

**Kathmandu Metropolitan City
Basic Level Examination - 2081**

Subject : Compulsory English

Grade- 8

Full marks: 50

Time : 2 Hours

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable. The figures in the margin indicate full marks

1. Read the poem and do the activities given below.

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 our town.
Their impact could have changed the nation
And I could, indeed, have changed the world.

-Edward de Bono

A. Complete the following sentences with the correct word(s) from the poem. [5×1=5]

a. When the speaker was a person, he wanted to reform the world.

- b. Since the speaker foundto change the world, he practiced to change the nation.
- c. In theage, he realized that he could have change the nation if he had changed himself.
- d. The correct series to change the world is at first changed oneself, secondly..... thirdly town, fourthly nation and finally the world.
- e. The composer of the poem "Changing World" is

2. Read the following passage and do the activities given below.

Issac Newton was born in 1643 in Woolsthorps England. He was the son of a peasant who died three months before Issac was born. Newton spent most his early years with his maternal grandmother after his mother remarried. His education was interrupted by a failed attempt to turn him into a farmer. In the beginning, he seemed to be a dull boy. He had little interest in his studies. However, he liked to use his hands. He used to make little machines, such as wind mills. He would catch mice and make them drive some of his little machines.

A. Write 'True' for true and 'False' for the false statements. [5×1=5]

- a. Sir Isaac Newton is father was a lawyer.
- b. Newton received his father's affection during his childhood.
- c. In the beginning, Newton was not good at his Studies.
- d. Newton had a lot of interest in his studies.
- e. He used to make little machines, such as windmills.

3. Read the given story and do the activities.

A 92-year-old lady was totally blind with age. Fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock with perfect make-up. she moved to an old age home. Her husband recently passed away. Although they had been happily married, they did not even have a single child who could support them in their old age. They consulted many specialists from home and abroad to get rid of their problem, but all in vain.

After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby, she smiled sweetly when she was ready. She was provided with a visual description of her tiny room. One of the attendants did it for her.

"I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"But...but Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room," said the attendant. "That doesn't have anything to do with it," she replied.

"Happiness is something you decide, I have already decided to love it. It is a decision I make every morning I wake up. I can spend the day in bed, recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that do not work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as I am alive I will focus on the new day and all the happy memories I have stored away, just for this time in my life." The attendant was touched by the elderly woman's sense of cheer and boundless enthusiasm.

A. Choose the best alternatives.

[5x1=5]

a. Why did the 92-year-old lady move to an old age home?

- i) She wanted to live independently
- ii) Her husband passed away, and she had no children to support her
- iii) She wanted to meet new people
- iv) She was forced to move by her relatives

b. What was the lady's reaction at a description of her new room?

- i) She was disappointed
- ii) She refused to stay there
- iii) She expressed her love for it with enthusiasm
- iv) She asked to see a different room

c. What does the old lady believe about happiness?

- i) It is a choice she makes every day
- ii) It depends on material possessions

- iii) It comes from other people's actions
- iv) It is only possible when one is healthy

d. How did the attendant feel after listening to Mrs. Jones?

- i) She was indifferent
- ii) She was touched by her enthusiasm
- iii) She was confused
- iv) She was annoyed

e. What does Mrs. Jones focus on to stay positive?

- i) The difficulties of her aging body
- ii) The happy memories she has stored away
- iii) Complaining about her situation
- iv) Waiting for others to make her happy

4. Read the passage carefully and do the activities that follow.

One day Mr. and Mrs. Brown went up to London to do some shopping. They had a busy day, though in the end, they did not buy very much, and by about four o'clock they were both looking forward to having a cup of tea. They found a restaurant but, just before they went in, Mrs. Brown remembered that she had to buy some medicine for their son, who had a bad cough. While she was in the chemist's, her husband noticed a bookshop on the other side of the street. He went across to have a look in the window and saw a copy of a novel.

Written by an author who, was famous in the last century. He had always been especially interested in this writer, so he went in and bought the book. His wife was waiting for him when he came out. He showed her the book, but she did not look at all pleased; she always used to say that the old books he bought make her house look dirty.

After they had had their cup of tea, they caught the train back to the seaside town where they lived. Much to their surprise, an ex-neighbour of theirs, whom they had not seen for years, got into the same compartment. They were both pleased to see him after

all these years, but, as they soon remembered, he was a great talker. If he got the opportunity, he would talk for hours. However, he happened to notice the book which Mr. Brown had bought and he picked it up to examine the title. He opened the book and as he did so, his eyes lit up. He asked Mr. Brown how much he had paid for it. Mr. Brown told him: only a few shillings. The man said he was very lucky: the book was a rare edition and was worth several pounds.

