

PAPER I: ENGLISH LANGUAGE & GENERAL KNOWLEDGE (Technical)

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Reading Time : 15 Minutes (Prior to examination time)

General Instructions

- This paper has three sections: Section I - Case Study, Section II - Topical Discussions and Section III – Multiple Choice Questions.
- Specific Instructions are provided for each section separately. Please read the instructions for each section carefully and answer the questions that follow.
- The full marks for each question are given in the brackets.
- Please start the answers to each Section on a fresh page.
- The booklet contains 7(seven) pages (including this cover page.)

PART I

SECTION I: A Case Study (30 Marks)

Read the following passage and answer ALL THREE questions that follow:

“Life is not just party and pleasure; it is also pain and despair. Unthinkable things happen. Sometimes everything turns upside down. Bad things happen to good people. Some things are beyond control, such as physical disability and birth defects. We cannot choose our parents or the circumstances of our birth. So if the ball bounced that way, sorry. But what do we do from here; cry or take the ball and run? That is a choice we have to make. On a clear day, there are hundreds of boats sailing in all different directions in a lake. How come? Even though the wind is blowing in one direction, the sailboats are going in different directions. What is the difference?

It depends on the way the sail is set, and that is determined by the sailor. The same is true of our lives. We can't choose the direction of the wind, but we can choose how we set the sail. We can choose our attitude even though we cannot always choose our circumstances. The choice is either to act like a victor or a victim. It is not our position but our disposition that determines our destiny. It takes both rain and sunshine to create a rainbow.

Our lives are no different. There is happiness and sorrow. There is the good and the bad; dark and bright spots. If we can handle adversity, it only strengthens us. We cannot control all the events that happen in our lives, but we can control how we deal with them.

Richard Blechnyden wanted to promote Indian tea at the St. Louis World fair in 1904. It was very hot and no one wanted to sample his tea. Blechnyden saw that all the other iced drinks were doing flourishing business. It dawned on him to make his tea into an iced drink, mix in sugar and sell it. He did and people loved it. That was the introduction of iced tea to the world.

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will, we can react responsibly or resentfully. Human beings are not like an action which has no choice. An action cannot decide whether to become a giant tree or to become food for the squirrels. Human beings have choices. If nature gives us a lemon, we have a choice: either cry or make lemonade.”

Question 1 (10 Marks)

What are the lessons being depicted in the passage above?

Question 2 (10 Marks)

The passage mentioned that ‘Even though the wind is blowing in one direction, the sailboats are going in different directions’. Discuss this statement in relation to one of your real life experience.

Question 3 (10 Marks)

In your opinion, do you think our destiny is determined by the choices we make today or is it a karmic outcome of the deeds of your previous life as many of the religions believe. Please elaborate your argument.

SECTION II: Topical Discussion (20 Marks)

This section consists of four questions related to topical issues. You may answer ANY TWO questions. Each question carries 10 marks each.

Question 1 (10 Marks)

Rural-urban migration is a demographic phenomenon which Bhutan, like other countries in the world, is grappling with. Discuss the catalysts behind rural-urban migration and its impact in both the rural and urban areas.

Question 2 (10 Marks)

There is a general perception that the quality of education in Bhutan is declining, and much of the blame has been squarely put on the Ministry of Education. Present your views for or against this statement.

Question 3 (10 marks)

Bhutan is vying for a non-permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council for the biennium 2013-2014. For a single vacant Asian seat, Bhutan is contesting against Republic of Korea and Cambodia. To be elected to the United Nations Security Council, candidate countries will have to obtain votes of the two-third of the UN Member States. Why do you think Bhutan is contesting for this seat and in your opinion what contributions can Bhutan make in the Security Council?

Question 4 (10 Marks)

Our Constitution bestows on every citizen the right to information. The present government has thus far not thought of the Right to Information Act. In the absence of an Act, the framework necessary for the people to demand information from the government or other public organization is lacking. Present your arguments for or against on whether the time has come for the Government to pass an Act on right to information.

