

## SECTION A: Writing [60 Marks]

### Question I

[30]

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 accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar.)

- a) Individuals should face strict penalties for littering.
- b) Slow and steady does not win the race in today's world.
- c) The habit of reading books might soon become obsolete in the Bhutanese society.










[illegible]







## Question II

[30]

Write an original story of about 450 to 500 words featuring **a wounded soldier, an old man, a hound and an old mansion** by employing all the elements of short story.

Emphasis should be made on **conflict** in your story.

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

[illegible]

















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

**Question III**

**[10]**

- 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.

(1x3)

1. As per Shakespeare, "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Which feature of language was he hinting at?

- A arbitrariness
- B duality of structure
- C open-ended system
- D cultural transmission

2. Read the information given below:

*The word 'pedal' comes from the word 'ped' which means foot in Latin. Likewise, the word 'bus' comes from the word 'omnibus' which means 'for all'.*

Which **ONE** of the following terms would match with the above information?

- A phonology
- B etymology
- C compounding
- D onomatopoeia

3. Language can be manipulated to create false statements and fantastical stories. This feature of language is called

- A displacement.
- B open-endedness.
- C duality of patterning.
- D meta-linguistic system.

- b) Answer the questions given below:

1. Mention any **two** criticisms made against B.F. Skinner's theory of language acquisition.

(2)



2. **WORD PUZZLE:** Read the statements given below and use them as clues to find **three** terms related to etymology hidden in the puzzle. Circle the words neatly. The word '**FIND**' has been identified for you.

(3)

- Examination can be written as 'exam' by omitting certain portion of the word. What is this process of omitting called?
- Words such as *hiss*, *buzz*, *jingle*, *thud* are representative of sounds produced. What are they called?
- The English language vocabulary has been greatly taken from other languages. For example, the word 'jungle' comes from Hindi, 'kindergarten' comes from German, 'lemon' comes from Arabic language, etc. What is this process of acquiring foreign words called?

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D	U	U	M	T	I	A	T	I	O	O	O
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3. Explain displacement as a feature of language and cite **one** example.

(2)


**Question V**

[1x5]

Rearrange each set of the words given in the figures to form a proper sentence. **DO NOT MISS** any word while constructing the sentence. **AVOID** using any punctuation other than the ones given. The first word of every sentence has been identified for you. Follow the given example.

<b>Example:</b>	shelf	liked	design	wooden	simple	it	the	in	though	was	he	.
He	liked	the	wooden	shelf	though	it	was	simple	in	design	.	
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Silence			

### Question VI

[1x5]

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.

1. The plural of mine is\_\_\_\_\_.

- A us.
- B my.
- C our.
- D ours.

2. If I had known it was going to be so sunny,

- A I must have wear my sun glasses.
- B I could have wear my sun glasses.
- C I should have wear my sun glasses.
- D I would have worn my sun glasses.

3. Imagine that you are visiting Thimphu for the first time and you wish to go to the National Library. How would you ask a stranger the way to the place?

- A Will you please tell me if I can visit the National Library now?
- B Which is the fastest route to take to the National Library?
- C May I know how to get to the National Library, please?
- D Show me the way to the National Library!

4. The news that Tashi had won the lottery gold, was found **incredulous** by his mother.  
The above sentence means that, Tashi's mother found the news

A worthy.  
B exciting.  
C hilarious.  
D dubious.

5. I agree \_\_\_\_\_ your proposal on making a documentary.

A to  
B at  
C on  
D for

### Question VII

[1x5]

Fill in the blanks with correct idioms given in the brackets.

- Dechen is very upset with Tshewang as he \_\_\_\_\_  
about her secret trip to their parents. [*spilt the beans/ threw a cold blanket*]
- The news about the accident was like \_\_\_\_\_  
for the family since they had just said goodbye to their relatives travelling in the bus.  
[*burying the hatchet/ a bolt from the blue*]
- Solving the Rubik cube puzzle was \_\_\_\_\_ for  
my sister. [*far cry from/ a piece of cake*]
- It suddenly started \_\_\_\_\_. We had to  
take shelter in the nearby bus stand. [*raining cats and dogs/ barking up the wrong tree*]
- After spending a terrible day at the office and later misplacing her phone, losing the  
house key was \_\_\_\_\_ for Dechen.  
[*the final straw / cold turkey*]

### Question VIII

[1x5]

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

1. It is a pity that we have to undergo this disgrace. [*Use: avoided*]


2. Our neighbour hates dogs. [*Use: aversion*]

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3. Write neatly or I will refuse to read your work. [*Begin: Unless...*]


4. It is time to shut the windows. [*Change to passive voice*]


5. Your library membership card is valid till December 31, 2018. [*Begin: You can't...*]


### Question IX

[1x10]

Each of the sentence has **ONE** error in it. Identify it and write it in the **ERROR COLUMN** and the correct answer in the **ANSWER COLUMN**. (An example has been done for you.)

*Example:* The exact time of the occurs has not been ascertained.

Error	Answer
occurs	occurrence

1. You like the Mexican song, didn't you?

Error	Answer

2. You are senior than me by one year.

Error	Answer

3. If I wear he, I would help you shift your belongings.

Error	Answer

4. Yuden jumped with joy when she heard that she was choose for the trip.

Error	Answer

5. Lie the baby on the soft bed.

Error	Answer

6. One of the mouse nibbled the cheese put in the bowl.

Error	Answer

7. Pema with his brothers have gone back to Chukha.

Error	Answer

8. My grandmother always were beautiful hand-sewed scarves.

Error	Answer

9. “This costed me Nu 2000”, said Pema as she took out the silk purse from her bag.

Error	Answer

10. The episode of the missing diamonds remained a mystry for a decade.

Error	Answer