A. Choose the words from the passage with the following meanings.

[5x1=5]

- a. Saw
- b. Writer of a book.
- c. Recalled
- d. To look at something carefully in order to learn more about it
- e. Uncommon, unusual, or not found often

B. Answer the following questions:

[5x1=5]

- a. Why did Mrs. Brown go to the chemist's?
- b. What did Mr. Brown do while his wife was at the chemist's?
- c. Why didn't Mrs. Brown like old books?
- d. What did they remember about their ex-neighbour?
- e. Why did Mr. and Mrs. Brown go to London?

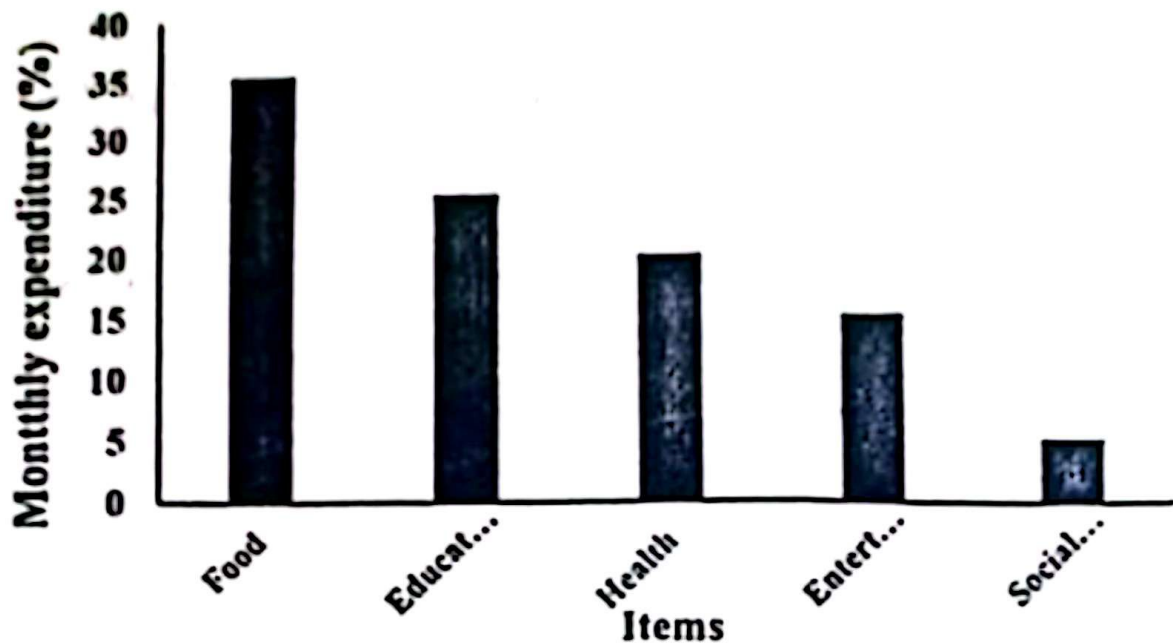
5. Identify ten errors in the given paragraph. Rewrite the paragraph by correcting the errors.

[10x0.5=5]

One of my friend is living in pokhara who has four daughter. There names were binita , Purnima Jtyoti, and Brisha, one day Binita said to Purnima, "you are my elder sister." We have to work together in our home.

6. Look at the following chart. This chart shows Mr. Dahal's monthly expenditure. Observe it and interpret with the help of the data and clues given in about 100-150 words.

[5]



7. Write an essay on "My Favorite Game". [10]

8. Rewrite the given sentences as indicated in the brackets.

[5x0.5=2.5]

- Nobody comes to school on Saturday,.....? (Supply a correct question tag)
- Listen! someone (call) your principal. (Write the correct form of the verb given in the brackets)
- Suntali never comes to meet Jagannath. (Change into affirmative)
- She gave him an expensive gift on his birthday. (Change into passive voice)
- He said to me, "Are you dancing now?" (Change into indirect speech)

9. Choose and copy the best answer for the numbered blanks below. Rewriting is not compulsory. [5x0.5=2.5]

One of my friends (a) (are/ was/ am) dancing on the stage (b) (to/at/with) her relatives. All of sudden, one girl got a boy (c) (sing/to sing/sang) a song and started singing. (d) (A/An/The) song was very sweet. Finally, the girl left the boy (e)..... (who/whom/whose) she invited there.

The End