Compulsory English

MODEL QUESTIONS

Full Marks: 75 | Time: 3 hours

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1. **Read the text and complete the tasks that follow. [15]**

How to stay fit, happy and healthy

If you've been listening to the news you already know about our national obesity levels rising by the day. It has never been more important to watch what you are eating and to get an adequate amount of exercise and sleep to keep yourself fit and healthy. Though it may feel like really hard work at first, once you adopt an exercise routine and start to adapt to a new situation, you'll forget you ever did things differently. Here are the top four top adjustments you could make:

Sleep is huge and almost a third of the US population doesn't get near enough to help them stay physically and mentally healthy. If you are sleep deprived, try changing your habits in order to get a full eight hours every night.

Look at what you're eating now and make changes where you see fit. If you are susceptible to snacking, keep a piece of fruit or a few nuts at hand. The key is to eat small meals throughout the day. Reduce portion sizes, remove white bread and replace with whole grains and make sure each meal contains at least one portion of fruit and – or vegetables. Healthy food doesn't have to be expensive in the least bit, and you can get an abundance of low priced fruit and veggies, like apples, bananas, potatoes and peas.

Take a look at your current lifestyle and make a small list of everything you do that is not good for your health. This could be anything, from eating too much junk food or drinking too much caffeine, to smoking or drinking. Start the process of breaking these habits one by one. Some will be easy, while others may take months or maybe years to get rid of and eradicate completely from your life, but the sooner you start fighting, the better.

Some addictions (like smoking, drugs or alcohol) are incredibly bad not only to your health, but also to your pocketbook. If you smoke and/or drink, start by cutting back on how many drinks you have, or cigarettes you smoke, in a day, and if necessary, seek medical advice and assistance to make further steps towards stopping completely.

We all should be doing at least 30 minutes of exercise, 3 to 4 or more times a week, to maintain good health and keep fit. This can be pretty much anything that is physical, like walking, cycling, running, swimming to weightlifting, etc. This too does not have to be expensive, and you can get a great work out without joining any costly gyms. Most of these exercises are inexpensive, and just doing a cardiovascular exercise, like walking, jogging, or walking on a treadmill a few times a week will do your body (and heart) good.

A. Look at the highlighted words in the text. Complete these sentences using them. Two of them are not necessary. **[5×1=5]**

a. Disadvantaged people are ..... of social justice.

b. Nepal is a naturally rich country. In fact, it has an ..... of natural resources.

c. Older people with medical complications are ..... to Covid-19.

d. I have made a few ..... to the design to give the shirt a new look.

e. It took me seven hours to complete the task. It was ..... difficult.

B. Choose the appropriate headings for paragraphs 2-6 from the list below and write the paragraph numbers next to them. **[5×1=5]**

a. Strive for a better diet .....

b. Exercise, exercise, exercise .....

c. Overcoming addictions .....

d. Get more sleep .....

e. Stop all those bad habits .....

C. Answer the following questions. **[5×1=5]**

a. What percentage of the US population get enough sleep to stay healthy?

b. Why is healthy food not always expensive?

c. What is the best way to get rid of bad habits?

d. Why do you think an addiction like smoking is worse than snacking on junk food?

e. What type of exercise is good for your heart?

2. Write short answers to the following questions.[5×2=10]

a. Why were the people in the neighbourhood surprised at the role of the young man and his wife within their family? (*Neighbours*)

b. How does the author make fun using the words 'America' and 'the USA? (*A Devoted Son)*

c. Explain the following lines with reference to the context:

Along the line may our lives rhyme

To make a loving harvest of space and time.

d. What is the central idea of the essay *Knowledge and Wisdom* by Bertrand Russell?

e. How can you say that history has been a major contested issue in this present world? (*Humility*)

3. Write long answers to the following questions.[2×5=10]

a. Sketch the character of Famous Actress. How is she different from Earnest Young Woman? *(A Matter of Husbands)*

b. Write a short summary of the poem *A Day* by Emily Dickinson.

4. What is the most useful thing that you have ever learnt? Write two or three of paragraphs about it. [7]

5. You have received this email from your friend Nitesh.

> **From:** Nitesh
>
> **Subject:** Holiday
>
> Some school friends of mine are visiting your village soon for a week's touring holiday. They would like to travel around about your local area and understand its history.
>
> Can you tell me about some of the places they could visit please? What's the best way to travel around – bus, car, bike or on foot?
>
> Thanks, Nitesh

Write a reply email to Nitesh. [8]

6. Many students in Nepal tend to choose to study abroad. To what extent does this trend benefit the students and the country? What are the drawbacks? Write an essay to explain your thoughts in about 300 words. [10]

7. Do as indicated in the brackets and rewrite the sentences. [10×1=10]

a. I'm going to tell you something very important, so please listen ..... . (Complete the sentence with an appropriate adverb.)

b. The old man died ..... a heart attack. (Put the correct preposition in the blank.)

c. More than one person ..... going to have to find a new job. (Put the correct verb in the blank.)

d. You'll ..... (has to/have to/must/had to) tell the police that your house was broken into. (*Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.*)

e. He only realised he ..... his keys when he reached his front door. (*Complete the sentence using correct forms of verbs*: lose)

f. A lot of people are worried about ..... (to lose/losing) their jobs. (*Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.*)

g. ..... the AC was on, the room was not cool. (Put a correct conjunction in the blank to complete the sentence.)

h. Between 2000 and 2005 she wrote three novels, ... (neither of which/none which/none of which) were published. (*Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)*

i. I like people laughing at me. (*Change into passive.*)

j. Could you please open the window? (*Report this with the reporting clause:* She requested .....)

