

Pokhara Metropolitan City, Kaski

Basic Level Examination-2081

Grade: 8

Time 2:00 Hours

Full Marks: 50

Subject: Comp. English

(Reading and Writing)

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable. Credit will be given to neatness, clarity and originality in answers.

The figures in the right margin indicate full marks.

- 1/ Read the given poem and complete the sentences using the correct words / phrases. (5x1=5)

Free Birds

Free birds you are students
Flap your wings to fly,
Do continue your expedition
To touch the sky.

Come on dear students
You can reach the destination,
Hindrances may come on the way
Overcome them with determination.

Give a try to achieve your goal
Nothing is easy and nothing is impossible,
Try to recognise the courage within
You have the strength incredible.

Time and tide waits for none
Follow it with great care and caution,
You can make your nation a piece of heaven
Being a true patriot keep loving your nation.

- a) The poet is comparing the students with.....
- b)should be continued to touch the sky.
- c) Whilethe destination, hindrances may come.
- d) A.....loves his nation and makes it a piece of heaven.
- e) We should try to,.....the inner courage.

2/ Read the given text below and arrange the following sentences as they appear in it. (5x1=5)

Naresh was a simple, honest man. He lived in a little village with his family. He had a wife, three children, and his father and mother. He needed to work very hard to provide food for them. His wife had to look after the family. Therefore, she could not go out for work. The only income from Naresh was insufficient for the family. Sometimes, he would ask himself, "When will you be able to earn enough money to buy food? How will the children grow strong if they do not have nutritious food to eat?"

Poor Naresh went into his field and worked from morning till night every day. His only friend were his oxen, so he used to talk to them. "My friends," he would say, "When would I earn enough money to provide nutritious food for my kids?"

Sometimes even the neighbours heard him talking to his oxen. They laughed at him, but they were sorry about his condition too.

One day, Naresh went to a river to fetch some water. He had just finished filling his pot when he saw a stranger walking towards him. The man looked tired and ill. Naresh was a kind man, so he went up to the man and said, "Do you need some help? You look tired and ill."

The stranger replied, "Will you give me a drink and show me a place to rest?" Naresh gave him some water to drink. Then he said, "Will you come home with me? You can take a rest in my house and leave when you feel better." ...

- a) Naresh saw a tired and ill stranger.
- b) The stranger asked for water and a place to rest.

- c) Naresh invited the stranger to his house.
- d) Naresh was filling his pot with water.
- e) Naresh offered the stranger a help.

3/ Read the text given below carefully and write the answer choosing the correct option. (5x1=5)

Sunday, 9 February

Time: 9:45 p.m.

Dear diry,

Today is one of the best days that I've had in such a long time. As you know, how I enjoy the literacy and artistic atmosphere. Pervading at home! You remember my cousin Bikram? He keeps the house filled with his personality. His large gracious heart embraces alike relatives, friends, guests and dependents. His wide appreciation of art and latent keeps him constantly radiant with enthusiasm. New idea of festivity or frolic, theatrical or other entertainment, found in him a ready patron. He's my role model.

Anyway, today a trifling circumstance earned me the special regard of Bikram. Never have I got a prize at school, except once for good conduct! My baby brother Ishaan was awarded at school, today for his success on a recent competition. As we came home, I jumped off the bus, to give the great news to Bikram.

"Ishaan has got a prize," I shouted as I ran to Bikram. He was with his friends at the time. He drew me close and smilingly asked, "Have you got no prize?" "No, not I. It's Ishaan!" I said excitedly. My genuine pleasure at Ishaan's success touched him and he remarked to his friends that it was a very commendable trait and I was him favourite cousin. Now all I have to do is stay being Bikram's favourite cousin forever!

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- a) "He keeps the hose filled with his personality." By this statement the author means that Bikram
 - i. was the best member of the family
 - ii. dominated everyone and everything
 - iii. was creative, fun loving and appreciative of others

- b) What emotions did art and talent arouse in Bikram?
- i. Honesty
 - ii. Enthusiasm
 - iii. Lethargy
- c) Bikram always had new ideas
- i. related to business
 - ii. of appreciation, festivity or theatrical
 - iii. of mischief
- d) '..... that this was a very commendable trait,' Here, 'this' refers to
- i. Ishaan's success
 - ii. the author's happiness at Ishaan's success
 - iii. a touching moment
- e) How did the author get a prize?
- i. He did well in his examination
 - ii. His cousin gave it to him
 - iii. He earned it for being generous

4 Read the following text and do the activities that follow:

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Yasser Arafat was a Palestinian leader who played a major role in the struggle for Palestinian independence. He was born on August 24, 1929 in Cairo Egypt.

Arafat studied civil engineering at Cairo University and became involved in Palestinian politics at a young age. In the 1950s, he helped establish Fatah, a political and military organization dedicated to the liberation of Palestine. Fatah later became the most popular group within the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) which was founded in 1964.

