

NEB –GRADE XII
2080 (2023)
COMPULSORY ENGLISH
New Course
(FOER regular students)

GROUP 'A '

1. Read the following text and complete the tasks that follow:

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For centuries, time was measured by the position of the Sun with use of sundials. Noon was recognised when the Sun was the highest in the sky, and cities would set their clock by this APPARENT solar time, even though some cities would often be on a slightly different time. Daylight saving Time (DST), sometimes called summer time, was instituted to make better use of daylight. Thus, clocks are set forward one hour in the spring to move an hour of daylight from the morning to the evening and then set back one hour in the fall to return to normal daylight. Benjamin Franklin first CONCEIVED the idea of daylight saving during his tenure as an American delegate in Paris in 1784 and wrote about it extensively in his essay, "An Economical Project." It is said that Franklin awoke early one morning and was surprised to see the sunlight at such an hour. Always the economist, Franklin believed the practice of moving the time could save on the use of candlelight, as candles were expensive at the time. In England, builder William Willett (1867-1915) became a strong supporter for Daylight Saving Time upon noticing blinds of many houses were closed on an early sunny morning. Willett believed everyone, including himself, would appreciate longer hours of light in the evenings. In 1909, Sir Robert Pearce introduced a bill in the House of Commons to make it OBLIGATORY to adjust the clocks. A bill was drafted and introduced into Parliament several times but met with great opposition, mostly from farmers. Eventually, in 1925, it was decided that summer time should begin on the day following the third Saturday in April and close after the first Saturday in October. The U.S. congress passed the standard Time Act of 1918 to establish standard time and PRESERVE and set Daylight saving Time across the continent. This act also devised five time Zones throughout United States: Eastern, central, Mountain, Pacific, and Alaska. The first time zone was set on "the mean astronomical time of the seventy-fifth degree of longitude west from Greenwich" (England). In 1919, this act was cancelled. President Roosevelt established year-round Daylight saving Time (also called War Time) from 1942-1945. However, after this period, each state ADOPTED its own DST, which proved to be DISCONCERTING to television and radio broadcasting and transportation. In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson CREATED the Department of Transportation and signed the Uniform Time Act. As a result, the Department of transportation was given the responsibility for the time laws. During the oil embargo and energy crisis of the 1970s, President Richard Nixon extended DST through the Daylight Saving Time Energy Act of 1973 to conserve energy further. This law was modified in 1986, and Daylight Saving Time was reset to begin on the first Sunday in April (to spring ahead) and end on the last Sunday in October (to fall back).

A. Complete the following sentences using the words highlighted in the text. Two of those words are not necessary. 5 * 1 = 5

- a. Attendance at school is.....
- b. Some people believe that the universe was..... by a big explosion.

- c. Everyone knows that he made a mistake. So, his guilt is..... to everyone.
- d. God is often of as male.
- e. The committee finally..... his suggestions. to everyone.

B. Read the text again and write TRUE if the statement agrees with the information given in the text. FALSE if the statement contradicts the information given in the text. NOT GIVEN if there is no information in the text. 5 * 1 = 5

- a. People often say summer time for Daylight Saving Time.
- b. Benjamin Franklin wrote the essay 'An Economical Project'.
- c. Sir Robert Pearce passed the bill in 1909.
- d. The U.S. Congress passed the Standard Time Act in 1919.
- e. President Johnson signed the Uniform Time Act.

C. Read the text again and answer the following questions in ONE SENTENCE each. 5 * 1 = 5

- a. What does DST stand for ?
- b. Why does Franklin think it was a good idea to move the time? Give a reason
- c. What decision was made in 1925 ?
- d. Why do you think DST was called War Time during 1940s? Give your opinion.
- e. What is the purpose of this text?

