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Supervising Examiner's/Invigilator's initial:

**Language and Writing**  
**English Paper 1**

**Writing Time: 3 Hours**

**Total Marks: 80**

**READ THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY:**

1. Do **not** write for the first **fifteen minutes**. This time is to be spent on reading the questions. After having read the questions, you will be given **three hours** to answer all questions.
2. The **first five digits** have already been printed. Write the remaining seven digits of your **index number** in the space provided on the **top right hand corner of this cover page only**.
3. This paper comprises of **TWO SECTIONS**, Section **A** for **WRITING** and **B** for **LANGUAGE**. There are **four** questions. You must attempt **all**. You are advised to spend **not more than** 1 hour in answering Question I and 30 minutes in answering Question II.
4. You are **not** allowed to write the name of your **school** and your **name** in the composition and letter writing, unless specified.
5. Read the directions for each question carefully and write **all** your answers in the space provided in the **question booklet** itself.
6. Remember to write **quickly** but **neatly**.
7. **Do not** remove or tear off any pages from the booklet.
8. **Do not** draw lines or pictures **on** or **in** the booklet to beautify it.
9. **Do not** leave the examination hall before you have made sure that you have answered all the questions.

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Question I	Subparts	Weighting	M 1	M 2	Total	Average	Grand total
25 marks	Thought & Organization	13					
	Expression, Mechanics & Style	12					

Question	I	II	III	IV	Total	Chief Marker's Signature↓
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**Section A**

**Question I**

*Write an expository essay of 350-400 words on any ONE of the topics given below. You will be rewarded for orderly and coherent presentation of materials, use of appropriate features and general accuracy of spellings, punctuation and grammar.*

[25]

- (a) Discuss how you imagine Bhutan’s development ten years later from now.
  
- (b) The most popular festival in your locality.
  
- (c) Media and its role in recent times.
  
- (d) Write an autobiography on **ONE** of the following topics:
  - 1. an old chorten
  - 2. a tree

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## Question II

Write a letter on any of the following situations given below.

- (a) You are Tashi, a resident of Lower Market of Thimphu. Write a letter to the Thrompon, City Corporation, Thimphu, complaining about the improper disposal of waste in the Lower Market area and requesting him to take necessary remedial measures.
  
- (b) You are Sonam, the Games and Sports Captain of Zangdopelri Higher Secondary School, Bumthang. Your school is conducting the annual sports program on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Write a letter of invitation to the District Education Officer, Bumthang, inviting him to attend the program as the chief guest. Include the date, time, venue and the program of the day.
  
- (c) Samtse College of Education has advertised in the Kuensel issue of 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2012, the availability of a post of 'Helper' in the library for the months of January and February 2013.  
You are Tshering, a class ten graduate of Gangkhar Middle Secondary School, Samtse. Write a letter of response to the Director of Samtse College of Education, applying for the post.

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**Section B**

**Question III: Nature of Language**

1. *For each of the following questions there are four choices. Choose the correct answer and write it in the space provided.* [1x3]

(i) Which of the following features of language best describes it as ‘*not having a natural connection between a word and its meaning*’?

- A Arbitrariness
- B Displacement
- C Open-ended system
- D Duality of Structure

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Which of the following is the study of how words combine to make sentences?

- A Syntactic
- B Semantic
- C Phonology
- D Morphology

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

(iii) “The creative or productive potential of language enables its user to manipulate and make an infinite variety of constructions to express himself or herself.”

The above extract explains that language

- A has arbitrariness.
- B is a system of systems.
- C has duality of structure.
- D is an open-ended system.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

2. *Answer the following questions.*

(i) Explain 'displacement' as a feature of language.

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(ii) Why did the Behaviorists state that language is learnt through constant reinforcement? (4)

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**Question IV: Grammar**

1. *For each of the following questions there are four choices. Choose the best answer and write it in the space provided.* [1x10]

- (i) Every morning Pema
- A drink two glasses of water.
  - B drinks two glasses of water.
  - C will drink two glasses of water.
  - D would drink two glasses of water.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

- (ii) Choose the correct question tag for the statement,  
The students came late for the evening prayer,
- A don't they?
  - B didn't they?
  - C won't they?
  - D wouldn't they?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

(iii) Our government is seriously striving to

- A achieve the objective of G.N.H.
- B acheive the objective of G.N.H.
- C acheve the objective of G.N.H.
- D achive the objective of G.N.H.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

(iv) I was sick

- A so, I didn't attend the class.
- B since, I didn't attend the class.
- C though, I didn't attend the class.
- D because, I didn't attend the class

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

(v) He looks foolish, but he is not a man to be laughed

- A of.
- B at.
- C after.
- D with.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

(vi) My friend would go to watch a movie if she

- A has time.
- B had time.
- C has had time.
- D had had time.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

- (vii) Karma is looking forward
- A to reading of her article.
  - B in reading of her article.
  - C for reading of her article.
  - D on reading of her article.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

- (viii) Returning home after school, I saw
- A old man again.
  - B a old man again.
  - C the old man again.
  - D one old man again.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

- (ix) Deki is not speaking to Dawa. They have quarrelled.

Which of the following phrasal verbs mean the underlined word?

- A Fallen in.
- B Fallen out.
- C Fallen away.
- D Fallen back.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

- (x) At this time tomorrow we
- A will fly over the Pacific.
  - B would fly over the Pacific.
  - C will be flying over the Pacific.
  - D would be flying over the Pacific.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

2. *Using the instructions given in the brackets, rewrite the following sentences without changing their meanings.*

(i) The girls are singing a song.

[Begin: A song.....]

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(ii) She gave me clothes. She also helped me with the shelter.

[Combine the sentences beginning with: Besides .....]

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(iii) To read is easier than to write.

[Rewrite the sentence using gerunds]

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(iv) “You played very well,” she told him.

[Rewrite in reported speech.]

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(v) That big house is his residence.

[Rewrite the sentence using 'resides.']

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(vi) His behaviour irritates me at times.

[Begin: I.....]

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(vii) The wounded man was helped by some boys.

[End with: .....wounded man.]

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(viii) Don't eat too much. You will be ill.

[Begin: If.....]

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(ix) Although he was small, he was very strong.

[Rewrite using 'but']

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(x) The young teacher was polite.

[Rewrite using the adverb form of the word 'polite']

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3. *Each of the following sentences below has an error. Edit the sentences and rewrite them correctly.* [1x5]

(i) The man who killed two thieves have gone to the prison.

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(ii) I would advice my sister to study hard for the upcoming examination.

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(iii) One of the child gave the correct response.

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(iv) Pema borrowed my pen but she didn't returned it.

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(v) We need to get some additional furnitures for the new room.

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4. *Fill each blank with the antonyms of the words given in the brackets.*

- (i) The suspect continued to \_\_\_\_\_ (admit) his involvement even after a witness came forward.
- (ii) The manager of the company \_\_\_\_\_ (accepted) Pema's proposal.
- (iii) The protestors were \_\_\_\_\_ (imprisoned) yesterday.
- (iv) The notes issued by the bank are \_\_\_\_\_ (counterfeit).
- (v) The meeting \_\_\_\_\_ (commenced) right on time.

