

ROYAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
CIVIL SERVICE COMMON EXAMINATION – 2009
[DZONGKHA CATEGORY]

PAPER II

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & CURRENT AFFAIRS

DATE:	7 TH NOVEMBER,2009
TIME:	9.00 – 12 A.M
DURATION:	3 HOURS
TOTAL MARKS:	100

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- This paper comprises of **TWO SECTIONS** – **Section A** – English Language and **Section B**- Current Affairs
- Specific instructions are given for each section separately. So please read the instructions for each section carefully and answer the questions that follow.
- The intended marks are given in brackets.
- Please begin the answer to questions under each section on a fresh page.
- This booklet contains 6 pages.

Date: 07/11/2009
Writing Time: 3 hours
Reading Time : 15 minutes

Total Marks: 100

READ THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY

1. Do not write for the first fifteen minutes. This time is to be spent in reading the questions. After having read the questions, you will be given **THREE HOURS** to answer them.
 2. You are advised to spend not more than **40 minutes** in answering question I (Essay writing), **30 minutes** in answering question II (letter writing), **1 hour** in answering question **III** (Comprehension), **30 minutes** in answering question IV (translation) and **20 minutes** in answering question V (current affairs).
 3. You are **NOT** allowed to write the name of your Institutions and your name in the essay and letter writing, unless directed.
 4. Read the directions to each question carefully and write **ALL** your answers in the answer script provided.
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SECTION A

Question I.

Do not spend more than 40 minutes on this question. You will be awarded marks for orderly and coherent presentation of material, appropriate use of style, accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Write an essay of 300 – 350 words on any ONE of the following topics:(25)

1. Corruption in Bhutan is here to stay: State your opinions for and against the view.
 2. Bhutan's transition to Democracy has been unusually peaceful. Discuss.
 3. Global warming effects have not spared even Bhutan. What do you think Bhutan can do to combat this serious threat?
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Question II.

Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question. Marks will be awarded for correct layout, appropriate language and content.

Write a letter on any one for the following: (20)

1. You are a resident in a rented apartment near a High School. One fine morning as you head for office you spot a group of young students smoking marijuana. Write a letter to the Director, Department of School Education, Ministry of Education, informing him of the incident. Be very specific about the location, the number of students involved, the substance being abused and tell him that you are ready to identify the students if required.
2. You are a teacher in a far flung school. You have been in that remote school for almost twenty years as a teacher. Recently you asked for a transfer but you were not given the transfer as you are the best teacher available for such a place. Write a letter to Editor, Bhutan Timers, expressing your desire to move out of that school and mention the rules of the Ministry of Education according to which you deserve a transfer.

Question III.

Do not spend more than 60 minutes on this question. Marks will be given for your ability to analyze and express thoughts clearly.

Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions that follow: (20)

The yearly festival was close at hand. The store room was packed with silk fabrics. gold ornaments, clay bowls full of sweet curd and platefuls of sweetmeats. The orders had been placed with shops well in advance. The mother was sending out gifts to everyone.

The eldest son, a government servant, lived with his wife and children in far off lands. The second son had left home at an early age. As a merchant he travelled all over the world. The other sons had split up over petty squabbles, and they now lived in homes of their own. The relatives were spread all across the world. They rarely visited home. The youngest son, left in the company of a servant, was soon bored and stood at the door all day long, waiting and watching. His mother, thrilled and excited, loaded the presents on trays and plates, covered them with colourful kerchiefs, and sent them off with maids and servants. The neighbours looked on.

The day came to an end. All the presents had been sent off.

The child came back into the house and dejectedly said to his mother, “Maa, you gave a present to everyone, but you didn’t give me anything !”

His mother laughed, “I have given all the gifts away to everyone, now see what’s left for you.” She kissed him on the forehead.

The child said in a tearful voice, “Don’t I get a gift ?”
“You’ll get it when you go far away.”

“But when I am close to you, don’t I get something from your own hands ?”

His mother reached out her arms and drew him to her. “This is all I have in my own hands. It is the most precious of all.”

A. Direction: *Each question below is followed by FOUR responses. Choose the correct response that best answers the question and write it in the answer script provided. (1X5= 5)*

1. Why did the woman's second son travel ?

- (A) He was restless by nature
- (B) He did not want to stay at home
- (C) He was rich and could afford to travel
- (D) His job was such that he had to travel
- (E) None of these

2. Why did the woman’s eldest son not attend the festival ?

- (A) He was not on good terms with his youngest brother who lived at home
- (B) He had quarrelled with his mother
- (C) His wife did not allow him to return home
- (D) His job prevented him from taking leave
- (E) None of these

3. How did the woman prepare for the festival ?

- 1. She bought expensive gifts for her children and neighbours.
 - 2. She ordered her servants to prepare sweets and food well in advance.
 - 3. She made sure that her youngest child was looked after so that he wouldn’t be bored.
- (A) None
 - (B) Only 1
 - (C) Only 2
 - (D) Both 1 and 2
 - (E) All 1, 2 and 3

4. What did the youngest child do while his mother was busy ?

- 1. He waited for a chance to steal some sweetmeats.
 - 2. He pestered his mother to give him a present.
 - 3. He stood at the door with servants.
- (A) Only 1
 - (B) Only 2
 - (C) Both 1 and 3
 - (D) Only 3
 - (E) None of these

- b. Linus Pauling
 - c. Alexander Flemming
 - d. International Committee of the Red cross
2. The 2004 Olympics were held in :
- a. Bangkok
 - b. Rome
 - c. Athens
 - d. Nagasaki
3. "The Woman of the Millennium" selected by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) is
- a. Margaret Thatcher
 - b. Hillary Clinton
 - c. Chandrika Kumaratunga
 - d. Indira Gandhi
4. The General Assembly of United Nations meets
- a. Once a year
 - b. twice a year
 - c. thrice a year
 - d. Once in five years
5. Which of the following harbours is considered as the world's finest natural harbour?
- a. Sydney harbour
 - b. Toronto harbour
 - c. New Jersey harbour
 - d. Singapore harbour
6. The first country to legalize medically assisted suicide is
- a. Switzerland
 - b. New Zealand
 - c. USA
 - d. Netherlands
7. Which of the following country has more than 55,000 lakes?
- a. Poland
 - b. Denmark
 - c. Finland
 - d. Norway
8. Which among the following is not a Gross National Happiness Domain (GNH Domain)?
- a. Psychological Wellbeing
 - b. Democracy and Participation
 - c. Ecology
 - d. Community Vitality

9. Which of the following words is not used in the Preamble of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Bhutan?

- a. tranquility
- b. justice
- c. sovereignty
- d. freedom

10. The XXX Olympiad is scheduled to be held in:

- a. Beijing
- b. New Delhi
- c. Brussels
- d. London