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**TRIAL TERM EXAMINATIONS, 2020**

**English Paper 1 (Language and Writing) Reading Time: 15 mins**

**Class: XII Writing Time: 3 hours**

**Date: Full marks: 100**

**Name: ..... Roll No. .... Class: ..... Sec: ....**

Invigilator’s initial

**Instructions:**

*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.*

*All the questions are compulsory.*

*The intended marks for each question is given in brackets.*

*You are recommended to spend 2 hours on Section A and 1 hour on Section B.*

*You should begin each answer on a fresh page.*

Question	For Teacher’s Use Only									Grand Total
	Section A		Section B							
	QI Essay	QII SS	QIII NOL			Q4 Grammar				
30m	30m	Q1 1-3 3m	Q2 3m	Q4 4m	Q5 5m	Q6 10m	Q7 5m	Q8 10m		
Award										
Teacher’s initial										
Total Marks Awarded										

**SECTION A: WRITING**

**Question 1**

**(30)**

*Write an argumentative essay of 450-500 words on any ONE of the topics given below.*

*Marks will be awarded for orderly and coherent presentation of materials, use of appropriate features and general accuracy of spellings, punctuation and grammar.*

- a. Teenagers feel more comfortable talking on social media rather than face to face.
- b. Bhutanese school curriculum should include vocational education or skill based training in different fields as to sustain themselves especially when the nation faces economic crisis.
- c. Many believe Dessup are very helpful to both the government and public sectors in the times of any need. Do you agree or disagree?
- d. Hard work isn't enough to be successful

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**Question 3**

Direction: *Read the following question carefully, for each question choose the correct answer from the given alternatives and CIRCLE it.*

- 1. The organ in a human body which can be used to shape a wide variety of sound is
  - a. Teeth
  - b. Tongue
  - c. Lips
  - d. Nose
  
- 2. There is no connection or relationship between a word and its meaning. This is a human language feature of
  - a. Duality of structure
  - b. Arbitrariness
  - c. Meta-linguistic system
  - d. Open-ended system
  
- 3. According to the Behaviourists, a child learns language through
  - a. Rote learning
  - b. Experience
  - c. Constant reinforcement
  - d. Discovery and test

**Question 4**

Direction: *Answer the question given below.* (2+2+3)

- (i) What do you understand by the term “etymology”?  
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- (ii) Give two reasons why language changes.  
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- (iii) “Language cannot be genetically transmitted.” Justify the statement with an example.

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**GRAMMAR**

**Question 5 (1x5)**

*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 is more than one choice circled, NO score will be awarded.*

1. How long.....English?
  - a. Are you learning
  - b. Have you been learning
  - c. Do you learn
  - d. You learn
  
2. My mother ..... the carpet when I got home yesterday afternoon.
  - a. Is hovering
  - b. Was hovering
  - c. Were hovering
  - d. Has been hovering
  
3. “Why are you so hungry?”  
‘Oh, I ..... breakfast this morning.’
  - a. Don’t have
  - b. Didn’t have
  - c. Hadn’t
  - d. Haven’
  
4. Look out! You ..... off the bike.
  - a. Will fall
  - b. Are going to fall
  - c. Are falling
  - d. Might fall
  
5. By this time next year, I ..... all my exams.
  - a. Will take
  - b. Will have taken

- c. Have taken
- d. Take

**Question 6**

**(1x10)**

**Direction:** 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**.

1. (A) Toby can buy a flat if he gets a job.  
(B) Unless.....
2. (A) She knew what would happen but she did it anyway.  
(B) She did it.....
3. (A) Anil said to his sister, "Please don't tell mother I broke the vase."  
(B) Rewrite in indirect speech  
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4. (A) She works diligently.  
(B) Change to exclamatory sentence  
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5. (A) Who can question Gandhi's integrity?  
(B) By whom .....
6. It is most likely that he will pass this year.  
(B) Use "likelihood"  
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7. No sooner did Kunden arrive in the school than the bell rang.  
As soon as.....
8. He went to the shop but didn't buy anything.  
Although.....
9. Rose is the most beautiful flower.  
Make a comparative sentence  
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10. He ate a curry which was delicious.  
Make it simple  
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**Question 7**

**(1x5)**

**Direction:** Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate phrases from the choices given in the table below to complete the following sentence correctly:

Take out	Stand for	Came across	Go into	Ask over
Stand out	Take down	Go for	Came about	Ask out

1. Yesterday I ..... an interesting article on phrasal verbs.
2. Would you mind ..... my messages while I am on vacation?
3. I can't believe that Kinley finally ..... on a date.
4. Our team is ..... the gold medal in the Olympics.
5. I won't ..... people criticizing me.

**Question 8**

**(1x10)**

**Direction:** Read the following sentence carefully. There is an error in each line against which a numeral is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied.

		Incorrect	Correct
It is truth that parents are	e.g	truth	true
more valuable than any other	(a)	.....	.....
things in the world for a child.	(b)	.....	.....
They are the more precious property.	(c)	.....	.....
A child depend upon them all the time.	(d)	.....	.....
He needs them at every steps	(e)	.....	.....
because they takes care of him.	(f)	.....	.....

Under the care of their parents,	(g)	.....	.....
a child feel secure. So it is important	(h)	.....	.....
that we love: we respect their feelings.	(i)	.....	.....
How I love my parents?	(j)	.....	.....