

SECTION A: WRITING (55 MARKS)

Question 1

Write an expository essay of about 350 – 400 words on any ONE of the topics given below. Marks will be awarded for orderly and coherent presentation of essay content, essay features and accuracy of grammar. [25]

- a) The value of honouring our tradition in the modern world.
- b) Adolescents are at risk from cyberbullying. Discuss its impacts.

(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

Write a letter on any ONE of the following situations.

[15]

- a) You are Sonam, an employee of Peaceful Trails, a tour operating agency based in Bumthang. Write to the principal of Yeshey Central School, Bumthang, informing about a new educational tour package for students to visit the holy sites in the dzongkhag in a day. Explain that the fee is very reasonable, and that food is included in it.
- b) You are Tshering, a class X student of Norzoe Academy, Gasa. Your school is organizing 'science exhibition' and as a STEM club captain, you are responsible to place a supply order for equipment required for the event. Write to the manager of Natsho Enterprise, Gasa, mentioning the items needed, quantity, mode of payment and transportation of the items.

(START WRITING BELOW)

Please take note that you are **NOT PERMITTED** to use your real name and school details in the letter and failure to follow this may lead to **CANCELLATION** of your answer.

Question 3

Write a report of 180-200 words using the information provided below.

[15]

You are Pema, an executive reporter of *Nyetshuel*. You have been asked to cover blood donation camp organised by Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Referral Hospital, Thimphu for the eligible students and teachers.

Donors	150 students and 30 teachers
Place	Gyelzang Higher Secondary School
Purpose	To facilitate the voluntary contribution of blood from eligible donors for medical purposes.
Duration	One day, 14 th November 2024.

SECTION B: GRAMMAR (45 MARKS)

Question 4

Choose the most appropriate phrasal verbs given in the table which corresponds to the underlined phrases in each statement and write it in the space given.

[5]

call off	grow up	watch out	do away with	give up
count on	drop out	turned down	go through with	back down

- i. If you want to live in peace, you have to put an end to negative thoughts.
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- ii. You better be vigilant for speeding vehicles.
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- iii. My parents decided to proceed with the demolition of our ancestral house.
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- iv. He rejected the scholarship from the Regional Business College.
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- v. The principal had to cancel the meeting because of some urgent matters.
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Question 5

The following lines of the paragraph needs to be edited. There is one error in each line which must be identified and corrected. An example has been done for you.

[5]

Text	Error	Correction
In an increasing volatile world, the United	increasing	increasingly
Nations organization play a pivotal role in maintaining		
global peace and security. Among the nations		
contributing to this novel cause, Bhutan		
stands tall, embodying the spirit of		
compassion, dedication, and professionalism.		

Question 6

Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks with appropriate words. Only ONE word is missing from each space. [10]

I had never seen a house on fire, so, one evening when I heard fire engines with loud alarm bells rushing past my house, I quickly ran out and, joined a large of people; but we could see the fire only from a distance because the police would not any one near the building on fire. What a terrible scene I saw that day! Huge flames of fire were out of each floor, and black and thick smoke all around. Three fire engines were busily engaged and the rushing water from several hoses soaked the building, but it did not seem to have any on the flames. Then the tall red ladders of the fire engine were stretched upwards, and I could see some firemen climbing up hoses in their hands. On almost the top of the ladder, they began to pour floods of water on the topmost part of the building. This continuous flooding the fire under control, but the building was destroyed.

Question 7

Choose and underline the correct meaning or related phrase of the idioms used in each statement. An example has been done for you. [5]

Example: Everyone knew where the surprise party was hosted as Tshomo **spilt the beans** about it. This only shows that Tshomo told the secret / *told all the main point right away*.

- i. Dawa was **on cloud nine** after winning the competition. People could see that he was feeling extremely *lucky / happy* about it.
- ii. I met him after a long time but he gave me the **cold shoulder**. It was a shock to me to be *ignored / scolded* in that manner by someone close.

- iii. Namgay **passed off himself** as a noble man. His neighbours knew that he was *pretending to be / regarded as one*.
- iv. During the great war, many soldiers sought to **die in harness**. Though terrible, it meant to die with *dignity while carrying out the duty / with least injuries*.
- v. Kelly is all **bark and not bite** character. Her threats are potentially *dangerous / harmless*.

Question 8

Some of the sentences given below contain errors. Read them carefully and state which ones are CORRECT or INCORRECT as shown in the example. [5]

Example: How many childrens do you have?	INCORRECT
i. Sarpang is one of the hottest district in Bhutan.	
ii. He liked being a winner and to be captain of the team.	
iii. Kuenden, as well as his classmates, was expecting a great news from their class teacher.	
iv. While I was running along the road, a dog bit me.	
v. The woman which works here is from South Korea.	

Question 9

For each question, there are four alternatives: A, B, C, and D. Choose the correct alternative and circle it. DO NOT circle more than ONE alternative. If there are more than one choice circled, NO score will be awarded. [10]

- i. Identify the modifier in the given sentence.
The furry puppy was bouncing around.
- A bouncing
 B around
 C puppy
 D furry

- ii. The _____ provided a beautiful _____ of the valley.
A cite, site
B sight, site
C site, sight
D cite, sight
- iii. The doctor advised him
A to stay home, taking proper medication and avoiding junk food.
B staying home, to take proper medication and to avoid junk food.
C to stay at home, to take proper medication and to avoid junk food.
D to stay at home, to take proper medication and avoiding junk food.
- iv. I asked him to finish reading the note
A quickly and thoroughly.
B quickly and in detailed manner.
C as soon as possible and thoroughly.
D soon as possible and to be as precise as it can be.
- v. I don't believe in ghost. _____, I haven't seen one yet.
A I think
B At least
C In particular
D In other words
- vi. It is snowing outside, so I _____ stay at home.
A can
B may
C will
D must
- vii. The man was sleeping soundly under the tree. _____ a snake was creeping closer.
A As a result,
B Meanwhile,
C By contrast,
D Despite this,
- viii. There was a time when I _____ stay up very late.
A can
B could
C would
D might

ix. Have you made a decision about _____ to go to the movies or not?

- A if
- B as
- C either
- D whether

x. This salad is _____ delicious and healthy.

- A only
- B both
- C rather
- D neither

Question 10

Test your vocabulary! Use the hints given and rearrange the mixed letters to form words related to ANIMAL KINGDOM. You must use ALL the letters in each word. An example has been done for you.

[5]

Example: The seasonal movement of animals from one region to another.

Answer: MTOIGRNIA: M I G R A T I O N

i. The natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism.

TTHIAAB: _ _ _ _ _

ii. The process by which living organisms change gradually over time.

ONVOTUILE: _ _ _ _ _

iii. The variety of life in the world or in a particular habitat or ecosystem.

OIIVBDYIS RTE: _ _ _ _ _

iv. An animal that hunts other animals for food.

RPREDAOT: _ _ _ _ _

v. An organism that makes its own food through photosynthesis.

PHRTOOUAT: _ _ _ _ _