

SECTION B: GRAMMAR (45 MARKS)

Question 4

For each sentence, choose the correct answer given in the brackets and write it in the blank.

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- i. Whatever the _____ (weather/whether) condition, the game will not be cancelled.
- ii. Both the children seemed very _____ (confident/confidence) before their performance.
- iii. The park visitors complained that _____ (fair/fare) of the safari bus ride was too expensive.
- iv. All the girls _____ (except/accept) for Dechen decided to turn down the invitation to the party.
- v. Due to his unsteady _____ (gate/gait) he decided not to walk on the narrow bridge.

Question 5

For each of the following questions there are four responses: A, B, C & D. 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.

[5]

- i. Which of the following is spelt incorrectly?
 - A receiving
 - B bragging
 - C possessive
 - D witnessing
- ii. She wouldn't be a top level athlete now if she _____ worked hard.
 - A didn't
 - B hadn't
 - C couldn't
 - D shouldn't
- iii. The principal accepted the class' proposal for a field trip to the dzong. He was happy that students were interested in their country's _____.
 - A environment
 - B agriculture
 - C tourism
 - D history

- iv. _____ longer do we expect the trespassers to tell us why they were in the property.
- A What
 - B Why
 - C The
 - D No
- v. As a music instructor, I _____, though I would like a better salary.
- A take by
 - B take on
 - C get by
 - D get on

Question 6

Read the passage and fill in the blanks with appropriate words. Only ONE word is missing from each blank. Marks will be deducted for spelling errors.

[5]

The White-bellied Heron

The white-bellied heron, _____ in the freshwater ecosystems of the Himalayas, is the _____ endangered heron species in the world. Listed as critically endangered on the IUCN Red List since 2007, its total global population is estimated to be _____ 50-249 adult birds, and numbers are declining _____ further.

According to the conservation NGO BirdLife International, the species is _____ extinct in Nepal and possibly in Bangladesh too, with the _____ global population now restricted to northern Myanmar, northeast India and Bhutan.

Locally _____ as *chubja*, Bhutan is home to around 45-50% of the total global population of white-bellied herons, and the largest known number of breeding pairs. But a _____ study gives cause for concern _____ the species in Bhutan too. In March 2021, 22 herons were recorded by RSPN, which was a decline by 5 _____ with 27 birds in 2020.

Dawa Gyelmo, The Third Pole

Question 7

All sentences given below contain an error each. Read them carefully and identify the errors and correct them as shown in the example. Marks will be awarded only for identifying and correcting the error and not for editing the sentences entirely.

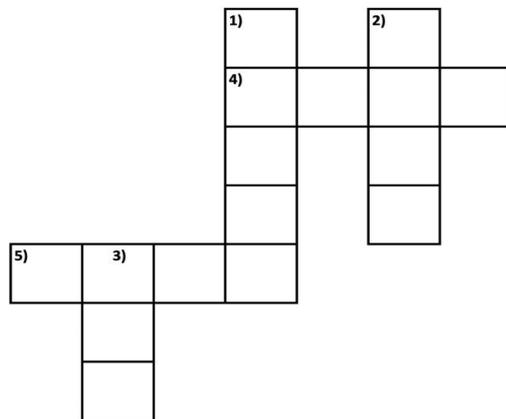
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Example	Error	Answer
<i>A pair of shoes are enough for this trip.</i>	are	is
i. He has been preparing dinner for a huge numbers of devotees every evening.		
ii. Neither the lab assistant nor the students was able to download the information.		
iii. Each person who climbs the hundred steps to the top mention the beautiful view.		
iv. The slaughter of tigers for their bones and fur have caused controversy.		
v. The presence of certain bacteria in our bodies are one of the factor that determines our overall health.		
vi. The students are going to be place in four main groups after the registration.		
vii. Among all the years, 2022 was the hotter year in Bhutan.		
viii. Do that group of scientists think robots would take over the humans?		
ix. As per the new schedule, the workers will eaten their food in the evening.		
x. Last year Sonam doesn't pay much attention to her studies.		

Question 8

Solve a crossword puzzle! Read the DOWN and ACROSS clues given below for answers.

[5]



DOWN

1. Wow! The song is out of this _____!
2. Dorji wants to join the military service, but he hasn't broken the _____ to his mother yet.
3. Pem is a night _____. She never goes to sleep before midnight.

ACROSS

4. When Ngawang was done and _____ with the singing competition, he returned home to his parents.
5. I wanted buy the book, 'The Cold River' this morning, but it was already _____ out.

Question 9

Rearrange the words to make complete sentences. You must use ALL the given words in each sentence. Marks will be deducted for spelling errors.

[5]

- i. was / his / complained / the / that / too / hot / house / mother /.

- ii. without / to / walk / he / too / help / is / weak /.

iii. was / I / meeting / attend / the / not / because / she / sick/ could /.

iv. the / month / fee / he / pay / membership / last / didn't / the / for /.

v. wailing / the /sounded / ominous / wind / an / warning / like/.

Question 10

Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verbs given in the table below. Marks will be deducted for spelling errors.

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keep off	call for	put off	go off	run out
look up	pull through	cast aside	put up	bring up

- i. The sign-board outside the house said to _____ the property.
- ii. Team work helped us _____ the difficult phase of our lives.
- iii. Tshering has to _____ his fear if he wants to succeed in the game.
- iv. The firecrackers will _____ with a bang any moment now.
- v. My mother did not want any one of us to _____ the conversation on pocket money.

Question 11

Underline the correct *discourse markers* in each of the sentences given below.

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Example:

My grandmother's place had no T.V connection, however/ **although**/ **meanwhile**/, we did not even miss it.

- i. The traffic was very heavy **but** / **therefore** / **besides** /, I was late for the movie.
- ii. **By the way** / **First of all** / **On top of that** /, how are you faring with your fishery project?
- iii. **Eventually** / **Meanwhile** / **Since**, an old man answered the door after making repeated calls.
- iv. We are so tired of the heavy lifting work, **on the other hand** / **in contrast to** /**what is more**/, we do get good payment for it.
- v. **For the moment** / **Consequently** / **Since**/, the hall was decorated with white roses as per the long discussion held over it.