

SECTION A: WRITING (50 MARKS)

Question 1

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.) [25]

- a) e-learning is as effective as learning in the classroom.
- b) Education should no longer be free in Bhutan.

(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

Write a report using the information provided below:

[15]

Your name is Gaya and you are a Class XII school student in Gangri High School. Your school recently organized a science symposium on the topic: ‘Green Energy’. Write a report on the event for your annual school magazine of about 180 – 200 words.

(START WRITING BELOW)

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Question 3

Write a memo based on the following:

[10]

You are a restaurant manager and of late you have noticed that the restaurant has been operating about half an hour later than the actual time. You want to remind the workers to report to their work in time. Write a memo stating its purpose, your reason for sending it and what changes you would want to see.

(START WRITING BELOW)

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SECTION B: NATURE OF LANGUAGE AND GRAMMAR (50 MARKS)

Question 4

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. [4]

i. *Tshoki found that the word 'poem' is derived from the Greek word 'poein'.*
Which field of language study did she look into?
A semantics
B phonetics
C etymology
D morphology

ii. Shakespeare wrote, "*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

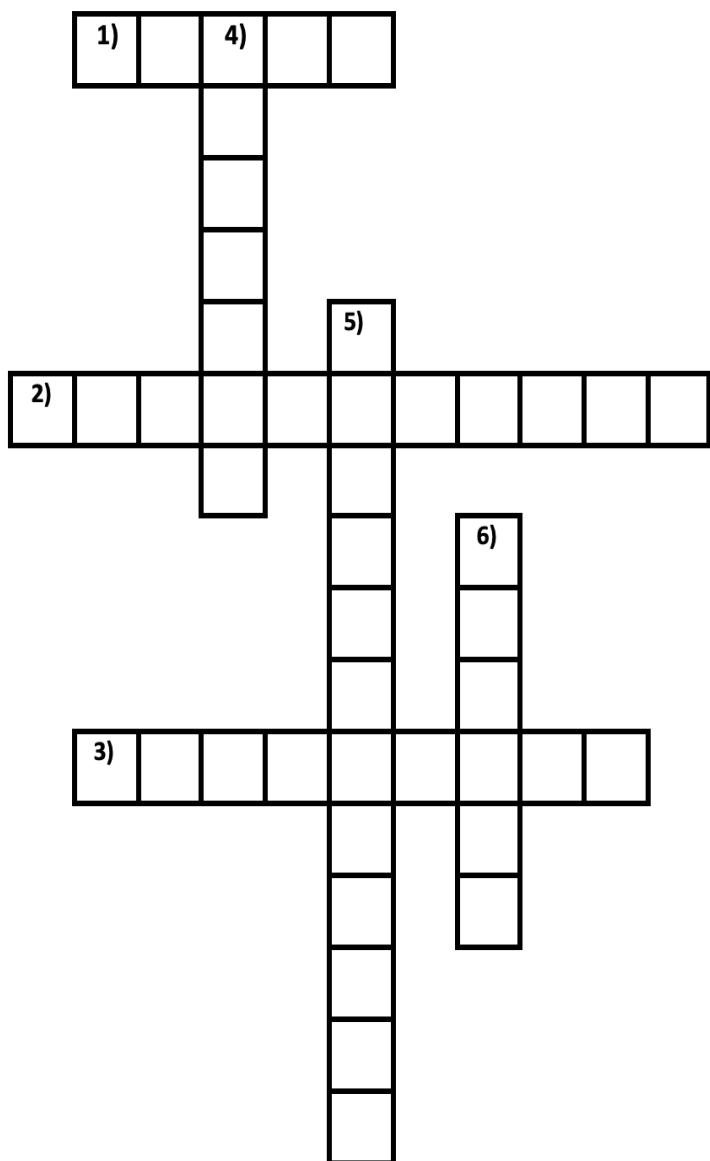
iii. Humans can create unlimited words because human language
A is organized at two levels of structures.
B can be used to talk about any kind of topics.
C is used for expressing individual needs and wants.
D is dependent on the culture and ways of the people using it.

iv. Tashi calls his new furniture design, 'chairbed' as it can be used as a chair as well as a bed.
What process of word formation has he used?
A clipping
B borrowing
C compounding
D back-formation

b) Crossword puzzle

[3]

Read the clues given under ACROSS and DOWN to complete the puzzle.



