

SECTION A

WRITING – 15 Marks

Question 1

Direction: *Write a narrative essay of about 200-250 words on any one of the topics given below.*

i. Everybody likes travelling to different places for vacation. It is a time when family come together, explore different places, have fun, etc. Write about a memorable trip that you made with your family.

OR

ii. School is a learning cradle of life. Besides learning how to read, write, play and make friends, we also learn values like punctuality, honesty and compassion. Narrate your most memorable experiences of school life.

LETTER WRITING – 8 Marks

Question 2

Direction: *Write a letter on any one of the topics given below.*

i. You are Ugyen, the school captain of Drugyel Central School, Paro. You have been selected as a contestant from Paro for the Golden Youth Award that is going to be held in Thimphu during summer break. Unfortunately, you are unable to participate in the programme. Write a letter to your Principal stating reasons.

OR

ii. You are Pema, studying in Samdrup Jongkhar MSS. Your school is going to organize a badminton tournament in the month of February 2023. Write a letter to your friend Leki of Bangtar LSS, inviting him to take part in the tournament. Mention the venue, time and purpose of the tournament.

SECTION B
LANGUAGE AND GRAMMAR - 15 marks

Question 1

Direction: For each question, there are FOUR responses: A, B, C and D. Choose the corresponding letter of your response and CIRCLE it neatly. No scores will be awarded if you circle more than one letter.

[1X5]

i. "Leki likes toast for breakfast, _____ ?

The correct question tag for the sentence given above is

- A do he
- B does he
- C don't he
- D doesn't he

ii. "The tiger was chasing the deer."

Which one of the following is the passive form of the sentence given above?

- A The deer was chased by the tiger.
- B The deer is being chased by the tiger.
- C The deer was being chase by the tiger.
- D The deer was being chased by the tiger.

iii. The bus broke _____ because of the bad road.

- A apart
- B down
- C open
- D through

iv. "What a beautiful day it is!"

The type of sentence given above is called _____ sentence.

- A imperative
- B declarative
- C exclamatory
- D interrogative

v. "Tamang had prepared a delicious lunch."

The verb tense used in the above sentence is _____ tense.

- A past perfect
- B simple past
- C present perfects
- D simple present

Question 2**[1X5]**

Direction: *Column A contains the meaning of the idioms and column B contains the idioms. Match each item in column A with the appropriate item in column B. Write the item letters of idioms in the answer column. An example has been given in the table below.*

Column A	Column B	Answer
i. Pull up your socks	a. A piece of cake	e
ii. Don't feel sad over what has happened as it can't be fixed.	b. Beat around the bush	
iii. Talking without coming to the point.	c. At the 11th hour	
iv. At the last moment	d. Don't cry over spilt milk	
v. Not very often	e. Start working hard	
vi. Something which is easy to do.	f. Once in a blue moon	
	g. Call it a day	

Question 3**[1X5]**

Direction: *Fill in the blanks by using the correct options given in the brackets.*

- i. My pants _____ torn. (is /are)
- ii. Do not _____ presents from strangers? (accept/ except)
- iii. He _____ completed the assignment. (has/have)
- iv. Please, do _____ me leave for a few days. (grand/ grant)
- v. The _____ is not favorable to go for a picnic. (whether/ weather)

SECTION C
READING AND LITERATURE
SHORT STORY - 16 Marks

Read the instructions carefully and answer the questions based on the story ‘Which Way?’ by Karleen Bradford

Question 1

[1X4]

Direction: For each question, there are FOUR responses: A, B, C and D. Choose the corresponding letter of your response and CIRCLE it neatly. No scores will be awarded if you circle more than one letter.

- i. Where does Lauren meet Brian?
 - A house
 - B school
 - C college
 - D hospital
- ii. Who is being described as having, ‘lopsided grin, mouth too big and ears, too’?
 - A Roly
 - B Jody
 - C Brad
 - D Brian
- iii. Which of the following incident took place on ‘**That Day**’?
 - A She met with an accident after taking a short cut.
 - B She became a mother of two kids.
 - C She received her master’s degree.
 - D She married Brad.

‘Lauren is late to the school’

‘Lauren is late for her graduation’

- iv. The two lines above show that Lauren is
 - A indecisive.
 - B insensitive.
 - C unpunctual.
 - D disorganized.

Question 2

Direction: Read the questions carefully and write your answers in the spaces provided.

i. Suggest another appropriate title for the story and state your reason for choosing it. [2]

ii. Lauren could have avoided all her problems if she had practiced time management. [2]
Do you agree? Give **TWO** reasons to support your answer.

Question 3

Direction: From the THREE questions given below, choose any TWO and write the answer in the space provided.

i. Life is about making choices and to live with its results. Support the given statement with reference to the text. [4]

ii. Which **TWO** character traits of Lauren do you prefer? Give reasons for your answer. [4]

iii. Write down one experience of yours where you made a hasty decision and arrived at an entirely different result from what you expected. [4]

SECTION C

ESSAY - 16 marks

Direction: *Read the essay given below carefully and answer the questions that follow.*

Where Have All the Sparrows Gone?



