

HISSAN CENTRAL EXAMINATION – 2080 (2024)

Grade : XII

F.M. : 75

Time : 3 hrs

ENGLISH (0041 M2)

Candidates are required to give answers in their own words as far as practicable. The figure in the margin indicates full marks.

Attempt **ALL** the questions:

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

Exploring the History of Space Exploration

Space exploration, a testament to human curiosity and ingenuity, has fascinated mankind for centuries. The quest to explore beyond our planet has led to remarkable achievements and technological advancements that have reshaped our understanding of the universe.

The origins of space exploration can be traced back to ancient civilizations who gazed at the stars and pondered the mysteries of the cosmos. However, it wasn't until the mid-20th century that space exploration truly took off with the launch of the first artificial satellite, Sputnik 1, by the Soviet Union in 1957. This historic event marked the beginning of the space age and ignited the space race between the United States and the Soviet Union.

In the following years, both superpowers engaged in a series of groundbreaking missions, including the first human spaceflight by Yuri Gagarin in 1961 and the iconic Apollo 11 mission, which saw Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin become the first humans to set foot on the Moon in 1969.

The space shuttle era, inaugurated by the launch of the Space Shuttle Columbia in 1981, brought new possibilities for space exploration, allowing for the deployment of satellites, scientific research, and the construction of the International Space Station (ISS).

In recent decades, space exploration has expanded beyond government agencies to include private companies such as SpaceX and Blue Origin, driving innovation and lowering the cost of access to space. SpaceX's development of reusable rocket technology has revolutionized space travel, making it more sustainable and economically viable.

Today, space exploration continues to push the boundaries of human achievement, with ambitious plans for crewed missions to Mars and beyond. The exploration of space not only advances scientific knowledge but also inspires future generations to dream of reaching for the stars.

- A. Complete the following sentences using the word/words from the above text. [5 × 1 = 5]

- a) The launch of Sputnik 1 marked the beginning of the _____ age.

- b) Yuri Gagarin made history as the first human to undertake a _____ spaceflight.
c) The Apollo 11 mission saw Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin become the first humans to set foot on the _____.
d) The inauguration of the Space Shuttle Columbia heralded the start of the _____ era.
e) SpaceX's reusable rocket technology has revolutionized space _____.

- B. Read the text again and write. [5 × 1 = 5]

TRUE if the statement agrees with the information given in the text.

FALSE if the statement contradicts the information given in the text.

NOT GIVEN if there is no information in the text.

- a) The space race was primarily between the United States and China.
b) The International Space Station was constructed during the space shuttle era.
c) Neil Armstrong was the first human to orbit the Earth.
d) SpaceX and Blue Origin are government space agencies.
e) Space exploration has only focused on scientific research.

- C. Answer the following questions. [5 × 1 = 5]

- a) What event marked the beginning of the space age in 1957?
b) What were some significant achievements during the space race between the United States and the Soviet Union?
c) How has the involvement of private companies like SpaceX changed space exploration?
d) What are some future goals of space exploration mentioned in the passage?
e) What impact does space exploration have on society according to the passage?

2. Write short answers to the following questions based on the textbook [5 × 2 = 10]

- a) Why were the people in the neighbourhood surprised at the role of the young man and his wife within their family? (**Neighbours**)
b) Explain the following lines with reference to the context:

(**The Awakening Age**)

Along the line may our lives rhyme

To make a loving harvest of space and time.

OR

What is the central idea of the essay 'Knowledge and Wisdom' by Bertrand Russell? (**Knowledge and Wisdom**)

- c) How can you say that history has been a major contested issue in this present world? (**Humility**)
- d) How does the author make fun using the words “America” and “the USA”? (**A Devoted Son**)
- e) What does the line “news like squirrel ran” mean? (**A Day**)

OR

Is Earnest Young Woman convinced by the argument of Famous Actress? How? (**A Matter of Husband**)

3. Write long answers to the following questions. [2×5 =10]

- a) Sketch the character of Gouvernail and contrast it with Gaston.” (**A Respectable Woman**)
- b) The author says, "I was not a good pupil, but I was a good learner." Justify it with the textual evidences. (**On Libraries**)

OR

Justify the title 'Marriage as a Social Institution'. How are marriages in Nepalese society different from Western American Society? Explain. (**Marriage as a Social Institution**)

- 4. In recent years, there has been a surge in the popularity of online shopping platforms among Nepalese consumers. How can e-commerce companies in Nepal enhance the accessibility and trustworthiness of their platforms to attract more users from diverse backgrounds? Discuss potential strategies and their implications. **[7]**
- 5. Write a letter to the editor of a prominent Nepali newspaper expressing your concerns about the deteriorating quality of education in rural areas. Propose practical solutions to improve educational standards and emphasize the importance of government support and community involvement. Keep your letter concise, within 180 words. **[8]**
- 6. Given the prevalence of rumors and misinformation during times of crisis, such as natural disasters or political unrest, what measures should the government and civil society organizations take to combat the spread of fake news in Nepal? Additionally, discuss the role of media literacy programs in empowering individuals to discern credible information from misinformation. Write an essay articulating your views in approximately 300 words. **[10]**

7. Do as indicated in the brackets and rewrite the sentences. [10 × 1=10]

- a) The cool breeze blew on her face. (Complete the sentence with an appropriate adverb.)
- b) All the celebrations and parties were called because of the tragic accident. (Put the correct preposition in the blank.)
- c) The food is really good at that restaurant. They..... (will/can/must/should) have a great chef. (Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)
- d) The master along with his three servants..... .(is/am/are) going to the court. (Choose the correct verb from the bracket to complete the sentence.)
- e) His company is greatly.....after. (Complete the sentence using the correct form the verb 'seek'.)
- f) We look forward to..... (hear/hearing) from you soon. (Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)
- g)he is rich, he is always dressed in rags. (Put correct conjunction in blank to complete the sentence.)
- h) He is the man..... (who/whom/whose) son plays football for Three Star Club. (Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)
- i) I want my students to respect me. (Change into passive.)
- j) Did you hear me? (Report this with the reporting clause: She asked.....)

8. Choose and copy the correct answer. [5 × 1 = 5]

- a) Which of the following words has a different final sound?
(i) boys (ii) cats (iii) girls (iv) houses
- b) The initial sound in the word 'maple' is transcribed as
(i) /m/ (ii) /n/ (iii) /p/ (iv) /s/
- c) Prices seem to every year.
(i) raise (ii) rise (iii) raised (iv) rose
- d) The word 'attire' means
(i) extremely good
(ii) clothes, especially fine or formal ones,
(iii) thin and easily torn
(iv) clear
- e) My car..... while I was driving.
(i) broke up (ii) broke off
(iii) broke down (iv) broke in

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