






**Section A [40 Marks]**  
**Question I: Essay Writing (25 Marks)**

*Write an expository essay of about 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 accuracy of spellings, punctuation and grammar.*

- (a) Explain why writing an examination is generally a very stressful activity for any student.
- (b) The consequences of dropping out of school for students.
- (c) Use the picture given below for writing your essay. Make sure to include the instructions and procedures to be followed during an earthquake.

	<b>DUCK</b>
	<b>TAKE COVER UNDER A STURDY TABLE</b>
	<b>HOLD ON FIRMLY TO THE LEGS OF THE TABLE</b>
	<b>AFTER THE SHAKING SUBSIDES GO TO AN OPEN AREA WHICH IS SAFE</b>
	<b>ONCE IN SAFE AREA, WAIT FOR HEAD COUNT</b>

*Picture (adapted): Save the Children, Bhutan*










## Question II: Letter Writing (15 Marks)

Write a letter on any **ONE** of the following situations given below:

- (a) Your name is Sonam, a class IX student of Sherub Middle Secondary School in Paro. The College of Education, Paro has advertised a vacancy of a cleaner for the college canteen for the month of January and February 2019 in the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 Kuensel issue. You realize that you can earn some money to meet your school expenses for the coming academic year. Write to the director of the college applying for the post.
- (b) Your name is Kencho, a class X student of Phuensum Academy, Lhuntse. You wish to take up a short course on web designing at Tashi Management Institute, Thimphu during the winter vacation. Write to the manager of the institute seeking the information on the course, fee structure and schedule.
- (c) Your name is Pema and you are the captain of Games and Sports of Yonten Academy, Samdrupjongkhar. As per the announcement of an inter-dzongkhag football tournament, you had placed an order for football equipment from Love Sports Store, Samdrupjongkhar. However, very recently the tournament was announced as postponed. Write to the manager of the store to cancel your order.






**Section B [40 Marks]**

**Question III: Nature of Language (10 Marks)**

- a) *For each of the following questions there are four responses: A, B, C & D. Choose the alphabet corresponding to your response and **CIRCLE** it neatly. **DO NOT** circle more than **ONE** response. If there are more than one choice circled, **NO** score will be awarded.*

[3]

1. Sonam went to the restaurant counter and said, “Can I have a glass of apple juice?”

Which purpose of language is shown by Sonam’s dialogue?

- A interpersonal communication
- B entertainment
- C learning
- D creation

2. Kezang found that the word ‘poem’ is derived from the Greek word ‘poein’. Which field of language study did he look into?

- A semantics
- B phonetics
- C etymology
- D morphology

3. Which feature of language does the figure below depict?



- A productivity
- B arbitrariness
- C specialization
- D meta-linguistic

- b) *Answer the following questions:*

1. Explain how **entertainment** is one of the purposes of language? Illustrate with **ONE** example.

(4)



2. Read the sentence given below and answer the questions.

*I travel Zhemgang and took our watermelons under the truck for Paro.*

i) What is wrong with the given sentence? (1)


ii) What should be kept in mind regarding language while communicating? (2)


**Question IV: Grammar (30 Marks)**

- a) *For each of the following questions there are four responses: A, B, C & D. Choose the alphabet corresponding to your response and **CIRCLE** it neatly. **DO NOT** circle more than **ONE** response. If there are more than one choice circled, **NO** score will be awarded.*

[1x10]

1. The forms of the verb 'be' are

A does, do, did.  
B has, have, had.  
C can, must, should.  
D am, is, are, was, were.

2. My boots are dirty. I must take them ..... before I step into the house.

A off  
B over  
C away  
D under

3. *Your sister seldom shares books from her collection.*

What part of speech is the word, '*seldom*'?

A adverb  
B pronoun  
C adjective  
D interjection

4. We must be early, .....we won't get seats for the show.

A yet  
B or else  
C however  
D nevertheless

5. My friend loves talking about her dog Benji. Whenever, we \_\_\_\_\_ the topic, her eyes brighten up.

A break the ice  
B warm up  
C bring up  
D cut in

6. “I .....come tomorrow,” he promised.

- A may
- B shall
- C could
- D might

7. Which **ONE** of the underlined words in the following sentences is a verb?

- A I did not intend to hurt you.
- B I did not hurt you intentionally.
- C It was not my intent to hurt you.
- D It was not my intention to hurt you.

8. Tashi is never punctual. He always

- A came late to the class.
- B come late to the class.
- C comes late to the class.
- D coming late to the class.

9. I ..... him for a long time.

- A know
- B was known
- C am knowing
- D have known

10. Which **ONE** of the sentences is grammatically incorrect?

- A The driver with the car is at the door.
- B Pema and Tashi has taken the carpentry tools.
- C The Chief, with all his men, was welcomed warmly.
- D Either Sonam or Phurba has taken the music set from my room.

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

[1x10]

1. Mercury is the smallest planet in the Solar System. [Use: smaller]


2. She said, "I dreamed of an elephant last night." *[Change to indirect speech]*


3. When they finished their work, they left for Paro. *[Begin: Paro...]*


4. My sister doesn't like rap songs. My brother doesn't like it either.  
*[Use: 'Neither' to combine the sentences]*


5. She was careful when she lifted the vase. *[End: ...carefully.]*


6. Besides being a great sculptor, Michelangelo was a magnificent painter.  
*[Use: not only]*


7. She likes to catch fireflies with her grandchildren.  
*[Use gerund of the underlined word.]*


8. We want to watch the new Bhutanese film because we heard its ending is dramatic.  
[Use: ends]


9. No sooner had our train pulled out of the station, than my father realised that he had left the TV on at our house. [Begin: Hardly did...]


10. Sing a song of bravery on the stage.  
[Begin: Let ...]


- c) Identify the part of speech asked after each of the sentence given below and write it in the space provided. (An example has been done for you.)

(1x5)

Example: An old man was walking casually in the park.

(Identify the adverb used)

casually

1. My sister sent me a pair of leather shoes from Kolkata.

(Identify the adjective used)

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2. My office car broke down on the way, so I had to take a taxi to the meeting venue.

(Write down the phrasal verb used.)

\_\_\_\_\_

3. The dark rolling clouds may ruin our picnic any moment!  
(Write down the modal verb used)

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Wangmo was down with very high fever nevertheless she attended the class.  
(Write down the conjunction used)

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Kuenphen ought to have notified the supervisor before moving the files into the storeroom. (Write down the modal auxiliary used)

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- d) Each of the sentence has **one** error in it. Identify it and write in the **Error column** and the correct answer in the **Answer column**. (An example has been done for you.)

[1x5]

*Example:* I was living the room when I heard a scream from the next door.

Error	Answer
living	leaving

1. My friend has get an admission in the Royal Academy of Performing Arts.

Error	Answer

2. Pema and me went for a walk when it was raining.

Error	Answer

3. No sooner did my warden entered the room than the lights went off.

Error	Answer

4. I have not understood the chapter in dinosaurs.

Error	Answer

5. The capital city has been renamed as Newland, henceforth the citizens still use its former name.

Error	Answer