

COMPULSORY ENGLISH

Reading and Writing

(Written Test)

Candidates are required to answer the questions in their own words as far as practicable. Figures in the margin indicate the full marks.

Time: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 75

Attempt all the questions.

1. Read the text and write TRUE for true and FALSE for false statements.

5×1=5

While London is the capital of the United Kingdom, it is also the largest city in the country. The city stands on the River Thames in South East England, with its history stretching back to Roman times. Paris, on the other hand, is the capital city of France, located in the north-central part of the nation. It stands along the Seine River. Paris has a rich European history and is regarded to be a global centre for culture, fashion, art and gastronomy.

London is among the largest metropolitan areas in Europe, as it covers an estimated area of 1,572 square kilometres. Paris covers an estimated 105 square kilometers. Although Paris is smaller in terms of area coverage, the city happens to be one of the most densely populated cities in Europe. Paris has a population density of 20,700 people per square kilometre.

- a. London is situated in the northern part of the UK. F
b. Both London and Paris are on the riverbanks. T
c. If anyone is interested in studying art and culture, London is better than Paris. F
d. Paris is much smaller than London in terms of size. T
e. Paris is a highly populated city in Europe. T

2. Read the text and do the tasks.

In ancient Greece, there lived a man called Tantalus. He was half man and half god. His father was the great Greek god Zeus. One day, Zeus invited him up to Mount Olympus, high above the clouds for dinner. When Tantalus received the invitation, he was very proud. "Dinner with gods!" he thought. "What a grand honour!" said Tantalus and climbed

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up to the very top of Mount Olympus in his embroidered robes to dine with his father and other gods. They had an exquisite dinner together. The next morning, Tantalus lay in bed remembering the glorious evening. "I must return the invitation." "But what can I serve them? I must give them something I value more than anything." And then, Tantalus had a terrible idea, a horrible one. He decided to take his son, Pelops, and chop him up and serve him as a stew to the gods. The gods, who saw everything, were furious. "How could he do such a thing?" they asked. "He knows we hate human sacrifice. We will have to punish him." As a punishment, they sent him down to the underworld, where he had to stand in water up to his neck forever.

A. Write the sentences in the correct order as they appear in the text. 5×1=5

- a. The gods decided to punish Tantalus for his bad deed.
- b. Tantalus's father invited him to have dinner with other gods.
- c. Tantalus was overjoyed to have an invitation for the dinner.
- d. Tantalus planned to kill his son and serve him as a stew to the gods.
- e. Tantalus and the gods dined together.

B. Answer these questions. 5×1=5

- a. Where did Zeus invite Tantalus for dinner?
- b. What made Tantalus feel proud?
- c. Who does 'I' in the line 'I must return the invitation' refer to?
- d. Was Tantalus a cruel man? Why?
- e. Write the punishment given to Tantalus.

3. Read the text and do the tasks.

Hi, Carla!

While talking to Dad about our family history, I've found interesting things about his brother, our Uncle Jack.

Jack left school at 16 in 1848 and worked in a car factory in Newcastle for five years. He used to play football for the factory team there. One day, some men came to watch him from Newcastle United. They offered him a contract, so in 1953, Jack left for his new team apparently, he played for Newcastle United from 1953 until 1959 and scored over 100 goals. However, he broke his leg badly in 1959 and gave up playing football.

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After that, he got a job as a sports teacher at a local school, and that's where he met his wife, Auntie Giulia. She was an art teacher. They fell in love and got married in 1961. As you know, we left Great Britain and came to live here in Australia in 1965, so it was quite difficult for Dad and Uncle Jack to keep in touch after that.

Meanwhile, in 1969, Uncle Jack and Auntie Giulia opened an Italian restaurant in the centre of Newcastle. It was the most popular restaurant in the city during the 1970s and 80s. Sadly, in 1992, Uncle Jack was killed in a car crash, and the restaurant had to be sold. If I find anything new, I will certainly share with you.

Hope to see you soon!

Paolo

A. Fill in the blanks with the correct information from the text. 5 × 1 = 5

- Paolo got new information about Uncle Jack from.....
- Paolo's uncle started playing football while working in.....
- In 1953, Uncle Jack joined.....to be a professional footballer.
- The Uncle's third job was.....
- The Italian restaurant was opened in.....