Arafat became the chair of PLO in 1969 and remained its leader for decades. Under his leadership, the PLO fought against Israel using both armed resistance and diplomatic efforts. Arafat was a controversial figure. Some saw him a 'freedom fighter' and while others viewed him as a 'terrorist.'

In the 1960s, he shifted towards diplomacy. He played a key role in the Oslo Accords, peace agreements signed with Israel in 1993 and in 1995. These agreements led to the creation of the Palestinian Authority (PA), a government that managed Palestinian territories. For his efforts, Arafat,

along with his Israeli leaders Yitzhak Rabin and Samin Peres won the Noble peace prize in 1994.

Despite these agreements, peace did not last, clashes between Israelis and Palestinians continued, and Arafat's leadership was criticized. In the early 2000s, he was confined to his headquarters in Ramallah by the Israeli military.

Arafat seriously fell sick in late 2004 and was flown to France for medical treatment. He died on November 11, 2004 at 75. Still the exact cause of his death has remained disputed.

- A. Answer the following question. (5x1=5)
- What was the objective of Fatah?
 - Why do you think Yasser Arafat was seen as both a freedom fighter and a terrorist?
 - What led to create the Palestinian Authority?
 - What was Arafat awarded with Nobel peace prize for?
 - Why was his leadership criticized?

- B. Match the words in column 'A' with their meaning in column 'B'. (5x1= 5)

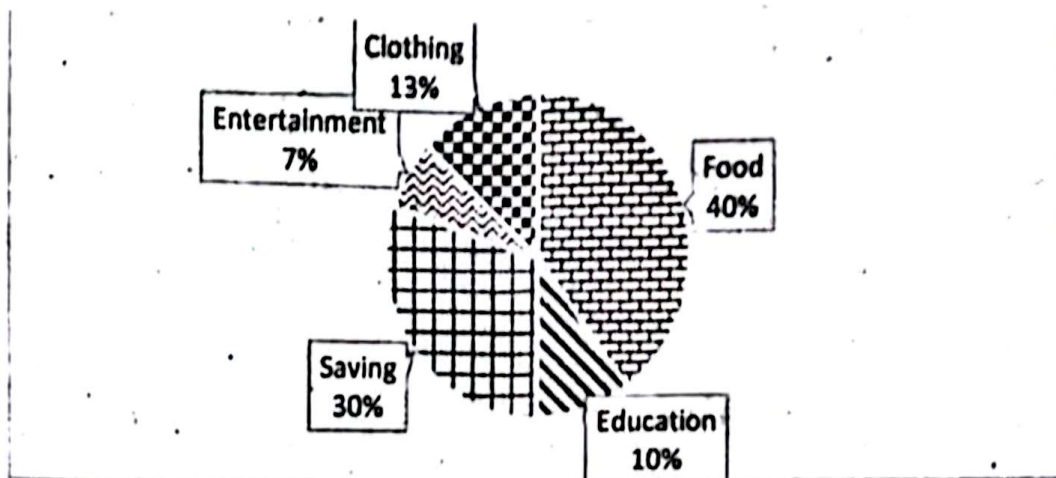
Column 'A'	Column 'B'
a. independence	i. the activity of managing relations between countries
b. establish	ii. freedom form political control by other countries
c. controversial	iii. arrangements or promise or contract made with somebody
d. agreement	iv. to start or create an organization, a system
e. diplomacy	v. dislike or off opposition to a plan, idea etc.
	vi. the power not to be affected by something

5. Identify ten errors in the given paragraph. Rewrite the paragraph by correcting the errors: (10x0.5=5)

the man was so frightened that he dropped his axe he stood there and thought for a while, and then went home. He told his wife what had happened, and she said what a fool you are! Go back at once and tell the lime tree that you want a horse and a cart haven't we had enough of walking!

6/ Interpret the following pie- chart in a proper way.

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7/ Write a letter to your Uncle/aunt thanking them for a wonderful gift they sent you. Express your happiness, describe how you plan to use the gift and share how it has been helpful to you. 10

8/ Rewrite the given sentences as indicated in the brackets. (5x0.5=2.5)

- Neither of the boys is good,.....? (Supply a correct tag.)
- By the end of this year, I.....(complete) this course in English.(write the correct form of the verb 'complete')
- The writer has written five books. (Change into negative.)
- He said to his mother, "I am hungry." (change into indirect speech)
- People speak English all over the world (change into passive voice)

9/ Chose and copy the best answer for the numbered blanks below. Rewriting is not necessary. (5x0.5=2.5)

John used to live in (a)..... (a/an/the) village. He finds city more exciting (b)..... (although/ because/ and) it is more expensive. He has to work hard every day. If he did not work hard, he (c)..... (will face /would face/would have faced) problems in his daily life. Same happened last week as he did not (d)..... (get/make/do) his car repaired. John, (e) (who/whom/whose) likes driving a lot seems to be quite restless due to traffic jam.

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