



First Term Exam – 2071

Grade: XII
Time: 3 hrs.

Subject: English

F.M.:100
P.M.: 40

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]

Sunanda Shrestha, who is the CEO of United Finance Limited, and has always been interested in management, has 10 years of experience in merchant banking. He started his career as a research assistant at Center for Economic Development (CEDA) under Tribhuvan University. With a Master's degree in Business Administration from Tribhuvan University, Shrestha says, "Being a management student, I always wanted to work in economic and corporate sector, and working in CEDA as a research assistant helped me in understanding the economy of Nepal." After working for almost five years on economic research in far western parts of Nepal, he joined NIDC capital market in 2050. "I worked in many financial institutions and learnt a lot about not only the technical aspect of merchant banking but also about how important it is to be good at handling people," he says.

Having been appointed as CEO of UFL some months back, he says, "It is a very challenging job and come with huge responsibilities. I am responsible to assure that the institution complies with the guidelines set by Nepal Rastra Bank and the Board of Directors while also monitoring the work in various departments."

Highlighting the challenges the financial sector currently faces, he explains, "The whole economic and financial sector suffered the brunt of political instability which stagnated the nation's economic development and investment opportunities." However, he is optimistic that the industry will see better days with more economic movements.

Questions

- a. What are the qualification and experience of Sunanda Shrestha?
b. How did the narrator gain understanding about the economy of Nepal?
c. How did the speaker get knowledge in technical aspect of banking?
d. Why is the job of CEO challenging?
e. What are the challenges for the financial sector?

2. Write a short paragraph listing the following person's experiences and achievements using the points given in the bracket. Begin with the sentence given below. [5]

Brenda Gibbons is just the right person for the job.-----
(Science at university, industrial chemist, two books on oil, experience on North Sea oil rig, lecturer on energy at University of Cambridge, 1980)

3. Change the following sentences using be +used to +ing [5]
The traffic doesn't wake him up at night---
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 surprised when I gave her some flowers.....
c. He won't mind if you stare at him.....
d. I get a bit lonely sometimes, now that she's gone.....
e. It's quite hard work doing all my own washing and cleaning.

4. Change the sentences below, using must, can't, may/might [5]

- 1. I'm sure he's working.
2. Perhaps he was listening.
3. I'm sure they weren't camping.
4. Perhaps he went home.
5. Perhaps they haven't finished.

5. Join the following sentences together using a non-defining relative clause. [5]

- a. Mrs Aldrich (she was married with two children) never recovered consciousness.
b. The old house (the family had lived in it for 300 years) was finally sold.
c. Mary noticed that he was wearing her ring (she had lost it five years before).
d. Nobody liked the eldest son (old Lord Banbury had left all his money to).
e. He became quite fond of Brixton prison (he had spent so much of his life there).

6. Fill the gaps in the sentences below with for, in, until or by [5]

- a. They got the lunch ready.....12.30.
b. He learnt to swim.....six weeks.
c. They lived in Newcastle.....1973.
d. My mother ran a bookshop..... two years.
e. We did all our homework..... a couple of hours.

7. Write a 'police description' of a person who has robbed a bank recently. [5]

8. Write a letter of application to the principal of Global College of Management for the post of an accountant mentioning your qualifications and experience in detail. [10]

9. Write some advantages and disadvantages of using computers in business or in education. [10]

10. Answer the following questions: (any five) [3x5=15]

- a. How does the poet draw a picture of his grandmother? [Grandmother]
b. Describe the love between Nikanor and Pelageya. [About Love]
c. Why is the poet lamenting in the poem? [The Lamentation of the Old Pensioner]
d. What does The spirit Ariel do to comfort Ferdinand, the prince of Naples? [Full Fathom Five Thy Father Lies]
e. How can you claim that the people of Karnali are superstitious? Give example. [Hurried trip to Avoid a Bad Star]
f. How does the poet do full justice to both sides of the conflict- responsibility and emotion? [Traveling Through the dark]