Ans =

A. Complete the following sentences using the words highlighted in the text. Two of those words are not necessary.

- a. Attendance at school is mandatory.
- b. Some people believe that the universe was created by a big explosion.
- c. Everyone knows that he made a mistake. So, his guilt is apparent to everyone.
- d. God is often thought of as male.
- e. The committee finally accepted his suggestions.

B. Read the text again and write TRUE if the statement agrees with the information given in the text. FALSE if the statement contradicts the information given in the text. NOT GIVEN if there is no information in the text.

- a. People often say summer time for Daylight Saving Time. ****TRUE****
- b. Benjamin Franklin wrote the essay 'An Economical Project'. ****TRUE****
- c. Sir Robert Pearce passed the bill in 1909. ****FALSE****
- d. The U.S. Congress passed the Standard Time Act in 1919. ****FALSE****

e. President Johnson signed the Uniform Time Act. ****TRUE****

C. Read the text again and answer the following questions in ONE SENTENCE each.

a. What does DST stand for?

Ans=DST stands for Daylight Saving Time.

b. Why does Franklin think it was a good idea to move the time?

Ans=Franklin believed moving the time could save on the use of candlelight, as candles were expensive at the time.

c. What decision was made in 1925?

Ans=In 1925, it was decided that summer time should begin on the day following the third Saturday in April and close after the first Saturday in October.

d. Why do you think DST was called War Time during the 1940s?

Ans =During the 1940s, DST was called War Time because it was implemented as an energy-saving measure during wartime, aiming to maximize daylight and reduce the need for artificial lighting.

e. What is the purpose of this text?

=The purpose of this text is to provide information about the history and implementation of Daylight Saving Time.

**[Kindly Note : Q.N 2 And 3 Is Not Given Here]
[You Can Solve In Your Way]**

5. Summarise the following text in about 150 words. Write only the ideas of the original text but do not include your own opinions, interpretations, deductions or comments. 7 marks

Anuradha Koirala was born on 14 April 1949. She was born as the first child to colonel Pratap singh Gurung and Laxmi Gurung. She belonged to an educated family and, therefore, pursued her education at St. Joseph convent school. She says, mother and sister in her school motivated her to do social work and regards Mother Teresa as her huge inspiration. She spent her 20 years teaching in schools in Kathmandu. Ms. Koirala was married at a very young age. But, her relationship did not work well as she suffered from domestic abuse from her husband. She believed the domestic abuse was the sole reason she had to miscarry her baby there times she felt hopeless and tortured each time. So, she left her husband. She had nowhere to go. The only place where a woman, in that situation, thinks to go is "Maiti". But unfortunately, some women are even thrown out from Maiti. That's when Anuradha felt a need for an organisation that would support and shelter those women. It was April 1993, Anuradha Koirala started "Maiti Nepal" in a small house in Kathmandu with her own savings. "Maiti Nepal" refers to "Mother's home", with an aim of empowering women and protecting them from domestic violence and trafficking, Maiti Nepal was born. Koirala, with her own income, initially started up the organization and helped eight women, who were victims of domestic violence, open their own shop and be independent. The network grew and UNICEF decided to support the organisation. This is how Maiti Nepal grew from small house organization to multi-branch organization. Maiti Nepal now has various branches and a wide range of services. Its vision is

to create a society free of sexual and other types of exploitation against children and women. It has been actively working on making their vision come true. It is conducting various activities including social awareness, counselling, participation, skill development, women empowerment, etc. It protects girls from being trafficked and also rescues trafficked girls from brothels in India. After rescuing them, as they are not accepted in their own dogmatic society, Maiti Nepal shelters them, counsels them, and, gives them new life. Koirala says, her organisation has been giving an impact on society and she is happy to bring some change in the society from her side. She also says her happiest day will be when Maiti Nepal ceases its existence as it will be the day, society will be free from human trafficking and domestic violence. Anuradha Koirala has been awarded 38 National and International awards for her contribution to the society. Some of the best awards she received include Best Social Worker of the Year Award in 1998, Prabal Gorkha Dakshin Bahu Medal (Nepal) in 1999, Trishakti Patta Award in 2002, The Courage of Conscience Award from the peace Abbey Foundation in 2006, German UNIFEM prize in 2007, Queen Sofia Silver Medal Award in 2007, CNN Hero Award in 2010, Mother Teresa Award in 2014 and Padma Shree Award in April 2017.

