



Second Term-2071

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Grade: XII  
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Set A

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions below: (15)

Despite efforts of the Commission for the Investigation of Abuse of Authority (CIAA), the level of corruption has not decreased in the country. The Corruption Perception Index (CPI) made public last week shows that the level of corruption in our country did not come down, but it went up. It slipped ten positions than the last year's perception index. Nepal, this year stood in 126<sup>th</sup> position. The anti-graft constitutional body had arrested at least 400 government officials from various offices – District Administration Office, Land Revenue Office, Land Reform Office, Transportation Management Office, Immigration Office, Custom Office – for abuse of power making illegal money. Despite its crackdown in the government offices, the anti-graft body could not bring the level of corruption down. The CPI reflects the real situation of the country in regard to good governance. To avoid being caught by CIAA many government staff demanded to be transferred from their current offices to ones less lucrative offices. The bureaucratic departments of the country are now afraid of being caught due to the attempts made by the anti-graft body. But the question remains if steps taken by the CIAA are sufficient to curb corruption or not. The bureaucracy is definitely one of the important parts of the state but political parties, non-governmental organization, and banking sector's activities also play significant roles in the state system. Therefore, it is equally important to keep a check on their activities as well. The overall financial activities of a nation have a chain effect in the entire governance sector but the role of the politics played in regard to corruption is also of significance.

Questions:

- What is the full form of CIAA?
- What was the position of Nepal in corruption last year?
- Whom did the anti-graft constitutional body arrest, and why?
- Who are mainly responsible for corruption?
- Would you suggest some measures to stop corruption?

2. Answer any five of the following questions. (5x3=15)

- Why is Lydia Pinkham most notable character in the essay? Explain (Women's Business)

- What are the consequences of overpopulation? Suggest some of the solutions of it. (Two long Term Problems)
- Compare the trend of adoption in America twenty years ago and now, and write what factors brought changes in this trend? (The Children Who Wait)
- Why is the poet lamenting in the poem? (The Lamentation of the Old Pensioner)
- What is the central idea of the poem "God's Grandeur"?
- What did the two writers learn about the life and culture of the people of the Karnali region during their journey on foot? (Hurried trip to Avoid Bad Star)

3. Answer any one of the following. (10)

- Compare the traditional eastern society with the rich western society in terms of pregnancy, childbirth, and childrearing. (A Child is Born)
- How do you claim that the narrator is mad? Give reasons for your answer. (The Tell Tale Heart)

4. Rewrite the following sentences using *must, can't, may/might*. (5)

- I'm sure she's working.
- I'm sure it hasn't been snowing.
- Maybe she was delayed.
- Perhaps he's telling the truth.
- I'm sure the snow has melted.

5. Join the following pair of sentences using (a) had only just ....when... (b) No sooner had .....than..... (5)

- My grandfather retired/ he had a heart attack
- The Wilkinsons went to bed/ Mrs Wilkinson heard a strange noise
- The plane took off/ three hijackers walked into the cabin
- I sat down to watch my favorite programme/ some friends turned up
- The new exhibition hall was opened/ it was destroyed by fire

6. Write approximately when these people were born, and then decide approximately what age they are now. (5)

- Richard 1930/3
- Alan 1964/5
- Jane 1928/9
- Naresh 1960/61
- Ganesh 1945/45

7. Express regret, as you are in the following situations. (5)

- You failed your exams.
- You did not bring your umbrella, and it's raining.
- Your house caught the fire.
- You lost your money in a casino.
- You got a bike accident.

8. **Change the following sentences choosing one of the verbs to report the remarks below.** (5)  
**advise, insist, suggest, threaten, recommend,**
- a. I'll report to the police if you don't do what I say.
  - b. You'd better work hard to achieve high profit.
  - c. No, I have already told you- I won't marry you.
  - d. You should spend a week in Scotland – it's lovely.
  - e. Why don't you paint the ceiling green?
9. **Write a description of yourself. Talk briefly about your height, weight and build, and describe your face in detail.** (5)
10. **Rewrite the following sentences using ' If there's one thing.....'** (5)
- a. People who pull others' hair irritate me.
  - b. People who beat animals offend me.
  - c. Jeena's hair is grey. I'm impressed.
  - d. She has long hair. How attractive!
  - e. They are laughing at the poor. How annoying!
11. **Write a paragraph starting with If I were the Prime Minister of Nepal.....** (5)
12. **Write a letter to The Kathmandu Post explaining domestic violence on women in your community, and also suggest what the government should do to stop such crime.** (10)
13. **Nowadays, there is a tendency among people from developing countries to go abroad. Write some paragraphs describing advantages and disadvantages of such trend.** (10)

