

PAPER II: ENGLISH LANGUAGE & CURRENT AFFAIRS (Dzongkha)

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Examination Time	:	3 Hours
Reading Time	:	15 Minutes (Prior to examination time)

General Instructions

- This paper is divided into two parts – Part I and Part II.
Part I has three sections – (1) Essay Writing (2) Letter Writing and (3) Comprehension.
Part II has two sections – (4) Translation (Dzongkha to English) and (5) Current Affairs
- Specific Instructions are provided for each section separately. Please read the instructions for each section carefully and answer the questions that follow.
- Section (3) under Part I and Section (4) and (5) under Part II are compulsory questions.
- For Section (3) under Part I (Multiple Choice Items) and section (5) under Part II (Multiple Choice Items), you are required to write your responses on the Answer Sheet provided.
- You are **NOT** permitted to mention your name or the name of your institution in the essay and letter writing, unless directed.
- The intended marks for each question are given in the brackets.
- Please begin each section on a fresh page.
- The booklet contains 9 (nine) pages (including this cover page.)

PART I

SECTION 1: Essay Writing (25 Marks)

Do not spend more than 40 minutes in writing the essay. 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. The arrival of Zhabdrung Nawang Namgyel in Bhutan in 1616 heralded an era of construction of Dzongs, occupying strategic locations, across the country. Dzongs are still being built in Bhutan today. Discuss the significance of the Dzong system in Bhutan and their contributions to the development of Bhutanese polity and cultural heritage.
2. The proposal of the Royal Government to construct a motorable road from Shingkar in Bumthang to Gorgan in Lhuentse, which will pass through the Thrumshingla National Park, a core tiger habitat, drew criticism from various sections of the society, most notably from environmentalists. Present your argument for or against the proposed construction of the road.
3. In a poll posted on www.tsheringtobgay.com asking whether government should legalize abortion in Bhutan, 55% of the respondent supported legalizing abortion, 38% opposed it while 7% did not know. Present your views on why abortion should be legalized in Bhutan.

SECTION 2: Letter Writing (20 Marks)

Do not spend more than 30 minutes in writing the letter. Marks will be awarded for correct layout, appropriate language and content.

Write a letter on any **ONE** of the following:

1. While on a holiday trip to New York in the United States, you lose your passport and money. Write a letter to the Ambassador of Bhutan to the United Nations in New York explaining your situation and seeking consular assistance to help you return to Bhutan.
2. Your father is diagnosed with cancer which cannot be treated in any hospitals in Bhutan. The condition of your father requires him to be referred to a specialized hospital in India immediately. Coming from a modest background, you are unable to finance his medical

treatment. Write an appeal letter to His Majesty the King, seeking Kidu to finance your father's medical treatment in India.

SECTION 3: Comprehension (20 Marks)

Do not spend more than 60 minutes in answering the comprehension. Marks will be awarded for your ability to understand, analyze and express thoughts clearly.

The following article is an editorial by Business Bhutan. You are required to read the article carefully and answer ALL Questions under this Section.

The children's television show, Blue's Clues, is a global phenomenon. Since it premiered in the US in 1996, it has been acclaimed as the highest rated show for preschoolers on commercial television. It has received nine Emmy awards. One of its versions is telecast in over 60 countries and has become a pop culture in Korea. It has also been dubbed as "one of the most successful, critically acclaimed, and ground-breaking preschool television series of all time."

However, the show is a monotone. It follows the same format for every show with a human host involving Blue, the animated dog, asking a puzzle and leaving three clues for the audience to unravel and finally helps the viewers to come up with the answer. But how did it become so successful?

The answer is the painstaking research done to produce the show. The producers went through research done over 30 years on a similar children's television show called Sesame Street. They planned how to exploit the intellectual and behavioral capacity of preschoolers while they were watching television. The producers consulted a 90-page curriculum guide to make sure that every episode contained an analytical induction of language, arts, colors, numbers and auditory skills.

Doing your home work always pays off.

Back home, something like Blue's Clues could not have been possible. Not because of the lack of ideas, infrastructure or the expertise but because of the lack of will to invest in a research before the work. The importance of research has not been underscored in the Bhutanese psyche. It applies from individuals to institutions including the government.

Hardly any businessman does proper research before starting a new business. Today, most of the corporate decisions are taken based on their experience and understanding about the market rather than any formal research work. Most of the government's decisions are also not based on detailed research work but on desk assessments.

The recent government's decision to increase taxes was not based on any formal research. The finance ministry was asked to study the implications but apart from a desk assessment, no concrete research was done. In absence of a proper research to back up its decision, the government's decision has been subjected to criticism both from the public and the media. The public does not want to hear the prime minister say the new taxes will promote gross national

happiness, increase revenue or keep the people healthy. The public wants to know how it will impact him or her and how the revised taxes will also benefit him or her.

Similarly, hardly any comprehensive research is done before introducing a new vaccine, changing the school curricula, or while introducing a new policy or law.

Because of the lack of focus in research work, most of the consultancy services in Thimphu are engaged in doing research for foreign donor firms. The only nationalized research center in the country, the Center for Bhutan Studies, is more dedicated to record the vastly unwritten history and to develop measurement parameters of gross national happiness.