8. Choose and copy the correct answer. [5×1=5]

a. Which of the following words has a different initial sound?

i. check ii. chess

iii. chemical iv. chairman

b. The last sound in the word 'push' is transcribed as .....

i. /ʃ/ ii. /z/

iii. /s/ iv. /tʃ/

c. I can't ... the pain.

i. bare ii. bear

iii. beer iv. bore

d. Which word would you find in a dictionary that comes between the guide words: kiwi ... knit?

i. king ii. kitty

iii. knob iv. knife

e. The babysitter ... the girl while her parents were not at home.

i. looked after ii. looked at

iii. looked over iv. looked up

2

1. **Read the text and complete the tasks that follow. [15]**

Many great inventions are greeted with ridicule and disbelief. The invention of the airplane was no exception. Although many people, who heard about the first powered flight on December 17, 1903, were excited and impressed, others reacted with peals of laughter. The idea of flying an aircraft was repulsive to some people. Such people called Wilbur and Orville Wright, the inventors of the first flying machine, impulsive fools. Negative reactions, however, did not stop the Wrights. Impelled by their desire to succeed, they continued their experiments in **aviation**.

Orville and Wilbur Wright had always had a compelling interest in aeronautics and mechanics. As young boys they earned money by making and selling kites and mechanical toys. Later, they designed a newspaper-folding machine, built a printing press, and operated a bicycle-repair shop. In 1896, when they read about the death of Otto Lilienthal, the brother's interest in flight grew into a **compulsion**.

Lilienthal, a pioneer in hang-gliding, had controlled his gliders by shifting his body in the desired direction. This idea was repellent to the Wright brothers, however, and they searched for more efficient methods to control the balance of airborne vehicles. In 1900 and 1901, the Wrights tested **numerous** gliders and developed control techniques. The brothers' inability to obtain enough lift power for the gliders almost led them to abandon their efforts.

After further study, the Wright brothers concluded that the published tables of air pressure on curved surfaces must be wrong. They set up a wind tunnel and began a series of experiments with model wings. Because of their efforts the old tables were repealed in time and replaced by the first reliable figures for air pressure on curved surfaces. This work, in turn, made it possible for them to design a machine that would fly. In 1903 the Wrights built their first airplane, which cost less than one thousand dollars. They even designed and built their own source of propulsion, a lightweight gasoline engine. When they started the engine on December 17, the airplane **pulsated** wildly before taking off. The plane managed to stay aloft for twelve seconds, however, and it flew one hundred twenty feet.

By 1905 the Wrights had perfected the first airplane that could turn, circle, and remain airborne for half an hour at a time. Others had flown in balloons or in hang gliders, but the Wright brothers were the first to build a full-size machine that could fly under its own power. As the contributors of one of the most outstanding engineering achievements in history, the Wright brothers are accurately called the fathers of aviation.

A. Choose the correct alternatives to fill in the gaps below. [5×1=5]

a. The idea of flying an aircraft was .....to some people.

i. boring ii. distasteful

iii. exciting iv. needless

b. People thought that the Wright brothers had ____.

i. acted without thinking ii. been negatively influenced

iii. been too cautious iv. had not given enough thought

c. The Wright's interest in flight grew into a ____.

i. financial empire ii. plan

iii. need to act iv. foolish thought

d. Lilienthal idea about controlling airborne vehicles was ___the Wrights.

i. proven wrong by ii. opposite to the ideas of

iii. disliked by iv. accepted by

e. The Wrights designed and built their own source of ____.

i. force for moving forward

ii. force for turning around

iii. turning iv. force to going backward

B. Read the sentences that have words in bold face and then match the descriptions in Column A with the words in Column B. One descriptions is not necessary. [5×1=5]

Column A		Column B
a. arousing intense distaste or disgust		i. pulsated
b. the flying or operating of aircraft		ii. numerous
c. expanded and contracted with strong regular movements		iii. compulsion
d. great in number		iv. man repulsive
e. the action or state of forcing or being forced to do something		v. aviation
f. strength or energy exerted or brought to bear		

C. Answer the following questions. [5×1=5]

a. What different reactions do the people have regarding the invention of 1903 aeroplane?

b. What negative comments were passed by the people against the Wright brothers on?

c. What did Orville and Wilbur Wright do when they were young?

d. In the sentence " This work, in turn, made it possible for them to design a machine that would fly," what does' this' indicate?

e. What amazing thing happened when they started the engine on December 17?

2. Write short answers to the following questions. [5×2=10]

a. What picture of Gouvernail had Mrs. Baroda drawn in her mind? How was she able to picture him? (*A Respectable Woman*)

b. What character of Varmaji is portrayed by Anita Desai in the story " A Devoted Son"?

c. Explain the following lines with reference to the context:

O let us see another day!
Bless us all this night, I pray,
And to the sun we all will bow
And say, good-bye – but just for now!

d. What are the facts that have been missed in Roosevelt's call for a " Second Bill of Rights"? *(Human Rights and Age of Inequality)*

e. Write in the significance of the setting of the play "A Matter of Husband"?

3. Write long answers to the following questions. [2×5=10]

a. How does Monsieur Duran face death? What is the significance of burning house? *(Facing Death)*

b. Does marriage differ culture to culture? How is a marriage practice in Nepal different from the marriage practice discussed in the essay, "Marriage as a Social Institution"?

