

**Basic Level Examination-2080**  
**Kathmandu Metropolitan City**

**Subject : Compulsory English (Reading and Writing)**

**Time : 2 hrs**

**Full marks: 50**

**Grade : 8**

*[Candidates are required to give their answers according to the given instructions.]*

Attempt all the questions.

1. Read the given poem and complete the sentences using the words given in the box below. One word is given extra.

[5×1=5]

**Changing World**

When I was a young man,  
I wanted to change the world.  
I found it was difficult to change the world,  
So, I tried to change my nation.

When I found that I couldn't change the nation,  
I began to focus on my town.  
I couldn't change the town  
And as an older man, I tried to change my family.

Now, as an old man, I realized the only thing  
I can change is myself.  
And suddenly I realized,  
That if long ago I had changed myself.

I could have made an impact on my family  
My family and I could have made an impact on the town.  
Their impact could have changed the nation  
And I could, indeed, have changed the world.

- Edward de Bono

change suddenly realize focus impacts indeed

- a. Great people always ..... their mistakes.
- b. Excessive use of electronic devices has negative ..... on our mental health.
- c. Thank you for your offer but I cannot .....my mind.
- d. Our exam is approaching but I cannot ..... on my studies.
- e. The meal was very delicious .....

1. Read the following letter and answer the questions given below: [5×1=5]

Kushma- 9, Parbat

27 April, 2023

The Head Teacher  
Adarsha Secondary School  
Kushma, Parbat

Subject: A Request to increase computer lab facilities

Respected Sir,

We are very grateful that you have been successful in establishing a computer lab at our school. We are overjoyed seeing a computer lab at our school. The lab provides us with the most up-to-date learning devices. It helps us gain technological knowledge too.

This admirable effort, However, is not quite sufficient in accomplishing its goal. In fact, the lab is lacking some necessary equipment. To begin with, there are insufficient numbers of computers. Second, only a few computers have the required software installed. This limits our learning. Third, our lab does not have an internet connection. So, we cannot access the vast world of knowledge and information.

We would be thankful if you provide us with all necessities for a modern computer lab at our school. We would welcome your reply to our request.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Students of Grade 8

- a. Who is the letter addressed to?
  - b. What made the students of grade eight grateful towards head teacher?
  - c. How does the lab help the students?
  - d. List the things lacking in computer lab.
  - e. Why do the students want to have modern computer lab in school?
3. Read the text below and write whether the given statements are True or False. [5x1=5]

#### **Are cartoons always nice?**

The first time I took my daughter to the movie theatre she was 6 and the movie was "Bambi". I'm a movie lover, so I had chosen it carefully and thought a cartoon movie would be an effective introduction to the Seventh Art World. My point is: are cartoons really safe for kids? Or do parents need to pay attention to the type of cartoons kids are watching during their spare time?

Once I sat on the sofa to watch a cartoon with my 8-year-old son and got completely dumbfounded when I realized a cartoon character was agonizing right in front of us, bleeding as if it was an action adult movie! Everybody knows that the cartoon "The Simpsons" doesn't spread nice manners or behaviour, but what about the "kid stuff" they display in the afternoon for young children?

The next time you take a kid to the movies may be a cartoon doesn't make the best choice, unless you take the time to watch it and analyze its content first. Or you take the risk of exposing your child to messages s/he isn't prepared to get yet.

- a. Bambi is a cartoon movie.
  - b. There isn't violence in cartoon movies.
  - c. Parents shouldn't worry about the cartoons' contents.
  - d. "The Simpsons" spreads nice manners and behaviour.
  - e. Before taking a child to the movies, it's important to check the movie content.
4. Read the following text and do the questions that follow.

Paracetamol is a commonly used medicine that can help treat pain and reduce a high temperature (fever). It's typically used to relieve mild or moderate pain, such as headaches, toothache or sprains, and reduce fevers caused by illnesses such as colds and flu. Paracetamol is often recommended as one of the first treatments for pain.

Because of the wide availability of paracetamol, there is a large potential for overdose and toxicity. Without timely treatment, paracetamol overdose can lead to liver failure and death within days. It is sometimes used in suicide attempts.

In the United Kingdom, sales of paracetamol are restricted to packs of 32 tablets in Pharmacies and 16 tablets in non-pharmacy outlets. But in Australia and in Nepal paracetamol is easily available at pharmacies, supermarkets, medical shop with no restrictions.

