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# PABSON Kathmandu
## MID TERMINAL EXAMINATION-2083

**Class: 9** **Full Marks: 75**

**Subject: English** **Time: 3 hrs.**

*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 'How do Animals Spend the Winer?' and do the given task.** **5**

Some animals remain and stay active in the winter. They must adapt to the changing weather. Many make changes in their behaviour or bodies. To keep warm, animals may grow new, thicker fur in the autumn. On weasels and snowshoe rabbits, the new fur is white to help them hide in the snow. Food is hard to find in the winter. Some animals, like squirrels, mice and beavers gather extra food in the autumn and store it to eat later. Some, like rabbits and deer, spend winter looking for moss, twigs, bark and leaves to eat. Other animals eat different kinds of food as the seasons change. The red fox eats fruit and insects in the spring, summer and autumn. In the winter, it cannot find these things, so instead it eats small rodents.

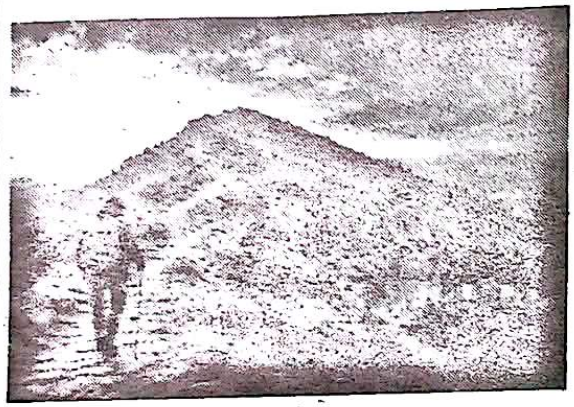
**A. Find the words from above that have the following meanings.** **5×1=5**

a) to change behaviour in dealing a new situation –
b) a small green or yellow plant spreads over wet surfaces, trees etc. –
c) pieces of wood that grow from the trunk of a tree –
d) to collect and keep something for future use –
e) animals such as mice and rats with long tails and sharp front teeth –

**2. Read 'Up-Hill' and do the activities that follow.** **10**

Does the road wind up-hill all the way?
Yes, to the very end.
Will the day's journey take the whole long day?
From morn to night, my friend.

But is there for the night a resting-place?
A roof for when the slow dark hours begin.
May not the darkness hide it from my face?
You cannot miss that inn.



Shall I meet other
wayfarers at night?
Those who have gone before.
Then must I knock, or call when
just in sight?
They will not keep you standing
at that door.

Shall I find comfort, travel-sore and weak?
Of labour you shall find the sum.
Will there be beds for me and all who seek?
Yea, beds for all who come.
*-Christina Rossetti*

**A. Find the words as indicated in the brackets from above.** **5×1=5**

a) Dawn (Synonym) –
b) Start (Antonym) –
c) Day (Antonym) –
d) Trip (Synonym) –
e) Search (Synonym) –

**B. Answer the following questions in short.** **5×1=5**

a) How far is the road up-hill, according to the guide?
b) What does the speaker doubt about the place to rest?
c) Who has travelled the road before?
d) What is the speaker's seventh question?
e) Who do you think opens the door?

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**3. Read 'Vacancy Announcement' and do the given activities carefully.** **10**

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**Pokhara, Nepal**

The Embassy of India, Pension Paying Office (PPO), Pokhara, invites applications from qualified and hardworking candidates for the following position:

**Position:** ARESA Civil Clerk (Assam Rifles)

**Eligibility Criteria**

| For Indian Ex-Servicemen | For Civil Applicants |
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| • Age: Below 40 years (Assam Rifles Ex-Servicemen: Below 57 years)<br>• Minimum Qualification: Grade 12 (10+2) or equivalent<br>• Good knowledge of MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Internet<br>• Relevant work experience<br>• Good communication skills in English and Nepali | • Age: 21 to below 35 years<br>• Minimum Qualification: Bachelor's Degree<br>• Computer proficiency in MS Office and Internet<br>• Relevant work experience<br>• Good communication skills in English and Nepali |

| Required Documents | How to Apply | Application Deadline |
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| • Application Letter<br>• Bio-data (CV) | Submit your application by e-mail to: oicpok.pokhara@mea.gov.in or submit a hard copy to the Establishment Section, | 27 July 2026 (5:00 p.m.) |

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| • Academic Certificates<br>• Experience Certificate<br>• Character Certificate<br>• Medical Fitness Certificate | Pension Paying Office, Pokhara. | |

Preference will be given to Assam Rifles pensioners and their dependents.

