

SEE 2078 (2022)
COMPULSORY ENGLISH
Reading and Writing
(Written Test)

Candidates are required to give their answers according to the given instructions.

Time: 2 hrs 15 minutes

Full Marks: 75

1. Read the poem and do the task.

(5)

The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, 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 he 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 travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Forst

A. Answer the following questions:

(5×1=5)

- Where was the speaker standing?
- Why was the speaker in a dilemma?
- Which road did he choose to travel?
- Why did he decide to go along that road?
- How were the two roads?

Dinesh went to his room. He was scared of his mother when she was in a serious mood. After an hour, she called a taxi and loaded it with her luggage.

“Where are you Kanchhu? Come here. I’m leaving.”

Now sooner had he approached than she kissed and squeezed him tightly, put some money in his hand and go onto the taxi.”Grandma! When will you come back? Dinesh shouted as she vanished into the crowded city in the taxi. His question remained unanswered.

He turned to his father Jayaram and, “Daddy, stop her or let me go with her. Why hasn’t she taken me? When will she come back? Jayaram held his hand, entered the room and said, she has gone to your uncle’s house. How could she take you with her? You should be anxious about your study and exam. I don’t know when she’ll come back.”

Grandma loved him very much. He used to sleep in her lap playing with her gray hair and caressing her wrinkled face. She used to tell wonderful stories at his bed time. She was a good story teller. How could he forget her? In her absence, when his school had holidays, Dinesh mostly spent the day with Binita, a middle aged woman, who worked as a housekeeper for more than 20 years for his family. Her slim body with straight long hair, dimple on right cheek, pointed nose and black eyes; oval face with white skin and sweet, polite nature made her fascinating and loving too. Everyone in the family called her Naani. She used to take good care of him.

A. Write ‘True’ for the true statements and ‘False’ for the false ones:

(5×1=5)

- His grandmother was going to the market.
- His grandmother loved him very much.
- Grandma was not a good story teller.
- Binita was a young lady.
- Binita worked as a housekeeper in Dinesh’s family.

B. Answer the following questions.

(5×1=5)

- Why was Dinesh scared of his mother?
- Who was called ‘Kanchhu’?
- What did his grandma do with Dinesh before she left home?
- How long did Binita work for that family?
- What is Binita’s another name?

3. Read the following news story and do the activities that follow. (10)

Plane Crashes at Bhorletar

By RSS

Lamjung 15 March: A Twin Otter Plane flying from Kathmandu to Pokhara crashed at Bhorletar early this morning killing all aboard.

It is known that the plane hit the TV tower at Bhorletar and fell straight to the ground with thick mass of fume. The officials at NAC confirm that the plane was carrying 15 research students including 2 crew members who were heading for Pokhara to study on Mountain Tourism. They further reported that the cause of the accident was poor visibility as the sky at the area was covered with exceptionally thick cloud.

One of the local people who saw the crash said, "I heard a big bang in the beginning and looked up to find a smoky place falling down like a shot bird. The plane immediately turned into a big mass of fire and subsequently into a heap of ashes.

Issuing a press report the Ministry of Civil Aviation has expressed its deep condolences to the relatives of the deceased ones and has announced the compensation of Rs 5,00,000 to the family of each dead passenger.

Further investigation about the crash is underway.

- A) Select the best alternative and complete the sentence. (5×1=5)
- The news was prepared in.....
 - Kathmandu
 - Bhorletar
 - Lamjung
 - The plane was flying from.....
 - Pokhara to Kathmandu
 - Kathmandu to Bhorletar
 - Kathmandu to Pokhara
 - People could see..... when the plane fell straight on the ground.
 - flame
 - smoke
 - piece of plane
 - The plane crash killed people.
 - 2
 - 15
 - 17
 - The investigation about the crash.....
 - is completed
 - isn't started
 - is going on
- B) Answer the following questions: (5×1=5)
- When did the accident happen?
 - Why did the accident happen?
 - Who were travelling on the plane?
 - What did the local people see?
 - What has the government announced?

4. Read the following passage and do the activities given below: (15)

There are almost 400 different kinds of sharks. Each kind of shark looks different, has a unique diet, and behaves differently. There are sharks in all four oceans of the world. Some sharks are longer than a school bus, while others are so small they can live in fish tanks. Sharks come in all kinds of colors. Most of the time, their skin color helps them blend in with their surroundings. But, some sharks that live in the deepest part of the ocean actually have parts that glow in the dark. Most sharks live in salt water, but some can live in fresh water. All sharks are unique, or have different qualities that make them so special.