4. Interpret the following table about city's total population increased by 10 years. Write in approximately 150 words on your answer sheet. [7]

Population	1990	2000
Male	50,000	60,000
Female	48,000	56,000
Children	30,000	45,000
Total population	1,28,000	1,61,000

5. The social media, such as Facebook and TikTok, has widely been used by the students. Write a letter to the editor of a popular national daily about the impacts of social media on the students' study providing some useful and concrete measures to check it in approximately 180 words. [8]

6. You are going on a school picnic with your classmates and teachers. You are very excited. The night before the trip you sit down to write your diary. Describe in approximately 300 words what you have planned for the picnic and how you hope to enjoy yourself there. You are Hemkala Pun. [10]

7. Do as indicated in the brackets and rewrite the sentences. [10×1=10]

a. She delivered a wonderful speech. I was highly ..... *(Complete the sentence with an appropriate adjective.)*

b. Neither Kedar nor I ..... the students of Dr. Rita. *(Put the correct verb in the blank.)*

c. She learnt to swim ..... five hours. (Put the correct preposition in the blank.)

d. He donates money to the poor. He ..... (must have been/ could be/must be / could have been) rich. *(Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)*

e. As soon as I saw him, I ..... . (Complete the sentence using correct forms of verbs: recognize)

f. I finished ..... (to write/ write/ wrote/ writing) my homework. (Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)

g. .....I was missed the beginning of the film, I enjoyed it. (Put a correct conjunction in the blank to complete the sentence.)

h. Phil, ... (who/whom/whose /to whom) I know from my childhood, married Kate, his classmate. *(Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)*

I. I love people taking to the restaurant. *(Change into passive.)*

j. Did you fly in an aeroplane? (Report the sentence starting with: She asked .....)

8. Choose and copy the correct answer. [5×1=5]

a. Which of the following words has a different vowel sound?

i. play ii. day
iii. trail iv. trial

b. The initial sound in the word ' chasm' is transcribed as .....

i. /ʃ/ ii. /K/
iii. /s/ iv. /tʃ/

c. She has had a good .....

i. practice ii. practise
iii. to practice iv. practised

d. Which word would you find in fourth quarter of a dictionary?

i. tutor ii. rumor
iii. quick iv. money

e. She is ..... writing emails.

i. accustomed ii. accustomed at
iii. accustomed to iv. accustomed for

3

1. Read the text and complete the tasks that follow. [15]

My uncle Wilbur used to spend hours every day checking on the lightning rods that stood guard on the roof of his house. We get a lot of storms here in our state. Sometimes we see wind up to sixty miles per hour and baseball-size **hail.** Lightning, Uncle Wilbur would say, is a living thing, and like a cat, it will strike anything that moves. You'd better not tempt it, he always told us. He advised my cousins and me to always be mindful of the nearest sheltering tree. He said we should be prepared to drop to the ground like a hot potato at the first sound of thunder. Knowing that lightning is attracted to the tallest thing around, Uncle Wilbur worried constantly about my cousin Jared, who, at sixteen, was 6'2" and still growing.

Uncle Wilbur has always been a smart man. We all listened as he dismissed the automobile as a passing fancy. Every year it seemed more and more Model Ts came rolling into town, but Uncle Wilbur insisted that nothing could replace the reliability of a good old-fashioned mule when it came to transportation, work, or even entertainment. Yes, Uncle Wilbur's Mule Olympics, complete with **obstacle** courses and a long jump, was known far and wide. Sadly, the Mule Olympics did not survive into the next decade because the mules got too old and lost interest.

Nonetheless, my uncle Wilbur continued to predict future trends and warn us of **impending** tragedy. To this day, he reminds us that he foresaw the stock market crash of 1929, and that's why he kept his money wrapped in a handkerchief under his mattress. When the government started collecting income taxes a few years back, Uncle Wilbur reluctantly shared his wealth with Uncle Sam, insisting that the money was just a temporary loan.

Uncle Wilbur did not take kindly to the power company man who came knocking one day in 1936. This was the year the government launched a campaign to bring electricity to rural areas like ours. Most people, like Uncle Wilbur, were a little wary of having electricity in their homes. Many of us had running water, and we just weren't sure that the two mixed. Nevertheless, Uncle Wilbur was downright floored when the man said he wanted to string power lines up to the house. Nearly losing his temper, Uncle Wilbur exclaimed, "Here I am

doing everything in my power to keep from getting struck by lightning, and you want to bring it right to my doorstep?" He sent the man on his way with a "No, thank you," and a "Good day, sir," but in the months that followed, we all eventually **relented** and let in the light. I must admit, playing **checkers** in the dark is a talent you can easily lose without daily practice.

Many things have changed since those times. Uncle Wilbur still lives in **mortal** fear of a lightning strike, but because he doesn't get out much anymore, most of his lightning rods have rusted through and fallen to the ground. Uncle Wilbur lives mostly on Social Security, which he proudly proclaims as his victory (see, he says, the government did *eventually* give his money back). He probably spends more time **reminiscing** about the past than he does making future predictions, but Uncle Wilbur will be the first to tell you that television will never be as popular as radio, and the idea of a human traveling into outer space is just plain crazy!