Individuals who have over dosed on paracetamol generally have no specific symptoms for the first 24 hours. Although nausea, vomiting and sweating may occur initially. These symptoms may lead to liver failure.

The initial treatment for a complicated overdose, similar to any other overdoses, is gastrointestinal decontamination. Paracetamol absorption from the gastrointestinal track is complete within two hours under normal circumstances. So, decontamination is most helpful if within this time frame. Absorption may be somewhat slowed when it is ingested with food. So, it is recommended to take after food.

Paracetamol is extremely toxic to cats and should not be given to them under any circumstances. Paracetamol is also lethal to snakes and has been used in attempts to control the brown tree snakes in some countries.

- A. What do the words in bold in the following sentences from the text mean? Choose and copy the correct answers. [5x1= 5]
- a. Without timely treatment, paracetamol overdose can lead to liver failure and death within days.
- excessive use
  - limited use
  - average use
- b. It is sometimes used **in** suicide attempts by these unaware of the prolonged time **-** course and high morbidity (likelihood of significant illness).
- killing others intentionally
  - killing domestic animals
  - killing oneself intentionally
- c. In the United Kingdom, sales of paracetamol are restricted to packs of 32 tablets in Pharmacies and 16 tablets in non-pharmacy outlets.
- a place where farmers work
  - a shop that sells groceries
  - a shop that sells medicines

- d. Although nausea, vomiting and sweating may occur initially, these symptoms may lead to liver failure.
- i. lack of sleep    ii. headache    iii. vomiting sickness
- e. Paracetamol is extremely toxic to cats and should not be given to them under any circumstances.
- i. Poisonous    ii. Good    iii. smart

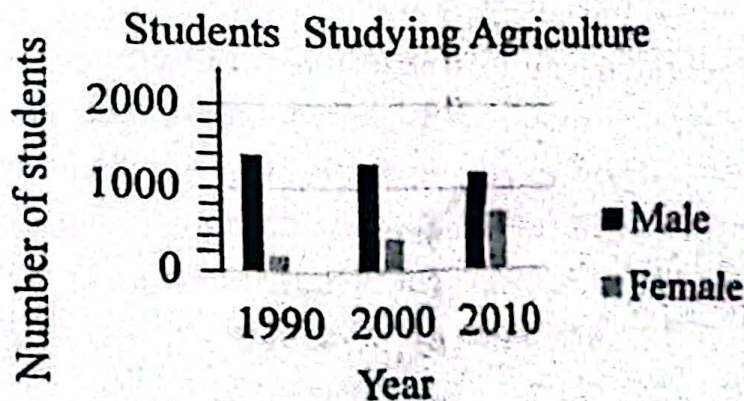
**B. Answer the following questions.** [5x1=5]

- What are the effects of overdose of paracetamol?
- What kinds of restrictions for the sales of paracetamol are found in the UK?
- What are the symptoms of paracetamol overdose?
- What is the common treatment for paracetamol overdose?
- Is paracetamol lethal to snake? How do you know?

**5. Identify ten errors in the given paragraph. Rewrite the paragraph by correcting the errors.** [10x0.5=5]

listening to the sons words the father became serious and said Son never make fun of a poor and weak person with the things they need. these things have no value in your eyes but they are precious to the poor If you want to make your evening memorable, then lets do another things.

**6. The following chart shows the number of male and female students studying agriculture in a university. Interpret it in about 100 words.** [5]



7. Write a short essay on "The Most Memorable Event in my Life". [10]
8. Rewrite the following sentences as indicated in the brackets. [5x0.5=2.5]
- Open the door, .....? (supply a correct question tag)
  - Give me that book. It (belong) to me. (write the correct form of verb given in the brackets)
  - She always goes to temple. (change it into negative)
  - You said to me, 'Are you free today?' (change it into indirect speech)
  - He planted a flower. (Change it into passive voice)
9. Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the passage below. (Re-writing is not compulsory.) [5x0.5=2.5]

Did you ..... (hear/ heard/ hearing) about Sera? She got a small part in a film recently, didn't she? She had to ride her bike to ..... (a/an/the) top of the steep hill and then go downhill without stopping. Unfortunately, while she was going, she fell ..... (from/ of/ off) her bike into the bushes. The accident got her right arm broken and got cuts and bruises all over. She said with herself, 'I am lucky, I didn't break my neck! Of course the director was sorry ..... (because/ because of/ so) he didn't want this scene in the film. It was excluded when it was finally edited. Sera would not go to see herself at the cinema if she ..... (knew/ know/ had known) it earlier.

Best of Luck