



The Times Secondary School
Dillibazar, Kathmandu
First Terminal Examination – 2076

Grade: XII

Set A

Full Marks: 100

Stream: Management (Day Shift)

Pass Marks: 40

Subject: C. English

Time: 3 hours

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

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: 15

The development of the space shuttle has dramatically reduced the cost of sending loads into space. The shuttle takes off from Earth like a rocket, and lands again like an aircraft. It can transport not only its own crew, but also passengers, and has a huge cargo-hold which is capable of carrying large satellites or a space laboratory.

Before the space shuttle was created, it was necessary to plan trips into space several years in advance. However, for the rest of the century it should be possible to make space flights every week or so. Any scientist or engineer needing travel onto orbit will simply take the next shuttle flight, stay as long as necessary, and then return at his or her convenience.

It is difficult to imagine the immense opportunities created by the shuttle. One of the great advantages of having a reusable space vehicle is that it can take one load after another into orbit. Very large space stations could not be launched in their complete form directly from earth, but they could be built piece by piece in space. The space shuttle is likely to be used as a general 'workhorse' for the rest of the century, and the building of such stations in orbit should become common place.

Once these huge orbiting space stations are completed, they are likely to become the platforms from which hundreds of robot space ships could be launched cheaply and easily to explore the solar system and to start mining operation on the Moon. The technology needed for this is already developed and available. And because of commercial and military pressures to developed space technology, it is likely that governments will be increasingly willing to start extensive programmers of space engineering, exploration and research.

Questions:

- a. What is space shuttle and how does it work?

- b. How has the shuttle made space travel easy?
c. What are the main advantages of reusable space shuttle?
d. How can the space platforms be used?
e. For what purposes are the space stations likely to be used by the governments?

2. Answer any five questions:

3×5= 15

- a. What is the main idea of the poem "Grandmother"?
- b. Give an account of the life of Karnali region people? (Hurried Trip To avoid a Bad Star)
- c. Why does the poet want to spit on the face of time? (The Lamentation of the Old Pensioner)
- d. Is death meaningful according to the poem "Full Fathom Five Thy Father Lies?"
- e. Do you agree with the narrator for what he did? Why? Why not? (Travelling Through the Dark)
- f. How does the narrator describe his uncle and aunt? How do you evaluate their relationship? (A Story)

3. Answer any ONE question:

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- a. Sketch the character of Alyohin according to the story "About Love" and also discuss whether he is a successful or a failure person.
- b. What are the causes, effects and cures of overpopulation and deforestation? (Two Long Term Problems.....)

4. Define the following personalities:

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- a. never loses his temper.
- b. expects good things to happen.
- c. doubts what you tell him.
- d. jokes about everything.
- e. has a high opinion of himself.

5. Change the following sentences using (not) used to +...ing: 5

- a. The traffic doesn't wake him up at night.
- b. I don't think she's ever opened the door herself.
- c. I'm not surprised he's out of breath.
- d. He won't mind if you stare at him.
- e. It is a hard work doing all my own washing and cleaning.

6. Ask the questions using "How long...?" and answer it using for, in, until or by: 5

- a. We played golf on Sunday. (dusk)
- b. He mowed the lawn. (ten minutes)
- c. She waited at the bus stop. (ages)
- d. We had to change the wheel. (ten minutes)
- e. I wrote all my letters. (lunch)

7. Join the following pairs of sentences with a relative clause: 5

- a. A road leads to the farm. It isn't suitable for cars.
- b. A girl was injured in the accident. She is now in hospital.
- c. A man answered the phone. He told me you were away.
- d. Alex had closed his eyes. The success of the whole mission depended on Alex.
- e. Kathmandu is the capital city of Nepal. I worked there.

8. Rewrite the following remarks with look, sound, smell, feel or taste (whichever is appropriate) + like. 5

Example: Surely he's not a manual worker.

Ans: He looks like a businessman to me.

- a. I've got something in my shoe.
- b. I wonder who wrote that music.
- c. Are you sure this is tea?
- d. I don't think you made this cake yourself.

e. What's that you are cooking?

9. Report the following sentences starting with "He told/asked me...." : 5

- a. They don't play as much tennis as they used to.
- b. I wasn't invited to the wedding.
- c. Have you done the work with the help of me?
- d. You look as if you haven't eaten for weeks.
- e. I've had my car serviced.

