

ENGLISH II
(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).

*In this paper there are four sections: A, B, C and D. Each section has two sets of questions, Set I and Set II. Set I comprises of question numbers 1a and 1b and Set II has only two question numbers 2a and 2b. You may attempt any one set from each section (set I or Set II) You must attempt **four sets** of questions in all. Your choice must include at least one **set II** question.*

SECTION A (SHORT STORY)

From the two sets of questions under this genre, choose ONE SET and write your responses in your answer sheet.

Read the extract given below and answer the questions based on the story from which this extract has been taken.

“We are lucky enough _____ is the word? _____ to escape with nothing worse than my father’s broken glasses and broken heart.”

SET I

Question 1 a.

Each question below is followed by four responses. Choose the correct answer and write it in your answer sheet. **[5 × 1 = 5]**

- i). The story is narrated from.....:
 - A) Mahdar Iqbal’s point of view.
 - B) Hindus’ point of view.
 - C) a young girl’s point of view
 - D) Muslims’ point of view

- ii). The theme of the story is
 - A) patriotism
 - B) self respect.
 - C) ethics and standards of love.
 - D) cross – culture friendship and sacrifice

- iii). The sentence, ‘My father began to through business in his way’ means.
 - A) Mahdar Iqbal helped the narrator’s father in his business.
 - B) Mahdar Iqbal was helped by the narrator’s father in his business.
 - C) Both the friends helped each other.
 - D) Both helped others.

- iv). “Mustard Seed” in the title of the story is a symbol of
 - A) perfect love and friendship.
 - B) justice and injustice.
 - C) good and bad.
 - D) right and wrong.

- v). 'The story 'A Grain of Mustard Seed' is a.....
- A) Romantic story.
 - B) Critical story.
 - C) Contemporary realistic fiction.
 - D) Contemporary unrealistic fiction.

Read the following questions carefully and write your answers in about 60 words.

- i). In this materialistic world, is it possible to get a friend like Mahdar Iqbal? Explain [5]
- ii). What is the role of the friend in your life, justify with two reasons. [5]
- iii). Do you think that the father suffered more than others in the family? Why? [5]

SET II

Question 2.

Read the following questions carefully and write your answers in about 150 words.

- a) When a friend becomes an enemy, he or she becomes an archenemy, Explain with five reasons? [10]
- b) Bring out any five ways in which different communities may live together in peace and harmony. [10]

SECTION C- ESSAY

Direction: Read the essay given below carefully. From the two sets of questions on this text, choose one set and write your responses in your answer sheet.

Learning something new can be a scary experience. One of the hardest things I've ever had to do was learn how to swim. I was always afraid of the water, but I decided that swimming was an important skill that I should learn. I also thought it would be good exercise and help me to become physically stronger. What I didn't realize was that learning to swim would also make me a more confident person. New situations always make me a bit nervous, and my first swimming lesson was no exception. After I changed into my bathing suit in the locker room, I stood timidly by the side of the pool waiting for the teacher and other students to show up. After a couple of minutes the teacher came over. She smiled and introduced herself, and two more students joined us. Although they were both older than me, they didn't seem to be embarrassed about not knowing how to swim. I began to feel more at ease.

We got into the pool, and the teacher had us put on brightly colored water wings to help us stay afloat. One of the other students, May, had already taken the beginning class once before, so she took a kickboard and went splashing off by herself. The other student, Jerry, and I were told to hold on to the side of the pool and shown how to kick for the breaststroke. One by one, the teacher had us hold on to a kickboard while she pulled it through the water and we kicked. Pretty soon Jerry was off doing this by himself, traveling at a fast clip across the short end of the pool.

Things were not quite that easy for me, but the teacher was very patient. After a few more weeks, when I seemed to have caught on with my legs, she taught me the arm strokes. Now I had two things to concentrate on, my arms and my legs. I felt hopelessly uncoordinated. Sooner than I imagined, however, things began to feel "right" and I was able to swim! It was a wonderful free feeling - like flying, maybe - to be able to shoot across the water.

