

SECTION A: WRITING (50 MARKS)

Question 1

Write an argumentative essay of about 450 to 500 words on any ONE of the following topics. **[25]**
(You are reminded that you will be awarded marks for orderly and correct presentation of material, use of appropriate features and style and accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar.)

- a) Skill-based curriculum should be prioritized in schools.
- b) Adoption of western ways is not harmful to Bhutanese culture.

(START WRITING BELOW)

Please take note that you are **NOT PERMITTED** to mention any personal or school details which may disclose your identity. **FAILURE** to do so may lead to **CANCELLATION** of your answer.

Question 2

Read the following passage and summarize it in about 120 to 150 words.

[15]

Human labour, often referred to as "manpower", plays a crucial role in national development. The success of modernization and growth depends not only on foreign aid and natural resources but also on having capable workforce, effective leaders, and competent managers. However, the readiness of the upcoming generation, comprising infants, children, and adolescents, remains uncertain. Will they possess the necessary health, education, skills, and cultural attitudes required for development? Sadly, many children face disadvantages. The critical years of their development, before the age of five, are primarily influenced by their mothers. Yet, in many parts of the world, mothers lack the ability to raise exceptional children due to their own poor health, limited knowledge, low social status, and insufficient rights and economic independence. The role of women has been neglected, impeding development as long as they remain marginalized as second-class citizens, without education, decision-making power, or economic status.

Empowering women is pivotal for progress. Educated mothers have healthier and more intelligent children, often leading to smaller families. Women's education also directly impacts their employment opportunities, which, in turn, affects a country's Gross National Product and individual family income. This income, especially in the hands of women, influences food choices and the overall nutritional status of the family. Moreover, it serves as an incentive for families to limit their family size. The education and empowerment of women are vital for sustainable development, economic growth, and improved living conditions. By focusing on women's education and empowerment, societies can foster a brighter future for both individuals and nations.

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Question 3

Read the text given below and illustrate the information in a bar chart.

[10]

Expenditure of Two Students in November 2024

The bar chart illustrates the total amount of money spent by Student A and Student B on stationery, clothes, snacks and mobile phone usage in November 2024.

On stationery, Student A spent Nu. 500 compared to Nu. 450 by Student B. The expenditure on clothes of Student B was higher than Student A's (about Nu. 390 and Nu. 360 respectively). On snacks, Student A spent Nu. 350 while Student B spent Nu. 250. In terms of mobile phone use, Student B spent Nu. 400 and Student A spent Nu. 450.

Overall, the expenditure of Student A was higher than that of Student B. Both the students spent the most on stationery, and the least on snacks.

SECTION B (50 MARKS)
NATURE OF LANGUAGE AND GRAMMAR

Question 4

- a) **Direction: For each question, there are FOUR responses, A, B, C, and D. Choose the corresponding letter of your response and CIRCLE it neatly. NO score will be awarded if you circle more than ONE letter.** [5]
- i. The process whereby language is passed down from one generation to the next is known as _____ transmission.
- A cultural
 - B traditional
 - C syntactical
 - D generational
- ii. Which given options describe some of the functions and purposes of language?
- I. Language is a means to articulate one's thoughts and feelings.
 - II. Language is the outcome of evolution and convention.
 - III. Language facilitates user's self-expression and identity.
 - IV. Language is a tool for entertainment such as songs, jokes, poems, etc.
- A I, II, & III
 - B I, III, & IV
 - C II, III, & IV
 - D I, II, III, & IV
- iii. How does Chomsky's theory differ from behaviourist theory of language acquisition?
- A It focuses on imitation and conditioning.
 - B It ignores the influence of the environment.
 - C It emphasizes the role of innate cognitive structure.
 - D It emphasizes the importance of reinforcement and punishment.
- iv. *On holidays, instead of cooking all three meals, Yangki and her family often opt for brunches.* The underlined word has been formed by a process called
- A blending.
 - B truncation.
 - C compounding.
 - D back formation.
- v. Interpersonal communication is one of the _____ of language.
- A levels
 - B theories
 - C features
 - D purposes

b) Read the sentences below and state if they are **TRUE** or **FALSE** after each. **[5]**

i. Behaviorist theory of language acquisition emphasizes the role of the environment, asserting that language is acquired through reinforcement and shaping of linguistic behaviors.

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ii. Rationalist theory rejects the notion of innate knowledge, and argues that language is learned through a process of conditioning, imitation, and reinforcement.

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iii. An accent is the relative emphasis given in pronunciation to a syllable, in loudness, pitch, or duration.

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iv. The name of thing or action by imitating sounds associated with it is called onomatopoeia

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v. The study of meaning in language is called morphology.