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**Embassy of India, Pension Paying Office, Pokhara.**

**A. Write 'True' or 'False' against the following statements.** **5×1=5**

a) Indian Ex-servicemen must have passed Grade 12 or its equivalent.
b) Civil applicants should be below 35 years of age.
c) A Medical Fitness Certificate is one of the required documents.
d) Applicants can submit their application only in person.
e) Good communication skills in both English and Nepali are required.

**B. Rearrange the following sentences in the correct order as they appear above.** **5×1=5**

a) Candidates should submit their applications by e-mail or hard copy along with the required documents.
b) Preference will be given to Assam Rifles pensioners and their dependents.
c) Applicants who meet the required qualifications, age limit, and computer skills can apply.
d) The application must be submitted before 27 July 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
e) The Embassy of India, Pension Paying Office, Pokhara, announces a vacancy for the post of ARESA Civil Clerk.

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**4. Read 'The Habits of Happy People' thoroughly and do the activities as follow.** 15

The human brain remembers negative experiences more easily than positive ones. Our brains have developed this way because threats, like dangerous animals, have a more immediate effect on our ancestors' survival compared to positive things like food or shelter. As a result, you likely know what makes you unhappy, but do you know what makes you happy?

Research suggests that our level of happiness depends partly on factors we cannot control - our genes and our life circumstances. But our level of happiness is also shaped by the choices we make. If you've been chasing wealth, fame, good looks, material things, and power, you may be looking for happiness in all the wrong places. Psychologists suggest that the following seven habits make people happier.

People who form close relationships tend to be happier than those who do not. The number of friends we have is not important. What matters is the quality of our relationships. Relationships that bring happiness usually involve the sharing of feelings, mutual respect, acceptance, trust, fun and empathy.

People who make a habit of caring for the well-being of others tend to be happier. This might involve volunteering for an organization or reaching out to support friends and family on a regular basis.

People who exercise regularly improve both their physical and mental well-being. Some research has shown that exercise can be as effective as medication in treating depression.

When we are so interested in an activity, we enjoy it that we lose track of time, we are in a state of flow. The activity could be making art, playing the piano, surfing, or playing a game. People who experience flow in their work or hobbies tend to be happier.

People who include spirituality in their daily lives tend to be happier. Practicing spirituality is a way of recognizing and trying to understand the wonder and beauty of existence. Some people do this by going to a place of worship or praying. Some people practice yoga or meditation. Some people go for long walks in nature.

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**A. Match the meanings in column 'A' with the correct words in column 'B'.** **5×1=5**

| *Column 'A'* | *Column 'B'* |
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| a) an expert or specialist in psychology | i) ancestors |
| b) a chemical substance used to treat health conditions | ii) psychologists |
| c) forefathers | iii) empathy |
| d) appreciation for religious values | iv) spirituality |
| e) understanding of others' feelings | v) medication |

**B. Choose and copy the correct alternatives to answer the question given below.** **5×1= 5**

a) Why doesn't the brain remember positive experiences as much as negative ones?
   i) Positive experiences were not as important for the survival of our ancestors as negative ones.
   ii) Our ancestors didn't understand what made them happy.
   iii) Our ancestors understand what made them happy.
   iv) Positive experiences like having food and shelter were necessary for the survival of our ancestors

b) Things we cannot control that affect our level of happiness are .....
   i) the number of volunteer positions we have
   ii) our genes
   iii) the number and quality of relationships we have
   iv) by the choices we make

c) Which is not the way of treating depression?
   i) learning to play the piano or guitar
   ii) learning to make art
   iii) starting an exercise program.
   iv) making a lot of friends

d) What is not given as a way people can include spirituality in their daily lives?
   i) taking long walks in nature
   ii) going to a place of worship
   iii) practice meditation
   iv) getting regular exercise

e) What is not mentioned in the text as being part of a quality relationship?
   i) enthusiasm
   ii) sharing of feelings
   iii) mutual respect
   iv) fun

