**ROYAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

**BHUTAN CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION (BCSE) 2014**

**EXAMINATION CATEGORY – DZONGKHA**

**PAPER II: ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND CURRENT AFFAIRS**

**Date :11 October, 2014**

**Total Marks :100**

**Examination Time :3 hours**

**Reading Time :15 minutes (Prior to examination time)**

**General Instructions**

1. Write your Registration Number clearly and correctly in the answer booklet.
2. The first 15 minutes are to check the number of pages, printing errors, clarify doubts and to read the instructions in the question paper. You are NOT permitted to write during this time.
3. The question Paper consists of pages including this instruction page. It is divided into TWO PARTS, namely PART I and PART II as follows

* PART I has THREE sections: Section I: Essay Writing

Section II: Letter Writing

Section III: Comprehension

* PART II has TWO sections: Section IV: Translation- (Dzongkha to English)

Section V: Current Affairs

1. **Section (III) under Part I and Section (IV) & (V) under Part II are compulsory.**
2. Specific instructions are given for each section separately. Read the instructions carefully and answer the questions.
3. You are not permitted to mention your name or the name of your Institution in the Essay and Letter Writing Sections, unless directed to do so.
4. All answers should be written with correct numbering of Section and Question Number in the Answer Booklet provided to you. Note that any answer written without including any or correct Section and Question Number will NOT be evaluated and no marks will be awarded.
5. Begin each Section in a fresh page of the Answer Booklet.
6. You are not permitted to tear off any sheet(s) of the Answer Booklet as well as the question paper.
7. Use of any other paper including paper for rough work is not permitted.
8. You are required to hand over the Answer Booklet to the invigilator before leaving the examination hall.

**PART I**

**SECTION I: ESSAY WRITING (25 MARKS)**

You will be awarded marks for your knowledge on the subject, analytical ability, orderly and coherent presentation of ideas, appropriate use of style, accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

**Write an essay of 300-350 words on any ONE of the following topics:**

1. It is believed that democracy helps in making citizens more responsible and ethical. How do you think this happens?
2. Most high level jobs in Bhutan are done by men. Should the government encourage a certain percentage of these jobs to be reserved for women?
3. Many parents give their children certain chores or tasks to do at home. Should children have to do chores or tasks at home? Be sure to explain why you think it is a good idea or a bad idea. Include examples to support your reasons.

**SECTION II: LETTER WRITING (20 MARKS)**

Marks will be awarded for correct layout, appropriate language and content.

1. **A family member is coming to stay with you. He will be arriving by bus in the morning, but you won’t be home until the evening. Write a letter to your relative. In your letter:**  
   **- explain the arrangements you have made for him to get the keys and enter the house**  
   **- tell your relative how to get from the bus station to your house**  
   **- say when you will be home and suggest what you could do together that evening**
2. **You successfully passed a job interview. You are expected to start on November 15, but you will not be available on that date. Write a letter to your new boss, explaining your situation, expressing your concern and** informing him of your new joining date.
3. **You play football for a local team. You recently heard that a player in your team is in a hospital. Write a letter to your team-mate. In your letter:**

**- Say how you feel about the news**  
**- Ask about the treatment in the hospital**  
**- Suggest some ways of cheering him up**

**SETION III: COMPREHENSION (20 MARKS)**

**Marks will be awarded for your ability to understand, analyze and express thoughts clearly.**

Read the passage below and then answer the questions that follow.

**Summer Rain (Anonymous)**

The worst days of any summer are the rainy ones. We spend all year looking forward to nice weather and long, hot days. All of winter, with its dreary gray days and bitter cold, we dream of those endless days at the beach, laying on the sand and soaking in the bright and burning sun. And then, summer comes, and it rains.

As a child, I would wake up to rainy summer days and come close to crying. It wasn’t fair. We suffered through months of school and miserable weather for those scant ten weeks of freedom and balmy weather. Any day that I could not spend at the beach or playing ball with my friends seemed like a punishment for something I didn’t even do.

On those rainy summer days, I had nothing fun to do and could only sit inside, staring out at the rain like a Dickensian orphan. I was an only child, so there was no one else to play with. My father worked from home, so I was not truly alone, but he could not actively play with me since he was technically at work. It was those days that I would resign myself to whatever was on television or any books that I could find lying around. I’d crawl through the day and pray each night that the rain would not be there the next day.

As an adult, though, my opinion of summer rain has changed. When you have to work every day, summer is not as eagerly anticipated. Mostly, the days run together, bleeding into each other so that they no longer seem like separate entities and instead feel like continuations of the same long day. Everything seems monotonous and dull, and an ennui or listlessness kicks in. Such a mindset makes you cheer for anything new or different. I spend the winter dreaming of summer and the summer dreaming of winter.

When summer comes, I complain about how hot it is. And then I look forward to the rain, because the rain brings with it a cold front, which offers a reprieve—admittedly one that is all too short—from the torture of 100° and humid days. Rainy days are still the worst days of the summer, but summer rain today means positively beautiful—and considerably cooler—weather tomorrow.

**Question A (5 marks)**

Answer the following questions by writing the correct option against each Question Number in your answer booklet. For example – 10 (A).

