

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) Is free education one of the factors responsible for unemployment of youth today?
- b) Making students opt for TVET (technical and vocational education training) courses in schools will solve the problem of unemployment in the long run.
- c) Parents should not interfere in their children's career choices.

(START WRITING BELOW)

Please take note that you are **NOT PERMITTED** to mention any personal or school details which may disclose your identity. **FAILURE** to do so may lead to **CANCELLATION** of your answer.

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 **SETTING** of the story. 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.

A huge shape reached out of the darkness in front of him. Pemba jumped back raising his torch which revealed a woman covered in mud...

(START WRITING BELOW)

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

Question 1 - Nature of Language

- a) 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. [3]

- i. He said, "Get thyself some ale from the tapster ere it should stop flow!"
The underlined words are not in use now since they are
- A archaic.
 - B confusing.
 - C euphemistic.
 - D conventional.
- ii. Which ONE of the following best illustrates the arbitrary feature of language?
- A The new hybrid flower was named as Blue Rain.
 - B Sonam constructed five sentences with the word 'thermos'.
 - C Kinzang told her classmates about her recent holiday in Paris.
 - D The singers sang about the heroes who fought for their country.
- iii. The correct communication model is
- A transmit > decode > encode > receive.
 - B encode > transmit > receive > decode.
 - C encode > receive > transmit > decode.
 - D decode > encode > receive > transmit.

- b) Given below are statements that are examples in support of either Rationalist Theory or Behaviourist Theory of language acquisition. Read them carefully and UNDERLINE the name of the theory after each. [3]

- i. Passang spent his childhood in Japan and now he can converse fluently in Japanese language.
- Rationalist Theory* *Behaviourist Theory*
- ii. Most of the children can speak by the age of two years.
- Rationalist Theory* *Behaviourist Theory*
- iii. The accident caused the little boy to lose his hearing so now he has developed his own way of communicating with his family.
- Rationalist Theory* *Behaviourist Theory*
- iv. Mrs. Wangmo is quite surprised at the speed with which her five year old daughter is picking up Hindi language by simply watching Indian channels.
- Rationalist Theory* *Behaviourist Theory*

- v. The famous story was about a boy who was raised by wolves and when he was found by humans, they were shocked to find that he didn't speak any words but growled instead.

Rationalist Theory

Behaviourist Theory

- vi. The scientists conducted an experiment which involved teaching some chimpanzees to learn human language, unfortunately, it was a disaster. They realized that chimpanzees did not have language learning capability in their genes.

Rationalist Theory

Behaviourist Theory

- c) **Read the sentences below and mark 'T' for True and 'F' for false in the spaces provided:** [4]

- i. Semantic level of language analysis deals with pronunciation of sounds.

- ii. The process whereby language is passed down from generation to generation is known as sound transmission.

- iii. Human language is organized at both individual and combinatorial levels.

- iv. Noam Chomsky propounded the theory of biological influences in language acquisition.

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. What do you want to do – watch film at home or go to the movie hall?
[Begin with: Would...]

- ii. Despite lacking practice time, our boys gave the best performance in the event.
[Use: notwithstanding]

- iii. Namgay had never been to a big city like London.

[Begin with: London]

- iv. Chimi is the most skilled carpenter in the group.

[End your sentence with: ...carpenter.]

- v. We practised our songs every day but we failed to make it to the semi-final rounds.

[Begin with: Even _____]

- b) Check your vocabulary! Choose the most appropriate word and complete the following sentences. Hints for the word choice have been provided in the brackets. Do NOT make any spelling error.**

[5]

- i. Buildings can _____ after a fire.
(Hint: to tumble down or inward; to come apart)

fall / ruin / collapse

- ii. Winter sun is just right for us to _____.
(Hint: to expose oneself to pleasant warmth)

relax / bask / heat

- iii. I'm so full I think my belly might just _____.
(Hint: Come open suddenly and violently, as if from internal pressure.)

burst / boom / bang

- iv. He said, "This beautiful truck is now _____."
(Hint: No longer produced or used; out of date)

priceless / obsolete / dead

- v. There are always some _____ amongst the players in the field.
(Hint: Noisy quarrel)

altercations / wrestling / combats

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

Example: Thank you for excepting my proposal to install the solar panels.

Error:	Answer:
excepting	accepting

- i. The lady in green dress which is teaching English is from Canada.

Error :	Answer:

- ii. The girl who was so popular in the college was married with a doctor.

Error :	Answer:

- iii. My school doesn't encourage root learning of the lessons.

Error :	Answer:

- iv. I am fade up of listening to the same songs.

Error :	Answer:

- v. I wish I had the excess to enter Australia without a permit.

Error :	Answer:

- d) Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate phrasal verbs from the choices given in the table below to complete the paragraph correctly. [5]

wish to	looking forward to	do away	carried away	break out
run out	put up with	keep up with	try on	make up

Deki was never late to school, but today she had to _____ a story as an excuse for being late.

When she entered her class, she noticed it wasn't her English teacher, Mrs. Karchung, who was standing there. Instead there was a strange man who said, "Class! Mrs. Karchung is away, so for the time being you will have to _____ me."

He spoke so fast that Deki couldn't _____ the pace of his speech. Like her, most of the students didn't like their new teacher. They weren't _____ seeing him again, instead they wished they could _____ with the subject.

- e) 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. [10]

- i. Penjor tiptoed into the prayer hall _____ he should disturb the ongoing prayer.
- A if
B for
C lest
D unless
- ii. Thinley worked hard _____ he might win the first prize.
- A as
B for
C so that
D because

- iii. Dechen spoke in such a low voice _____ only few could hear her.
- A as
 - B for
 - C that
 - D and
- iv. She was _____ excited to see her birthday gift that she could hardly wait.
- A so
 - B too
 - C very
 - D much
- v. That is the new manager, _____ I am mistaken.
- A if
 - B unless
 - C whether
 - D provided that
- vi. We will have plenty to eat _____ that no uninvited guests turn up.
- A so
 - B because
 - C in order
 - D provided
- vii. I will not climb down the tree _____ you agree to let me keep the cat.
- A despite
 - B except
 - C unless
 - D if
- viii. They were disappointed _____ you weren't in.
- A so
 - B as
 - C that
 - D whether
- ix. There will be trouble _____ you speak the truth.
- A unless
 - B whether
 - C in order
 - D so long as

x. _____ were his words and gestures that the listeners were hypnotized.

- A Unless
- B Such
- C So
- D As

