

**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.*
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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.)*

- While some Bhutanese attribute the success of the Sixteenth SAARC Summit in Bhutan largely to the charismatic and dynamic Bhutanese leadership, some opine that it is due to the cooperation of all sections of the Bhutanese population.
- Student achievement is an indicator of the quality of education. Is student achievement the reflection of students' effort or does it reflect teachers' input?
- The world of advertisement has enslaved the people. This has misled the people, compelling them to spend extravagantly. On the other hand, advertisement is also often positively accepted as being informative. Is advertisement then, 'persuasive' or 'informative'?
- The fashion industry caters to a huge market of young consumers. Is the pursuit of fashion beneficial in any way, or is it a waste of time and money?

Question 2.

Write an original short story employing all the elements of a short story. Emphasis should be made on conveying the given theme. The theme of the story should be *'things are not always as they appear to be.'*

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

SECTION B: Language**I 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) The basic unit of language is
- A word
 - B sound
 - C speech
 - D thought
- (ii) The encoder and the decoder are called
- A receptors.
 - B transmitters.
 - C interlocutors.
 - D communicators.
- (iii) The process whereby language is passed down from generation to generation is known as
- A language transmission.
 - B cultural transmission.
 - C sound transmission.
 - D vocal transmission.

- (iv) Of the following, the most complex form of communication is
- A adult language.
 - B infant language.
 - C human language.
 - D animal language.

Question 4.

Direction: Answer the questions given below. [6]

- (i) When does communication take place? (2)
- (ii) Compare Behaviourist and Rationalist Theories of language acquisition. (4)

II 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) Typhoid has broken
- A in this town.
 - B out in this town.
 - C down in this town.
 - D about in this town.
- (ii) You look bored. You don't seem interested
- A in what I am saying.
 - B of what I am saying.
 - C with what I am saying.
 - D about what I am saying.

- (iii) After three
- A day worth of work, they completed the project.
 - B days worth of work, they completed the project.
 - C day's worth of work, they completed the project.
 - D days' worth of work, they completed the project.
- (iv) I got some money from the insurance company, but nothing could make
- A up for the loss of my wedding ring.
 - B out for the loss of my wedding ring.
 - C over for the loss of my wedding ring.
 - D even for the loss of my wedding ring.
- (v) We had a party last night.
- A I should have spend all morning clearing up the mess.
 - B I would have spend all morning clearing up the mess.
 - C I must have spend all morning clearing up the mess.
 - D I've had to spend all morning clearing up the mess.

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) I don't think this coffee has enough sugar in it.
[Use: too]
- (ii) I last saw her in 1991.
[Use: since]

- (iii) No other woman is as beautiful as Helen of Troy.
[Use the superlative degree]
- (iv) If you don't hurry, you will miss the bus.
[Begin: Unless]
- (v) It is a pity that you have left school.
[Begin: I wish]
- (vi) You are a vegetarian, aren't you?
[Begin: You don't]
- (vii) I soon found out that he was cheating his employer.
[Begin: It was not long]
- (viii) Both her sons never help her with the house work.
[Begin: Neither]
- (ix) The shopkeeper is known for cheating his customers.
[Use: reputation]
- (x) There is no doubt at all that I love Bhutan.
[Begin: Can]

Question 7.

Direction: In the following sentences fill in the blanks correctly to complete the phrasal verbs. [1x5]

- (i) I am not going to put _____ his nonsense any more.
- (ii) Karma turned _____ the offer to work abroad as he did not wish to leave his family.

- (iii) The terrorist blew _____ the bridge last night.
- (iv) The terrible illness caused her life to fade _____ within a short time.
- (v) The President of the company was compelled to step _____ after he was caught embezzling the funds.

Question 8.

Direction: Read the following sentences carefully. Edit and rewrite each sentence correctly in your answer sheet. [1x10]

- (i) Every one of the boys should do their best.
- (ii) Deki is older to me.
- (iii) His luggages are still at the station.
- (iv) The little girl presented the Minister a beautiful bukay of flowers.
- (v) I tried to contact you for the last few days.
- (vi) He is better at carpentry than me.
- (vii) Every one knew that he will be chosen to go abroad.
- (viii) The murderer was caught and hung.

(ix) Either of your friends are welcome but not both.

(x) Some people quarrel for very trivial matters.

