

Secondary Education Examinations - SEE
COMPULSORY ENGLISH
Reading and Writing
(Written Test)

Candidates are requested to give answer according to the given instructions.

TIME: 2:15 hours

FULL MARKS: 75

1. Read the poem given below and do the tasks:

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The Road not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
 And sorry I could not travel both
 And be one traveler, long I stood
 And looked down one as far as I could
 To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
 And having perhaps the better claim,
 Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
 Though as for that the passing there
 Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
 In leaves no step had trodden black.
 Oh, I kept the first for another day!
 Yet knowing how way leads on to way,

I doubted if I should ever come back.
 I shall be telling this with a sigh
 Somewhere ages and ages hence:
 Two roads diverged in a wood, and I
 I took the one less traveled by,
 And that has made all the difference.

-Robert Frost

Answer the following questions in short:

5x1=5

- a. Where did the two roads get divided?
- b. Which road did the speaker take?
- c. Why did he choose that road?
- d. Why weren't the leaves on the road black?
- e. What was he not sure about?

2. Read the passage given below and do the tasks:

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Mr. Chairperson, respected teachers, and friends!

I would like to thank Mr. Timilsina for giving me an opportunity to express my opinion on the burning issue ' *the fewer the languages there are,, the easier the life will be*'. Every year several languages die out. Some people think that life will be easier if there are fewer languages in the world. I support this

view.

As we know, the development of recent technology has a significant role to create a global village. People from any part of the world can communicate easily through internet. Due to the international importance of the English language, most people are reluctant to use their first language and are learning English. This shows that people prefer learning the language that helps them to communicate in the global village to their own language. Mr. Chairperson, using the same language would certainly aid understanding and global fraternity. People can communicate with one another without any problems. It unites all the people as global citizens. If everyone speaks the same language, there will be a clear understanding between not only countries but also people throughout the world. It would promote learning, the flow of information and ideas. For example, students don't have to translate the text into their mother tongue to understand.

Ladies and gentlemen, economic growth is also possible by using single language as it can minimize various costs such as the cost of communication, translation, interpretation, etc. We won't need interpreters in international conferences, seminars and workshops. Participants can easily express whatever they like in the language of common understanding. Thus, it can minimize the communication barriers and help international business, resulting in a healthier world economy.

A. Answer the following questions in short:

5x1=5

- a. What view does the speaker favour?
- b. What role is the technology playing in today's world?
- c. Why are people more interested to learn English?
- d. Write one benefit of all speaking the same language.
- e. What expenses of communication does the use of single language minimize?

B. Match the words in column 'A' with their meanings in column 'B' : 5x1=5

Group A

Group B

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|-------------------|--|
| a. Significant | i. a group of people sharing a common profession or interests |
| b. Reluctant | ii. the action of explaining the meaning of something |
| c. Fraternity | iii. sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention |
| d. Promote | iv. unwilling and hesitant; disinclined. |
| e. Interpretation | v. to support or actively encourage |
| | vi. Interested in doing something |

3. Read the following text and do the tasks:

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More Than 1,000 Died in South Asia Floods This Summer

By JEFFREY GETTLEMAN AUG. 29, 2017

MUMBAI, India — More than 1,000 people have died in floods across South Asia this summer, and as sheets of incessant rain pummeled the vast region on Tuesday, worries grew that the death toll would rise along with the floodwaters.

According to the United Nations, at least 41 million people in Bangladesh, India and Nepal have been directly affected by flooding and landslides resulting from the monsoon rains, which usually begin in June and last until September.

And while flooding in the Houston area has grabbed more attention, aid officials say a catastrophe is unfolding in South Asia.

In Nepal, thousands of homes have been destroyed and dozens of people swept away. Elephants were pressed into service, wading through swirling waters to rescue people, and aid workers have built rafts

from bamboo and banana leaves.

But many people are still missing, and some families have held last rites without their loved ones' bodies being found.

"This is the severest flooding in a number of years," Francis Markus, a spokesman for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, said by phone from Kathmandu, Nepal's capital. Nepal's flooded areas are the poorest parts of the country, where most families live in bare mud houses and rely on subsistence farming, he said. Those farms are now underwater, and thousands of people are stuck living under plastic tarps in camps for displaced people where disease is beginning to spread.