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Question 5

Rearrange the words to make complete sentences. You must use ALL the given words in each sentence. Do not make any spelling errors while copying. **[5]**

i. wanted / Gyeltshen / to / painting / study / become / artist / an / to / .

ii. risk/ if/ everything/ you/ nothing, / risk/ you/.

iii. her / grandmother / leather / in / looks / jacket / pink / our / beautiful /.

iv. slept / my / near / heater / cat / for / the / hours /.

v. are / about / children / enthusiastic / learning / code / how /to /.

Question 6

State whether the verbs in the following sentences are transitive or intransitive. Write TRANSITIVE or INTRANSITIVE in the space provided. [5]

i. During the weekend, the children played happily in the park.

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ii. Karsang painted a beautiful life-size portrait of his mother.

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iii. The old gardener planted varieties of flowers in the garden.

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iv. The yellowing leaves fell gently from the trees.

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v. I bought a new book from the bookstore.

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Question 7

Read each sentence and write **C** if the sentence is correct and **DM** if the sentence contains a dangling modifier in the space given at the end. Examples have been given. [5]

Example:

- (a) Cooking in the kitchen, the ladle fell on the floor. **DM**
- (b) Lashed by the torrential rain, all the drains were overflowing. **C**

- i. Written in an illegible handwriting, Namgay had a tough time reading the notes.
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- ii. As a child, I visited many countries and their cities.
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- iii. Flying over the mountains, the landscape was breathtaking.
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- iv. Dawa fell asleep under a tree, tired from the long hike up the mountain.
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- v. Painting for three hours at night, the painter finally finished the kitchen.
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Question 8

Direction: For each question, there are FOUR responses, A, B, C, and D. Choose the corresponding letter of your response and CIRCLE it neatly. NO score will be awarded if you circle more than ONE letter. [10]

- i. Determine the sentence type: "*Since it was late, I decided to call it a night.*"
 - A simple sentence
 - B complex sentence
 - C compound sentence
 - D compound-complex sentence

- ii. '*You are not less wise than your teacher.*'
What is the affirmative form of this sentence?
 - A You are wiser than your teacher.
 - B You are wiser from your teacher.
 - C You are too wise to your teacher.
 - D You are as wise as your teacher.

- iii. Let's invite the neighbours over for dinner on the weekend, _____ we?
- A can
 - B will
 - C shall
 - D must
- iv. He told me that he _____ in Pakathang for a year.
- A has worked
 - B had been worked
 - C has been working
 - D had been working
- v. I prefer the _____ offer to the former one.
- A latter
 - B lastly
 - C later
 - D late
- vi. He'd better get used to _____ harder than before.
- A work
 - B working
 - C be worked
 - D be working
- vii. We _____ leave now or we will miss the session.
- A will
 - B shall
 - C would
 - D should
- viii. The boiling water spilt and _____ Jigme's hand.
- A bruised
 - B parched
 - C scraped
 - D scalded
- ix. The accident was Tashi's fault so he had to pay for the damage _____ the other car.
- A of
 - B to
 - C on
 - D for

x. Conjunctivitis has broken _____ in this dzongkhag.

- A up
- B out
- C down
- D about

Question 9

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate phrasal verbs/idioms given in the table.

[5]

check out	over the moon	taken off	jump to conclusions	show off
pop in	be in somebody's shoes	carried away	get over	down to earth

- i. Selden said, "Mom, if you don't mind having my friends over, they would like to for a while."
- ii. Tshering was to know that she had been selected as a flight attendant.
- iii. My grandfather was by the tales spun by a crook who wanted to take his money.
- iv. People who are can better handle fame and fortune than those who are haughty.
- v. Before being judgmental about people, we should be considerate and not

Question 10

Direction: Each of the following sentences have ONE error in it. Spot the error and write in the Error column and the correct answer in the Answer column. Please follow the example given below.

[10]

Example: *Time hang heavy in prison.*

Error	Answer
<i>hang</i>	<i>Hangs</i>

- i. The police has arrested the culprit.

Error	Answer

- ii. We congratulate you for your spectacular performance.

Error	Answer

- iii. We are all excited about His Majesty's arriving.

Error	Answer

- iv. Which type of battery does last the longest?

Error	Answer

- v. I saw a jacket in the hallway. Do you know who's jacket it is?

Error	Answer

- vi. Brand Bhutan will be launching three new products around the Losar.

Error	Answer

- vii. The cattle is grazing in our field.

Error	Answer

- viii. The student was completely exhausted when she reached home because she walked ten miles by foot.

Error	Answer

- ix. Bhutan is one of the least corrupted country in the world.

Error	Answer

- x. Lord Buddha attended enlightenment after years of meditation.

Error	Answer