1) The passage makes use of language that is

A. metaphorical

B. rhetorical

C. formal

D. ambiguous

2) According to the passage, summer is different for adults because

A. rain brings with it cold temperatures for the following days

B. the weather is much warmer than it is for children

C. they do not get a long time off from work for the season

D. they better know how to occupy their downtime

3) According to the passage, which of the following is a true statement about the narrator as a child?

A. He or she was often bored on summer days.

B. He or she preferred cooler weather.

C. He or she liked staying indoors.

D. He or she had no siblings.

4) Compared to how he or she was as a child, the narrator as an adult is

A. more realistic

B. less excitable

C. more idealistic

D. less calm

5) As used in the final paragraph, the word reprieve most nearly means

A. a permanent conclusion

B. a short continuation

C. a higher level of pain

D. a temporary break

**Question B (5 marks)**

The author of this passage describes his or her feelings about rainy summer days. In general, how do

you feel about such days? Do you agree with the author’s opinions, or do you not mind this type of

weather? Briefly explain your views:

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**Question C (10 marks)**

1. In paragraph 4, the author describes why he or she no longer looks forward to summertime the way he or she used to do as a child. What do you think of this change? Do you believe that you will come to feel this way one day? Why or why not?

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1. The author writes in paragraph 4 that he or she “spends the winter dreaming of summer and the summer dreaming of winter.” On the other hand, many people would say that they have specific favorite seasons or times of year. How do you feel? Do you have a favorite season, or do you always look forward to whatever is to come? Why?

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**PART II**

**SECTION IV: TRANSLATION (25 MARKS)**

Marks will be awarded for clarity in expression, accuracy in translation and correctness of spelling, grammar and punctuation.

**Read the following passage carefully and translate it into English.**

**ན་གཞོན་གསེར་གྱི་རྟགས་མའི་ལས་རིམ་མཇུག་བསྡུ་ཡོདཔ།**

༉ དུས་ཅི་ལོ་གི་ ན་གཞོན་གསེར་གྱི་རྟགས་མ་འདི་ ཕུན་ཚོགས་གླིང་འབྲིང་རིམ་སློབ་གྲྭ་བར་མ་ནང་ལས་ སློབ་རིམ་བཅུ་པའི་སློབ་ཕྲུག་ བདེ་ཆེན་བཟངམོ་གིས་འཐོབ་ཡོདཔ་ཨིན།

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ལས་རིམ་འདི་ནང་ བཅའ་མར་གཏོགས་མི་ཚུ་གི་གྲལ་ལས་གཅིག་ ལས་སྐྱིད་རྡོ་རྗེ་ཨིནམ་དང་

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ཁོ་གིས་ ལོ་༡༢་གི་ཧེ་མ་ ཐིམ་ཕུག་ལུ་ཚར་གཅིག་འོང་ཡོདཔ་ད་ ད་རེས་ཐིམ་ཕུག་ལུ་འོང་མི་འདི་ ཐེངས་གཉིས་པ་ཨིན་མས།

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**SECTION V: CURRENT AFFAIRS (10 MARKS)**

Answer ALL 10 questions by writing the correct option against each question number in your answer booklet. For example- 12(A). Each question carries ONE mark.

1. What is the age limit for the athletes participating in the Youth Olympic Games?

[A] 14 to 20

[B] 15 to 22

[C] 14 to 18

[D] 16 to 25

2. The “Mount Blanc” is the highest mountain in the \_\_\_\_.

[A] Australia

[B] European Union

[C] North America

[D] Africa

3. Which of the following countries celebrate Independence Day on August 15?

1. Korea

2. Congo

3. Lichtenstein

4. Cuba

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

[A] Only 1 & 4

[B] Only 2 & 3

[C] Only 1, 2 & 3

[D] 1, 2, 3 & 4

4. Which among the following drug has been recently approved by WHO to target Ebola virus?

[A] ZMapp

[B] TPlus

[C] Mbio

[D] XMapp 

5. When the moon is in its full moon stage and its closet point to earth on its elliptical orbits then the phenomenon is called \_\_\_\_\_.

[A] Super moon

[B] Blue Moon

[C] New Moon

[D] Lunar Eclipse

6. Apart from Earth, “lo” is the only known body in the solar system with volcanoes erupting and spewing extremely hot lava like on earth. “lo” is one of the moons of \_\_.

[A] Saturn

[B] Jupiter

[C] Mars

[D] Neptune  
  
7. According to Global Peace Index-2014, which among the following is the world’s least peaceful nation?

[A] Ukraine

[B] Syria

[C] Afghanistan

[D] Iraq

8. The Environment Protection related principle of common but differentiated responsibility (CBDR) was enshrined in \_\_.

[A] Rio Declaration

[B] Nagoya Protocol

[C] Montreal Protocol

[D] Basel Action Network

9. The 2018 & 2022 FIFA World Cup hosts were recently declared after a bidding process. The Hosts are as follows:

[A] Belgium and Netherlands

[B] Russia and Qatar

[C] Russia and Netherlands

[D] Qatar and Belgium

## 10. The National anthem Druk Tsendhen was adopted in:

[A] 1907

[B] 1949’

[C] 1953

[D] 1972