



**MOTITHANG HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL THIMPHU THROMDE**

**“Every child is inspired to learn and empowered with wisdom to excel in life”**

**Class: XII (BHSEC)**

**Marks: 100**

**Time: 3 Hours and a quarter**

**Trial Examinations 2019  
English Paper I**

Invigilator's initial

**READ THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY:**

Question	For Teacher's Use Only							
	Section A Writing		Section B: Nature of Language and Grammar					
	<i>Q I Essay</i>	<i>Q II Story</i>	<i>Q III</i>	<i>Q IV</i>	<i>Q V</i>	<i>Q VI</i>	<i>Q VII</i>	<i>Q VIII</i>
Marks Awarded								
Teacher's initial								
Total Marks Awarded								

Read the following instructions carefully:

1. Do not write for the first fifteen minutes. This time is to be spent on reading the questions. After having read the questions, you will be given three hours to answer all the questions.
2. All the questions are compulsory. No marks will be awarded for attempting more than the required questions under the choice based questions.
3. Read and re-read carefully to understand the instructions and questions before answering them.
4. Writing neatly and clearly will always go well in your favour. If your writing cannot be read – marks can't be awarded.
5. Do not remove or tear off any page from the booklet.
6. Do not draw lines or pictures on or in the booklet unless specified by the questions. Marks can be deducted for NOT-CALLED-FOR scribbling, sketching, commenting etc written in your answer booklet.
7. Do not leave the examination hall before you have made sure that you have answered all the questions.

SECTION A: Writing [60 Marks]

Question 1

[30]

Direction: Write an original essay of about 450 to 500 words 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) Death penalty is an acceptable punishment.
- b) Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) also known as video surveillance is an invasion of privacy.
- c) Institutions and teachers should be prohibited from providing private tuition.
- d) Teachers are responsible for low-test scores.
- e) A vegetarian diet is preferred over a non-vegetarian diet.

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Question 2

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Write an original story of about 450 to 500 words titled The Secret. Emphasis should be made on an internal conflict that your character struggles with and what they do to resolve that conflict. You are reminded that in the above task, you will also be assessed on use of language, content and mechanics of writing a short story.

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Section B: Nature of Language and Grammar (40 marks)

Question III

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a) For each of the following questions there are four responses: A, B, C & D. Choose the alphabet corresponding to your response and CIRCLE it neatly. DO NOT circle more than one response. If there are more than one choice circled, NO score will be awarded.

1. Human language can be used to talk about itself, its features, functions, varieties and levels of sophistication. Which feature of language is this? (1)
  - a. Arbitrariness
  - b. Duality of structure
  - c. Open-ended system
  - d. Meta-linguistic system
  
2. Back formation in language is (1)
  - a. when a word is made by combining other words
  - b. when a part of the word is omitted
  - c. when an affix is removed from a word to create a new one
  - d. when two separate words join to produce a single form
  
3. Dorji talked about his future plans to the school counselor. Which feature of language is displayed here? (1)
  - a. Open ended system
  - b. Specialization
  - c. Displacement
  - d. Arbitrariness

b) Answer the following questions given below:

1. How would B.F. Skinner explain to you his theory on language acquisition? (2)

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2. Briefly state the three levels of analysis in language and what they are. (3)

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3. Fill in the blanks: (2)
- a) The encoder and decoder are called \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) The scientific study of language is called \_\_\_\_\_

#### Question IV

Rearrange the scrambled words given to form a proper sentence. DO NOT MISS any word while constructing the sentence. Avoid using any punctuation other than the ones given. (5)

Example: shelf liked design wooden simple it the in though was he .

Answer: He liked the wooden shelf though it was simple in design.

1. May/I/washroom/please/to/the/use/go?

May \_\_\_\_\_

2. Toilet/after/you/always/hands/use/wash/the/your.

Always \_\_\_\_\_

3. I/to/chance/travel/the/whenever/have/love/I.

I \_\_\_\_\_

4. Immediately/broken/came/the/two/and/plates/I/and/saw/into/kitchen.

I \_\_\_\_\_

5. Ring/her/mother/very/was/diamond/my/valuable/lost/grandmother's/which.

My \_\_\_\_\_

#### Question V

For each of the following questions there are four responses: a, b, c & d. Choose the alphabet corresponding to your response and circle it neatly. DO NOT circle more than ONE response. If there are more than one choice circled, NO score will be awarded. (5)

1. I think he will not be able to \_\_\_\_\_ this difficult schedule.
- a. keep on
  - b. keep up with
  - c. break through
  - d. look forward to
2. When parents were out of town, I \_\_\_\_\_ my younger sister.
- a. look after

- b. cared for
  - c. checked up
  - d. looked upon
3. "I am leaving the city tomorrow," said the lecturer. The lecturer said that \_\_\_\_\_leaving the city\_\_\_\_\_.
    - a. he is/tomorrow
    - b. he was/that day
    - c. I was/previous day
    - d. he was/the following day  4. The flight was \_\_\_\_\_because of the storm and the heavy rain.
    - a. Called out
    - b. Checked out
    - c. Carried on
    - d. Called off  5. This magazine has been published \_\_\_\_\_, with six issues a year so far, but henceforth it will be published weekly.
    - a. biannually
    - b. bimonthly
    - c. biweekly
    - d. biennially

Question VI

Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms given in the brackets. (5)

1. Going to an Ivy League college is going to cost my parents \_\_\_\_\_  
(a piece of cake/an arm and a leg.)
2. I have made other plans for dinner so I'll \_\_\_\_\_but thanks for inviting me. (take a rain check/throw in the towel)
3. Lately with my allergies, I have been feeling a bit \_\_\_\_\_  
(over the moon/under the weather)
4. \_\_\_\_\_, I'm sure your performance will be great. (You can't judge a book by its cover/Break a leg)
5. That was the \_\_\_\_\_ that broke the camel's back. (straw/saddle)

Question VII

Keeping the meaning similar as far as possible to the original sentences, rewrite the sentences according to the instructions given in the brackets: (5)

1. We couldn't find anything in the box but clothes. (Begin: We found.....)

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2. Dorji and his friends were not involved in the fight. (Neither.....)

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3. Were we sent to this world simply to make money? (Change to assertive sentence)

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4. Bhutanese speak Dzongkha in Bhutan. (Change to passive voice)

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5. I consider books more interesting than people. (Use: opinion)

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Question VIII

Each of the sentence has one error in it. Identify it and write it in the ERROR COLUMN and the correct answer in the ANSWER COLUMN. An example has been done for you. (10)

Example: The exact time of the occurs has not been ascertained.

Error	Answer
occurs	occurence

1. The two best things about the picnic was the food and the music.

Error	Answer

2. I can't believe its finally Friday.

Error	Answer

3. The cat was licking it's tail

Error	Answer

4. It was a breathe of fresh air to meet someone so genuine.

Error	Answer

5. I have been here since three months.

Error	Answer

6. Do you like a glass of juice?

Error	Answer

7. An important part of my life have been the people who stood by me.

Error	Answer

8. Can you borrow me that book?

Error	Answer

9. Students were given two day's notice to turn in their project.

Error	Answer

10. "You look beautiful", said Dorji to Dema.

Error	Answer

All The Best