They were once everywhere. Chirping and flapping their wings at the window sills, on top of cupboards, and on the branches of trees. Where have all the little sparrows gone? This is the most frequently asked question about sparrows these days.

The association between humans and the house sparrows dates back to several centuries and no other bird has been associated with humans on a daily basis like the house sparrow. It is a bird that evokes fond memories of childhood. The nests of sparrows dotted almost every house in the neighborhood as well as public places like bus stands and railway stations, where they lived in colonies and survived on food grains and tiny worms.

A study conducted by the Andhra University, Vishakhapatnam, highlighted the fact that the population of sparrows had fallen by over 60 percent even in the rural areas of coastal Andhra Pradesh. A survey conducted by the British Trust for Ornithology showed that the house sparrow's population in Britain has declined about 510 percent since 1970.

Certainly, there is no single reason for the decline of the house sparrows. Mobile tower radiation and excessive use of chemical fertilizers are aggravating the problem and have been identified as potent sparrow killers.

It is said that sparrow chicks, which require insect food for their survival in their early days, have not been getting adequate supply from their parents. This has triggered large scale death of chicks, leading to a gradual decline in their population.

Urban landscape too, has been dramatically altered over the years. No longer are sparrows able to find the tiny nooks, crannies, and holes where they used to build their nest.

Typically, sparrows were never an issue of concern for us with their diminutive presence in our household. Perhaps, it is this diminutive presence because of which even their gradual disappearance has gone unnoticed. Mohammed Dilawar is rightly called the Sparrow Man in India as he has been successful in drawing the attention of the world towards the declining number of house sparrows.

House sparrows are an important bio-indicator and their decline is a grim reminder of the degradation of the urban environment and the danger from it to the humans in the long run.

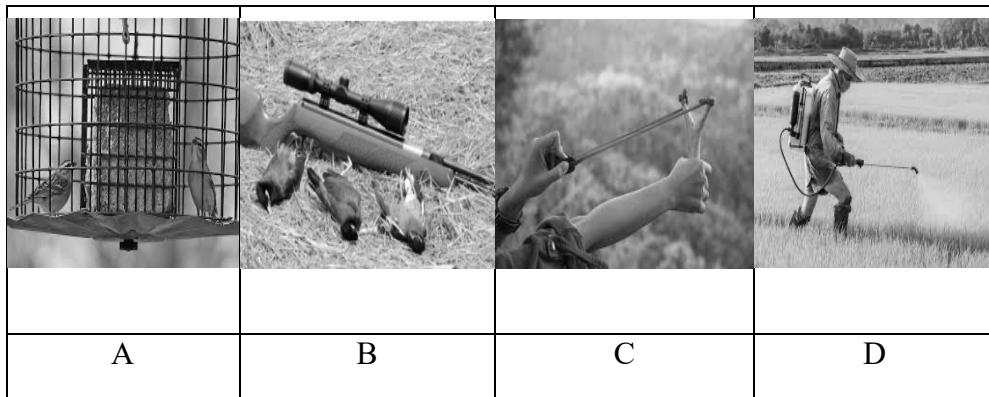
Question 1**[1X4]**

Direction: For each question, there are FOUR responses: A, B, C and D. Choose the corresponding letter of your response and CIRCLE it neatly. No scores will be awarded if you circle more than one letter.

i. *'their decline is a grim reminder of the degradation of the urban environment'*
Which one of the following words best substitutes the word underlined in the above sentence.

- A disheartening
- B encouraging
- C cheerful
- D pleasant

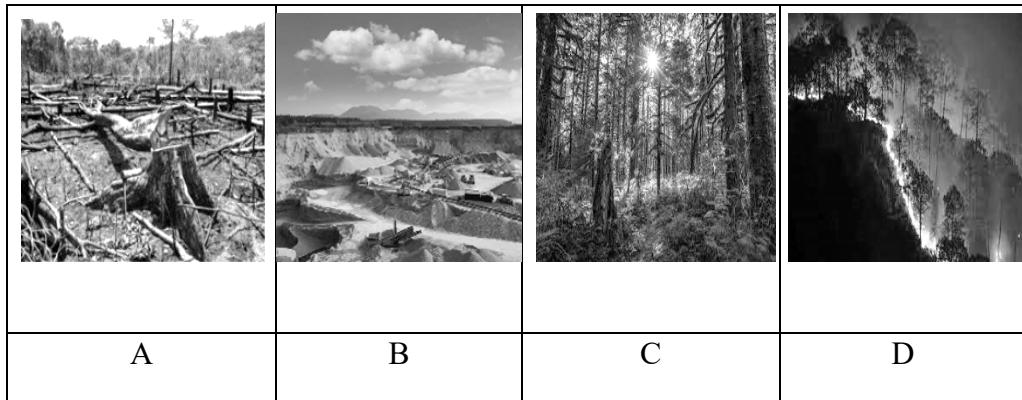
ii. According to the essay, which picture given below matches the cause of sparrow's disappearance?



iii. The writer points out that sparrows are not able to find _____ to build their nest.

