

SECTION A: WRITING (60 MARKS)

Question 1

[30]

Write an 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) The co-curricular activities in schools do not enhance learning skills of students, instead they waste time for learning.
 - b) Smartphone is not a boon, but a bane.
 - c) Should Bhutanese youth be encouraged to leave their homes at the age of 18 so as to make them responsible and independent individuals?

Question 2

[30]

Use the prompt given below to write an original short story of 450 to 500 words by employing all the elements of a short story. Emphasis should be made on PLOT DEVELOPMENT. You are reminded that in the above task, you will be assessed on the use of language, content and mechanics of writing a short story.

It was around 11 pm when I heard a vehicle coming into my parking lot. I pulled the window curtain and saw an old model truck being parked in front of my house. There was an ominous look about the truck which made me feel uneasy. As I looked on, a stranger quickly came out of the vehicle and almost immediately the doorbell rang...

SECTION B:NATURE OF LANGUAGE & GRAMMAR (40 MARKS)

Question 1 - Nature of Language

- a) For each of the following questions there are four responses. 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]
- i. The rise and fall of the voice when speaking is called
A stress.
B accent.
C intonation.
D pronunciation.
- ii. The smallest grammatical unit in a language is
A syntax.
B phoneme.
C trip thong.
D morpheme.
- iii. *During the weekends, the young artist often settled on brunches instead of breakfast and then later lunch.* The underlined word has been formed by a process called
A blending.
B truncation.
C back formation.
D sound imitation.
- b) Answer the questions given below:
- i. 'Language is used to defend and challenge ideas.' Evaluate this statement with close reference to the purpose of language. [3]

- ii. Explain how a language being arbitrary helps to develop itself. Cite **ONE** example of your own.

[4]

Question 2 - Grammar

- a) **Keeping the meaning similar as far as possible to the original sentences, rewrite the sentences according to the instructions given in the brackets.**

[5]

- i. Blue whale is larger than all the other animals. [Use the superlative of the adjective used]

- ii. My captors took me to an underground prison. [Change to passive voice]

- iii. This shade of moon grey is only slightly different from the dark grey. [Use: 'hardly']

iv. Other poets are not as great as Tennyson. [Change it to positive degree]

v. When the clown entered the birthday party hall, everyone broke into laughter.
[Use: 'filled']

b) **Each set of words is a jumbled sentence. Rearrange each set of words to form a sentence. DO NOT miss any word to construct a sentence. No mark will be awarded if any ONE word is missing. Each word must be used only ONCE. The starting of each sentence has been identified for you.**

[5]

Example:

writing / system / am / to / I / about / banking / your / mobile / complain/.

I am writing to complain about your mobile banking system.	

i. advice / no / I / have / offer / that / I / can / you/.

I	

ii. hoped / done / than / you / better / have / you / for /.

You	

iii. obedient / an / told / parents / boy / is / will / his / always / as / do / by / he/.

A	

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- iv. carried / Kamala / big / of / wooden / box / a / full / snacks /.

Kamala	

- v. my / account / four / bank / access / times / Yeshey / to / tried /.

Yeshey	

- c) **Each sentence given below has ONE ERROR in it. Identify and write it in the space as shown in the example.** [5]

Example: I saw Palmo being keep reading in the library fifteen minutes ago.

<i>Error</i>	<i>Answer</i>
keep	kept

- i. Last year when you start the business, I did not expect such quick results.

<i>Error</i>	<i>Answer</i>

- ii. I don't want that person to come here over again.

<i>Error</i>	<i>Answer</i>

- iii. Shakespeare's plays are mainly written on blank verse.

<i>Error</i>	<i>Answer</i>

- iv. The question is whether the man can be trusted or not.

Error	Answer

- v. The lotus flowers were such a beauty sight!

Error	Answer

- d) Choose the correct form of verb in agreement with its subject from the given table and write it in the space provided. Each word can be used ONLY ONCE. [5]

was	are	does
have	loves	is
could	do	can
wants	has	must

- i. Every child in the group _____ to ride the baby elephant.
- ii. The bag containing all the grocery items and toiletries _____ been left behind.
- iii. The strain of all the difficulties, vexations and anxieties _____ more than he could bear.
- iv. The accountant and the cashier _____ fled the city as they were found to be misusing the funds.
- v. Bringing lunch has been made compulsory in my school. This means I _____ carry lunch to school every day.

e)

Direction: For each of the following questions there are four responses. 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. The school bus _____ on the way to picnic venue.
A broke of
B broke off
C broke away
D broke down
- ii. All songs of the new Bhutanese film are _____ with youngsters.
A catching up
B catching on
C catching off
D catching over
- iii. Norbu was hit hard on the head, but _____ again after a few minutes.
A came of
B came at
C came to
D came off
- iv. Team Takin lost the game but the players _____ their disappointment.
A held up
B held off
C held over
D held back
- v. My grandfather absolutely likes it when his friends _____
A drop at.
B drop by.
C drop off.
D drop out.
- vi. The newly opened Japanese restaurant is _____ free coupons.
A giving of
B giving up
C giving out
D giving away

- vii. The wild cat must have _____ through the window.
- A come in
 - B come on
 - C come up
 - D come over
- viii. The gatekeeper earns just enough to _____
- A get by.
 - B get off.
 - C get over.
 - D get away.
- ix. The police ordered the vendors to _____ their hoardings.
- A take of
 - B take in
 - C take off
 - D take down
- x. Gembo always _____ his competitors which is why no team wants him.
- A talks in
 - B talks out
 - C talks off
 - D talks down

