

SEE MODEL QUESTION SET 2076

Class: 10
Subject: English

Full Marks: 75
Time: 2 hour 15 min

Candidates are encouraged to give answer in their own words as far as practicable.

Attempt all the questions.

1. Go through the poem first and answer the questions given underneath.

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

– William Wordsworth (1815)

A. Find the words in the poem for each of the following expressions: **(0.5x4=2)**

- (i) lively and full of energy
- (ii) did better than
- (iii) a feeling of great delight
- (iv) thoughtful or serious

B. Answer the following questions: **(1x3=3)**

- (i) What were the daffodils doing in the poem?
- (ii) Why was this jocund company for the poet?
- (iii) What is 'Bliss of Solitude' here?

2. Read the following excerpt and do the exercises given below:

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is not an act, but a habit. --- Aristotle

We are all born to lead successful lives, but our conditioning lead us to failure. We are born to win but are conditioned to lose. We often here comments like "This person is just lucky, he touches dirt and it turns to gold" or "He is unlucky no matter what he touches, it turns to dirt." These comments are not true of anyone.

If you were to analyse the lives of lucky and unlucky individuals being commented on you'd find that the successful person is doing something right in each transaction, and the failure is repeating the same mistake time and again. Practice does not make perfect- only perfect practice makes perfect. Practice makes permanent whatever you do repeatedly. Some people keep practicing their mistakes and they become perfect in them. Their mistakes become perfect and automatic.

Cultivating a habit is like ploughing a field. It takes time. Habits generate other habits. Inspiration is what gets us started, motivation is what keeps us on track, and habit is what makes it automatic.

The ability to show courage in the face of adversity; show self-restraint in the face of temptation, choose happiness in the face of hurt, show character in the face of despair, and see opportunity in the face of obstacles is all valuable traits to possess. But these traits do not just appear; they are the result of constant and consistent training, both mental and physical. In the face of adversity, our behavior, whether positive or negative can only be what we have practised when we practise negative traits such as cowardice or dishonesty in small events, and hope to handle the major events in a positive way, it won't happen because that's not what we have practised.

A. Answer the following questions: **(1x5=5)**

- i. How do mistakes become automatic?
- ii. What thing gets us started?
- iii. How can people acquire valuable traits?
- iv. What quality should we show at the time of temptation?
- v. What grows up if you sow the seeds of thought?

B. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words /phrases from the text: **(1x5=5)**

- i. According to Aristotle, we are what we _____.
- ii. Our conditioning leads us to _____.
- iii. Cultivating a habit is like _____.
- iv. _____ are the results of constant and consistent training.
- v. Human beings are more _____.

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

The fact everybody enjoys a good mystery explains why magicians are such popular entertainers. We all know that a magician does not really depend on "magic" to perform his tricks, but on his ability to act at great speed. However, this does not prevent us from enjoying watching a magician produce rabbits from a hat, swallow countless eggs, or saw his wife in two.

Probably the greatest magician of all time was Harry Houdini who died in 1926. His real name was Ehrich Weiss, but he adopted the name 'Houdini' after reading a book which influenced him greatly. This had been written by a famous magician called Robert –Houdini. Houdini mastered the art of escaping. He could free himself from the tightest knots of the most complicated locks in seconds. Although no one really knows how he did this, there is no doubt that he had made a close study of every type of lock ever invented. As he would carry a small steel needle-like tool strapped to his leg and he used this in place of a key.

Houdini once asked the Chicago police to lock him in prison. They bound him in chains and locked him up, but he freed himself in an instant. The police accused him of having used a tool and locked him again. This time he wore no clothes and there were chains around his neck, waist, wrists, and legs; but he again escaped in a few minutes. Houdini had probably hidden his 'needle' in a wax-like substance and dropped it on the floor in the passage. As he went past, he stepped on it so that it stuck to the bottom of his foot. His most famous escape, however, was altogether astonishing. He was heavily chained up and enclosed in an empty wooden chest the lid of which was nailed down. The chest was dropped into the sea in New York harbour. In one minute Houdini had swum to the surface. When the chest was brought up, it was opened and the chains were found inside.

A. Answer the following questions in your own words: **(1x4=4)**

- i. Why are magicians such popular entertainers?
- ii. Why did Weiss adopt the name of 'Houdini'?
- iii. What had he been charged with?
- iv. What did Houdini do in the box after it was dropped in the sea?

B. Write whether the following statements are True or False: **(1x4=4)**

- i. Magicians always depend on magic to perform their tricks.
- ii. Their great speed prevents us from enjoying the magic.
- iii. Houdini had mastered the art of unlocking.
- iv. But finally he could not escape from the box he was put into.

C. Match the following words with their meanings: **(4x0.5=2)**

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| i. saw | a. surprising |
| ii. enclosed | b. fastened |
| iii. strapped | c. split with a saw |
| iv. astonishing | d. put inside a boundary |
| | e. noticed |

4. Read the following message of congratulations put on a newspaper and answer the questions that follow:

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS!

Dr. Bikrant Baral

On the auspicious occasion of 71st UN Day, 2016

We heartily congratulate Dr. Baral for being the first Nepali to receive the prestigious
UNESCO

Asia-Pacific Cultural Heritage

Conservation Award 2015

His dedication and unselfish work in the field of traditional architecture has handsomely paid up. This award, we are sure, will boost his moral and energize him in doing more of good works in the conservation of cultural heritage. We wish him all the best for his future undertaking.