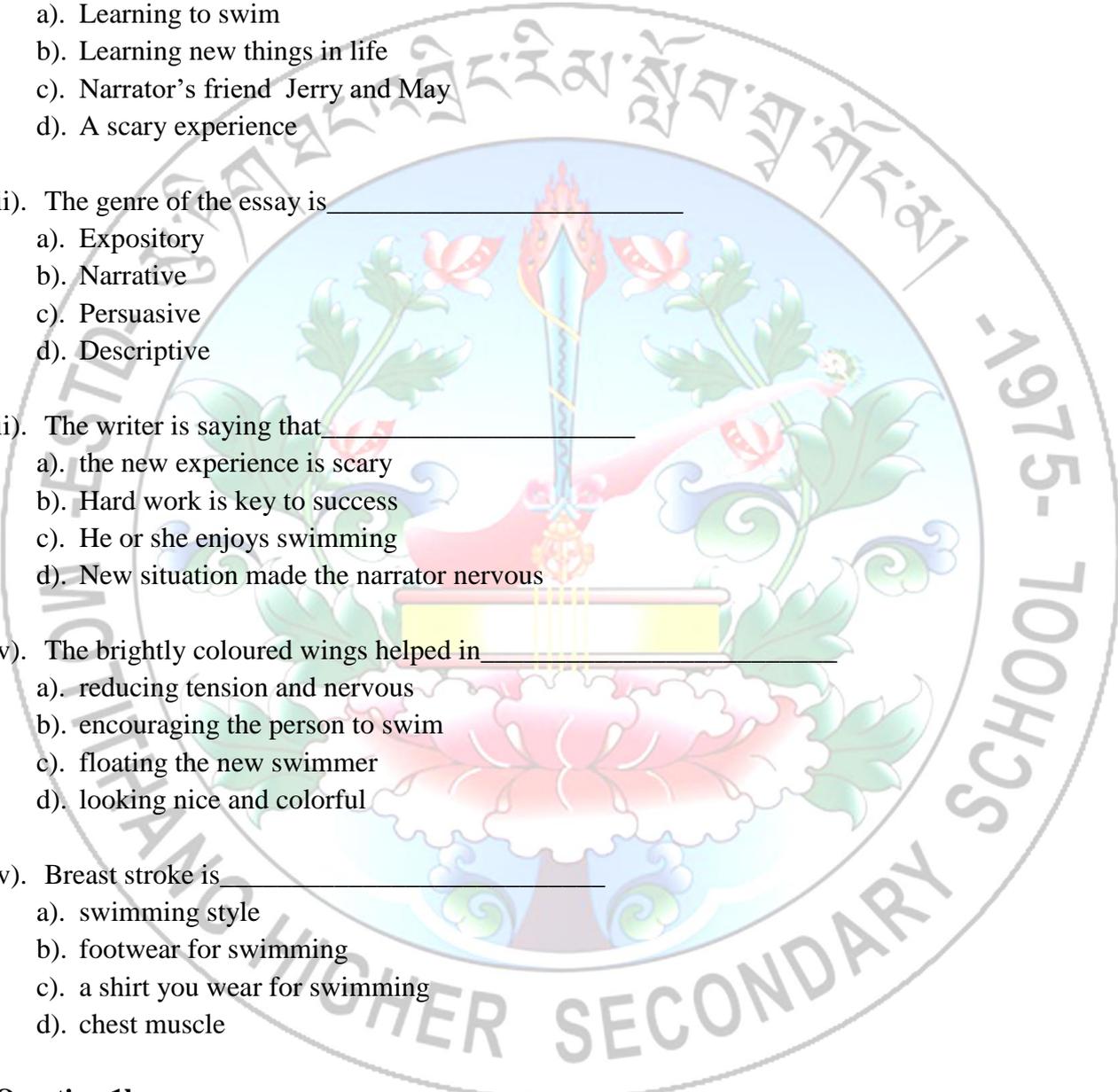
Learning to swim was not easy for me, but in the end my persistence paid off. Not only did I learn how to swim and to conquer my fear of the water, but I also learned something about learning. Now when I am faced with a new situation I am not so nervous. I may feel uncomfortable to begin with,

but I know that as I practice being in that situation and as my skills get better; I will feel more and more comfortable. It is a wonderful, free feeling when you achieve a goal you have set for yourself.

SET I

Question 1a

Each question below is followed by four possible answers. Choose the answer that best fits the given question or statement. [1×5 = 5]

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- i). The essay is about _____
- Learning to swim
 - Learning new things in life
 - Narrator's friend Jerry and May
 - A scary experience
- ii). The genre of the essay is _____
- Expository
 - Narrative
 - Persuasive
 - Descriptive
- iii). The writer is saying that _____
- the new experience is scary
 - Hard work is key to success
 - He or she enjoys swimming
 - New situation made the narrator nervous
- iv). The brightly coloured wings helped in _____
- reducing tension and nervous
 - encouraging the person to swim
 - floating the new swimmer
 - looking nice and colorful
- v). Breast stroke is _____
- swimming style
 - footwear for swimming
 - a shirt you wear for swimming
 - chest muscle

Question 1b

Read the questions below and answer them briefly

- Even when the speaker is afraid of water she learns swimming. Give four reasons? (5)
- Was learning to swim easy for speaker? What do you think helped her? (5)
- Explain how the teacher taught her to swim. (5)

SET II

Question II

Read the questions carefully and answer

- i). Explain five advantages and Disadvantages of swimming (10)
- ii). Write how you felt when you were learning something new. (10)

SECTION C-POETRY

Direction: Read the poem given below carefully. From the two sets of questions on the poem, choose ONE SET and write your responses in the space provided.

