

**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 two units containing questions from 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 question's answer on a fresh page. Please note, this does not apply to sub-questions.*
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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.)*

- a. Education is an important factor influencing the prosperity of the nation. People are of the view that in the strife for quality education, private schools are more successful in imparting quality education than the government schools.*
- b. Some people believe that Bhutanese film industry has helped in the promotion and preservation of Bhutanese culture and tradition, while some are of the opinion that it has adverse effects.*
- c. Competition is a destructive force in a society.*
- d. Geniuses are born not made.*

Question 2.

Write an original short story titled, 'A Fortunate Mistake', employing all the elements of a short story and emphasizing on character development through incidents and conversation. (You are reminded that besides the originality of contents 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 primary unit of human language is
- A gesture
 - B speech.
 - C syntax.
 - D sound.
- (ii) The transformation of one language into another is
- A sudden.
 - B genetic.
 - C gradual.
 - D habitual.

- (iii) The language enables its user to manipulate and make an infinite variety of constructions to express himself or herself because
- A it is finite and limited.
 - B it is infinite and unlimited.
 - C of the possibilities of combinations.
 - D of natural correction or relationship.
- (iv) Which of the following statements about language is **not** correct?
- A Language is a social phenomenon.
 - B Human language is species specific.
 - C Language is organized at two levels.
 - D Language is genetically transmitted.

Question 4.

Direction: Answer the questions given below. [6]

- (i) Why does a child born to Bhutanese parents in Japan speak Japanese? Give **two** reasons. (2)
- (ii) Language is not always used as a means of communication. It is also required to maintain individual identity. Explain. (2)
- (iii) What is the purpose of grammar in language? (2)

II Grammar

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 informed you that your application has been refused.
 - C informing you that your application has been refused.
 - D be informing you that your application has been refused.
- (ii) The project has fallen
- A by for want of funds.
 - B out for want of funds.
 - C down for want of funds.
 - D through for want of funds.
- (iii) He divided his property
- A into his four sons.
 - B with his four sons.
 - C among his four sons.
 - D between his four sons.

- (iv) His speech won't go
- A in well with the public.
 - B to well with the public.
 - C by well with the public.
 - D down well with the public.
- (v) As winter nears, the birds embark on their
- A migrator flight.
 - B migration flight.
 - C migratory flight.
 - D migrating flight.

Question 6a.

*Direction: For each of the sentence below, rewrite a new sentence keeping the meaning similar to the original sentence, using the **noun form** of the underlined word.*

[1x5]

- (i) No bomb is powerful enough to destroy or daunt the human spirit.
- (ii) Truth may be bitter but it is beautiful.
- (iii) Man makes his own destiny.
- (iv) Tigers are adept in swimming.
- (v) If you have good friends, people believe you are good.

Question 6b.

Direction: For each of the sentence below, rewrite a new sentence as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence, using the words given in the brackets.

[1x5]

- (i) Nothing lasts for long. (perpetual)
- (ii) His nature of benefiting others is appreciable everywhere. (philanthropic)
- (iii) We couldn't get tickets, we queued for an hour. (in spite of)
- (iv) The company is planning to reduce the work force. (reduction)
- (v) He searched his home thoroughly but could not find the letter. (ransacked)

Question 7.

Direction: Complete sentence B making it as similar in meaning to sentence A as possible.

[1x5]

- (i) A: Save for Singay's courage, the battalion would have perished.
B: Were ...
- (ii) A: Undeterred by obstacles, he persevered in his efforts.
B: Without ...
- (iii) A: Choden worked very hard, yet she did not impress her teacher.
B: Notwithstanding ...
- (iv) A: 'The tramp' is the funniest movie that Chaplin ever made.
B: No other ...
- (v) A: Why did you act in that manner yesterday? His mother asked Jigme.
B: His mother asked Jigme ...

Question 8.

Direction: Read the following passage carefully, edit it and rewrite it correctly in your answer sheet. Underline the edited parts.

[1x10]

People do not lack strength, they lacked the will said Victor Hugo. It is because of this we found physically strong men with wavering mind and feeble without will, not succeeding in life. While frail men with a challenged body is able to do great things in life. We all possesses will power in some measure. However, great soul have been known to exercise it to acheive the impossible, while lesser mortals in its absence lead an ignoble existence. We know of men who have been able to do great things in life, not in account of their physical prowess, but because of his firm resolve and will power.

