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SEE PRE BOARD EXAMINATION-2082

Subject: Compulsory English

Full Marks: 75
Time: 3hrs.

Candidates are required to answer the questions in their own way words as far as practicable. Figures in the margin indicate the full marks.

Attempt all questions.

1. Read the poem and answer the given questions. [5×1=5]

Composed upon Westminster Bridge

Earth has not anything to show more fair:
Dull would he be of soul who could pass by
A sight so touching in its majesty:
This City now doth, like a garment, wear
The beauty of the morning; silent, bare,
Ships, towers, domes, theatres, and temples lie
Open unto the fields, and to the sky;
All bright and glittering in the smokeless air.
Never did sun more beautifully steep
In his first splendour, valley, rock, or hill;
Ne'er saw I, never felt, a calm so deep!
The river glideth at his own sweet will:
Dear God! the very houses seem asleep;
And all that mighty heart is lying still!

- William Wordsworth

- Who does the speaker claim to be dull?
 - What was the morning like that particular day?
 - What is glittering in the smokeless air?
 - Where do the first rays of the sun fall?
 - How does the speaker feel about the sight?
- 2. Read the following text and do the tasks. [10]**
“Hachi: A Dog’s Story” is a heartwarming and inspiring family drama that tells the story of a dog’s unwavering loyalty and devotion. When college professor, Parker Wilson (Richard Gere), discovers a rather unlikely commuter wandering around the train

station, he takes the lost Akita puppy home with him. Parker and his new canine friend, Hachi, soon form a bond that cannot be broken. Hachi follows Parker to the train station every day and returns to the station every evening to greet his beloved master after work.

On one very sad day, Parker leaves for work and becomes deathly ill, never to return to the station again. Even after Parker passes away, Hachi faithfully returns to the station every day for the next nine years, until his death, to wait for his beloved master. During those nine years, this amazing dog touches the lives of the vendors, the stationmaster, and the many commuters at the station square. He teaches them the true meaning of loyalty, devotion, and love. Hachi's unyielding devotion and love for his master soon gain media attention. This dog's amazing story not only touches the lives of those at the station square, but all who learn about Hachi's love and devotion.

This film is an American adaptation of a true story set in 1925 Japan about a professor and his devoted dog. Today, a bronze statue of Hachi stands in the Shibuya Station in Japan in honour of his faithfulness and loyalty.

We also see a positive relationship between Parker and his wife Cate (Joan Allen) and their college-age daughter. The relationship between Parker and Cate is a stable and loving marriage of 25 years, and their commitment to each other can be seen in many moments throughout the film.

A. Write TRUE for true statements and FALSE for the False ones. [5×1=5]

- i) Hachi was found wandering at a train station by Parker Wilson.
- ii) Hachi waited at the graveyard for his master even after Parker died.
- iii) The bond between Hachi and Parker influenced other people, too.
- iv) The film "Hachi: A Dog's Story" is based on a real story.
- v) Parker Wilson and Cate have been married for three and a half decade.

B. Answer the following questions:

[5×1=5]

- i) What kind of film is "Hachi: A Dog's Story"?
- ii) How does Hachi demonstrate loyalty in the story?
- iii) What impact does Hachi's actions have on people at the station?
- iv) Why is there a statue of Hachi at Shibuya Station in Japan?
- v) How is Parker's and Cate's relationship described in the story?

3. Read the following text and do the tasks.

[10]

Kathmandu

2nd January

Dear Upama,

I've been thinking a lot lately about our recent conversation regarding your college applications. It's such an exciting time, but I've been feeling a bit unsettled about how some institutions are marketing themselves.

Colleges associated with hospitality management, business administration, engineering, internet technology, and computer sciences in Nepal advertise Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with both national and international companies as proof of guaranteed internships and career pathways for their graduates. These advertisements mislead school/+2 graduates who have limited access to independent career counselling and job-market information. As a result, when colleges present non-exclusive MOUs as guarantees of internships and employment, school graduates interpret these claims as assurances for their future job stability. Whereas in reality, the tech companies or hospitality industries sign MOUs with multiple colleges and foreign university partners for their own network expansions, business strategy, and promotional purposes.

Many students from multiple colleges with similar specializations compete for limited internships, of which only a few graduates get selected based on skill competence and placement availability. As students and their parents have already invested time, future, and high fees for the degree based on misleading information, and when job expectations turn into bitterness, emotions of angst, anxiety, and distress of students are spilled all over social

networking sites. More importantly, when the narratives of betrayal reflected in these social media posts become viral, they tarnish the institution's image and create confusion and fear among prospective high school/Plus 2 graduates who want to pursue their higher education in Nepal.

Upama, I suggest you to choose your college carefully.

See you soon.

Love from,

Anuja

A. Fill in the blank spaces with the correct words/ phrases from the text. [5×1=5]

- i) Colleges advertise the MOUs as a proof of internships and career pathways for their
- ii) Many school and +2 graduates have limited access to independent counseling and job-market information.
- iii) School graduatesthe non-exclusive MOUs as assurances for their future.
- iv)are limited and very competitive.
- v) Time, future, and money are spent on.....information.

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

- i) Who do colleges sign MOUs with?
- ii) What is the real reason that companies sign MOUs with colleges?
- iii) How are students actually selected for internships?
- iv) What is the emotional impact on students and parents when the job guarantees fail?
- v) How do viral social media posts about "betrayals" affect the education sector?