A. Choose the correct options for the following questions. **[5×1=5]**

a. How would Uncle Wilbur feel about cellular phones?
   i. fearful ii. distrustful
   iii. welcoming iv. indifferent

b. Compared to Uncle Wilbur, how does the narrator feel toward modern advancements?
   i. resisting ii. accepting
   iii. uncertain iv. exhilarated

c. Which reason explains why the author wrote about Uncle Wilbur?
   i. to explain him ii. to pacify him
   iii. to remember him iv. to persuade him

d. Which pair of words best describe how the narrator most likely feels about Uncle Wilbur?
   i. annoyed and frustrated
   ii. respectful and amused
   iii. sad and indifferent
   iv. envious and distrustful

e. What BEST describes the passage?
   i. a character sketch ii. a factual research
   iii. a persuasive essay iv. a news article

B. Look at the highlighted words in the text. Complete these sentences using them. Two of them are not necessary. **[5×1=5]**

a. People are born to die. They are.....creatures.
b. The black ..... are flat and the white ones curved on top.
c. I have so many memories of that time, but ..... is tiring
d. He overcame the..... of poverty and neglect.
e. Weather was bad that autumn. The .....I fell with such violence that it broke windows.

C. Answer the following questions. **[5×1=5]**

a. "We get a lot of storms here in our state." In this sentence who does the word " our" refer to?
b. Why does the narrator think Uncle Wilbur a smart uncle?
c. What is Uncle Wilbur's Mule Olympics?
d. What is an impending tragedy?
e. Why did they relent after Uncle Wilber sent the power company man away?

2. Write short answers to the following questions. [5×2=10]

a. Who are the old guards? Why did they grow desperate? *(I was My Own Route)*
b. Describe the old man as Palayo and his wife notice him in their yard? *(A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings)*
c. Justify the title "The Bull." *(The Bull)*
d. How is marriage a social institution? Give reasons with textual evidences. *(Marriage as a Social Institution)*
e. How does a library create conducive environment for intimacy? *(On Libraries)*

3. Write long answers to the following questions. [2×5=10]

a. Narrate the story " The Treasure in the Forest".
b. The story shows that linguistic and cultural barriers do not create any obstacle in human relationship. Cite some examples from the story where the neighbours have transcended such barriers. *(Neighbours)*

4. **Human life is all about collecting experience. But we do not remember all the experiences. Write a couple of paragraphs on the most striking experience you have had in approximately 150 words.** [7]

5. **Because of pandemic, you were locked up in a flat. Your parents were worried about you. Write a letter home describing your situation. Assure them that you are fine and following all the health protocols. Write in approximately 180 words.** [8]

6. **Write a review of a book or a film you have recently read or watched in approximately 300 words.** [10]

7. **Do as indicated in the brackets and rewrite the sentences.** [10×1=10]

   a. I didn't take the chance. I answered these questions ..... *(Complete the sentence with an appropriate adverb.)*

   b. Socrates..... a great Greek philosopher. *(Put the correct verb in the blank.)*

   c. My father ran a book shop ..... five years. *(Put the correct preposition in the blank.)*

   d. Kamal lost his cell phone. He ..... . (should have/ could have/must have / can have)informed the police. *(Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)*

   e. My mother ..... the flat, before I reached home. *(Complete the sentence using correct forms of verbs: redecorate)*

   f. She decided ..... (to join / join/ joined/joining) a language institute. *(Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)*

   g. I couldn't submit the assignment on time .....I was out in the country. *(Put a correct conjunction in the blank to complete the sentence.)*

   h. The house, ... (in which/which/that / where) I spent twelve years, was destroyed in earthquake. *(Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)*

   i. People say most of the politicians are liars. *(Change into passive.)*

   j. Were you absent in the class yesterday ? (Report the sentence starting with: She asked .....)

8. **Choose and copy the correct answer.** [5×1=5]

   a. Which of the following words has a different vowel sound?

      i. van ii. jam
      iii. trap iv. palm

   b. The initial sound in the word 'teacher' is transcribed as .....

      i. /ʃ/ ii. /t/
      iii. /o/ iv. /tʃ/

   c. She was sent to.....for ten years for the offence she has committed.

      i. goal ii. gaol
      iii. court iv. country

   d. 'Tramp' comes after 'troop' in dictionary because ..... comes before 'o' in alphabets.

      i. a ii. t
      iii. r iv. m

   e. The case is urgent. I will .....matter immediately.

      i. look down ii. look into
      iii. look for iv. look up

4

1. **Read the text and complete the tasks that follow.** [15]

One of the modern world's intriguing sources of mystery has been aeroplanes vanishing in mid-flight. One of the more famous of these was the disappearance in 1937 of **a pioneer** woman aviator, Amelia Earhart. On the second last stage of an attempted round the world flight, she had radioed her position as she and her navigator searched desperately for their destination, a tiny island in the Pacific.

The plane never arrived at Howland Island. Did it crash and sink after running out of fuel? It had been a long haul from New Guinea, a twenty hour flight covering some four thousand kilometres. Did Earhart have enough fuel to set down on some other island on her radioed course? Or did she end up somewhere else altogether? One fanciful theory had her being captured by the Japanese in the Marshall Islands and later executed as an American spy; another had her living out her days under an assumed name as a housewife in New Jersey.

Seventy years after Earhart's disappearance, 'myth busters' continue to search for her. She was the best-known American woman pilot in the world. People were tracking her flight with great interest when, suddenly, she vanished into thin air. Aircraft had developed rapidly in sophistication after World War One, with the 1920s and 1930s marked by an aeronautical record-setting frenzy. Conquest of the air had become a global **obsession**. While Earhart was making headlines with her solo flights, other aviators like high-altitude pioneer Wiley Post and industrialist Howard Hughes were grabbing some glory of their own. But only Earhart, the reserved tomboy from Kansas who disappeared three weeks shy of her 40th birthday, still grips the public imagination. Her disappearance has been the subject of at least fifty books, countless magazine and newspaper articles, and TV documentaries. It is seen by journalists as the last great American mystery. There are currently two main theories about Amelia Earhart's fate.