10. Write any Two of the following. 10

- a. Write about the most exciting event in your life. (Describe the event, where did it take place, who were involved, how did it affect you/your friends, how do you remember it.)
- b. Write a newspaper article about the advantages and disadvantages of studying in a foreign country.
- c. Write a letter to your friend describing about the difficult situation that you are going through right now.

11. Write a description of a person who is near to you: 5

12. Write a paragraph about the need of practical education in Nepal. 5

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

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After having lived for over twenty years in the same city, Suman was forced to move to a new neighborhood. She surprised her landlord by telling him that she was leaving because she could not afford to buy any more chocolate.

It all began a year ago when Suman returned home one evening and found a large dog in front of her gate. She was very fond of animals and as she happened to have a small piece of chocolate in her pocket, she gave it to the dog. The next day, the dog was there again. It held up its paws and received another piece of chocolate as a reward. Suman called her new friend 'Bingo'. She never found out the dog's real name, nor who his owner was. However, Bingo appeared regularly every afternoon and it was clear that he preferred chocolate to bones. He soon grew dissatisfied with small pieces of chocolate and demanded a large bar a day. If at any time Suman neglected her duty, Bingo got very angry and refused to let her open the gate. Suman was now at Bingo's mercy and had to bribe him to get into her own house! She spent such a large part of her salary to keep Bingo supplied with chocolate that in the end she had to move somewhere else.

Questions:

- What did Suman see in front of her gate one evening? What did she give it?
- Why did the dog become a regular visitor?
- What did Bingo demand in time?
- What would Bingo do if he did not receive the thing he wanted?
- Why did Suman decide to move to a new neighborhood?

2. Answer any five questions:

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- How does the poet show his love and affection towards his grandmother? (Grandmother)
- What do the skeleton looking saal trees indicate about the Karnali Region people? (Hurried Trip to Avoid a Bad Star)
- How does Alyohin define love? (About Love)
- How does the poet show the contrast between the old age and young age? (The Lamentation of the Old Pensioner)
- The plan was to go to Porthcawl. Did they ever reach there? (A Story)
- How does the poet show the tension between emotion and reality in the poem "Travelling Through the Dark"?

3. Answer any ONE question:

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- How many types of love stories are described in the story "About Love". Describe in detail.
- Write the summary of the poem "Travelling Through the Dark"?

4. Change the following sentences using "If there is one thing...":

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- Alice lost that book I lent her.
- Jim drove into the lamp post last week.
- People who break promises make me angry.
- People who are cruel to animals upset me.
- I hate people who ring me up early in the morning.

5. Change the following sentences using "This is the first time...":

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- She is absolutely delighted.
- It's quite hard work doing all my washing.

- c. Will you come with me?
- d. Ooh dear. I've got a stomach-ache.
- e. I hope they reached there all right.

6. Ask the questions using "How long...?" and answer it using *for, in, until* or *by*: 5

- a. We read the book. (ten minutes)
- b. Sita had a cold. (three days)
- c. She did some piano practice. (lunch)
- d. I read the whole of war and peace. (ten days)
- e. We discussed about politics. (midnight)

7. Join the following pairs of sentences each with a relative clause: 5

- a. A saw a boy. He was carrying a gun.
- b. Milan is my friend. I want to work with him.
- c. The window was open. Mary had locked it securely the night before.
- d. Meena is a beautiful girl. Anil loves her.
- e. I like the village. My wife was born there

8. Change the following sentences using *seem*: 5

- a. You only see his children during school holidays.
- b. He carries a walking stick when he goes out.
- c. He's got a foreign accent.
- d. He cooks good dishes.
- e. He always visits his friends and relatives.

9. Report the following sentences starting with "He told/asked me...." : 5

- a. I'll tell her when I see her.
- b. If they are waiting for you, you ought to go.

- c. I'll report you to the police.
- d. You've got to lend me the money.
- e. Have you cleaned your room?

10. Answer any two questions. 20

- a. Write an essay on practical education as the real education in an individual's life.
 - b. Write a letter to your foreign friend describing about the current political scenario of Nepal.
 - c. Write a newspaper article about the advantages and disadvantages of living in the city.
11. Write a police description of the criminal who was involved in the bank robbery. 5
12. Write a paragraph about the problem of traffic jam of Kathmandu. 5

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