As the central apex body to validate, authenticate and disseminate national statistics, the National Statistical Bureau, develops and maintain a national data bank with not much focus on research work. Colleges, which conduct major research in other countries, are more focused on academic teaching and researches are hardly given any leverage. Most of the research on Bhutan has been done by foreign experts with the first ever comprehensive history book on Bhutan being written by a non-Bhutanese. Therefore, there is a no real institutionalized effort to propagate and develop research initiatives in the country.

Today, we are living in an information age. The success or the failure of any project depends on the information one has and also on how effectively one can use it to his advantage. This is an art that the Bhutanese need to learn and exploit. The complexity of research is that it requires time, effort and money and it is the main reason why many people avoid it. But there is no shortcut to success... apart from being informed.

Question A (5 Marks)

Each question below is followed by four responses. Choose the correct option against each question in your answer script (for e.g. 11(b)). Each question carries 1 Mark.

1. What has been dubbed as one of the most successful, critically acclaimed, and ground-breaking preschool television series of all time?
 - a. Commercial Television
 - b. Emmy Awards
 - c. Pop culture in Korea
 - d. Blue's Clues

2. The television show is meant for which audience
 - a. Researchers
 - b. Businessmen
 - c. Bhutanese
 - d. Children

3. The decision of the government to increase tax was based on

- a. Research
 - b. Criticism by the media
 - c. The decision of the Prime Minister
 - d. Desk Assessment by the Ministry of Finance
4. Which of the following statement is false?
- a. Bhutanese history has been written both by foreigners and Bhutanese
 - b. The National Statistical Bureau develops and maintains a national data bank
 - c. The success of the television show was due to extensive research done by the producers
 - d. Center for Bhutan Studies conducts research only on unwritten Bhutanese history and to develop measurement parameters of gross national happiness.
5. Today we live in an information age where we have so much information. What do we do with the information we have?
- a. Avoid it
 - b. Make it an art
 - c. Take advantage
 - d. Research on it for a purpose

Question B (5 Marks)

Doing home work always pays off. In the passage above, what is ‘doing home work’ referred to and explain why it is important?

Question C (10 Marks)

Given below are 10 words selected from the above passage. For each of these words, chose a word from the box that has a **similar meaning in the context of the passage** and write your response in the answer script against each question number – (for e.g. 11(a)).

1. Acclaimed 2. Animated 3. Psyche 4. Comprehensive 5. Leverage
6. Exploit 7. Disseminate 8. Vastly 9. Apex 10. complexity

a. mind	b. use	c. tip	d. lively	e. intricacy
f. spread	g. praised	h. complete	i. mainly	j. aid

དེ་ལས་དེ་རེས་ཉུན་ཁག་དང་ལས་ཁུངས་ཚུ་གིས་ཟད་གོ་མའམ་ཡང་རྒྱུ་ཞིའི་ཐབས་ཤེས་ཚུ་བརྟེན་པའི་སྐབས་ལུ་འཆར་གཞིའི་ལས་འཇུག་ལ་ཅན་ཚུ་ཡང་
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 ཡང་ལྷ་ལུ་འཇུག་པ་ཚུ་ལས་ཁུངས་མེད་མི་ཡིན་ལྷོ་མ་གྲོགས་དེ་མེད་པའི་གཞུང་ཏེ་མ་རང་སོའི་ཚེགས་གུབ་ཀྱི་འོས་བབས་དང་འཁྲིལ་ཏེ་ལཱ་ག་ཡོག་གི་
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SECTION 5: Current Affairs (1 X10= 10 Marks)

Answer ALL 10 questions by writing the correct option against each question number in your answer sheet. For e.g. 21(b).

1. Which is the largest archipelago in the world?
 - a. The Philippines
 - b. The Maldives
 - c. Indonesia
 - d. Japan

2. At 8,481 meters, which is the fourth highest mountain in the world?
 - a. Kanchanjanga
 - b. Makalu
 - c. Nanga Parbat
 - d. Jhumolhari

3. The Seventeenth SAARC Summit will be held in 2011 in which of the following country?
 - a. India
 - b. The Maldives
 - c. Nepal
 - d. Bangladesh

4. Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, the second Secretary General of the United Nations was the citizen of which country?
 - a. Finland
 - b. Denmark
 - c. Austria
 - d. Sweden

5. In which year was the Treaty of Sinchula signed between Bhutan and British India?
 - a. 1864
 - b. 1865
 - c. 1866
 - d. 1867

6. His Majesty's Representative to and the President of the Bhutan Olympic Committee is
 - a. Lyonpo Khandu Wangchuk
 - b. Lyonchhen Jigmi Y. Thinley
 - c. HRH Dasho Jigyel Ugyen Wangchuck
 - d. HRH Ashi Kezang Choden Wangchuck

7. The Gross National Happiness Commission was erstwhile known as
 - a. Planning Commission
 - b. National Development Commission
 - c. Development Commission
 - d. Ministry of Planning

8. His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo issued the Royal Kasho of stepping down from the Golden Throne on
 - a. January 6, 2006
 - b. December 6, 2005
 - c. November 9, 2005
 - d. December 9, 2006

9. How many constituencies are there in Bhutan?

- a. 205
- b. 75
- c. 47
- d. 20

10. The annual 'State of the Nation' address to the Parliament of Bhutan is made by
- a. The Prime Minister
 - b. His Majesty the King
 - c. The Finance Minister
 - d. The Speaker of the National Assembly