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1. Read the following passage and answer the questions below: (15)

Stress, one of the most common emotional problems is an inevitable part of everyone's life, and nobody has been able to separate it from themselves. We all have come across this emotional problem at some point in our lives. At times, this problem can be a positive force, motivating you to perform well, but it often brings negativity leading to wrong decisions and wrong deeds. The same applies in the world of commodity markets. This market offers the wide range of opportunities to new as well as experienced traders. Traders have enormous flexibilities as to how they can enter, manage and work with trade positions as the market moves 24 hours a day. It takes time for a trader to reach the level of consistency in their profits, and a lot of time and effort is essential to build the approach. Along the way are many hurdles, and this is not abnormal for a trader. Once a trader has begun that downhill spiral of self-doubt and confidence loss, it may seem to them like winning trades will allude them for eternity. This is trading stress, an inevitable part of a trader's life. This stress is caused by the act of trading, namely, indecisiveness, fear of loss of money, difficulty in making a trade management decision. This will not only make it hard to take a decision but also nearly guarantees a bad decision. Knowledge, experience and relaxation will help a trader to cope-up, manage and reduce unnecessary trading stress.

Questions:

- a. How can stress be a positive force?
- b. What do commodity markets offer?
- c. What does a trader need to reach the level of consistency?
- d. What are the elements that cause trading stress?
- e. What are the factors that help a trader to cope-up the trading stress?

2. Answer any five of the following questions. (5x3=15)

- a. How does the speaker feel toward his grandmother? (Grandmother)
- b. Justify the title "The Last Voyage of the Ghost Ship."
- c. What's wrong with a treeless Nepal? (Two Long Term Problems.....)

- d. At what point does the physical action cease, to be replaced by another kind? (Traveling Through the Dark)
- e. Write a paragraph to describe the relation between Thomas (the boy's uncle) and his wife. (A Story)
- f. Describe Tammy. Would she have been adopted if she had been born twenty years ago? Give reasons. (The Children Who Wait)

3. Answer any one of the following. (10)

- a. What is the apparent purpose of the speech "I Have a Dream?" Discuss the historical background of the speech. (I Have a Dream)
- b. Write a short description about Lydia E. Pinkham's business methods. In what ways did later woman capitalists resemble and depart from Pinkham's model? Explain. (Women's Business)

4. Rewrite the following sentences using ought to/ ought not to/ might as well/ there's no point. (5)

- a. Don't take your children to see that film. It will frighten them.
- b. Don't ask him – he does not speak English.
- c. Why don't you take a sweater – you've got plenty of room in your case.
- d. Why don't you take a sweater – it might turn cold.
- e. Let's not sell it – it's not worth anything anyway.

5. Write the sentences below beginning with the words given. (5)

- a. Was he alone? Did you notice .....
- b. Did you have meal? He asked me.....
- c. Has the train left? Have you found out .....
- d. What time does the film start? I wonder .....
- e. What time did you wake up this morning? Can you remember .....

6. What do you wish in the following situations? Write two wishes for each. (5)

- a. You're in bed with flu.
- b. It's raining.
- c. You're lost
- d. Your car has broken down
- e. You're short of money.

7. **Change the following sentences, using *When* instead of *and*.** (5)
- a. She peeled the banana and gave it to the baby.
  - b. I looked in the fridge and found some sausages.
  - c. The security man searched our hand baggage and we boarded the plane.
  - d. He kicked the dog and it barked.
  - e. I read the letter and threw it into the wastepaper basket.
8. **Ask a question with ‘How long.....?’ for each of the situations below.** (5)
- a. They talked on the telephone for twenty minutes.
  - b. She painted the bathroom ceiling by six o’ clock.
  - c. I wrote all my letters by lunchtime.
  - d. She did some piano practice until bedtime.
  - e. I read the whole of *The Three Mistakes of My Life* in one week.
9. **Write a paragraph about the advantages and disadvantages of being unemployed.** (5)
10. **Change the following sentences using ‘seem’** (5)
- a. He is friendly.
  - b. She watches television a lot.
  - c. They do not spend much time out of doors.
  - d. He is some kind of businessman.
  - e. He is happily married.
11. **Write a paragraph expressing your attitude to door-to- door salesmen** (5)
12. **Write an essay on Life and Art** (10)
13. **Write the story of a dream, real or imaginary, you have had** (10)

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