- A trees
- B nooks
- C homes
- D mountains

iv. The following pictures show the impact of human activities on environment. Which of the following would have more population of birds?



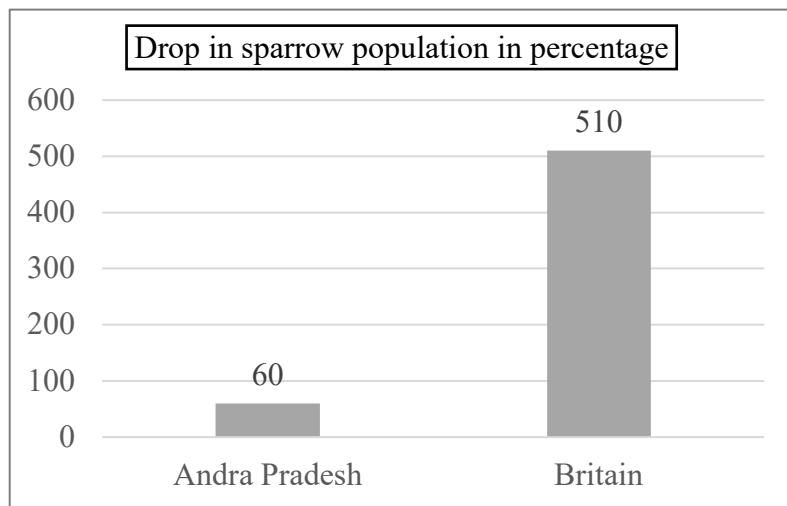
Question 2

Direction: *Read the questions carefully and write your answers in the spaces provided.*

i. What does the essay say about the sparrow chicks?

[2]

The graph below shows a study conducted by Andhra University, Vishakhapatnam and British Trust for Ornithology on sparrows. Study the graph carefully and answer the question that follows.



ii. Write **TWO** information that you can draw from the graph.

[2]

Question 3

Direction: *From the THREE questions given below, choose any TWO and write the answer in the space provided.*

i. Why do you think the author says, "Disappearance of sparrows is a grim reminder of the urban environment"?

[4]

ii. Do you think sparrows disappeared only because of landscape alteration? Give **TWO** reasons. [4]

iii. Over the years, construction of buildings in the country especially in Thimphu has been increasing. If such activities continue for a few more years, do you think it would lead to the extinction of birds usually found in the surroundings? Give **FOUR** reasons to support your answer. [4]

SECTION C
POETRY - 10 Marks

The Leader

Patient and steady with all he must bear,
Ready to meet every challenge with care,
 Easy in manner, yet solid as steel,
 Strong in his faith, refreshingly real,
 Isn't afraid to propose what is bold,
 Doesn't conform to the usual mould,
Eyes that have foresight, for hindsight won't do,
Never backs down when he sees what is true,
 Tells it all straight, and means it all too,
 Going forward and knowing he is right,
 Even when doubted for why he would fight,
 Over and over he makes his case clear,
Reaching to touch the ones who won't hear.
Growing in strength, he won't be unnerved,
 Even assuring he'll stand by his word
 Wanting the world to join his firm stand,
 Bracing for war, but praying for peace,
 Using his power so evil will cease:
 So much a leader of worthy of trust,
Here stands a man who will do what he must.

<https://unseenpoem.com/english/unseen-passage-for-class-8/>

Question 1

[1X2]

Direction: *For each question, there are FOUR responses: A, B, C and D. Choose the corresponding letter of your response and CIRCLE it neatly. No scores will be awarded if you circle more than one letter.*

i. The figure of speech used in the line, 'solid as steel' is

- A simile.
- B metaphor.
- C hyperbole.
- D personification.

ii. According to the poem, what should be met with care?

- A faith
- B patience
- C strength
- D challenge

Question 2

Direction: *Read the questions carefully and write your answers in the spaces provided.*

i. After reading the poem, do you think you can also become a leader? Give **TWO** reasons. [2]

ii. Fill in the table with appropriate character traits against the descriptions taken from the given poem. [2]

	Extract	Character traits
1	‘Tell it straight’	<i>Example: Straightforward</i>
2	‘Eyes that foresight’	
3	‘Never back down when he sees truth’	

Question 3

Direction: *From the **TWO** questions given below, choose any **ONE** and write the answer in the space provided.*

i. Identify **TWO** leadership qualities from the poem that you consider would best fit a leader? Explain why you think the leader need these qualities. [4]

ii. If you were asked to nominate somebody from your class as school captain, who would he/she be? Mention **FOUR** reasons for nominating him or her. [4]
