

Set 'A'

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable. The figures in the margin indicate full marks. Attempt all questions

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: [15]
The Himalayas are the blocks that once lived up for millennia as huge masses of water, to be called oceans in today's words, or even blue in literarily nomenclature. Though mankind has ever tried to figuratively tame the life span of our mother earth and her prodigious geography like Himalayas, it should be kept in mind that no science has been perfectly capable to capture the penultimate truth out of its materially controlled scientific technology. Some sort of in-depth scientific devices would make a sense that can be expected to offer insightful knowledge about real evolution and end of any geography over this planet. It is no fooling about thus, individuals of philosophical aptitude seem to assert most often that science is not unlimited a discipline which should be relied on for every aspect of truth. They instead, suggest either not enquiring or plunging right into the heart of matter. 'But, plunging! It is easier said than done,' they add. On the contrary, individuals adhered to scientific procedures only, do not hesitate to counter opinions of philosophical people. 'We can't be befooled with the opinions in the name of insight because proven facts can be obtained by means of concrete experiments and measurements after all,' they argue.
Questions:
 - a. What is the fact about today's Himalayas?
 - b. Why can't we factually figure out the life span of any geography over this earth?
 - c. Why according to science oriented people should we not be befooled with philosophical ideas about truth?
 - d. What limitations are implied with science in general?
 - e. What is the text about particularly?
2. If you were selected the Education Minister of Federal Nepal for a month what five assignments would you prioritize to accomplish within your time line? Also explain why? [10]
3. Write your experiences and achievements as a football player of your country [10]
4. Change the suggestions below, using **ought to, ought not to, might as well or there's no point in** [5]
 1. Let's not sell it – it's not worth anything anyway.
 2. Why don't we give it away – it's not worth anything any way.
 3. Don't ask him: he doesn't speak English.
 4. Why don't you take a pull over- it might turn cold.
 5. Let's not talk about it- children are listening. 5. Look at the example:
Example: I can't go to sleep
- This is the first time I've ever slept in a tent.
- I've never flown at night before.
- I'm not used to having siestas.
Continue the remarks below as in the example. [5]
 - a. Hold my hands! Will you?
 - b. I hope they reach home safe
6. Change the following sentences using **look, look like or look as though / as if** to describe appearance as in the examples: [5]
e.g. a. *He is tall* b. *he has been working hard*
a. *he looks tall* b. *he looks as if he has been working hard*
c. *He is some kind of businessman* c. *He looks like a businessman*
Now try the following in the same way:
 - a. The man is Australian.
 - b. He's very friendly.
 - c. He doesn't spend much time out of doors.
 - d. He is a very kind man.

- e. He has lived a very interesting life.
7. Report the following remarks as they would mean: [5]
- "How is everything with you", the receptionist said.
 - The manager said to me, "If you don't pay our dues on time, we will be forced to lodge the complaint in the police"
 - The salesman said, "Why don't you timely send them the money, you would have much better time if you did that."
 - My friend said, "To be frank, I would never do any business with this kind of fraud company, I were you."
 - The manager said, "Sorry, we now realize that drill was wrongly installed in our factory."
8. Write a 'police description' of a person who has been charged of breaking into a finance company: in your city. [5]
9. Add an appropriate relative clause to these sentences [5]
- He finally found the mobile , ... , in his living room pocket.
 - When she came back, she found that her bike , ... had broken down.
 - We were all very obliged to Henry ,
 - At last we managed to repair the television,
 - I found my watch this Saturday ,
10. Rewrite the following sentences beginning 'If there's one thing: [5]
- People who talk restaurants annoy me.
 - People who are rude to others irritate me.
 - People who can't keep promises make me unhappy.
 - I hate people who stand in gangs in the streets
 - I loathe people who disturb when I'm working.
11. Explain what the following people had possibly been doing [5]
- Finally, Harry won the match
 - My mom scolded me badly at last
 - We found our friend all covered with stains on his face
 - I caught cold in the end
 - Michael couldn't stand up straight
12. Answer the following questions: (**any five**) [3×5=15]
- How does the poet feel about his grandmother? [Grandmother]
 - How is it significant that Alyohin himself is the source of an anecdote on relation between Nikanor and Pelageya at the beginning of the story ? [About Love]
 - What makes Nissani believe that world is already full of overpopulation? [Two Long Term Problems: too Many people too few trees]
 - How is Karnali economically linked with the lowland regions to the South? [Hurried Trip to Avoid a Bad Star]
 - How does the poet justify his action of swerving the Doe into the canyon? [Traveling Through the Dark]
 - Is death meaningful in the poem? [Full fathom five thy father lies]
13. What is the message of the poem God's Grandeur?
OR
 Write an essay on youth and age? [10]

The End

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Set 'B'

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Attempt **all** questions

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

[15]

On 2 April 1973, Dr. R S Griffiths, of Manchester university, was walking home when a solid object crashed into the street only three metres away from him, smashing into several pieces. It was solid block of ice, and as scientist, Dr. Griffiths immediately realized its significance. He picked up the largest piece and ran home to put in his deep – freeze; as a result, it became the best studied example of a phenomenon so far unexplained by science.