There were reports of distress calls from the Phoenix Islands made on Earhart's radio frequency for days after she vanished. Some say the plane could have broadcast only if it were on land, not in the water. The Coast Guard and later the Navy, believing the distress calls were real, adjusted their searches, and newspapers at the time reported Earhart and her navigator were marooned on an island. No-one was able to trace the calls at the time, so whether Earhart was on land in the Phoenix Islands or there was a **hoaxer** in the Phoenix Islands using her radio remains a mystery. Others dismiss the radio calls as bogus and insist Earhart and her navigator ditched in the water. An Earhart researcher, Elgen Long, claims that Earhart's airplane ran out of gas within fifty-two miles of the island and is sitting somewhere in a 6,000-square-mile area, at a depth of 17,000 feet. At that depth, the fuselage would still be in shiny, pristine condition if ever anyone were able to locate it. It would not even be covered in a layer of silt. Those who subscribe to this explanation claim that fuel calculations, radio calls and other considerations all show that the plane **plunged into** the sea somewhere off Howland Island.

Whatever the explanation, the prospect of finding the remains is unsettling to many. To recover skeletal remains or personal effects would be a grisly experience and an **intrusion**. They want to know where Amelia Earhart is, but that's as far as they would like to go. As one investigator has put it, "I'm convinced that the mystery is part of what keeps us interested. In part, we remember her because she's our favourite missing person."

A. Choose the correct answer from the option given.[5×1=5]

a. Amelia Earhart's nationality was:

i. English ii. Australian

iii. Canadian iv. American

b. All the following are theories about Amelia's fate EXCEPT:

i. she crashed on a remote island somewhere near her destination.

ii. her plane ran out of fuel and crashed into the sea.

iii. she was captured by the Japanese and executed as a spy.

iv. she crashed somewhere on Howland Island.

c. The most convincing evidence that Amelia crashed somewhere on land was:

i. the finding of aircraft remains.

ii. sightings by islanders.

iii. distress signals from the Phoenix Islands on her particular radio frequency.

iv. radio contact with the coastguard from the Phoenix Islands.

d. If the aircraft were ever recovered from its probable sea grave:

i. it would be hardly recognisable.

ii. it would be in pristine condition and considered highly valuable.

iii. it may reveal some grisly evidence.

iv. A and C together.

e. The fate of Amelia Earhart still fascinates investigators for all the following reasons EXCEPT:

i. she was a famous female aviator and adventurer.

ii. there are such conflicting theories about her disappearance.

iii. she was so close to the end of her journey.

iv. she presents one of the twentieth century's great unsolved mysteries.

B. **Read the sentences that have the words in boldface and then match the descriptions in Column A with Column B.** **[5×1= 5]**

Column A		Column B
a. an idea or thought that continually preoccupies or intrudes on a person's mind		i. intrusion
b. a person who is among the first to explore or settle a new country or area		ii. plunged into
c. getting into a place or situation where they are not wanted or expected to be		iii. hoaxer
d. to suddenly start doing something actively or enthusiastically		iv. obsession
e. a person who carries out a trick or plan to deceive people		v. a pioneer
f. being very sad		

C. **Answer the following questions.** **[5×1=5]**

a. Where was Amelia Heading for?

b. How are aircrafts connected to post World War time?

c. What were two main theories about Amelia Earhart's fate?

d. Who is an Earhart researcher?

e. What is the main idea of the last paragraph?

2. **Write short answers to the following questions.[5×2=10]**

a. How did the young man feel about the help his neighbours offered him? *(Neighbours)*

b. What is the central idea of the poem " A Day"?

c. What, according to Russell, is the true aim of education? *(Knowledge and Wisdom)*

d. Draw the character sketch of Famous Actress. How is she different from Earnest Young Woman? *(A Matter of Husbands)*

e. Is " Facing Death" an appropriate title? Give reasons.

3. **Write long answers to the following questions.[2×5=10]**

a. "My Old Home" is a story about Xun's memories, from youth to middle age that depicts the conflict between memories and realities." Explain.

b. What patriarchal ideology does the speaker talk about in the poem? What does Burgos urge women to do? *(I was my Own Route)*

4. **Write a news story using the following information in approximately 150 words.** **[7]**

ABC hospital, Kathmandu ... ... one day free dental camp ... ... at Asian School of Management and Social Sciences, Pokhara, ... doctors. Dr Anuz Sapkota and Dr. Urmial Baral along with three technicians ... ... free check-up and tooth extractions ... ... 150 students, teachers and other staff benefited ... ... 50 extracted their teeth.

5. **Study the follow advertisement. Write an application for the position briefly stating your qualification and experience in approximately 180 words.** **[8]**

Vacancy for the post of

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Nepal Tourism Board

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Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) formed by the act of parliament of Nepal under Nepal **Tourism Board Act, 2053 B.S.** and Nepal Tourism Board regulation 2055, an autonomous and statutory **National Tourism Organization (NTO)** of Nepal is seeking applications from qualified candidates for the post of Chief Executive Officer.