C	R	O	S	S	W	O	R	D
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ACROSS

- 1) Words like 'cool', 'chill', etc., are examples of this type of word.
- 2) Language Acquisition Device is a part of this theory.
- 3) Study of how languages or dialects systematically organize their sounds.

DOWN

- 4) Words like 'thyself', 'thine', etc are examples of this type of word.
- 5) Formation of a word from a sound associated with what is named.
- 6) As per communication model, the receiver of a message has to _____ it to make meaning out of it.

c) Each question is followed by two answers. Underline the correct answer.

[3]

- 1) Leki was not very happy to hear her son asking for an expensive phone. He insisted that his best friend had one.

In the above statement the son has used language as

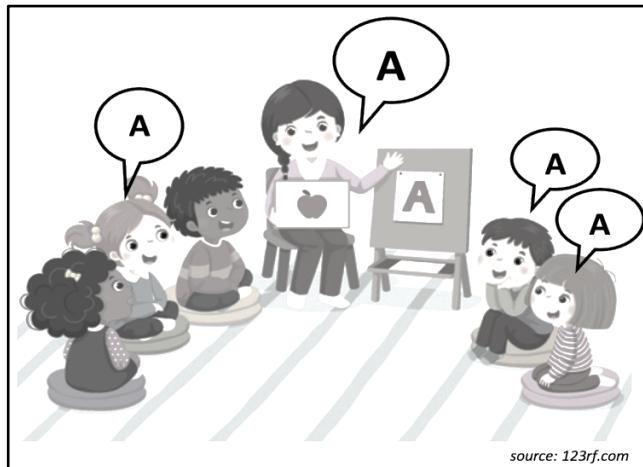
- a social phenomenon.
- an individual phenomenon.

2) When a teacher teaches the topic, 'Nature of Language' to the students, s/he uses language to talk about its features, function and varieties.

Which feature of language does the above statement support?

- meta-linguistic system
- duality of structure

3) Study the picture given below and indicate the theory of language acquisition that is associated with it.



- behaviourist theory
- rationalistic theory

Question 5

Rearrange the words to make complete sentences. You must use ALL the given words in each sentence. Do not make any spelling errors while copying.

[5]

i. self-driven / waiting/ for/ are/ people/ cars/ drive/ excitedly/ who/ can't /.

ii. technologies/ can/ lives/ and/ money/ simplest/ even/ transform/ save /.

iii. he / impressed/ so/ the/ book/ he/ bought/ that/ sequel/ its/ was/ by /.

iv. be / the/ you/ don't/ rules/ you/ traffic/ if/ by/ the/ police/ fined/ will/ follow /.

v. culture / travelling/ to / makes/ develop/ one/ attitude/ a positive/ towards/ places /.

Question 6

Read the letter carefully and fill in the table given below. Note that for sentence type, you must copy the complete sentence.

[5]

My Dearest Son,

I got your letter last week. I am very glad to know that you are going to visit home very soon. Your father has already planned to take you for fishing. I have prepared your favourite pickles so that you can take them back to the city. I wonder if you are eating well.

We have informed your friends here about your visit and they are looking forward to seeing you too. By the way, I have cleaned your room and I haven't removed anything from it except the old and faded floor mat – the one you got from Peru. However, knowing how precious it is to you, I have kept it in our store room.

Please take care of yourself and see you very soon.

With love,
Mother

Sl	Type	One example each from the given letter.
1	Simple sentence	
2	Complex sentence	
3	Compound complex	
4	Gerund	
5	Discourse marker	

Question 7

Each sentence given below has ONE ERROR in it. Identify and write it in the space as shown in the example.

[10]

Example: Do you like sweet and sour soup, do you?