Ans = Anuradha Koirala, born in 1949, was inspired by her mother and sister to engage in social work, with Mother Teresa serving as a major influence. After experiencing domestic abuse and multiple miscarriages, she left her husband and founded "Maiti Nepal" in 1993, starting with her own savings. The organization aimed to empower women, protect them from domestic violence and trafficking, and provide shelter. Initially assisting eight women in setting up their own shops, Maiti Nepal gained support from UNICEF, expanding into a multi-branch organization.

Maiti Nepal's vision is to create a society free of exploitation against children and women. The organization conducts various activities such as social awareness campaigns, counseling, skill development, and women's empowerment. It also rescues trafficked girls from Indian brothels, providing them with shelter, counseling, and a fresh start in life.

Koirala expresses satisfaction in making a positive impact on society but looks forward to the day Maiti Nepal is no longer needed, signifying the eradication of human

trafficking and domestic violence. Her efforts have been recognized through numerous national and international awards, including the CNN Hero Award, Mother Teresa Award, and Padma Shree Award.

5. Your school/college has allocated some money for purchasing sports goods. Being the General Secretary of the sports club in your school/college, write a letter in about 180 words to Ekta Books and Stationery, Thapathali, Kathmandu, requesting them to supply their trade catalogue. You may mention the items you intend to buy and ask for a discount on the catalogue prices. 8 Marks

Ans =

[Your Name]

[Your Position/Title]

[School/College Name]

[School/College Address]

[City, State, ZIP]

[Date]

Ekta Books and Stationery

Thapathali, Kathmandu

Nepal

Subject: Request for Trade Catalogue and Discount on Sports Goods

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to you as the General Secretary of the Sports Club at [School/College Name]. I am pleased to inform you that our school/college has allocated a budget for the purchase of sports goods, and we are interested in exploring the range of products available at Ekta Books and Stationery.

To make an informed decision regarding our purchases, we kindly request you to provide us with a copy of your latest trade catalogue. The catalogue would greatly assist us in assessing the different sports goods and equipment options available, enabling us to choose the most suitable items for our club members.

Additionally, we would like to inquire about the possibility of obtaining a discount on the prices listed in the catalogue. As a school/college, we are dedicated to promoting physical fitness and encouraging student participation in sports activities. Therefore, any financial support or favorable pricing you can offer would be highly appreciated and help us maximize the value of our allocated budget.

We look forward to receiving the trade catalogue at your earliest convenience. Please address it to the following address: [School/College Address].

Thank you for your attention and cooperation. We eagerly anticipate a positive response and the opportunity to establish a mutually beneficial relationship with Ekta Books and Stationery.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]

General Secretary

Sports Club

6. Suppose you are the General Manager of Udayapur Cement Factory. Issue a press release in about 300 words on behalf of the factory about the delay in the product of highest quality cement. 10 Marks

Ans =

[Your Company's Logo]

Press Release

For Immediate Release

[Date]

Udayapur Cement Factory Apologizes for Delay in Highest Quality Cement Production

[Udayapur, Location] - Udayapur Cement Factory, a leading cement manufacturer, regrets to inform its valued customers and stakeholders about the unexpected delay in the production and delivery of our highest quality cement. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience caused by this delay and assure you that we are taking all necessary measures to resolve the situation promptly.

The delay in production has arisen due to unforeseen technical issues in our manufacturing process. As a company committed to delivering excellence and upholding the highest standards, we prioritize quality and adhere to stringent quality control protocols. Our production team has identified an anomaly in the process, which necessitates additional time for rectification to ensure that our customers receive cement of the exceptional quality they expect from us.

