

Pokhara Metropolitan City, Kaski

Basic Level Examination-2082

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 following poem and write 'True' or 'False' against each statement.** **(5x1=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 our town.
Their impact could have changed the nation
And I could, indeed, have changed the world.

-Edward de Bono

- a) The speaker attempted first to change himself.
- b) The speaker tried to change his nation after failing to change the world.
- c) The speaker realized in his youth that self-change is the key to wider impact.
- d) The poem implies that influences spread outward from the individual to the world.
- e) The poet suggests that change is impossible at any level.

2. Read the following text and supply the correct information from the text. You cannot supply more than three words in a blank (5x1=5)

Vegans do not eat products that have come from an animals. For me, that means I do not eat dairy and animal- based protein like eggs and meat. I will eat regular butter if I am at restaurant and I do eat honey. Also, I point out those last two things to say all vegans do not have to be 'strict.' I believe like any other life style change, this is about what works best for the individual and about living your best life.

People often ask me if this has been hard. Has it been difficult to cut those things out of my diet? I thought it would be, but I have been surprised at how easy it has been for me.

When I did whole30, I learned that my body does not love dairy. Before these 30 days, I often went to bed with a stomach ache and really thought it was normal. Well, it was not. I rarely have a stomach ache now, rarely have a headache, have more energy and do not have acid reflux as much. It is kind of crazy!

There are ways to get protein outside of animals; I eat a lot of beans and chickpeas. And, there are an abundance of vegetables that I can incorporate into my diet.

- a. Vegans are reluctant for
- b. The speaker doesn't consumelike eggs and meat.

c, The speaker talks about the butter and honey to reveal vegans need not be

d, Nowadays, the speaker eats enoughto get protein .

e, One can get protein incorporating sufficientin their daily meal.

3. Read the following news story and rearrange the sentences correctly as they appear in the news story. 5*1=5

Snowfall Disrupts Mountain Districts

Post National Bureau

Kathmandu, Jan.24

Snowfall across the high altitude districts of Karnali and Sudhir Pashim provinces has disrupted daily life, grounding flights and blocking roads, while bringing much-awaited relief to farmers hit by a prolonged drought.

The snowfall, which began late Friday night and continued on Saturday, affected all high mountain districts of Karnali. According to the Civil Aviation Office, all flights from Surkhet and Nepalgunj to mountain airports were cancelled on Saturday. Nearby one foot of snow accumulated at Simikot Airport in Humla, forcing a complete halt to air services.

Road connectivity has also been severely affected. Transport services were suspended on nearly a dozen road sections including the Mid-Hill Highway, the Gamgadhi Nagma road in Mugu and the Simikot-Hilsa road in Humla. Thick snow has made movement difficult leaving local people largely confined indoors.

Source: The Kathmandu Post

- a. All flights from Surkhet and Nepalgunj to mountain airports were cancelled on Saturday.
- b. Thick snow made movement difficult confining people indoors.

- c. Daily life of people living the high altitude districts of Karnali and Sudurpaschim provinces was disrupted due to snowfall.
- d. The snowfall began late Friday night and continued on Saturday.
- e. Simikot airport sought nearly one foot of snow accumulation.

4. Read the following passage and do the tasks given.

One day Goddess Parvati was at home on Mt. Kailash preparing for a bath. As she didn't want to be disturbed, she told Nandi, her husband Shiva's Bull, to guard the door and let no one pass. Nandi devotedly took his post, intending to carry out Parvati's wishes. But, when Shiva came home and naturally wanted to come inside, Nandi had to let him pass, being loyal first to Shiva. Parvati was angry at this sight, but even more than this, at the fact that she had no one as loyal to herself as Nandi was to Shiva. So, taking the turmeric paste (for bathing) from her body and breathing life into it, she created Ganesha, declaring him to be her own loyal son.

Next time, Parvati wished to bath, she posted Ganesha on guard duty at the door. In due course, Shiva came home, only find this strange boy telling him he couldn't enter his own house! Furious, Shiva ordered his army to destroy the boy, but they all failed! Such power did Ganesha possess, being the son of Devi herself! This surprised Shiva. Seeing that this was no ordinary boy, the usually peaceful Shiva decided he would have to fight him, and in his divine fury severed Ganesha's head killing him instantly. When Parvati learned of this, she was so enraged and insulted that she decided to destroy the entire creation! Lord Brahma, being the creator, naturally had his issues with this, if two conditions were met: one, Ganesha be brought back to life, and two, he is forever worshipped before all the other gods.

A. Match the following words in column 'A' with their meaning in column 'B' **5*1=5**

Column A

- a) devotedly
- b) loyal
- c) furious
- d) severed
- e) insulted

Column B

- i. cut off
- ii. extremely angry
- iii. with great love and dedication
- iv. offended or treated with disrespect
- v. faithful and committed

B, Answer the following question.

5*1=5

- a. Why did Goddess Parvati ask Nandi to guard the door?
- b. Why did Nandi allow Shiva to enter the house?
- c. How was Ganesha Created?
- d. What two conditions did Parvati set for restoring Ganesha to life?
- e. Give a suitable title for the passage.

5. Punctuate the following piece of text correcting ten errors where necessary. **10*0.5=5**

god will help us if we help others, said naresh "Give the guest some food" the stranger stayed for three days. on the third day, he felt better, so he said to Naresh "I am leaving now, but before i go, would you like to come with me to the river"

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6 .Write a readable story with the help of the following clues. 5

A foxfalls into a well.....can't come out.....a goat comes.....asks the fox why he is there clever fox praises the sweet water of well.....invites him toogoat jumps.....fox leaps upon the goat's backgets outmoral.

7. The smartphone has significantly changed the way we live. Write an essay on "Smartphones in Our life" in about 150 words. 10

8. Rewrite the following sentences as indicated in the brackets. $5 \times 0.5 = 2.5$

a. Listen! Someone (shout) outside. (Put the verb 'shout' in its correct form.)

b. She never calls me, ? (Supply a correct tag.)

c. Himmal said to me. "Can I use your pen?" (Change into indirect speech.)

d. They have repaired the bridge. (Change into passive voice.)

e. She has already arrived home. (Change into negative)

9. Choose and copy the best answer for the numbered blanks. Rewriting is not necessary. $5 \times 0.5 = 2.5$

Once, there was (a) (a, an, the) old man (b) (who, whom, whose) had a goose. The goose (c) (lie, lay, laid) a golden egg every day. The man was very happy. He became rich, (d) ? (did he, didn't he, doesn't he.) Then, a beautiful house was built but the man was very greedy. He thought (e) (with, of, it) getting all the eggs at once.