B. Answer these questions.

5 × 1 = 5

- What is Paolo's purpose of writing this letter?
- Was Paolo a successful football player? Give a reason.
- Why could Jack NOT continue playing football?
- When did Paolo go to Australia?
- Why was the Italian restaurant sold?

4. Read the text and do the tasks.

Narayan Gopal Gurubacharya, born on October 4, 1939, in Kilagal Tole, Kathmandu, is celebrated as the 'Swor Samrat', the undisputed king of Nepali singing. Born into a Newar family to Asha Gopal and Ram Devi Gurubacharya, he grew up surrounded by music. His father, a classical musician, greatly influenced his early musical interests. Encouraged by this environment, Narayan Gopal developed a strong passion for music and later travelled to India to pursue formal studies. He completed his S.L.C. in 2016 B.S., earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Tri-Chandra College, and briefly studied classical music at Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda.

In 2027 B.S., he married Pamela Lama, though the couple had no children. He came from a large family with five brothers and six sisters.

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C. Answer these questions.

- a. Write the name of Narayan Gopal's parents.
 - b. Where did Narayan Gopal get his Bachelor's degree from?
 - c. What was the role of Narayan Gopal's friends in his musical career?
 - d. What did Narayan Gopal die of?
 - e. Was Narayan Gopal a multi-talented person? Give a reason.
5. **Write a paragraph in about 100 words on 'Role of Technology in Education' using the given clues.** 5
 use of tools like smartphone, computers, smart boards
 access to resources more interactive classrooms easy
 to learn teamwork and creativity
6. **Write a news story in about 100 words using the given clues.** 5
- Nepal beats India in a friendly match
 - 2 -1 win in Tri-nation International Friendlies 2025
 - Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium
 - Sabitra Bhandari; two goals (2 and 63 minutes)
 - A consolation goal from India in 81 minutes
 - The Nepali team played against India and Iran
7. **You have to attend a family function next week, so you won't be able to attend the classes. Write an application in about 150 words to your class teacher for a four-day leave. In your application, mention the name of the function, the date, and how you will recover the missed lessons.** 6
8. **Write a review of the book that you have recently read in about 200 words. Include the introduction, brief summary, strengths, weaknesses, and your recommendations.** 8
9. **Reproduce the following sentences as instructed in the brackets. 6×1=6**
- a. Manoj cuts the grass in the meadow,? (Add a correct question tag.)
 - b. The tiger seems to be hungry. (Change into negative.)
 - c. Brihaspati calls his parents twice a week. (Change into 'How often' question.)
 - d. As soon as the teacher (enter) the class, all the students stood up (Write the correct form of the verb given in the brackets.)
 - e. Ramita wrote a letter to her sister. (Change into passive voice.)
 - f. She said, "Please help me." (Change into indirect speech.)

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10. Copy the correct answers from the given alternatives. Rewriting the text is not necessary. 10×0.5=5

Once upon a time, (a) (a/an/the/no article) turtle kept on worshipping the god for days and nights. Many animals approached him, asking him to stop his lunatic deed and warned him that he (b) (will/shall/would/must) be killed. But, he paid no heed! Finally, the god overwhelmed with the prayer, met the turtle and said, "(c) (What he wanted/What did he want/What was wanted/What do you want)?" The turtle said, "I want to fly like a bird and hope that you'll fulfill my wish." The god, (d) (whom/who/what/when) came to see the turtle, was shocked to listen to the proposal. "A turtle wants to fly!" he thought. Thinking for a while, the god told the turtle that his wish (e) (was/were/is/are) fulfilled. Soon after, the turtle started to notice changes in his body. Small wings (f) (appear/appeared/were appeared/ have appeared) and grew instantly, and soon, he began to fly. With great joy, he went higher and higher and came down swiftly, (g) (wasn't he/did he/won't he/didn't he)? After long hours in the sky, the turtle was exhausted. Many times, he tried to land on the Earth, but failed. He had asked the god (h) (to/for/with/by) the power to fly and had been granted, (i) (and/in spite of/moreover/however), he had not been given the power to land. Being exhausted and not being able to fly anymore, he finally collided with a mountain. Not only were his wings broken, but also his hard shells were shattered, and unfortunately, he was killed. If he hadn't been so stupid, he (j) (would have lived/wouldn't have lived/would live/will live) a happy life.