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6. **You might have visited or travelled many places up to now. Some of them may be in your memory while others may not be. Write a travelogue of the most striking travelling experience you have had in approximately 300 words. [10]**

7. **Do as indicated in the brackets and rewrite the sentences. [10×1=10]**

a. Yaman drives his car..... (Complete the sentence with an appropriate adverb.)

b. The committee ..... divided in the decision. (Put the correct present form of verb in the blank.)

c. He shot him right .....his eyes. (Put the correct preposition in the blank.)

d. Devkota wrote many romantic poems. He ..... . (should have/ could have/might have / might have been) influenced by English romantic poets. *(Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)*

e. Dev .....home by tomorrow. (Complete the sentence using correct forms of verbs: reach.)

f. They stopped ..... (to work / work/ worked/ working) in a mine. (Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)

g. Lakpa went abroad .....he could earn a good deal of money. (Put a correct conjunction in the blank to complete the sentence.)

h. Manita, ... (who/whose/ whom/ to whom) parents are peasants, became a qualified doctor. *(Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)*

I. I don't mind people criticizing my films. *(Change into passive.)*

j. I have been to France. (Report the sentence starting with: He says .....)

8. **Choose and copy the correct answer. [5×1=5]**

a. Which of the following words has /z/ sound?

i. pleasure ii. jam

iii. goes iv. raj

b. Which is the root word?

i. recovery ii. famous

iii. endanger iv. playful

c. How many syllables are in the word ' butterfly'?

i. two ii. three

iii. four iv. five

d. Choose the correct spelling.

i. conicte ii. contice

iii. conceit iv. cointce

e. I lost my head completely. It means I .....

i. went mad ii. forgot

iii. saved my head iv. remembered

5

1. **Read the text and complete the tasks that follow. [15]**

Measuring Snowfall

Despite the many high-tech instruments now available to scientists who study the weather, one measurement remains **relatively** difficult to make, and that's calculating how much snow actually falls in any particular place during a snowstorm. This explains why the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in the USA is experimenting with new ways of achieving a greater level of accuracy in snowfall figures. As their **representative** Ethan Guttmann points out, 'You'd think it was just a matter of going out and sticking a ruler in the snow and measuring how much is on the ground. The problem is, if you move the ruler over just a few centimetres, you may get a different reading.'

In fact, the taking of measurements is complicated by a number of factors. For example, the first snowflakes may melt as soon as they hit warm surfaces, while others are **whisked away** by the wind, leaving some ground **bare** and other places buried under deep snowdrifts. Guttman's colleagues have been testing a number of new snow measuring devices, including ultrasonic snow

depth sensors, which send out a pulse of noise and measure how long it takes to bounce back from the surface below the snow, and laser sensors which work on the same basic principle but use light instead of sound. Another device for measuring snowfall is a type of open container with motor-vehicle antifreeze inside it. The antifreeze melts the snow as it falls and **sensors** measure the weight of the resulting liquid. NCAR scientists have also experimented with using Global Positioning Satellites (GPS) to measure snow depth. It may be possible for signals sent from these satellites to measure the distance to both the surface of the snow and to the ground beneath it. Not only would this method be more cost-effective than other methods, but it might also be particularly useful for measuring the snow in remote locations such as **inaccessible** upland areas and the highest mountain peaks and ranges. Accurate measurement of snowfall in these areas is important as entire regions may depend on spring run-off of melted snow for their water supply.

The scientists also learned that they could improve the results of both manual and high-tech methods of snow measurement by using something known as a snow board. Basically, this is just a flat piece of white-painted wood on which snow can **accumulate**. Windshields placed around these can also add to the accuracy of measurements.

Next to each question, 1–5, write TRUE if the statement agrees with the information, FALSE if the statement contradicts the information, NOT GIVEN if there is no information on this. **[5×1=5]**

a. NCAR accepts the need for more precise methods of measuring snowfall.

b. Researchers have found ultrasonic sensors more reliable than laser sensors.

c. The device that uses motor-vehicle antifreeze measures the amount of snow both before and after it melts.

d. Using GPS technology would be more expensive than using the alternative devices being tried out.

e. GPS technology could allow snowfall to be measured across a wider range of landscapes.

Look at the highlighted words in the text. Complete these sentences using them. Two of them are not necessary. **[5×1=5]**

a. They chose him as their .....

b. They were unable to ..... enough evidence to make a well-written claim.

c. Parts of the forest are still dense and .....

d. The security device has a heat ..... which detects the presence of people and animals.

e. The mountaintops were .....of any vegetation.

C. Answer the following questions. **[5×1=5]**

a. Which device is hard to make for the scientists who study the weather?

b. What does NCAR stand for?

c. According to Ethan Guttmann, what is not so easy?

d. What is the function of ultrasonic snow depth sensors?

e. "Basically, **this** is just a flat piece of white-painted wood on which snow can accumulate.

"What does the word 'this' indicate?

2. Write short answers to the following questions. **[5×2=10]**

a. How did Evan and Hooker know about the treasure? *(The Treasure in the Forest)*

b. According to the tourist, why is the West indebted to the east? *(The Half-closed Eyes of The Buddha and the Slowly Sinking Sun)*

c. Discuss "Every Morning I Wake" as a Prayer to God.

d. Why was the author horrified when he visited the library, a couple of months ago? *(On Libraries)*

e. Draw the character sketch of Alfred. *(A Matter of Husband)*

3. Write long answers to the following questions. **[2×5=10]**

a. Discuss the late eighteenth-century Nepali society as portrayed in terms of the relation between the king and his subjects as portrayed in the play. *(The Bull)*

b. Write the plot of the story "A Devoted Son" in short.