(The New York Times)

A. Write 'True' against the true or 'False' against the false statements: 5X1=5

- a. More than 1,000 people have died in Nepal this summer.
- b. The monsoon generally lasts for four months every year.
- c. This year's flooding in Nepal is the worst in many years.
- d. The rich parts of Nepal are mostly affected by flood.
- e. Flood victims are living in Camps.

B. Answer the following questions: 5X1=5

- a. When was the news published?
- b. What is the news about?
- c. What is the number of people affected by floods and landslides?
- d. Who is Francis Markus?
- e. What is the risk to the displaced people living in camps?

4. Read the following text and do the tasks: 15

Aunt Jane is now well over 70, but she is still a great cinema-goer. The cinema in our town closed down years ago and sometimes she has to travel twenty miles or more to see a good film. And once a month at least she goes up to London to see the latest foreign films. Of course she could see most of these films on television, but the idea does not attract her. "It isn't the same," she says. "For one thing, the screen's too small. Besides, I like going to the cinema!"

One thing has always puzzled us. Although Aunt Jane has lots of friends and enjoys company, she always goes to the cinema alone. We discovered the reason for this only recently from mother. "It may surprise you to learn that Aunt Jane wanted to be an actress when she was young," she told us. "She used to wait outside film studios all day, just to appear in crowd scenes. Your aunt has probably appeared in dozens of films - as a face in the crowd at a railway station or in the street! Sometimes she did not even know the name of the film they were making, so she couldn't go to see herself at the cinema!"

"All the time, of course, she was looking for a small part in a film. Her big chance came when they started to make a film in our town. Jane managed to meet the director at a party, and he offered her a role as a shopkeeper. It really was a very small part - she only had a few lines to say - but it was an important moment for Jane. Before the great event, she rehearsed for days. In fact, she turned the sitting room into a shop! We all had to help, going in and out of the shop until she was word perfect. And on the actual day she was marvellous. The director congratulated her. Jane thought that this was the beginning of her film career.

"Unfortunately, in the end, they did not include the shop scene in the film. But, nobody told Jane! When the film first appeared in London, she took all her friends to see it. And of course she wasn't in it. It was a terrible blow! She stopped going to film studios and gave up the idea of becoming an actress. She still loves the cinema, as you all know, but from that day, she has always gone alone!"

A. Match the meanings in column 'A' with the words in column 'B': 7X1=7

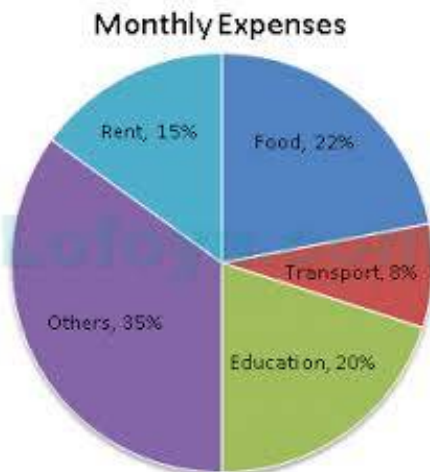
A	B
a. much more than	i. blow
b. being with people	ii. well over
c. where films are made	iii. rehearsed
d. part in film or play	iv. company
e. practised	v. turned into
f. made into	vi. role
g. disappointment	vii. studios
	viii. looked into

B. Answer the following questions: 8X1=8

- How often does Jane go to London to see the films?
- Why does Jane not watch the films on television?
- Why did she use to stay outside film studios?
- How did she get a role in the film?
- Why did she turn her sitting room into a shop?
- Why was she congratulated by the director?
- Why did she take all her friends to see the film?
- Does she still have the idea of becoming an actress? Why?

5. Imagine that a student of your school died in a road accident at the age of 14. Write a message of condolence to be published in a newspaper on behalf of your school.

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6. The following chart shows the monthly expenses of Mrs. Karki. Interpret the chart in about 100 words.**7. A student is trying to get new library membership. Write a dialogue between the student and a librarian in about 150 words.** 6**8. Write an essay on 'Federalism in Nepal' in about 150 words.** 8

9. Reproduce the following sentences as indicated in brackets:**6X1=6**

- a. City dwellers rarely have any leisure,.....? (Supply the correct tag)
- b. My dog doesn't eat flesh. (Into affirmative)
- c. Rita goes to the cinema once a week. (Into 'how often' question)
- d. She generally (sing) Nepali songs. But today she is singing an English song. (Put the verb in bracket in correct tense)
- e. I asked him, "What are you doing?" (Into indirect speech)
- f. I have been given this book by my sister. (Into active voice)