Error	Answer
do	Don't

i. When I was twelve, my swimming instructor register me in a tournament.

Error	Answer

ii. All the furnitures were sold during the discount sale.

Error	Answer

iii. One of the stories written by my father are quite famous.

Error	Answer

iv. My younger sister invited all her classmates to her party accept the two girls.

Error	Answer

v. We couldn't get out of the airport in time because all our luggages couldn't be collected.

Error	Answer

vi. As Kiran have an appointment with the doctor, he won't be going with us.

Error	Answer

vii. My mother spreaded some butter on the slice of bread and gave it to me.

Error	Answer

viii. Pinky has a nightmare last night.

Error	Answer

ix. There is no money in my walet to buy anything else.

Error	Answer

x. I am so happy today because I got excepted into the college of my dreams.

Error	Answer

Question 8

Read the following passage carefully and fill in the blanks using the correct phrasal verbs provided in the table below.

[5]

called up	give into	wind up	cope with	made up	take over	put up with
fell into	fill up	calm down	tell on	stand by	gave up	put out

Mini was well known for playing practical pranks. One day she _____ the fire brigade office to report that her house was on fire. When they rushed to her house to _____ the fire they found out it was just a prank. Mini's father had to apologize to _____ the fire brigadiers. They asked him to _____ a form to ensure that Mini wouldn't repeat such an act. Her father complained how difficult it was to _____ her behaviour.

Mini _____ playing pranks only after she _____ her own trap. On that day, she _____ her mind and promised not to _____ such behaviour. The first few days were hard for her because it was difficult to _____ not pranking anyone.

Question 9

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.

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- i. Identify the example of *sentence fragment* from the following options.
 - A Since its inception mobile phones were really helpful.
 - B Because of the climate change and globalization.
 - C Due to fever, I could not attend the class.
 - D The knife cuts well.

ii. Which sentence does not contain the error of *misplaced modifier*?

- A While hunting in Africa, I shot an elephant in my uniform.
- B While hunting in my uniform, I shot an elephant in Africa.
- C While hunting in my uniform in Africa, I shot an elephant.
- D While hunting in Africa, I shot an elephant in uniform.

iii. Which of the following sentences has a correct usage of *preposition*?

- A My uncle is working in Japan.
- B The bridge is built on the river.
- C Kumar wrote the answer in the blackboard.
- D Kinzang needs to rewrite the conclusion for her essay.

iv. Which of the following sentences uses *plural form* of the word aircraft correctly?

- A Many jumbo aircrafts are being grounded owing to bad weather.
- B I heard the two new aircraftte have hypersonic jet engines.
- C The company CEO wanted to buy more aircraft.
- D All the twenty aircraft landed safely this evening.

v. Which of the following sentences has an error of *subject verb agreement*?

- A My new pair of spectacles were missing.
- B Dorji, along with his friends, has gone for a movie.
- C Nyinda and Daka have got parcels from their parents.
- D Each one of the members has to carry a bottle of water.

Question 10

Read the following passage and fill in the blanks with appropriate words. Remember
ONLY one word is missing from each blank. [10]

Deep Sea Creature

At _____ deepest point in the ocean lives a fish that is pink, slimy, and looks a bit like an oversized tadpole, up to a foot long. In the Mariana Trench, 7000 meters below the ocean's surface, _____ fish makes a living in total darkness and at crushing pressures that can reach 1,000 times more _____

at sea level. This deep sea creature _____ withstand more water

pressure than 1,600 elephants standing on its head.

But the Mariana snailfish is _____ only abundant in this area, it's the region's top predator. How does an animal make a living in _____ an extreme place?

A few peculiarities were found. For one, the fish _____ gaps in their skulls. This may help the internal and external pressures to be balanced. In other words, if the fish had a complete and fused skull, it _____ be crushed by the pressure. What's more, _____ bones are not entirely made of bone – but are largely cartilage. This makes their bones more flexible and likely more able to _____ pressure. (*Adapted from National Geography, Published April 15, 2019*)

