



ENGLISH PAPER I (Language and Writing)

Three hours and a quarter

(The first fifteen minutes of the examination are for reading the paper **only**.
Candidates must **NOT** start writing during this time.)

Instructions:

1. *This paper has two sections, **Section A** for Writing and **Section B** for Language. **Section B** is further divided into nature of language and grammar.*
2. *All the questions are compulsory.*
3. *The intended marks for each question is given in brackets.*
4. *You are recommended to spend 2 hours on Section A and 1 hour on Section B.*
5. *You should begin each answer on a fresh page.*

SECTION A: Writing

Question 1.

[30]

*Write an **original essay** 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 general accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar.)*

- a. Using cell phones while driving should be illegal.
- b. Earn and learn is better than being a independent throughout our student lives. Argue for or against.
- c. The home environment is more important for the upbringing of children than that of school.
- d. Habit of reading newspaper is gradually disappearing among Bhutanese. They find internet and television as better substitute. Argue for or against.

Question 2.**[30]**

Write an original short story employ all the elements of a short story *about a woman who is happy to know that she has finally made the right decision*, with special emphasis on *setting and character development*.

(You are reminded that in the above task, you will also be assessed on *expression, style and mechanics*.)

SECTION B: Language**NATURE OF LANGUAGE****[10]****Question 3.**

Direction: Read the following questions carefully, for each question choose the correct answer from the given alternatives and write it in your answer sheet. [1x4]

- (i) All of the following statements are the features of language except
- A Arbitrariness.
 - B Duality of system.
 - C Close ended system.
 - D Language is a system.
- (ii) The primary unit of human language is
- A gesture.
 - B speech.
 - C syntax.
 - D sound.
- (iii) The pattern of variation in pitch during a spoken utterance means
- A syntax.
 - B accent.
 - C lexicon.
 - D Intonation.
- (iv) Interlocutors are
- A decoder and receptor.
 - B encoder and decoder.
 - C receptor and transmitter.
 - D transmitter and encoder.

Question 4.

Direction: Answer the questions given below.

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- (i) Why does a child born to Bhutanese parents but brought up in Japan speak Japanese? Give two reasons? (2)
- (ii) Distinguish between Rationalist and Divine theories of language. (2)
- (iii) Language is not always used as a means of communication. It is also required to maintain individuality identity. Explain? (2)

GRAMMAR

[30]

Question 5.

Direction: Read the following questions carefully, for each question choose the correct answer from the given alternatives and write it in your answer sheet. [1x5]

- (i) I regret to
 - A inform you that your application has been refused.
 - B inform you that your application have been refused.
 - C inform you that your applications has been refused.
 - D be informing you that your application has been refused.
- (ii) He divided his chocolate
 - A into his four friends.
 - B with his four friends.
 - C among his four friends.
 - D between his four friends.
- (iii) “Why didn’t you do your assignment?” Can be interpreted as:
 - A You can do your assignment.
 - B You don’t do your assignment.
 - C You could do your assignment.
 - D You could have done your assignment.

- (iv) The story 'The Open Window' by Saki is a humorous story. The synonym for the underlined word is
- A sad.
 - B funny.
 - C happy.
 - D tragic.
- (v) Make eye _____ with the interviewer when you are introduced.
- A contact.
 - B contract.
 - C contacte.
 - D contraction.

Question 6.

Direction: Rewrite the sentences according to the instructions given in the brackets, keeping the meaning as similar as possible to the original sentence. [1x10]

- (i) He said, "Please give me a glass of water".
[Change to Reported Speech]
- (ii) Pema was so exhausted that she couldn't sleep.
[Use: too]
- (iii) As soon as he entered the house, his mother shouted at him.
[Begin: Hardly.....]
- (iv) Jurney was opposed by all his friends still he married that girl.
[Begin: In spite of.....]
- (v) It is a pity that you left school.
[Begin: I wish...]
- (vi) This matter must be investigated very carefully.
[Use: requires]
- (vii) According to the newspaper, six people have been arrested.
[Begin: reported ...]
- (viii) Karma had no intention of hurting the dog.
[Begin: It was...]

- (ix) Harry ate six shrimps at dinner.
[Change in Passive Voice]
- (x) Cow is more useful than any other animals.
[Change into Positive Degree]

Question 7.

Direction: Complete the following sentences using the correct form of phrases from the choices given the table below. **[1x5]**

Called for	Broke down	Came down	get down
Get through	Break out	Called off	Take off

- i) The car _____ on the way to Dochula.
- ii) The price of laptops _____ this year.
- iii) He will _____ in civil service examination.
- iv) The principal _____ an explanation for his absence.
- v) Kindly _____ your shoes when reach near the temple.

Question 8.

Direction: Read the following sentences carefully, edit and rewrite them correctly in your answer sheet. **[1x10]**

- (i) Sonam is wiser to me.
- (ii) I appreciate your presense in my life.
- (iii)The girl has been missing from Sunday.
- (iv)I asked Sonam if he can a walk a mile.
- (v) These jackets are made from pure leather.
- (vi)Do you want me to fill up this form for you.
- (vii) If it rain heavily, it will damage the crops.
- (viii) The phone ring while I was having my lunch.
- (ix)If Jack were seventeen years old, he would apply for university.
- (x) A large number of audiences was present during our school concert.

All the best!