

## FIRST TERMINAL EXAMINATION 2080

Subject: ENGLISH

GRADE XII (SCIENCE)

F.M.: 75

Time: 3:00 hrs.

SET B

P.M.: 30

### Attempt all the questions

#### 1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Walking has always been one of my favourite activities. To me it is the beginning of travel. The movement, the rhythm, the undulation of the senses and of the body that it initiates, I enjoy the very physical sensation of walking. When I was younger, I used to love walking on roads that were unpaved and uneven, like the paths around my *Mamaghar*. Some of my vivid memories involve running down the slopes behind my house.

As I grew older my adventure took on difficult shades and nuances. Walking became a more social activity. In my teens, I began walking home from school with my friends. Mostly we walked when we stayed back for some after-school activity and the buses had left, so it served as sort of minor rebellion. Staying back after school in itself made us feel grown-up. During those walks, rebels against our regimented routine, we could be free-willed masters of our time. We wanted to find our own way so we'd take shortcuts.

When I left school, my life changed drastically as I moved to Australian city Sydney. Australian streets were far quieter and organized than the cacophonous streets of Kathmandu. Yet in time, I grew to love the solitude they offered. Across the big Parramatta Road, where the buildings of my high school stood, was the completely nondescript Petersham, where I lived with my family on a street that faced the dreary backsides of shops.

Our world is so populated with brilliant and imaginative ideas, beautiful songs, things to look at, things to be in awe and to revere that we often forget that the layers of beauty we perceive in our everyday life are built on something not of our making—this earth and beyond it space, of which it is a part. The space between two footsteps makes it possible for us to move and as we walk, even when we are keeping step on with ourselves, a million others walk with us, maintaining the imperceptible relationship with space, which is governed by laws which we only have the minutest clue about.

#### A. Write True, False or Not Given for these statements:

1×5=5

- Walking took the form of a social activity as the speaker grew up.
- The speaker used to take short cuts to reach home early.
- The speaker enjoyed walking in Sydney more than in Kathmandu.
- The speaker didn't like walking on roads that were unpaved and uneven.
- The speaker suggests that we often forget about the beauty that surrounds us.

#### B. Find words from the passage which match with the given definitions:

1×5=5

- All the fine details:
- A wave like motion:
- Strictly organized and controlled:
- A mixture of unpleasant sounds:
- Something that is depressingly dull:

#### C. Answer the following questions:

1×5=5

- How did walking make the speaker and her friends feel like rebels?
- How did the speaker's life take a drastic change?
- What did the speaker like about walking on Sydney streets?
- What are we surrounded by, according to the speaker?
- Walking is the speaker's favourite activity, what about you?

#### 2. Give short answers to the following questions:

2×5=10

- Describe how the young couple's house looked like? (Neighbours)
- Why was Mrs Baroda unhappy with the information about Gourvernall's visit to the plantation? (A Respectable Woman)
- Why was the success gained by Rakesh a special matter of discussion in the neighbourhood? (A Devoted Son)
- What does the line "The news like squirrel ran" mean. (A Day)
- Describe the queen's library. (On Libraries)

3. Give long answers to the given questions: 5×2=10
- Summarise and interpret the poem "Every Morning I Wake".
  - "A Respectable Woman" ends with an interesting twist. Identify this twist and elaborate.
4. Childhood has a significant role to play in the kind of person we become. Justify the statement. 7
5. Compose a press release on behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure Development, citing that the Minister for Infrastructure Development held a telephone conversation with American billionaire, Elon Musk regarding introducing "Hyperloop" technology in Nepal. 8
6. Write a news report on the basis of the given information. 10

**Kathmandu Metropolis Mayor Balen Shah strikes an agreement with Ehi, a social campaigner.**

**Ehi was campaigning to raise the issues of street vendors.**

**Ehi stood on the pavement of Exhibition Road continuously for five days.**

**After five days of unique demonstration, Ehi reported swollen legs, fatigue and exhaustion.**

**Agreement reached to return all the goods seized of street vendors.**

**Pressure created on the Social Media which forced the Metropolis to reach an agreement.**

**Ehi's efforts receive widespread accolade and praise.**

7. Rewrite the sentences according to the instructions given in brackets: 1×10=10
- Why were you not present in the class yesterday? (Identify the intonation of the sentence)
  - Let's celebrate our success, ..... (Give the correct tag question)
  - You must/could have trusted me, but you didn't. (Choose the right answer)

- Sorry, he isn't a good teacher, he has little/few patience. (Select the right answer)
- Do you remember if I locked the front door? (Change into direct question)
- People who smoke in public places disturb me. (Rewrite the sentence beginning with-- I get....)
- Students who misbehave in class shock me. (Rewrite the sentence beginning with I find....)
- Chris can play better than Bill. (Rewrite the sentence beginning with -- Bill can't play as....)
- A pack of wolves has/have surrounded the helpless deer. (Choose the right option)
- I was nervous. I could hardly stand. (Join the two sentences using "so.....that")

8. Do as instructed:

1×5=5

- Give two words with the suffix "tion".
- Give the closest meaning of the word "involuntary".  
(i) voluntary (ii) violent (iii) all correct
- Make a sentence for the word "redemption".
- Complete the proverb choosing the right option "Give a fool a rope and he will .... himself"  
(i) garland (ii) untie (iii) hang (iv) All incorrect
- The meaning of the idiom "chase rainbows" means:  
(i) unrealistic dream (ii) colourful dream  
(iii) realistic dream (iv) about to rain