

**Butwal Submetropolitan  
Basic Level Examination-2081**

Class: 8

Subject: English

Time: 2 hrs.

Full Marks: 50

*Students are required to give their answers according to the given instructions:*

1. Read the given poem and answer the questions that follow.

**Long Life**

Life is too short to be spent  
gripping about the past,  
things you don't have,  
places you haven't seen,  
Things you haven't done.

Life is too short to be spent  
holding grievances against another,  
finding fault in your brother,  
counting the wrongs done on you.

Life is just long enough  
To enjoy the beauty of a sunrise,  
The smell of wet earth,  
And the sound of laughter,  
After a long day's work.

Life is just long enough  
To practice compassion and generosity,  
To comfort the grieving,  
To lend strength to the fainthearted,  
And direction to the lost.

*-Tricia Mae Chua*

**Answer the following questions:**

**(5x1=5)**

- a. Who has composed the poem?
- b. When do we live a short life?

- c. When do we live a long life?
- d. What happens if we find fault on others?
- e. How would you like to live your life?

2. Read the text carefully and rearrange the given statements in correct order: (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 evening every day. His only friends 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.

- a. The neighbours heard Naresh talking to his oxen.
- b. His friends were his oxen only.
- c. Naresh's income was insufficient for the family.
- d. Naresh's wife had to look after the family.
- e. Naresh was a simple and honest man.

3. Read the given text and match the words in column 'A' with their meanings in column 'B'. (5x1=5)

The paper bag is an interesting invention. Before paper bags were invented, the seller had to wrap goods in paper and tie it with string. Other customers had to wait. Then, they hired boys to make bags by hand, but this also took a long time. In 1884, a woman named Mattie Knight invented a machine that could make a bag with square bottom and pleated sides. The bag stands up, but it can also lie flat.

B. Answer the following questions: (5x1=5)

- What is the notice about?
- Who has issued the notice?
- What does NELTA stand for?
- When and where will the new schedule be made available?
- Why was the notice published?

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

a lot of people get away from kathmandu each year to celebrate dashain dashain is the greatest festival of hindus isn't it all the schools and colleges are closed on the occasion of Dashain but some people go to Kathmandu to celebrate the festival with their children

6. Write a news story with the help of the given clues: (5)

A night bus ..... going to Kathmandu from Dhangadi  
..... collided with next bus at Butwal ..... 5  
died on the spot ..... 15 injured ..... hospitalized at  
Lumbini Provincial Hospital ..... 3 serious ..... no  
hope to be alive ..... investigation is going on.

7. Many Nepalese are migrating to other countries for different purposes. Keeping this fact in mind, write an essay on the positive and Negative impacts of migration. (10)

8. Reproduce the following sentences as indicated in the brackets: (5x0.5=2.5)

a. They seldom join a picnic, \_\_\_\_\_ ? (Supply a correct Tag)

b. Abraham said to me, "Do not close the window."

(Change into indirect speech)

c. She read a novel last night. (Change into Negative)

d. Our teacher told us an interesting story.

(Change into passive voice)

e. Listen! Someone \_\_\_\_\_ (cry).

(Supply the correct form of the verb)

9. Choose and copy the correct answer for the numbered blanks below. (Rewriting is not compulsory.) (5x0.5=2.5)

Henry was born in .....1..... (a/an/the)  
United States at the turn .....2..... (with/of/in) the century. As  
a young man, he .....3..... (had/was/were) very active and  
spent a lot of time hunting and fishing. ....4.....  
(Although/In spite of/However) he was laborious, he was unable  
to earn more money. He started working as a journalist but his  
mother didn't like that profession. She made him ....5..... (to  
start/started/start) his own business so that he could earn more  
money and live happily.

The End