4. Write a story with the help of the following outlines. Give it a suitable title and a moral too. Write in approximately 150 words on your answer sheet. **[7]**

A merchant riding home from a fair ... ...a large sum of money with him ... ...sudden heavy rainfall ... ...merchant gets wet ... ...shortly after attacked by a robber ... ...robber's attempt to shoot... ...failure ... ...gun powder damp ... ...the merchant escapes ... ...moral.

5. **You were away from home for few days because of your family problem. As a result, you were unable to submit your project work meant for your internal assessment on due date. Write an email to your subject teacher requesting him/her to accept your work and grade it.** **[8]**

6. **The price of petroleum product is increasing in the world today. Nepal is not an exception. Nepal Oil Corporation argues that the hike is the result of the increment in the price of petroleum products internationally. Based on this, write an essay on the causes and consequences of the price hike in petroleum products.** **[10]**

7. **Do as indicated in the brackets and rewrite the sentences.** **[10×1=10]**

a. This car is old fashioned. I want to buy a much ..... one. *(Complete the sentence with an appropriate adjective.)*

b. Neither Sima nor her Parents ..... here. *(Put the correct form of verb 'live' in the blank.)*

c. Why do you satre ..... me? *(Put the correct preposition in the blank.)*

d. You .....think it is interesting, but I think it's ridiculous. (might/should/could/must). *(Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)*

e. Kalika ..... her breakfast before she went to her college. *(Complete the sentence using correct forms of verbs: have.)*

f. It didn't stop ..... all day yesterday. (to rain /rain/ rained/raining). *(Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)*

g. Urmila chose to be a doctor ....she wanted to serve the poor. *(Put a correct conjunction in the blank to complete the sentence.)*

h. In 2072 B.S., ... (where/when/ that/ then) was earthquake in Nepal, many people left Kathmandu Valley. *(Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)*

i. Someone is preparing the tea. (Change into passive.)

j. I am a good listener but not a good speaker. *(Report the sentence starting with: He says .....)*

8. **Choose and copy the correct answer.** **[5×1=5]**

a. Which of the following words has voiced consonant sound ?

i. washed ii. gloves
iii. coats iv. watched

b. Which of the following word has the distinct initial consonant sound?

i. Thames ii. Thin
iii. Thomas iv. Thank

c. How many syllables are in the word 'wonderful'?

i. two ii. three
iii. four iv. five

d. Choose the correct spelling.

i. ninety ii. ninty
iii. ninaty iv. none of these are correct

e. I love her head over heel. It means I .....

i. hate her ii. love her too much
iii love her head and heel iv. simply love her

6

1. **Read the text below and complete the tasks that follow.** **[15]**

Air Rage

The first recorded case of an airline passenger turning seriously violent during a flight, a phenomenon now widely known as "air rage", happened in 1947 on a flight from Havana to Miami. A drunken man assaulted another passenger and bit a flight attendant. However, the man escaped punishment because it was not then clear under whose legal control a crime committed on plane was the country where the plane was registered or the country where the crime was committed. In 1963, at the Tokyo convention, it was decided that the laws of the country where the plane is registered take precedence.

The frequency of air rage has expanded out of proportion to the growth of air travel. Until recently few statistic were gathered about air rage, but those that have been indicate that passengers are increasingly likely to cause trouble or engage in violent acts. For example, in 1998 there were 266 air rage incidents out of approximately

four million passengers, a 400% increase from 1995. In the same period American Airlines showed a 200% rise. Air travel is predicted to rise by 5% internationally by 2010 leading to increased airport congestion. This, coupled with the flying public's increased aggression, means that air rage may become a major issue in coming years.

Aside from discomfort and disruption, air rage poses some very real dangers to flying. The most extreme of these is when out of control passengers enter the cockpit. This has actually happened on a number of occasions, the worst of which have resulted in the death and injury of pilots or the intruder taking control of the plane, almost resulting in crashes. In addition, berserk passengers sometimes attempt to open the emergency doors while in flight, putting the whole aircraft in danger. These are extreme examples and cases of air rage more commonly result in physical assaults on fellow passengers and crew such as throwing objects, punching, stabbing or scalding with hot coffee.

A. **Look at the words in the table and decide which word will fit in the reading gap fill summary.** **[5×1= 5]**

predicted	rose	passenger	found
assault	established	occurring	hoped
increased	passengers		

The first time that an incident of air rage was recorded in the 1940's, but the passenger was never actually charged for an offence because there were no clear rules in place to specify where to prosecute. It was later (1) ..... that it would be the country where the plane is registered. Air rage has (2) ..... significantly since this time, growing by a staggering 400% from 1995 to 1998. Air rage is (3) .... to be a major problem in the future as air travel increases, as do levels of aggression. Angry (4) .... can put everyone in danger including the pilots, the crew and the other passengers, with some form of (5) .... being the most common consequence.

B. **Sequence the following sentences so that they make a summary of the text.** **[5×1=5]**

a. Along with the growth of air flights, the cases of air rage are increasing.

b. The air rage escalates up to the real danger and physical violence apart from discomfort.

c. A drunken man attacked another passenger on the plane but the man escaped punishment.

d. Air rage is a phenomenon in which airline passengers seriously turn violent during a flight.

e. The incidents of air rage are expected to increase in coming years.

C. **Answer the following questions.** **[5×1=5]**

a. What was the conclusion of Tokyo Convention on Air Rage?

b. What do the statistics gathered on air rage indicate?

c. What extremities do the passengers invite when they happen to enter the cockpit?

d. List out two examples of cases of air rage from the passage.

e. What is the main argument of the passage?