At Udayapur Cement Factory, we believe in transparency and open communication with our customers and stakeholders. We understand the impact that this delay may have on construction projects and the inconvenience it may cause. Rest assured, we are working tirelessly to resolve the issue and resume production as soon as possible.

Our team of experts is actively engaged in identifying and addressing the technical glitch. We are collaborating with industry specialists and consultants to expedite the resolution process while ensuring that our products continue to meet the highest quality standards. We understand the urgency of the situation and are committed to minimizing any further disruption.

Udayapur Cement Factory values the trust and confidence placed in us by our customers and stakeholders. We want to assure you that we are fully committed to rectifying the issue and fulfilling our obligations to deliver the highest quality cement. We will provide regular updates regarding the progress and the expected timeline for the resumption of normal operations.

We extend our sincerest apologies for any inconvenience caused, and we appreciate your understanding and patience during this challenging time. We remain dedicated to providing exceptional products and services to our valued

customers, and we are confident that our commitment to quality will continue to strengthen our relationship with you.

For further information and updates, please visit our website [website URL] or contact our customer service helpline at [contact number].

Media Contact:

[Your Name]

General Manager

Udayapur Cement Factory

[Email Address]

[Phone Number]

7. Do as instructed within the brackets and rewrite the sentences. 10 Marks

a) This year the whole winter season was dry. There was very... (more/ many/few/little) rain.
(Choose appropriate word and rewrite the sentence.)

b) The Principal along with other experts..... (has/have/was/were) present at the meeting
(Rewrite the sentence using correct verb from the brackets)

c) We got wet in the rain. We had an umbrella. (Join the sentences using appropriate connective)

d) People..... think it is interesting but I think it is pathetic. (Use one of the verbs- are/might/could/should to complete the sentence.)

e) The experts go for a walk on Saturdays. (Use often in appropriate place.)

f) Health care in Nepal is not as..... as it is abroad. (Use 'expensive appropriately to fill in the blank

g) "You must not ignore your study", said the class teacher to the student. (Change it into indirect speech)

h) Parents gave children a bar of chocolate. (Change it into passive voice) i) These leaders have great respect. (Use since/for/to/by to fill in the blanks) the academicians of the country .

j) This is the house. The house belongs to my uncle. (Join the sentences using on of the appropriate relative pronouns who/whom/where/which).

8. Choose and copy the correct answers. 5 Marks

a) The beauty of nature must be praised by all. Here the word beauty is a.....

(i) a noun (iii) adverb (ii) adjective (iv) verb

b) Which one of the following words does not take the prefix 'un'?

(i) satisfy (iii) cultured (ii) attended (iv) civilized

c) Which of the following words has correct spelling?

i) writing (iii) puting (ii) comming (iv) runing

d) The antonym of 'deficient' is

i) faulty (iii) short (ii) perfect (iv) scarce

e) Which of the following words has same vowel sound?

i) sew, so (iii) kite, rate (ii) cat, men (iv) pan, pen

Ans = a) This year the whole winter season was dry. There was very little rain.

b) The Principal along with other experts was present at the meeting.

c) We got wet in the rain, but we had an umbrella.

d) People might think it is interesting, but I think it is pathetic.

e) The experts often go for a walk on Saturdays.

f) Health care in Nepal is not as *expensive* as it is abroad.

g) The class teacher advised the student not to ignore their study.

h) A bar of chocolate was given to the children by their parents.

i) These leaders have great respect *for* the academicians of the country.

j) This is the house which belongs to my uncle.

8. Choose and copy the correct answers.

a) The beauty of nature must be praised by all. Here the word beauty is a *noun*.

b) Which one of the following words does not take the prefix 'un'? – *satisfy*

c) Which of the following words has correct spelling? – *writing*

d) The antonym of 'deficient' is *perfect*.

e) Which of the following words has the same vowel sound? – *sew, so*