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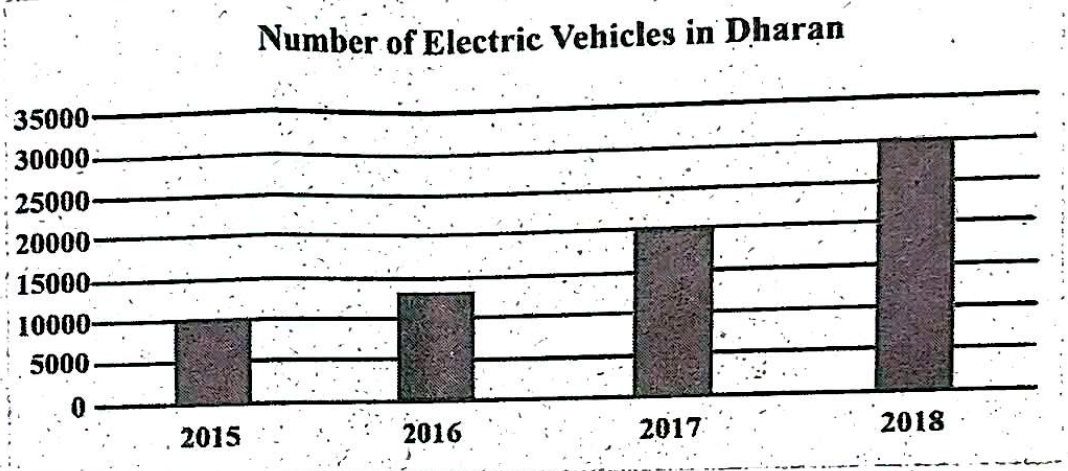
**C. Answer the following questions.** 5×1= 5

a) What experiences are harder for the human brain to recall?
b) Why do you think some people go for yoga and meditation?
c) How is our level of happiness determined?
d) How do relationships bring happiness in our lives?
e) What does regular exercise do for people?

5. **Read the following bar diagram carefully and write a short description about it by using the clues in about 100 words.** 5




**Clues:** Electric Vehicles (EV) ----- Dharan ----- vehicles increased ----- every year ----- people's attraction.

6. **Write a set of rules and regulations to be followed by the audience in the Cinema Hall using the clues in about 100 words.** 5

**Clues:** Valid Ticket ------ Maintain Silence ------ No Teasing ------ Recording Prohibited ------ No Littering.

7. **Do you think mobile phones should be allowed in high schools? Write a couple of paragraphs highlighting the consequences in about 150 words.** 6

8. **"Single family concept is going to shift our cultural values and norms of joint family." Write an essay expressing your views mentioning at least four advantages and four disadvantages on single family in about 200 words.** 8

9. **Reproduce the following sentences as indicated in the brackets.** 6×1=6

a) You'd better go to the hospital.....? (Supply the correct question tag.)
b) The students completed their project work on time. (Change into 'yes/no' question.)

c) My friend ..... (spend) his holiday in Indonesia last month. (Use the correct form of the verb 'spend' given in the bracket.)
d) Please, help me. (Change into negative.)
e) The teacher said, "Sun rises in the east." (Change into indirect speech.)
f) Laxman wrote a letter. (Change into passive voice.)

**10. Choose and copy the correct answer from the brackets to complete the given text. (Rewriting is not required.) 10×0.5=5**

There was once ____ **(a)** ____ *(a / an / the / nothing)* young boy who had a problem controlling his temper. Whenever he became angry, he ____ **(b)** ____ *(would / will / would have / had)* say anything that ____ **(c)** ____ *(came / comes / come / coming)* to his mind and hurt other people. So, his father gave him a bag of nails and a hammer and said, "Every time you get angry, ____ **(d)** ____ *(hammer / to hammer / hammered / hammering)* one nail into the fence in our backyard."

During the first few days, the boy hammered so many nails that he used up half the bag. Over the following weeks, the number of nails in the bag ____ **(e)** ____ *(was gradually reducing / were gradually reducing / gradually reduced / gradually reduces)*, and his temper came more under control. Then came a day when he did not lose his temper at all. He ____ **(f)** ____ *(asked / was asked / had asked / asking)* to remove one nail from the fence each day.

Finally, on the day the boy removed the last nail, his father said, "You have done well, my son. ____ **(g)** ____ *(Therefore / Though / However / Unless)*, the holes are still there in the fence. The fence will never be the same as before, even after repainting, ____ **(h)** ____ *(will it / won't it / will they / would it)*. If you say hurtful things in anger, you____ **(i)** ____ *(leave / left / are leaving / was leaving)* a scar on a person's mind, just as the nails did to the fence," the father said. Thus, the father ____ **(j)** ____ *(had / has / got / having)* his son lessens his anger in a calm and wise way.