

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) In a democracy, people have the right to free speech, but does that right include the right to use hate speech?
- b) Should teachers be held accountable if students come in conflict with the law?

(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 Mani Tara, and you are a Class XII school student in Gangri High School. Your school recently organized a cultural symposium on the topic: 'Wisdom and art behind traditional ways'. 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 on the following situation given.

[10]

Your name is Sonam and you are the CEO of Super Constructions, a cement factory based in Gelephu. Lately you have been receiving complaints from consumers regarding the quality and the quantity of the cement. Write a memo to the production manager to check the quality and quantity of cement being produced. You may use any details that may be considered necessary for the memorandum.

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. [5]

i. *Sonam Tshomo, a friend of mine is popularly nicknamed as “Sonamtsho”*
The technique which has been employed in deriving the nickname is called
A clipping.
B blending.
C borrowing.
D back-formation.

ii. The language enables its user to manipulate and make an infinite variety of constructions to express himself or herself because
A it is arbitrary in nature.
B it is infinite and unlimited.
C of its possibilities of combinations.
D of its natural correction or relationship.

iii. Which of the following statements about language is **not** correct?
A Language is a social phenomenon.
B Human language is species specific.
C Language is organized at two levels.
D Language is genetically transmitted.

iv. *A Bhutanese baby who is adopted and brought up by a Spanish speaking couple will have the physical characteristics inherited from his/her biological parents but will inevitably speak Spanish.* This shows that language is
A a behavioural aspect of humans.
B passed down from generations.
C imprinted in the child's brain.
D inherited by the speaker.

v. Loanword: is a word adopted from a foreign language with little or no modification.
Which of the following is most likely a borrowed word in English?
A forest
B woods
C jungle
D thicket

b) Answer all the questions in the space provided. [5]

i. Read the sentences below and state if they are **true** or **false** after each.

- 1) Literary activities like debate, group discussion and poetry recitation are examples where language is used as social phenomenon. _____
- 2) *A three-year child learns that her pet cat is named Kachu and her dog is named Daisy because when the child calls her dog 'Kachu', her parents correct her saying, "No, that is Daisy."* This method of language learning is based on rationalistic theory. _____
- 3) The sounds, words and sentences in language may be finite or limited, but the combinations and constructions are infinite or unlimited. This feature of language is called duality of structure. _____
- 4) Behaviourist theory of language relies heavily on the imitative behaviour of a learner. _____
- 5) Even if we were to call the Moon as 'Noom', it will be correct as there is no connection between the object and its name. _____

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. really / his / bored / Lungten / and / job / life / his / with / was /.

ii. advertisements / instructors / she / for / saw / driving /.

iii. raining / cold / and / it / on / Sunday / was /.

iv. stuck / in / car / ditch / her / was / a /.

v. competition / was / Rigzin / composing / songs / for / the /.

Question 6

State whether the verbs in the following sentences are transitive or intransitive. Write it in the space provided.

[5]

i. Tshering was told to organize her files scattered on the floor.

ii. The rain was falling incessantly for days to everyone's dismay.

iii. Pema has changed a lot since he got the promotion.

iv. The new bank was eager to lend money to young entrepreneurs.

v. I heard a peaceful prayer this morning.

Question 7

Each of the sentence has dangling or misplaced modifiers followed by two alternative sentences. Underline the alternative sentence that has no misplaced or dangling modifier as shown in the example. [5]

Example: *The committee awarded a memento to the best artist that was worthy..*

<p>(a) <u>The committee awarded a worthy memento to the best artist.</u></p> <p>(b) The committee awarded a memento to a worthy best artist.</p>	
<p>i. All the children arrived for the picnic in their summer dresses.</p> <p>(a) All the children for the picnic, arrived for their summer dresses.</p> <p>(b) All the children arrived in their summer dresses for the picnic.</p>	
<p>ii. Reaching his apartment in the evening, Kencho forgot his key.</p> <p>(a) Kencho realized he had forgotten his key after reaching his apartment in the evening.</p> <p>(b) Kencho realized and forgot his key once he reached his apartment in the evening.</p>	
<p>iii. Haku opened the car door to his grandmother that was the nearest.</p> <p>(a) Haku opened the car door to his nearest grandmother.</p> <p>(b) Haku opened the car door that was the nearest to his grandmother.</p>	
<p>iv. Guests were ushered into the hall in ceremonial clothes.</p> <p>(a) Guests in ceremonial clothes were ushered into the hall.</p> <p>(b) Guests were ushered in clothes into the ceremonial hall.</p>	
<p>v. Drinking my coffee, a young reporter approached my table.</p> <p>(a) As I was approached drinking coffee, young reporter was at my table.</p> <p>(b) As I was drinking my coffee, a young reporter approached my table.</p>	

Question 8

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. He is not familiar

A on this locality.

B for this locality.

C with this locality.

D from this locality.

ii. As winter nears, the birds embark on their

- A migrated flight.
- B migration flight.
- C migrating flight.
- D migratory flight.

iii. Sonam's complaint won't go _____ well with the hotel manager.

- A down
- B by
- C in
- D to

iv. The construction of the new park has fallen

- A by for want of funds.
- B out for want of funds.
- C down for want of funds.
- D through for want of funds.

v. I regret to

- A inform you that your application has been refused.
- B informed you that your application has been refused.
- C informing you that your application has been refused.
- D be informing you that your application has been refused.

vi. *The man was charged _____ murder.*

- A of
- B on
- C with
- D about

vii. Deki _____ him for a long time.

- A know
- B has known
- C was known
- D was knowing

viii. _____ anything happen to my new bike, I will be crushed.

- A If
- B When
- C Should
- D Despite

ix. Every Monday students have to compulsorily eat vegetables. Therefore, the students' lunch menu

A must have vegetables on the day.
 B could have vegetables on the day.
 C might have vegetables on the day.
 D ought to have vegetables on the day.

x. We must leave early, _____ we won't get tickets for the new movie.

A yet
 B or else
 C however
 D nevertheless

Question 9

Select the correct phrasal verb from the box that best expresses the CAPITALIZED word or phrase in each sentence, then write it in the space provided.

[5]

let me down	add up	called off	drop out of
mix up	turned into	put up with	looking forward to

Example:

*Your midterm results DISAPPOINTED me.
let me down*

1. They have CANCELLED the general meeting.

2. The caterpillar BECAME a beautiful butterfly.

3. It's easy to CONFUSE me for my brother; we both look the same.

4. The party is on Sunday. I'm really EXCITED ABOUT it.

5. His lengthy explanation for suddenly leaving the job does not MAKE SENSE with what his family has to say.

Question 10

Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks with appropriate words.
Remember ONLY ONE word is missing from each blank.

[10]

Eco-Tourism Opportunity in Buli

In-order to promote eco-tourism in Buli village, the Pemagatshel Dzongkhag, Tourism Council of Bhutan (TCB) and the Local government _____ currently assessing the potential to introduce village homestay. Currently, 15 households have _____ their names and showed interest to register for a village homestay. A homestay _____ have basic facilities approved _____ the Tourism Council of Bhutan to cater services to national and international tourists. By the end of 2019, 15 households _____ have basic accommodation facilities according to the local government.

Transportation was the _____ challenging factor in the past to _____ tourism for the entire dzongkhag. _____, there has been tremendous progress made _____ addressing travel and transportation. This includes the introduction of domestic airports in the Sarpang Dzongkhag and Bumthang Dzongkhag. Sarpang Dzongkhag is the closest neighbour of Zhemgang and travel by air has _____ reduced the travel time for visitors. Visitors can now reach the dzongkhag in one day from the capital city of Bhutan

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