

**English I**  
**(Three hours and a quarter)**

*(The first 15 minutes of the examination are for reading the paper only. Candidate must NOT start writing during this time).*

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1. After having read the questions, you will be given 3 hours to answer the questions.
  2. Write your name, class and section in the space provided above.
  3. This paper comprise of TWO SECTIONS, section A for WRITING and B for LANGUAGE. There are four questions. You must attempt all. You are advised to spend no more than 1 hour in answering I and 30 minutes in answering question II.
  4. Read the directions to each question carefully and write all your answer in the space provided in the question booklet itself.
  5. Remember to write quickly but neatly
  6. Do not leave the examination hall before you have made sure that you have answered all the questions
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**Section – A [40 Marks]**

**Attempt ALL questions**

**Question 1**

Write an expository essay (350 – 400 words) on any one of the following subjects. (You are reminded that you will be rewarded for orderly and coherent presentation of material use of appropriate style and general accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar) **[25 Marks]**

- (i) The 'Book' you have read recently.
- (ii) Bhutanese Tradition and culture
- (iii) Happiness is a state of mind. Elaborate

**Question 2.**

You are Gaki, a student in Shaba Middle Secondary School, Paro. Write a letter on any ONE of the following situations. (You will be marked on the format, content and language) **[15]**

- (i) Write a letter to the manager of Kaka construction requesting for temporary job during winter vacation. You should mention any two reasons for your job application.
- (ii) Write a letter to your parents informing them that you want to change school. Letter should consist of good reasons for changing the school.
- (iii) "The Department of youth has announced winter coaching for basic computer course in Thimphu for a month." Based on the given information, write a letter to the camp coordinator, DYCS showing your interest to participate in the winter camp.

**Section B – 40 Marks**

**Nature of Language (10 marks)**

**Question 3.**

**Choose the correct answer.**

**[1 × 3]**

- (i) The study of all the meanings in the language is called \_\_\_\_\_
    - a). Phonology
    - b). syntax
    - c). Semantic
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d). Morphology

- (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ give us an intelligible, sensible structure to understand the world around us
- a). Sound>>forms>>meaning
  - b). Forms>>sound>>meaning
  - c). Meaning>>forms>>sound
  - d). Sound>>sound>>meaning
- (iii) Human language is considered as an arbitrary phenomenon
- a) a natural connection between a word and its meaning
  - b) a logical connection between a word and its meaning
  - c) a strong connection between a word and its meaning
  - d) no natural connection between word and its meaning.

**Answer the following questions.**

**[7 marks]**

- (iv) “Human language has duality of structure.” Explain the given statement. (2)
- (v) Differentiate between Behaviorist and Rationalist Theory of language acquisition (4)
- (vi) Mention two purposes of language (1)

**Question 4.**

Question below is followed by four responses. Choose the response that best fits the given question and write it in the space. **[1×10]**

- (i) I am leaving home.....Saturday.
- A) at
  - B) on
  - C) in
  - D) of
- (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ whale is the largest mammal in the world.
- A) A
  - B) An
  - C) The
  - D) None
- (iii) He is known..... his honesty.
- A) an
  - B) of
  - C) off
  - D) for
- (iv) He shall stay three month.....Thimphu
- A) at
  - B) inside
  - C) outside
  - D) in

- (v) ..... you like another cup of tea
- Shall
  - Should
  - Could
  - would
- (vi) I have some valuable ..... for you
- nformation
  - informations
  - piece of informations
  - none of the above
- (vii) I have a sore throat, I cannot
- sallow food
  - swallow food
  - sowlow food
  - swollow food
- (viii) Please ask \_\_\_\_\_ come and sit here
- Dawa
  - Dawa to
  - to Dawa
  - to Dawa to
- (ix) The teacher thanked me for what I ..... yesterday
- has done
  - is done
  - had done
  - is doing
- (x) She doesn't speak English very \_\_\_\_\_.
- good
  - well
  - best
  - nice

**Question 5.**

*Rewrite the following sentence using the instruction given in brackets and without changing the meaning.*

[1× 5]

- As soon as the teacher arrived, the students ran to the class. (Begin: No sooner.....)
- The bread has been eaten by Pema. (Change into Active voice)
- She is too foolish to solve the problem. (Use: so....)
- She said, "Last night I met my mother." (Change into indirect speech)
- Mercury is the heaviest of all metals. (Change into positive degree)

**Question 6**

Use the most appropriate form of word(s) from the bracket to fill up the blanks.

[1×5]

- Neither of the boys \_\_\_\_\_ (are) talking well.
- There are ten \_\_\_\_\_ (sheep) in the forest.
- Blood is \_\_\_\_\_ (thick) than water.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ (lie) on the bed all this afternoon.
- She \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) our house only an hour ago

**Question 7.**

Choose the correct word from the brackets.

[1×5]

- I \_\_\_\_\_ (bought/brought) a shirt at the cost of nu 500.
- Growing children must wear \_\_\_\_\_ (loose/lose) clothes.
- The chief guest gave us his valuable \_\_\_\_\_ (advise/advice)
- Our school will be build on this \_\_\_\_\_ (site/sight)
- The defeat in the match had an adverse \_\_\_\_\_ (affect/effect)

**Question 8.**

Edit the following sentences and underline the edited part

[1×5]

- Were is Dorji?
- Dorji is neither punctual and hard working.
- Once open a time there lived a king.
- The room was filled with furnitures.
- Due to the road block, Jigme walked twelve kilometers by foot.