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**NATURE OF LANGUAGE AND GRAMMAR**

**Question 5**

- a) For each question, there are FOUR responses A, B, C and D. Choose the corresponding letter of your response and CIRCLE it neatly. NO score will be awarded if you circle more than ONE letter. [5]
- i. The word 'vaccinate' derived from the noun 'vaccination', is an example of
- A clipping.
  - B blending.
  - C compounding.
  - D backformation.
- ii. A mother allows her child to play with various toy animals, naming each one herself and then guiding her child to pronounce the names. Soon, the child learns to identify and name them correctly. This is an example of learning through
- A imitation.
  - B repetition.
  - C association.
  - D observation.
- iii. South Korean words like '*Mukbang*', '*Kimchi*', and '*K-pop*' are now incorporated into the English language. This process of word formation is called
- A blending.
  - B borrowing.
  - C truncation.
  - D back formation.
- iv. A preschool teacher is implementing a new language development programme based on Chomsky's theory of language acquisition. Which strategy **DOES NOT** align with Chomsky's principle for fostering language development in children?
- A Using repetition and drills.
  - B Encouraging natural interaction.
  - C Supporting innate language abilities.
  - D Providing diverse language exposure.
- v. According to the language communication model, humans first \_\_\_\_\_ the message, then transmit it to the listeners.
- A decode
  - B transmit
  - C encode
  - D receive

- b) Read the examples of the features of human language given in column A and write its features accordingly in column B.

[5]

Column A	Column B
i. My sister shared her ecstatic experience of attending Taylor Swift's "The Eras Tour" last month.	
ii. The /n/ and /s/ sounds in a sentence such as: "I am new in the school" the use of sound /s/ instead of /n/ is a wrong use of language.	
iii. The sounds /a/, /p/, /t/ do not have any intrinsic meaning. When we produce these sounds in different combinations, as in tap, pat, apt we have different meaningful units.	
iv. Why do we call a 'table' a 'table' or a 'pencil' a 'pencil' when we don't have a clear reason for doing so? It turns out there is no inherent or logical connection between the object and the word we use to name it.	
v. A Bhutanese child born in Australia inherits physical features from the parents through genetics, but may not speak Dzongkha. Instead, the child is more likely to learn English from the community around him/her.	

### Question 6

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

[10]

- i. Which of the following words is an adjective?
- A Invent
  - B Invention
  - C Inventive
  - D Inventory

- ii. 'I have been attending the class.' is the example of present perfect progressive form. What is its future progressive form?
- A I shall attend the class.
  - B I shall be attending the class.
  - C I shall have attended the class.
  - D I shall have been attending the class.
- iii. Our parents, who always sacrifice for us, should be treated like gods. The underlined statement is the example of
- A a clause.
  - B a phrase.
  - C a sentence.
  - D a predicate.
- iv. Which one of the following sentences is written correctly?
- A I bought not only a jacket and also a skirt.
  - B He neither cleaned or swept the classroom.
  - C She will either attend the seminar or visit the mall.
  - D The test results are both impressive as well as remarkable.
- v. All of the following sentences have examples of intransitive verb **EXCEPT**
- A All the fruits are ripened.
  - B The little baby girl whispered.
  - C I love working with my friends all the time.
  - D The machine broke down suddenly, in the middle of the field.
- vi. He succeeded \_\_\_\_\_
- A at a little help.
  - B in a little help.
  - C for a little help.
  - D with a little help.
- vii. Pema \_\_\_\_\_, but nobody told him how to get to the park.
- A asked out
  - B asked over
  - C asked after
  - D asked around
- viii. *No other bird is as small as the bee hummingbird.*  
The comparative form of the above sentence is
- A Very few birds are smaller as the bee hummingbird.
  - B Very few birds are more small as the bee hummingbird.
  - C The bee hummingbird is smaller than any other bird.
  - D The bee hummingbird is smaller than many other birds.

- ix. The people in this community speak neither Dzongkha nor English, \_\_\_\_\_.
- A and a strange mixture of the two.
  - B but a strange mixture of the two.
  - C for a strange mixture of the two.
  - D thus a strange mixture of the two.
- x. Had you worked hard, you \_\_\_\_\_ have won the scholarship.
- A must
  - B could
  - C might
  - D should

**Question 7**

**The following sentences contain either misplaced/dangling modifiers or faulty parallelism. Rewrite each rectifying the error. [5]**

- i. At the age of six, my mother sang rhymes to me.


- ii. Karma has a graceful smile who is a great friend of mine.


- iii. The cat is sitting on the chair with a closed eyes and yawning.


- iv. A successful career requires dedication, hard work, and to be sincere.


- v. As a student I prioritize studying diligently, participating keenly, and prepare thoroughly for exams.


**Question 8**

**Make appropriate phrasal verbs by using the verbs and particles given in the table to replace the underlined words in the sentences that follow.**

**[5]**

Verbs	Particles
brush/make/ fell/ left/deal	out/with/ for/off

- i. Shopkeepers should not ignore the complaints made by the customers.  
.....
- ii. I believed her story about having lost all her textbooks. How gullible I was!  
.....
- iii. With all the noise in the room, I couldn't understand what he was saying.  
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- iv. Adolescents have to overcome rising social pressures.  
.....
- v. The soup tastes bland because she omitted salt.  
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**Question 9**

**Choose the correct idiom given below to fill in the blanks in the passage that follows.**

**[5]**

against the clock	few bricks short of a load	hold your horses
add insult to injury	kicked the bucket	let the cat out of the bag
bite the bullet	throw cold water	think on your feet

Rinzin was ..... trying to finish his school assignment before the deadline. But he realized he was ..... when he couldn't find his notes. Thinking quickly, he decided to search online for resources. When he finally turned in the work, a friend ..... on his excitement by saying, "I heard the teacher is going to ask follow-up questions." Another classmate accidentally

....., revealing that Rinzin had used a shortcut. Rinzin, however, decided to ....., knowing he'd have to explain himself honestly.

**Question 10**

**For each question, use the appropriate form of the word given in brackets to complete the sentence. Marks will not be awarded for incorrect spelling.**

**[5]**

- i. Practising Judo requires both skill and ..... (STRONG).
- ii. The police are looking into the ..... disappearance of the old man (MYSTERY).
- iii. I want ..... of your innocence (PROVE).
- iv. Everyone will tell you that ..... is the best way to keep prices down (COMPETE).
- v. The ..... of the plane was delayed because of fog around the airport (DEPART).

**Question 11**

**Determine whether each statement is grammatically CORRECT or INCORRECT.**

**[5]**

i. The company's profits have increased this year.	
ii. After some discussion, they excepted the proposal for the new project.	
iii. I have been drinking tea for half an hour.	
iv. The meeting was called off due to incessant rain.	
v. Let's go surfing, will we?	





