

**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.)

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*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 essay **using the features of an argumentative essay** on any **ONE** of the following topics and write an original essay on it. (You are reminded that you will be awarded marks for orderly and correct presentation of material, use of appropriate style and general accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar.)*

- a. 'The revised English curriculum in Bhutan is better than the old.'
- b. 'A divorce through mutual consent is a good solution to a bad marriage.'
- c. The television is viewed as having a negative influence on the youth by some people while others feel that it is a good source of information and therefore, very educational.
- d. Some Bhutanese believe that constitutional monarchy as a form of government will bring about positive changes in the country while some are skeptical of the impending change in the system of government in 2008.

**Question 2.**

Write an original short story employing all the elements of a short story. Emphasis should be made on illustrating internal conflict and the resolution of the conflict. 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.**

*Directions: 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) One of the most basic human urges is to
  - A write.
  - B make sounds.
  - C communicate.
  - D carry messages.
  
- (ii) Phonology is the
  - A sounds of words and the study of these words.
  - B styles of a language and the study of these styles.
  - C forms of a language and the study of these forms.
  - D sounds of a language and the study of these sounds.
  
- (iii) The interrelated systems of a language include all of the following EXCEPT
  - A grapheme.
  - B lexicon.
  - C semantics.
  - D syntax.
  
- (iv) In the level of language analysis, phonological level means
  - A sounds and their forms.
  - B forms and their organization.
  - C sounds and their organization.
  - D manifestation in the phonological syntactic levels.

**Question 4.**

*Answer the questions given below.*

[2x3]

- (i) Write any **four** features of human language. (2)
- (ii) Why is language called 'a system of systems'? (2)
- (iii) Explain why human language is a more complex and sophisticated form of communication. (2)

**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) An adolescent feels the need \_\_\_\_\_ the company of peer groups.  
A of  
B to  
C for  
D towards
- (ii) It is time you disposed \_\_\_\_\_ that pair of jeans.  
A of  
B off  
C out  
D away
- (iii) Though Dorji was not well, he calmly went \_\_\_\_\_ his business.  
A with  
B along  
C about  
D through

- (iv) I differ with you \_\_\_\_\_ this subject.  
A in  
B at  
C on  
D over
- (v) The manager promised to look \_\_\_\_\_ their complaint.  
A at  
B to  
C for  
D into

**Question 6.**

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

[1x10]

- (i) Our students have to study Dzongkha up to a certain level.  
[compulsory]
- (ii) Few good doctors are to be found in our village.  
[dearth]
- (iii) Metal is sold according to its weight.  
[depends]
- (iv) The Paro Ta Dzong Museum has borrowed a relic for six months.  
[loan]
- (v) Can we achieve anything without hard work?  
[achievement]
- (vi) Pema inherited a lot of money after her father's death.  
[inheritance]

- (vii) What do you think about the situation in China?  
[opinion]
  
- (viii) The shop seldom earns more than Nu. 1200 in a month.  
[income]
  
- (ix) Time to time my brother appears on television.  
[occasional]
  
- (x) During Diwali, lights are lit up all over our home.  
[illuminated]

**Question 7.**

*In each of the following items, sentence A is complete but sentence B is not. Complete sentence B making it as similar in meaning to sentence A.* [1x5]

- (i) A: I have found the book that I thought I had lost.  
B: I thought I had lost .....
  
- (ii) A: She recognized the thief but she refused to identify him.  
B: Although .....
  
- (iii) A: Sonam Tshewang is not interested in music or reading.  
B: Sonam Tshewang is interested .....
  
- (iv) A: If there is one habit I can't bear, it is smoking.  
B: I can .....
  
- (v) A: My father was silent through out the parent teacher meeting.  
B: Not a word .....

**Question 8.**

*Read the following passage carefully, edit it and rewrite it correctly in your answer sheet.*

[1x10]

Lois Lowry is a witty, clever and interesting woman in lots of facets to her life. She's a great conversationalist, she knits, is an avid and eclectic reader and moviegoer, and besides that she like to play card games and garden. She is a excellent cook and her cookbook collection is enomous and varied.

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