Silent Dawn

I'm grateful for the silent time
To think and make a plan
When the morning world is mine
I do because I can

I love the quietude of dawn
Before the sun is completely up
I rub my eyes and give a yawn
And fill once more a coffee cup.

The morning songs of birds awakening
In the misty dawn
Sets my very soul a quaking
Like windblown grass of lawn.

The spring time mourns especially treat me
With the spring time birds of song
The robins come to early to greet me
The blue jays also come along
Thank god for mornings, whatever season

They're a beauty to behold
I'll not be broke for any reason
Because the mornings are my gold.

SET I

Question I

Choose the correct answer and write in the booklet provided.

[1×5 = 5]

- i). The poet feels grateful for the silent dawn because she can
- think and make a plan
 - sleep peacefully
 - sing wonderful songs
 - listen to songs of bird
- ii). The morning songs of the awakening birds set her
- soul trembling

- b). mind into blaze
 - c). heart into an abyss of despair
 - d). body into yearning passion
- iii). The robins in the morning of the spring season are a group of
- a). insects
 - b). cattle
 - c). birds
 - d). animals
- iv). The word “quietude” in the first line of the second stanza is the synonym for
- a). disturbance
 - b). silence
 - c). turmoil
 - d). restless
- v). According to the poet, mornings for all the four seasons are
- a). beauty to appreciate like beautiful girls
 - b). beauty to love and care like cute little children
 - c). beauty to behold like gold
 - d). none of the above

Question II.

- i). Why does the poet love the calmness and silence of the dawn? Mention two reasons why the poet likes the mornings of the spring season? [5]
- ii). Define simile with an example from the Poem. Write down three pairs of Rhyming words.[5]
- iii). What main conclusions can you draw from this poem? [5]

SET II

Answer the following questions.

[2×10=20]

- i). The dawn in spring season brings beauty and freshness into existence. With reference to the poem, describe how the mornings of the spring season motivate poets and lovers? [10]
- ii). If you were one of the critics what will be your positive criticisms for Marie Paradise’s Silent Dawn? [10]

SECTION D-NOVEL

Direction: From the two sets of questions based on the novel ‘Dawa – The Story of a Stray Dog in Bhutan’ by Kunzang Choden, choose ONE SET and write your responses in your answer sheet.

SET I

Question 1a

[1×5 = 5]

Each question below is followed by four responses. Choose the correct answer that best fits the given question and write it in your answer sheet.

- i). ”These youngsters are more like mountain goats than the monks” this sentence is example of _____

 - a). Metaphor
 - b). Simile

- c). Hyperbole
d). Personification
- ii). Dawa left the hermit alone because
a). Dawa came to know that it was not the right cave
b). Hermit told him not to stay
c). Caretaker chased him away
d). He would lose whatever small merit he had accumulated
- iii). Dawa on his journey back to Bumthang from Mongar was joined in company at Thrumshingla by
a). A grey old scruffy old dog
b). A big brownish dog
c). A yellow dog, an eager youngster
d). A yellow old spotty dog
- iv). Which pair in the novel is referred to as 'duo'?
a). Zorro and Tangpa
b). Zorro and bull
c). Zorro and Dawa
d). Zorro and Tommy
- v). Dawa got the first hand information about Gelong Ma Pelmo and the cave from _____
a). His guide and guardian Molay
b). His friend and advisor Dampa
c). An old man and woman at a Memorial Chorten
d). Sonam Pem at Motithang

Question 1 b

[3×5 = 15]

Read the following questions carefully and write the answers in your answer sheet.

- i). If you were Dawa, would you come back to Thimphu after being cured of mange in Thowadrak. (5)
- ii). Write down any four character sketch of Dawa Koto and explain any two with examples from the text. (5)
- iii). In the Novel Dawa chooses Changangkha lhakhang as his retirement place. If you were Dawa where would you have retired other than Changangkha Lhakang (5)

SET II

Question 2

[10×2 = 20]

Read the following questions carefully and write your answers in about 150 words.

- i). If you were to write a novel with an animal as a character which animal would you choose and why? (10)
- ii). There are many possible themes that emerge from the novel "Dawa, the story of a stray dog in Bhutan", Choose any two themes and writ their significance in the Bhutanese context. (10)