SECTION III – Multiple Choice Questions (20 Marks)

Answer **ALL 20** questions by writing the correct option against each question number in your answer sheet. For e.g. 21(b).

1. Which is the largest national park in the world?
 - a. Kaziranga National Park
 - b. Yellow Stone National Park
 - c. Jigme Singye Wangchuck National Park
 - d. Chitwan National Park

2. What is the height of Mount Kanchanjanga?
 - a. 8598 Meters
 - b. 8611 Meters
 - c. 8172 Meters
 - d. 8078 Meters

3. The book inheritance of loss was written by
 - a. Kiran Desai
 - b. Khushwant Singh
 - c. Slaman Rushdie
 - d. Jeffry Archer

4. Which geographical line divides France and Germany?
 - a. Durand Line
 - b. Maginot Line
 - c. Hindenberg Line
 - d. Oder Niesse Line

5. Mr. Kurt Waldheim, the fourth Secretary General of the United Nations was a citizen of
 - a. Sweden
 - b. Norway
 - c. Peru
 - d. Austria

6. Who was the first women Governor of India
 - a. Indira Gandhi
 - b. Shiela Dikshit
 - c. Sarojini Naidu
 - d. Mamata Banerjee

7. Who is the first man to climb Mount Everest without oxygen?
 - a. Tenzin Sherpa
 - b. Phub Dorji
 - c. Apa Dorji
 - d. None of the above

8. What is the common name for ascorbic acid?
 - a. Vitamin A
 - b. Vitamin B
 - c. Vitamin C
 - d. Vitamin D

9. The first black person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize was
 - a. Nelson Mandela
 - b. Desmond Tutu
 - c. Barack Obama
 - d. Ralph Johnson Bunche

10. The country whose National Anthem has only music but no words is
 - a. Bahrain
 - b. Kuwait
 - c. Saudi Arabia
 - d. Qatar

11. The book 'Beyond Sky and Earth' was written by
 - a. Father Mackey
 - b. Jamie Zeppa
 - c. Dasho Karma Ura
 - d. Michael Aris

12. In the 10th Five Year Plan, under Project Tied Assistance to the Royal Government, the Government of India is providing a total grant of
 - a. Rs.100 billion
 - b. Rs. 34 billion
 - c. Rs. 20 billion
 - d. Rs. 14 billion

13. Which of the following is not a Constitutional Body?
 - a. Election Commission of Bhutan

- b. Anti-Corruption Commission
 - c. Royal Civil Service Commission
 - d. National Land Commission
14. Which of the following organization celebrated its Golden Jubilee in Bhutan in 2011?
- a. Colombo Plan
 - b. DANTAK
 - c. IMTRAT
 - d. Embassy of India
15. As per the Constitution of Bhutan, the National Assembly of Bhutan will have a maximum members of
- a. 47
 - b. 55
 - c. 75
 - d. 67
16. How many foreign embassies are there in Bhutan?
- a. 2
 - b. 3
 - c. 4
 - d. 5
17. The Treaty of Punakha was signed with British India on
- a. 25th January 1910
 - b. 7th February 1907
 - c. 18th December 1907
 - d. 8th January 1910
18. His Majesty the King announced his Royal Wedding to Ashi Jetsun Pema on 20th May 2011 during the
- a. 7th Session of the Parliament
 - b. 6th Session of the Parliament
 - c. 5th Session of the Parliament
 - d. 4th Session of the Parliament
19. How many constituencies are there in Tashigang
- a. 7
 - b. 5
 - c. 4

d. 6

20. In 2005, His Majesty the King and People of Bhutan were awarded the 'Champions of the Earth' by which organization?

- a. World Wild Life Fund
- b. Global Environmental Organization
- c. United Nations Environment Programme
- d. UNESCO