UNESCO, Kathmandu, Nepal

A. Fill in the gaps with appropriate words or phrases from the above message: **(1x5=5)**

- i. Dr. Baral has received _____ Award 2015.
- ii. He has been congratulated for _____ to get the award.
- iii. The award will _____ him in acting for cultural heritage.
- iv. Dr. Baral is _____ to get the prestigious award.
- v. The award was distributed on the occasion of _____.

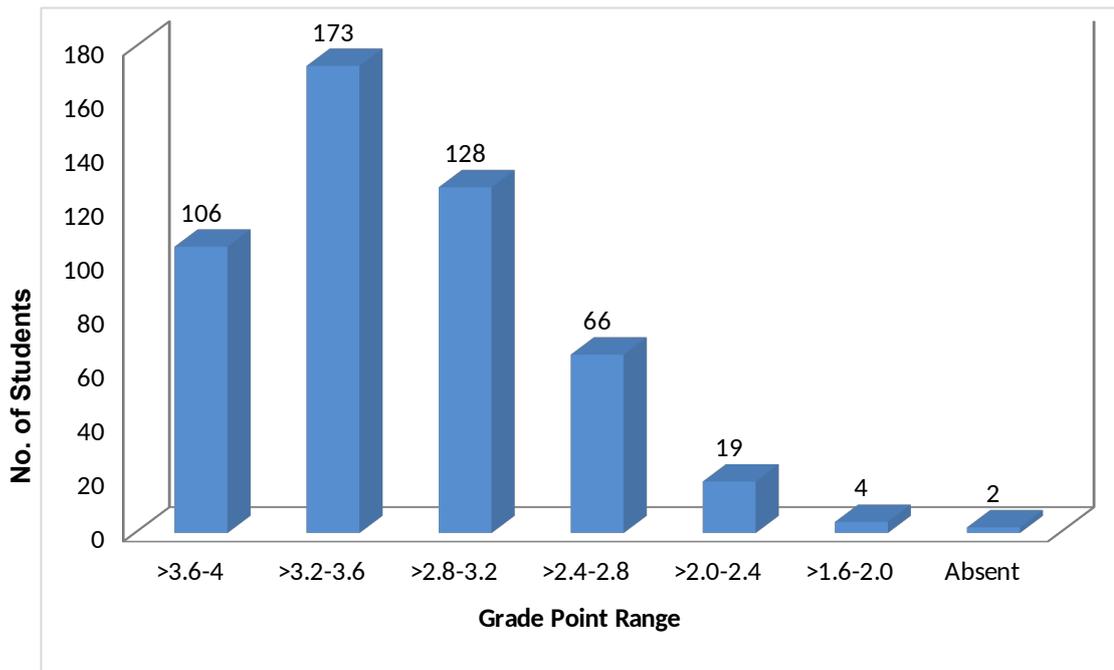
B. Find the words similar to the meaning for the following words from the text you have gone through: **(1x5=5)**

- a. propitious b. recognized c. thrust d. amply e. attempt/affair

C. Write answers to the following questions: **(1x5=5)**

- a. When has Dr. Bikrant Baral been awarded?
- b. What has he been congratulated for?
- c. What has he been awarded for?
- d. How will the award contribute to his career?
- e. Which organization has published the notice of congratulation?

5. This is the performance of Secondary School (Classes 7/8/9 and 10) of Second Term Examination 2018 shown on a bar chart. Describe the bar briefly. (5)



6. Write a set of obligations for the students of your school in the general school assembly. (5)
7. Compose a dialogue between two friends who are talking about the cultivation of good habits in them. (6)
8. Write an essay not exceeding 200 words on "Importance and wide scope of English Language." (8)
9. Reproduce the following sentences as directed in the brackets: (6x1=6)
- Yesterday some poachers felled many oak trees in the forest. ('What' Question)
 - He didn't go there, either. (Into Affirmative)
 - He'd rather find him noisy and restless. (Add question tag)
 - People believe that the life in the city is easy and comfortable. (Change into passive voice)
 - The teacher asked me whether I had completed the assignment the day before. (Change into direct speech)
 - In six months' time, I (pass) grade 10. (Correct tense of the verb)
10. Choose the best answers from the brackets to complete the following text. And **do underline** the answer section: (10x0.5=5)
- A mother duck and her little ducklings were on their way to _____ (1) (a/an/the/x) lake one day. The ducklings _____ (2) (was/were/had been) very happy following their mother. All of a sudden, the mother duck saw a fox _____ (3) (in/on/at) a distance. She was frightened, _____ (4) (was she/wasn't she/didn't she)? She shouted, "Children, hurry up to the lake. There is a fox!" The ducklings _____ (5) (hurry/hurried/are hurried) towards the lake. The mother duck wondered what to do. Then she began to walk back and forth dragging one wing on the ground _____ (6) (because/as/so that) the fox could see her. The fox saw her and became happy to catch her. He said to himself, "It seems she is hurt and can't fly! _____ (7) (He could/He can/I can) easily catch and eat her." He ran towards her. The mother duck too ran leading the fox away from the lake. The fox followed her. Now he wouldn't be able to harm her ducklings. If she had not taken the fox away, it _____ (8) (will attack/ would attack/ would have attacked) them. The ducklings _____ (9) (were saved/ saved/ was saved) and they were floating gracefully in the lake. In the meanwhile, the mother duck stopped and took a deep breath. The fox thought that she was tired and he came closer but the mother duck quickly spread her wings and rose up in the air. She landed in the middle of the lake. She got her ducklings _____ (10) (swim/ to swim/ swam) to her.