to meet Jean Piaget, what argument would he give you, to strongly support his theory of human language acquisition? (3)

GRAMMAR

[30]

Question 5.

[1x5]

Direction: 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.

(i) The bank told me last week there was no money in my account. I _____ it all.

A spent
B had spent
C was spending
D had been spending

(ii) *I need to tell the guys to be in time for the football match.*
Why can't this sentence be used in a formal writing?

A It contains a redundant word.
B It contains an archaic word.
C It contains a syntax error.
D It contains a slang.

(iii) He works hard to achieve his goal,.....?
A doesn't he?
B didn't he?
C don't he?
D isn't he?

(iv) Nobody has the authority to.....the decision of the referee during the match.

A overrun
B overrate
C overrule
D overthrow

(v) *The late night announcement came completely unexpected and shocked everyone.*
Choose the idiom that best suits the underlined phrase.

- A out of the blue
- B shot in the dark
- C at the drop of a hat
- D hit the nail on the head

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) He has published this article so he can inform the public about the risks.
[Use: for the purpose of]

(ii) The doctor will be here if she is not called for an emergency.
[Use: unless]

(iii) Children shouldn't play here without supervision.
[Use: supervised]

(iv) I have never seen so big a diamond as this.
[Use: use a comparative]

(v) I knew their support was conditional even though they seemed friendly.
[Use : unconditional]

(vi) The teacher said, “Can I borrow a book?”
[Change to indirect]

(vii) I don't want to be late for the meeting but I don't want to get there too early.
[Use: *on the other hand*]

(viii) We said, “What has he planned there?”
[Change to indirect]

(ix) Gasa district is way up north, but Samtse is in the south of Bhutan.
[Use: whereas]

(x) She won the Super Quiz medal as well as the essay prize.
[Begin: not only]

Question 7.

[1x5]

*Direction: Use **modal verbs** to fill in the missing words. Note that only **one** word is required in each space below.*

Before you travel to any country, you _____(1)_____ find out what documents you need. You _____(2)_____ be required to have both passport and visa depending on the country's rules for foreign travellers. But the rule you can be sure about is that, all travellers _____(3)_____ to show their documents. In most of the cities, road transportation are very expensive but don't worry – you _____(4)_____ get around cheaply and easily by trains. Though exploring a foreign country is very exciting, you really _____(5)_____ walk alone at night. It is safer to travel around in a group.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Question 8.

*Direction: Each of the following sentences has **only one** error in it. Spot the error and write in the **Error column** and the correct answer in the **Answer column**. An example has been given below:*

[1x10]

Example: Time **hang** heavy in prison.

Error	Answer
hang	hangs

(i) The driving test was an official examination that determines your capability to drive.

Error	Answer

(ii) We are all excited about the **arrive** of ten new computers to our school.

Error	Answer

(iii) Lord Buddha attended his enlightenment after years of meditation.

Error	Answer

(iv) Sonam was prevented to visiting the museum as it was past its closing time.

Error	Answer

(v) She is an imminent scholar of philosophy.

Error	Answer

(vi) I wish I would have been at the wedding, but I was in India then.

Error	Answer

(vii) On needing any kind of advice; Dawa always comes to me.

Error	Answer

(viii) Either Gasa United or Sarpang United have a chance to win the football match.

Error	Answer

(ix) Bhutan is one of the least densely populated country in the world.

Error	Answer

(x) It is more exciting when one has to compete with a prize.

Error	Answer