Dr. Griffiths' ice block wasn't particularly big -612- grams – but there are countless recorded examples much larger than that, all of them much larger than the heaviest hailstones, which rarely weigh more than 200 grams. These ice blocks have smashed through the roofs of houses, dented the metal of cars and even killed sheep. Griffiths demonstrated scientifically that his block could have been large hailstone. Nor could it have dropped from a passing aircraft, as the flight records of the only two aeroplanes in the area showed.

Nine seconds before Griffiths' block fell, there had been a stroke of lightning. Might these large ice- blocks, then be produced by lightning? Or could they come from space? Scientists at the Drexel institute in the USA concluded that 'the large chunks of ice which have fallen could have not been meteorological in origin', while scientists at Colorado University said that though there could be ice out in space, such blocks of ice probably couldn't survive the intense heat when entering our atmosphere.

Questions:

- a. What makes it possible for the scientists at Colorado University to state that the ice blocks can't be from space?
 - b. What was so special about falling of ice block that attracted Dr. Griffiths?
 - c. What allows Dr. Griffiths to accept that the ice block must have fallen from lightning?
 - d. Why couldn't it be from an aeroplane?
 - e. Why couldn't the block be a meteorological in origin?
2. Rewrite the sentences below using **seem** . [5]
- a. The minister is not having lunch.
 - b. His assistant wasn't telling the truth.
 - c. He had been delayed due to international problems .
 - d. The minister didn't hear our problems
 - e. He is going away on a visit.
3. Write an application to the **HR Manager** of Voxa D, manufacturers for the post of Account Officer at their second branch office in Biratnagar that was advertized to be vacant in the Himalayan Times daily dated September 13, 2013. Also attach your latest CV to convince that you are eligible for the position. [10]
4. Write a short paragraph listing the given person's experiences and achievements. Begin with the sentence given: [5]
- Joseph has travelled almost all the geographical locations of the world as an anthropologist...
5. Continue the remarks below with a sentence using (not) used to + ing [5]
- Example:** The traffic doesn't wake him up at night...
- Answer:** He's used to sleeping in the street.
- a. He's going to find it hard work working on a building site...
 - b. She was quite shocked when I gave her some flowers...
 - c. I get a bit lonely sometimes, as my brother has left for home ...
 - d. It's quite hard managing office on my own ...
 - e. Ooh dear. I've got a severe headache ...

6. How would you describe a person's character in one word who: [5]
- never buys you a drink
 - jokes about everything
 - believes whatever you tell him.....
 - lets people down
 - doesn't boast
7. Fill the gaps in the sentences below with 'for, in, until or by'. [5]
- She talked on the phone20 minutes.
 - We had to change the wheel10 minutes.
 - He saved up £200 Christmas.
 - We did all our assignment.....9 at night
 - He stayed in the hospital 7th of the month .
8. Join the following sentences together using a relative clause. [5]
- a. Phil was an excellent driver
b. His forehead was covered in sweat
 - a. The big castle was finally destroyed.
b. The Royal family had lived in it for 300 years.
 - a. We all hated the man in hat.
b. The police had warned us not to approach him.
 - a. Geoff finally asked Jane to marry him.
b. She had always been in love with his brother.
 - a. He proudly showed me round his house.
b. He had paid \$ 100,000 for it.
9. Read the sample dialogue and write similar dialogue on the topics given below: [5]
- What do you think of the politics?*
 - Oh, I find politics really irritating. What about you?*
 - Really! Politics irritates me too*
 - But I don't get so much depressed when people talk about politics*
- Now write about these topics:
- People who talk about themselves
 - Horror films
10. Write a letter to a newspaper saying how you feel about growing use of face book in your locality. [10]
11. Give conflicting remarks to the following **as in the example:** [5]
- I am hungry I could eat a horse
But you told me just now that you had had your lunch late
- I've been sleeping very badly.
 - I haven't any penny to pay you today .
 - I am 25 years old.
 - I will go on holiday by my car
 - If you want I can lend you my bike
12. Answer any **five** questions [3×5=15]
- What images does the poet make use of in order to describe his grandmother? [Grandmother]
 - What is wrong in Moti Nissani's views with treeless Nepal? [Two Long Term Problems...]
 - How is death meaningful in the poem "Full Fathom Five Thy Father Lies"?
 - What do the surveyors suggest for timely development of Karnali zone? [Hurried Trip to Avoid a Bad Star]
 - What is the meaning of the title 'Travelling through the Dark'?
 - Why does the poet spit into the face of time? [The Lamentation of the Old Pensioner]
13. Give a character sketch of Alyohin . [About Love] [10]

OR

Interpret the poem Travelling Through the Dark in your own words

The End.