

SECTION A (40 MARKS)

Question 1 Essay Writing

[25]

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) Technology has become a vital need to our modern society. It acts both as a source of knowledge and leisure. Discuss.
- b) Discuss why Bhutanese need to be careful with the use of social media.
- c) Explain how the ban on corporal punishment has helped schools today?

Question 2 Letter Writing

[15]

Write a letter on any ONE of the following situations given below. Please take note that you are NOT PERMITTED to use your real name and school details in the letter and failure to follow this may lead to CANCELLATION of your response.

a) You are Sangay, the school captain of Jigmelng Middle Secondary School, Sarpang. Your school will be conducting an inter-house English drama competition on 17th December 2019. Write an invitation letter to Dasho Dzongda, Sarpang, inviting him or her as the guest of honour. Include the date, time, venue and the programme of the day.

b) You are Thinley, a resident of Thimphu Throm. During your recent visit to public parks you found that most of them are in urgent need of renovation as they pose great risks to the park users, especially children. Write a letter to Thrompon, Thimphu Thromde, highlighting your concerns.

c) Your name is Kencho and you are a class ten graduate. An eco-tourism office, Gaki Trip, based in Bumthang has advertised an opportunity for class ten graduates to a two-month long internship training programme as tour guides. Write an application to the recruiting officer to avail the given opportunity.

(START WRITING BELOW)

SECTION B (40 MARKS)

Question 3 Grammar

a) Some of the sentences given below contain grammatical errors. Read them carefully and state which ones are **CORRECT** or **INCORRECT** as shown in the example.

[10]

Example: Jurme, Penjor and Tika were in the room. So which boy's hat is this?	Correct
i. As soon as the sale reports were available, the managers know that they had achieved their sale targets.	
ii. Kuenphen, as well as his flat mates, is going to the town for shopping.	
iii. Put the girl's shoes on otherwise their feet will get wet.	
iv. All the people involved in the hall decoration is being appreciated.	
v. After having finished the test, the students felt a great sense of relief.	
vi. A person who comes from Spain will usually speak Spanish.	
vii. Four students were chosen to go to Japan; Pem Chuki, Sonam Yangchen, Phurba Tshering and Tara Gurung.	
viii. The family was helping in making the fence yesterday.	
ix. Neither your nor I is able to solve this word puzzle.	
x. While the washing machine is broken you will have to hand wash your clothes.	

b) 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. [10]

i. Which modal verb is used when we want to emphasize something strongly?

- A must
- B could
- C would
- D should

ii. Let the door be opened.

The above sentence is an example of

- A a direct speech.
- B an active voice.
- C a passive voice.
- D an indirect speech.

iii. Roberto asked me, “Did you watch the final football match?”

The reported form of above can be written as:

Roberto asked me whether I

- A watch the final football match.
- B watched the final football match.
- C did watch the final football match.
- D had been watching the final football match.

iv. Let's go for a walk,

- A do we?
- B can we
- C shall we?
- D shan't we?

v. No other country is as beautiful as Bhutan.

The above sentence written with a superlative will be:

- A Bhutan is a beautiful country.
- B No other country except Bhutan is beautiful.
- C Bhutan is the most beautiful of all countries.
- D Bhutan is beautiful amongst all the countries.

vi. The _____ of the damage caused by the fire is unknown.

A bulk
B extent
C strength
D quantity

vii. I knew it was going to be a disastrous day because I _____ over slept
_____ missed the office bus.

A both/and
B whether/or
C neither/nor
D not only/ but also

viii. The children saw _____ of red segmented caterpillars on the ivy plants.

A a band
B a pack
C a tribe
D an army

ix. I regret _____ Kuenphen about the haunted house.

A to telling
B telling
C to told
D told

x. Human is mortal.
The simple present negative form of above sentence is,

A human is immortal.
B human is not immortal.
C not all humans are immortal.
D not every human is immortal.

c) **Using the instructions given in the brackets, rewrite each of the following sentences without changing the meaning.** [5]

i. He is the best student in the class.

[Use “better”]

ii. Mrs. Taylor regretted buying the second-hand car.

[Begin: Mrs. Taylor wished...]

iii. John said, ‘The sun looks like a red ball of fire.’

[Rewrite as indirect speech]

iv. The little girl dropped a tray of food.

[Rewrite in passive voice]

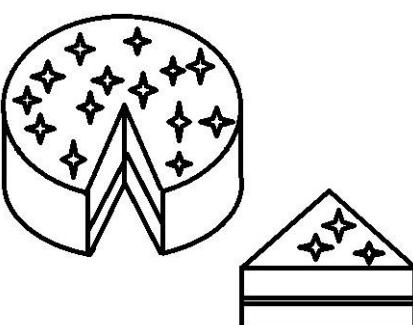
v. After reading the letter, he burnt it.

[Begin with: Having...]

d)

Fill in the blanks with appropriate idioms. Use the pictures with hints to correctly guess the idioms given in the list. An example is shown below.

[5]

Idioms:	
under the weather	cost an arm and a leg
	a piece of a cake
pulling my leg	hit the sack
	in hot water
cold feet	stand in a good stead
	bucket list
Example	
I don't know how you could afford the diamond necklace. It must have <u>cost an arm and a leg</u> . <i>(Hint: very expensive)</i>	
i. I am feeling a bit _____ I think I have to see a doctor. <i>(Hint: sick)</i>	
ii. Sonam scored the highest in her English test. She had found it _____ <i>(Hint: very easy)</i>	

<p>iii. Is your brother really getting married or are you just _____? <i>(Hint: joking)</i></p>	
<p>iv. After hiking for almost eight hours, the team was ready to _____. <i>(Hint: sleep)</i></p>	
<p>v. I forgot to bring my history project. Looks like I will end up _____. <i>(Hint: serious trouble)</i></p>	

Source: <https://en.islcollective.com/english-esl-worksheets/vocabulary/idioms>

e) Write down the correct choice for each sentence as shown in the example. [5]
Spelling errors will be considered as wrong answers.

The **effect/affect** of the volcano eruption was devastating on the small island.

effect

i. My teacher was most **complementary/complimentary** about my science project.

ii. Booking is not required for families with **fewer/less** than four members.

iii. The hostel is about half a kilometre **farther/father** down this road.

iv. Pema had been **lying/laying** down for many hours.

v. The wooden cabin was built **among/between** the lake and the mountains.

f) **Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets.** [5]

i. Deki _____ (talk) and disturbed everyone during the entire film.

ii. I don't recommend _____ (take) the bus, it is very slow!

iii. Pinky hopes _____ (visit) Italy next month.

iv. Do you mind _____ (give) her a hand in the garden?

v. My mother dislikes _____ (wait) and wasting time.

