

HISSAN CENTRAL EXAMINATION – 2080 (2024)

Grade : XII

F.M. : 75

Time : 3 hrs

ENGLISH (0041 D1)

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.

The Impact of Climate Change

Climate change, driven by human activities such as burning fossil fuels and deforestation, poses a significant threat to ecosystems, biodiversity, and human societies worldwide. The increasing concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere traps heat, leading to rising temperatures and disrupting weather patterns.

One of the most visible effects of climate change is the melting of polar ice caps and glaciers, contributing to sea-level rise and threatening coastal communities. Extreme weather events, including hurricanes, heatwaves, and droughts, are becoming more frequent and intense, causing widespread devastation and loss of life.

Rising temperatures and changing precipitation patterns affect agriculture and food security, with disruptions in crop yields and water availability. Coastal erosion, loss of biodiversity, and the spread of infectious diseases are among the other impacts of climate change that pose significant challenges for adaptation and mitigation.

Addressing climate change requires global cooperation and concerted efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and transition to renewable energy sources. Policies and initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable development, energy efficiency, and conservation are essential for mitigating the impacts of climate change and building resilience in vulnerable communities.

Adaptation strategies, such as improving infrastructure and implementing early warning systems, are necessary to cope with the effects of climate change and protect lives and livelihoods. Investing in research, innovation, and education is critical for developing solutions and empowering communities to tackle the climate crisis effectively.

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

- a. Climate change is driven by human activities such as burning fossil _____.

- b. The melting of polar ice caps contributes to sea-level _____.
- c. Extreme weather events are becoming more frequent and _____.
- d. Rising temperatures affect agriculture and food _____.
- e. Policies aimed at promoting sustainable development are essential for mitigating the _____ of climate change.

- 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. Climate change is not influenced by human activities.
- b. Extreme weather events are becoming less frequent and intense.
- c. Investing in research and innovation is not necessary to tackle the climate crisis.
- d. Sustainable development initiatives have no impact on mitigating climate change.
- e. Adaptation strategies are unnecessary to cope with the effects of climate change.

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

- a) What are some causes of climate change mentioned in the passage?
- b) What are some visible effects of climate change?
- c) How does climate change impact agriculture and food security?
- d) What measures are suggested for addressing climate change?
- e) Why is investing in research and innovation critical according to the passage?

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

- a) How does the narrator describe the weather and its effects in the exposition of the story? (**A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings**)
- b) Which narrative technique is used by the author in the story, '**The Half-Closed Eyes of the Buddha and the Slowly Sinking Sun**'? How is this story different from other stories you have read?
(**The Half-Closed Eyes of the Buddha and the Slowly Sinking Sun**)

OR

Describe the expository scene of the story 'The Treasure in the Forest'.

(**The Treasure in the Forest**)

- c) What can we gain after our perceptions are changed?
(**The Awakening Age**)

d) What kind of society is Utopian society? Can we imagine such society in modern world?

(Human Rights and the Age of Inequality)

e) Is the speaker watching the morning sun? Why? Why not? (*A Day*)

OR

Who are the people living under the Milkwood?

(Every Morning I Wake)

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) Summarize the poem 'Soft Storm' as a speaker's dissatisfaction towards social, cultural, economic and political issues prevailing in Nepal.
(Soft storm)

OR

Discuss 'Facing Death' as a modern tragedy. **(Facing Death)**

4. How can local farmers in rural areas of Nepal be encouraged to adopt modern agricultural techniques and technologies? Discuss potential strategies to make these methods more accessible and beneficial to them. **[7]**

5. Draft a letter to the editor of a leading magazine expressing your concerns about the rising pollution levels in urban areas of Nepal. Offer practical solutions and stress the importance of collective action and government intervention in addressing this issue. Keep your letter concise, within 150 words. **[8]**

6. With the increasing reliance on social media platforms for news consumption, what measures should be implemented to curb the spread of misinformation? Analyze the roles of both individuals and government agencies in combating fake news and suggest how individual actions can contribute to promoting accurate information dissemination. Write an essay outlining your perspectives in around 300 words. **[10]**

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

- a) She spoke to him (Choose the correct adverb to complete the sentence. (angrily / angry))
- b) The cat jumped the table. (Fill in the blank with the correct preposition.)
- c) My friends (is/are) coming to my birthday party. (Choose the correct form of the verb to complete the sentence.)

d) You (should/ought to/must) apologize for your behavior. (Select the appropriate modal verb from the options provided.)

e) They (have gone/went) to the supermarket to buy groceries. (Select the correct verb to complete the sentence.)

f) The students are excited about (to go/going) on a field trip. (Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)

g) He studied hard;, he failed the exam. (Choose the correct conjunction to complete the sentence. (however / moreover))

h) She received two job offers, she rejected. (Choose the correct option to complete the sentence (neither of which / none of which))

i) They are renovating the old house. (Change into passive voice.)

j) "Please water the plants," said Mom. (Report this with the reporting clause beginning with: Mom asked)

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

a) Which of the following words has a different final sound?

- (i) dogs (ii) cats (iii) birds (iv) houses

b) The initial sound in the word 'knight' is transcribed as

- (i) /k/ (ii) /n/ (iii) /p/ (iv) /s/

c) The company plans to _____ its production capacity next year.

- (i) raise (ii) rise (iii) raised (iv) rose

d) The word 'eloquent' means.....

- (i) extremely good
(ii) fluent or persuasive in speaking or writing
(iii) thin and easily torn
(iv) clear

e) The children _____ when they heard the news.

- (i) broke up (ii) broke off
(iii) broke down (iv) broke in

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