10. Complete the sentences below choosing suitable alternatives from the brackets: (Rewriting is not compulsory)**10 x 0.5=5**

Once there lived an old king with(1).....prince (a/an/the) who was supposed to be the heir to the throne. The prince, however, did not pay any attention ...(2).....(for/in/to) the state affairs. He, with his friends(3).... (is/was/were) involved in the activities that ...(4)..... (are/will be /were) not suitable for a prince. He was hardly involved in the affairs that were good for the well being of the people,.....(5).....? (was he/wasn't he/didn't he). The king forbade him...(6).....(to involve/not to involve/to involve not) in unwanted activities.(7) (Although/In spite of/Because of) of his father's warning, the prince did not give up his bad habits. As a result, one day a big protest ...(8).....(organized/was organized/ will be organized) against him. This made the king...(9).....(dismiss/to dismiss/ dismissed) him from the crown prince. If the prince(10)..... (listens/listened/had listened) to the king's warning in time, he would have been enthroned to kingship.

Marking Scheme

Q1. These questions carry 5 full marks. Award 1 mark for each correct answer

Possible Answers

- a. in a yellow wood
- b. the other/ second (road)
- c. because it was less travelled/ wanted wear/ had the better claim.
- d. because no step had trodden them (that morning)
- e. not sure whether he would ever come back for the first road.

Q. 2 A. These questions carry 5 full marks. Award 1 mark for each correct answer.

Possible Answers

- a. life will be easier if there are fewer languages.
- b. creates global village/ promotes the use of single language, i.e. English
- c. due to international importance of the English language.
- d. aids understanding and global fraternity/people can communicate with one another without any problems/ It unites all the people as global citizens/there will be a clear understanding between countries / people
- e. it minimizes the expenses of cost of communication, translation, interpretation, etc.

2. B These questions carry 5 full marks. Award each correct answer with 1 mark.

Expected Answers

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|---|---|----|
| a | - | i |
| b | - | iv |
| c | - | i |
| d | - | v |
| e | - | ii |

3. A. This question carries 5 marks. Award 1 mark for each correct answer. The answers are:

- a. False b. True c. True d. False e. True

3. B. This question carries 5 marks. Award 1 mark for each correct answer. The answers are:

- a. August 29, 2017
- b. (the effects of) flood in South Asia
- c. 41 million
- d. spokesman for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Nepal.
- e. the spread of diseases

4. A. This question carries 7 marks. Award 1 mark for each correct answer. The answers are:

- a. much more than - ii. well over
- b. being with people - iv. company
- c. where films are made - vii. studios
- d. part in film or play - vi. role
- e. practised - iii. rehearsed
- f. made into - v. turned into
- g. disappointed - i. blow

4. B. This question carries 8 marks. Award 1 mark for each correct answer. The answers are:

- a. at least once a month
 b. because for her it's not the same, the screen is too small and she likes to go to the cinema
 c. to appear in the crowd scene
 d. she managed to meet and talk to the director
 e. to rehearse for the role as a shopkeeper
 f. she was perfect in acting as a shopkeeper
 g. to show them her acting in the film
 h. No, she has given up the idea of becoming an actress
- 5. This question carries 5 marks. Award marks as per the following criteria:**
- Format (interval pyramid style, bold title/name/name of school) - 1
 - Content - 2.5
 - Language (accuracy and style) - 1.5
- 6. This question carries 5 marks. Award marks as per the following criteria:**
- Content - 3
 - Language (accuracy and style) - 1
 - Comparison and contrast - 1
- Q. 7 This question carries 6 full marks. Award marks as per the following criteria:**
- Factual information/ content - 4
 - Organization - 1
 - Accuracy of language - 1
- Q. 8 This question carries 6 full marks. Award marks as per the following criteria:**
- Content -4
 - Format / organization -2
 - Language accuracy -2
- 9. This question carries 6 marks. Award 1 mark for each correct answer. The answers are:**
- a. City dwellers rarely have any leisure, do they?
 - b. My dog eats flesh.
 - c. How often Rita go to the cinema?
 - d. She generally sings Nepali songs. But today she is singing an English song.
 - e. I asked him what he was doing.
 - f. My sister has given me this book.
- Q. 10. This question carries 5 full marks. Award 0.5 mark for each correct answer**
- Expected answers
1. a
 2. to
 3. was
 4. were
 5. was he
 6. to involve
 7. in spite of
 8. was organized
 9. dismiss
 10. had listened