4. Read the text and do the tasks. [15]

The ocean is the most dominant feature on our planet, covering approximately 70% of Earth's surface. While its glittering surface is familiar to us all, what lies thousands of meters below is a vast, alien world that remains largely a mystery. On average, the ocean is about 4,000 meters deep and contains roughly 1.3 billion cubic kilometers of water, representing 97% of all water on Earth.

Despite this massive scale, scientists estimate that more than 80% of the ocean remains unmapped, unobserved, and unexplored.

The deep sea is one of the most mysterious and least explored regions on Earth. It begins at a depth of about 200 meters and extends to the ocean floor, which can be as deep as 11,000 meters in some places. Despite the extreme conditions, including high pressure, low temperatures, and complete darkness, the deep sea is teeming with life.

One of the most fascinating aspects of the deep sea is its biodiversity. Scientists have discovered thousands of species that are uniquely adapted to this harsh environment. For example, the anglerfish uses a bioluminescent lure to attract prey in the darkness. Similarly, the giant squid, which can grow up to 13 meters in length, has large eyes that help it see in the dim light of the deep ocean.

The deep sea also plays a crucial role in regulating the Earth's climate. It acts as a carbon sink, absorbing large amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. This process helps to mitigate the effects of climate change. Additionally, the deep sea is a source of valuable resources, including minerals and potential new medicines.

However, the deep sea is under threat from human activities. Deep-sea mining, pollution, and overfishing are some of the major challenges facing this fragile ecosystem. Protecting the deep sea is essential for maintaining the health of our planet.

- A. Match the meanings of the words in Column A with the correct words in column B. One word in column B does not have a match. [5×1=5]**

Column A

- i) very unfamiliar or strange
- ii) carefully studied or travelled through
- iii) very strong or severe
- iv) to reduce the seriousness or impact of something
- v) easily damaged or harmed

Column B

- a) explored
- b) fragile
- c) alien
- d) extreme
- e) crucial
- f) mitigate

B. Write TRUE for true and FALSE for the false statements.

[5×1=5]

- i) The ocean occupies about 80% surface of the Earth.
- ii) The deep sea starts at about 200 meters below the ocean surface.
- iii) There is no life in the deep sea because it is too dark and cold.
- iv) The anglerfish uses light to attract its prey.
- v) The deep sea has no valuable resources for humans.

C. Answer the following questions.

[5×1=5]

- i) What is the maximum depth the deep sea can reach?
- ii) How has the giant squid adapted to see in the dim light of the ocean?
- iii) What role does the deep-sea play in helping to mitigate climate change?
- iv) List the valuable resources that are found in the deep sea.
- v) Which human activities are currently challenging the health of the ecosystem?

5. Write a set of rules and regulations to be followed in a library.

Write in about 100 words using the given clues.

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membership must to borrow book ----- no noise -----two books at a time -----return within 15 days -----fine for delay and damage, etc.

6. Imagine that one of the students of your school has won a gold medal in the International Swimming Championship, 2025. Now, write a formal message of congratulations on behalf of your school in about 100 words based on the given clues. [5]

Srijana Rai –national record holder-hardworking- well-deserved achievement--- expect similar achievement in the days to come-proud of him- keep up the spirits

7. Write a dialogue between a teacher and a student who are discussing the importance of sports for school children. Write at least six exchanges in about 150 words. [6]

8. Environmental pollution has become a serious problem in many cities across Nepal, leading to numerous respiratory issues, skin diseases, and deaths. Write an essay in about 200 words highlighting the major threats, and possible solutions.

[8]

9. Reproduce the following sentences as indicated in brackets.

[6×1=6]

- a) You'd better go, _____? (Add a correct question tag.)
- b) Ananta always submitted his work on time. (Change into a negative sentence.)
- c) At this time yesterday, I (watch) TV. (Supply the correct tense of the verb 'watch'.)
- d) Uddhab says, "I am honest and trustworthy." (Change into indirect speech.)
- e) Has John prepared the dish? (Change into passive voice.)
- f) Devyansh has bought several books. (Change into interrogative sentence.)

10. Choose and copy the best answers to complete the following text. (Rewriting the text is not compulsory). [10×0.5=5]

An old library, which had been destroyed by(a)..... (a, an, the, no article) massive fire last year,(b)..... (has now been rebuilding/has now been rebuilt/ has built/ has been building) by the community volunteers, and if they(c)..... (do not act/did not act/had not acted/would not have acted) quickly, the entire historical site would have been lost forever. The architect explained that he made the workers(d)..... (install/ to install/installed/installing) new safety features to prevent such incidents, and he asked, "(e).... ?" (If the building is secure now/Is the building secure now/Was the building secure now/that the building was secure then) to which they replied that it was. But the volunteers, who are dedicated(f)..... (to/in/for/with) preserving heritage,(g)..... (had not completed/haven't completed/hasn't completed/was not complete) the project yet. In the past, similar structures were often

neglected, yet today, people are more aware of their importance. Today, everyone(h)..... (agree, agrees, have agreed/were agreed) that the reconstruction reflects the community's unity. Radha Joseph,(i)..... (who/whom/whose/that) is a permanent employee of the library, said, "The new library will attract more visitors,(j)..... (does it/ will it/ won't it/wouldn't it)?" Overall, this rebuilding effort restores a landmark and strengthens communal bonds, proving that collective action can overcome adversity.