2. **Write short answer to the following questions.** **[5×2=10]**

a. Draw the character sketch of Gouvernail? How is Gaston different from him? *(A Respectable Woman)*

b. Justify the title "My Old Home".

c. Explain the following lines with reference to the context:

Till When they reached the other side,
A dominie in gray
Put gently up the evening bars,
And led the flock away.

d. What virtues of humility does Harari present in his essay? *(Humility)*

e. Write the setting of the play "Facing Death."

3. **Write long answer to the following questions** **[2×5=10]**

a. Critically appreciate the poem "Soft Storm."

b. Narrate the story "Neighbour" in short.

4. **Read the following text and summarize it to one third of it. You can make notes.** **[7]**

"The Northern Lights"

There are times when the night sky glows with bands of color. The bands may begin as cloud shapes and then spread into a great arc across the entire sky. They may fall in folds like a curtain drawn across the heavens. The lights usually grow brighter, then suddenly dim. During this time the sky glows with pale yellow, pink, green, violet, blue, and red. These lights are called the Aurora

Borealis. Some people call them the Northern Lights. Scientists have been watching them for hundreds of years. They are not quite sure what causes them. In ancient times Long Beach City College WRSC Page 2 of 2 people were afraid of the Lights. They imagined that they saw fiery dragons in the sky. Some even concluded that the heavens were on fire.

5. You received a very hopeful letter from your friend Bina/ Bin. S/he gave you some suggestions to lead your life ahead with great enthusiasm and high spirit. Write a reply in approximately 180 words how you have been moved by her/ his powerful words of optimism. [8]

6. Choose a celebrated musician you like most. Including childhood, struggles, and achievement, write a biography of her/him in approximately 300 words. [10]

7. **Do as indicated in the brackets and rewrite the sentences.** **[10×1=10]**

a. I am too ..... to visit a TV star. *(Complete the sentence with an appropriate adjective.)*

b. A number of students ..... playing in the hall. *(Put the correct form of verb 'be' in the blank.)*

c. There are her jewels ..... briefcase. *(Put the correct preposition in the blank.)*

d. Today, Gangaram is absent. He ..... tomorrow. (may/should/could/must). *(Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)*

e. I don't think I will ..... my idea on you. *(Complete the sentence using correct forms of verbs: impose.)*

f. He decided to ..... (to paint/painting/ painted/ paint) the celling yellow ..... *(Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)*

g. Manoj picked the key from the drawer ..... to unlock his wardrobe. *(Put a correct conjunction in the blank to complete the sentence.)*

h. Hema, ... (who/whom/whose/that/) is a model, was eloped by a stranger. *(Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)*

I. People report farmers are making money these days. *(Change into passive.)*

j. What is your name? *(Report the sentence starting with: He asked .....)*

8. **Choose and copy the correct answer.** **[5×1= 5]**

a. Which of the following words possesses /u:/ sound?

i. moon ii. wood
iii. book iv. good

b. Which of the following word has the distinct initial vowel sound?

i. pray ii. play
iii. tray iv. ply

c. How many syllables are in the word' connected'?

i. two ii. three
iii. four iv. five

d. Choose the correct spelling.

i. satre ii. stare
iii. trase iv. none of these are correct

e. I visited her parents once in a blue moon. It means I .....

i. visited often ii. I visited rarely
iii. I visited in a lunar day iv. none of the above

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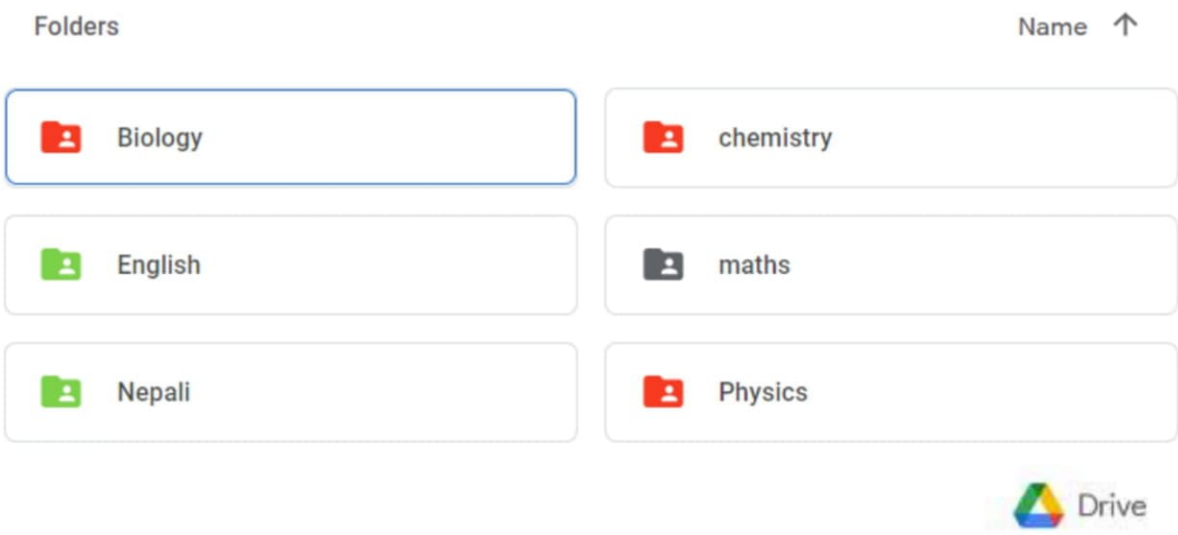

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