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MID TERM EXAMINATION 2017

**Class: IX**  
**Language and writing.**  
**English Paper I**

**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 reading the questions. After having read the questions, you will be given **three hours** to answer all questions.*
- 2. 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**.*

**SECTION-A**

**Question I – 25 marks**

**Direction:** Write a Descriptive essay of about 350-400 words on any one of the topics given below. You are reminded that you will be awarded marks for an orderly presentation of points, relevant points, and correct use of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

1. Describe your perfect fantasy vacation destination
2. Describe Population and Housing census, 2017.
3. Describe a smart phone to time traveler from 1900s
4. Describe a famous person that you would like to meet.



**Question III-B**

1. Language is a system of system. Explain. [2]
2. Explain how communication takes place with the help of an illustration of communication model. [2]
3. Give three evidences to show that human language is more complex and sophisticated. [3]

**GRAMMAR & STRUCTURE- 30 marks**

**Question IV- A**

**[1x5=5]**

Direction: For each of the following questions, there are four alternative response

1. The past participle of grind is.....?  
A) grinded. C.grinding.  
B) ground D.grounded
2. Is there \_\_\_\_\_ University in this town?  
A. the C. a  
B. an D..at
3. I have no \_\_\_\_\_ to the principal's office.  
A. Access C.Excess  
B. Axis D. Excel
4. The plural of mine is \_\_\_\_\_  
A. us C. ours  
B. our D. my
5. \_\_\_\_\_ expresses an action going on at sometime in the past.  
A. Past Tense C. Present Perfect Tense  
B. Past Continuous Tense D. Past Perfect Tense

### Question IV-B

Direction: Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

[1x5=5]

1. Dorji came \_\_\_\_\_ the room.
2. What are you thinking \_\_\_\_\_?
3. I have to choose \_\_\_\_\_ these two pictures?
4. Nima and Dawa left \_\_\_\_\_ the program.
5. One should live \_\_\_\_\_ one's means.

### Question IV C

Direction: Rewrite the following sentences using the instructions given in the brackets without changing the meanings.

[1x10=10].

1. Everest is the highest peak in the World.  
(Change into Comparative degree).
2. No other car brand in the world is as popular as Toyota.  
(Begin with: Toyota is.....)
3. Who taught you grammar?  
(Change into passive voice).
4. Let my homework be completed by me.  
(Change into Active voice).
5. The boy laughed at the beggar.  
(End with: .....the boys)
6. Pema said, "I had a wonderful dream last night."  
(Change into reported speech).
7. Tashi said that the sun sets in the west.  
(Change into direct speech).
8. The boy exclaimed, "What a beautiful flower it is!"  
(Change into reported speech).
9. The food was not fit to be eaten  
(Use: Consumption)

10. This matter must be investigated very carefully.

(Use: Require).

#### Question IV D

Complete each of the following blanks with the appropriate form of the verb given in the brackets. [1x5=5]

1. Either of these girls \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a book.
2. I asked Norbu if his brother \_\_\_\_\_ (can) walk a mile.
3. Sonam was \_\_\_\_\_ (awake) by a sudden noise.
4. French is \_\_\_\_\_ (the) easy language.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (shall meet) my friend tomorrow.

#### Question IV-E

Rewrite the following sentences correcting the structure and grammar using appropriate punctuation marks. [1x5=5]

1. I need to get informations regarding the supply of stationeries.
2. Alas she is dead.
3. They love their country, don't they.
4. Measles are a common disease.
5. Ashok is taller then me.