Sharks are actually a type of fish. There are similarities as well as differences between sharks and typical fish. Shark skeletons are made of cartilage. Fish skeletons are made of bones. Cartilage is the bendy, tough substance in people's ears and noses. Like other fish, sharks have gills. Gills are how fish breathe. Unlike fish, people use lungs to get oxygen from the air. Fish get oxygen from the water using gills. Water needs to move over the gills so that sharks and fish get enough oxygen. To keep the water moving, most sharks need to swim in water that has a very strong current.

Sharks have lots of teeth that are arranged in many rows, rather than in just one row like people. The teeth from the outside row gradually fall out, and teeth from the next row take their place. Some sharks will lose 30,000 teeth in lifetime! Each species of sharks has different kinds of teeth. This is because different sharks eat different kinds of food. Some sharks eat food as small as plankton while other sharks eat animals as big as sea turtles. Most sharks don't eat very often. Some sharks will go weeks between meals. Sharks are at the top of the ocean food chain, which means that no animal is hunting them for food. This position is very important because sharks keep the other animal populations from growing out of control. This process helps ensure there is diversity or many types, of life in the oceans.

A) Match the words in column 'A' with their meanings in Column 'B'.

(5×1=5)

Column 'A'

- a) blend in
- b) Plankton
- c) Current
- d) diversity
- e) species

Column 'B'

- i) kinds/types
- ii) adjust
- iii) structure of bone
- iv) variety
- v) flow of water
- vi) small sea plant

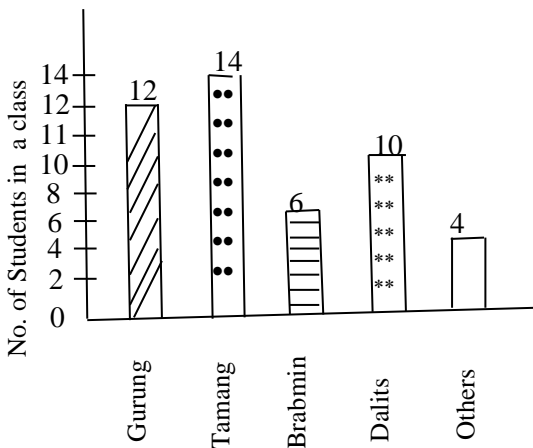
- B. Write 'True' for the true statements and 'False' for the false ones. (5×1=5)
- Sharks live only in salt water.
 - Fish get oxygen from the water using gills.
 - Every sharks will lose 30,000 teeth in a lifetime!
 - No animal is hunting them for food.
 - Sharks keep the other animal populations from growing out of control.

- C) Answer the following questions: (5×1=5)
- Which human organs are most similar to a shark's gills?
 - Write one difference between sharks and typical fish.
 - Why are sharks at the top of ocean food chain?
 - How do they keep control of sea animal population?
 - What makes them so special?

5. Write a message of congratulations to your friend for securing the first position in the final examination using the clues given in the box. (5)

Ram Nepal..... final exam of grade IX..... ABC
 Model school, Nepal.....First position.....
 awarded.....disciplined....., punctual.....

6. Describe the following chart, the no. of students of a classroom in a school in about 100 words. 5



7. Write your views on the growing use of cell phone in your daily life in about 120 words. (6)
8. Write an essay in about 200 words on 'Uses and Misuses of Internet in our Daily life'. (8)
9. Reproduce the following sentences as indicated in the brackets: (6×1=6)
- Let me do it myself,.....? (Add a tag question)
 - Had you had a bath? (Change into assertive)
 - She went to market to buy some vegetables. (Change into 'why' question)
 - Smoking..... (be) injurious to health. (use the appropriate tense of verb)
 - Riya played this music. (Change into passive)
 - He said to me, "They were enjoying themselves." (Change into indirect speech)
10. Choose and copy the best answers to complete the text meaningfully. (Rewriting is not necessary.) (10×0.5=5)

One day (a)..... (a/an/the) University student was driving home from college. As he was driving, a small girl appeared (b).....(on/in/at) the middle of the road. He tried to stop his car..... (c).....? don't he/ doesn't he/ didn't he).His brakes.....(d)..... (be not/ was not/ were not) working and thus the girl..... (e)..... (was hit/hit/had been hit). The girl's legs were broken and she was seriously injured. The boy, then,(f)..... (takes/took/ is taken) her to hospital. As soon as they reached hospital, the hospital staff asked..... (g).....(what her name is / what is her name/ what her name was). She was taken to hospital in time..... (h)..... (so/ because/ although) she was saved. If she had not been taken to hospital, she..... (i)..... (would die/ will die/ would have died). The boy was arrested, the police got the boy..... (j)..... (to pay/ paid/ pay) for the girl's treatment.