11. What are the two long-term problems that Nepal is facing at present? Explain them with their solutions. [Two Long-Term Problems:-----]

OR

Write an essay on Youth and Age? [10]



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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** question

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: [15]
 What motivates us to great work? Or, what sets human beings to perform action at the peak of their potential? This question is perhaps as old as human civilization. And for ages people have been giving these answers: reward, recognition, money, stability, pleasure and the likes motivate us into action. But these old-age beliefs no longer seem to be holding true. In short, external motivation does not any longer seem to be the guiding factor for human performance. A recent Harvard study of 600 managers conducted by psychologists Teresa Amabile and Steven Kramer, found shocking results. 95 per cent of managers misunderstood what motivates employees. They thought making more money, getting a raise and other material stuff was it. In fact, after analyzing 12,000 employee diary entries, they discovered that the number one work motivator was emotion, not financial incentives: it is the feeling of making progress every day toward a meaningful goal. When employees receive supports that help them overcome obstacles, their emotions are most positive and their drive to succeed is at its peak. The *Bhagavad Geeta*, puts forward a revolutionary principle that goes much beyond all the accepted theories of work and performance. Verse 47 of Chapter two states, "Your right is to work only, but never to its fruits; let not the fruit-of-action be your motive, nor let your attachment be to inaction." In this way, the *Bhagavad Geeta* fully negates all theories and notions of external motivation for any great work. Unless we enjoy the work itself, we cannot invest our entire energy, with heart and mind, into action. Such half-hearted efforts will not yield great results.

Questions

- According to old-age beliefs, what motivates us to great work?
 - Why is the result of Harvard study conducted by psychologists shocking?
 - What is the number one work motivator?
 - What is the revolutionary principle put forward by the *Bhagavad Geeta*?
 - Why should we enjoy the work itself?
2. Write a short paragraph listing the following person's experiences and achievements using the points given in the bracket. Begin with the sentence given below. [5]
 The new party leader, Andrew Fife, is a man of wide and varied experience.-----
 (journalist, economist, minister for two governments, chancellor of the Exchequer (1974 –78), world-wide travel, many heads of state)
3. Change the following sentences using **look, sound, smell, feel, taste +like** [5]

- Surely he's not a manual worker.....
 He looks like a businessman to me.
- Are you sure this is tea?.....
 - I wonder who wrote that music.....
 - He's got a foreign accent.....
 - This material's very soft....
 - What's that you're cooking?.....

4. Change the following sentences using **seem** [5]
- He's very friendly.
 - He isn't very rich.
 - He's happily married.
 - He's some kind of businessman.
 - He watches television a lot.
5. Rewrite the following sentences beginning 'If there's one thing.....?' [5]
- People who smoke in restaurants annoy me.
 - People who break promises make me angry.
 - People who are cruel to animals upset me.
 - I hate people who smoke in restaurants.
 - I detest people who interrupt when I'm speaking.
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. Write a physical description of yourself talking briefly about your height, weight, build and face. [5]
8. You have moved to a new flat recently. Write a letter to a friend, describing what it's like living there, and how are the people living around you. [10]
9. If you were shipwrecked alone on a desert island, which five common objects would you want to have with you? Why? [10]
10. Answer any **five** questions [3×5=15]
- Why is Alyohin unsuccessful in his love with Anna? [About Love]
 - Why does the poet spit into the face of Time? [The Lamentation of the Old Pensioner]
 - Is death meaningful in this poem? [Full Fathom Five Thy Father Lies]
 - How can you say that the poet's grandmother is hard working? [Grandmother]
 - How do the people of Karnali spend their hard-earned money in Nepalganj? [Hurried trip to Avoid a Bad Star]
 - Why is the poet sympathetic to the dead deer in the poem? [Traveling Through the dark]
11. Give a description of the outing as Thomas would describe it. [A Story] [10]

OR

Write an essay on Life and Art