

**ROYAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
BHUTAN CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION (BCSE) 2012
EXAMINATION CATEGORY: DZONGKHA**

PAPER II: ENGLISH LANGUAGE & CURRENT AFFAIRS

Date : 13 October 2012
Total Marks : 100
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:
 - Section 1: Essay Writing;
 - Section 2: Letter Writing; and
 - Section 3: Comprehension.
 - Part II has two sections:
 - Section 4: Translation (Dzongkha to English); and
 - Section 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.
 - This booklet contains 10 (TEN) pages including this cover page.
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PART I

SECTION 1: Essay Writing (25 Marks)

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. Most study-abroad programs should be renamed "party abroad": they are a waste of time and money. What are your views on such study-abroad programs?
2. Our schools have the right to ban cell phones (or mobiles) in their schools. Explain why you favor or oppose such a ban.
3. Getting a driving license is an important event in the lives of many teenagers. Do you think this is true with regard to Bhutanese teenagers? What are your reasons for and against the issue in question?

SECTION 2: Letter Writing (20 Marks)

Marks will be awarded for correct layout, appropriate language and content.

Write a letter on any ONE of the following:

1. Do you know someone who needs to hear a reassuring word, or rather read a reassuring word, from a friend? Write a comforting letter to a friend. Mention the situation your friend is in and comfort him/her through your letter.
2. You are writing the BCSE 2012 examinations along with several of your friends. In the process you spot two of your close friends exchanging answer sheets. The invigilator does not notice this. After the exam is over your conscience does not let you rest in peace. You decide to do something about the incident. So you decide to write a letter of complaint to the Chief Commissioner, RCSC, Thimphu, citing the exact things that took place during the exam. In your letter, be sure to mention the time of the incident, the paper that was being examined, the invigilator involved and what you expect the Commissioner to do in response to your letter of complaint.

SECTION 3: Comprehension (20 Marks)

Marks will be awarded for your ability to understand, analyze and express thoughts clearly.

Read the story below on "Ready for Anything!" by Jean Lawler and then answer ALL questions that follow:

Justin was always prepared. His motto was "Never throw anything out, you never know when it might come in handy." His bedroom was so full of flat bicycle tires, bent tennis rackets, deflated basketballs, and games with missing pieces that you could barely get in the door. His parents pleaded with him to clean out his room.

"What use is a fish tank with a hole in the bottom?" his father asked. But Justin simply smiled and repeated his motto, "Never throw anything out, you never know when it might come in handy."

When Justin was away from home, he always carried his blue backpack. He liked to think of it as a smaller version of his bedroom—a place to store the many objects that he collected. It was so worn and stretched that it hardly resembled a backpack anymore. It was full of the kind of things that seemed unimportant, but when used with a little imagination, might come in handy.

Justin had earned a reputation for figuring things out and getting people out of otherwise hopeless situations. Many of his classmates and neighbors sought him out when they needed help with a problem. On the first day of school, his friend Kenny, came looking for Justin.

"Do you think you have something in your bag that could help me remember my locker combination?" he asked. "I lost the scrap of paper it was written on. I have science class in two minutes and if I'm late on the first day it'll make me look bad for the rest of the year." Kenny looked genuinely worried.

"Relax," Justin said, taking his backpack off and unzipping the top. "Remember how you borrowed my notebook in homeroom to write the combination down? Well, I know how we can recover what you wrote."

He took the notebook and a soft lead pencil out of his bag. The page that Kenny had written on had left faint indentations on another page in the notebook. Justin held the pencil on its side and rubbed it lightly over the indentations. Slowly but surely the numbers of the locker combination appeared in white, set off by the gray pencil rubbings.

"That's amazing!" Kenny said. "I owe you one." And he dashed off to open his locker.

During science class, Mr. Tran was lecturing on the structure of the solar system using a model. He made a sudden gesture and the model fell apart. Planets and rings and connector rods went everywhere, rolling and clattering and disappearing under desks. The students scrambled around on the floor for ten minutes and were finally able to recover every piece except one—a connector rod that was lodged in a crack between two lab stations.

"If we had a magnet," said Mr. Tran, "we could easily coax it out that way. But I loaned all of the magnet kits to the elementary school yesterday."

Justin was already searching through his backpack. "I have some materials that will work just as well, I think," he told Mr. Tran. He pulled out a battery, an iron nail, and some electrical wire and tape, while Mr. Tran and the other students looked on in amazement.

"Why do you have all of that stuff?" Louise Baxter asked. Justin just smiled and repeated his motto. "Never throw anything out, you never know when it might come in handy."

By wrapping the wire around the nail and taping each end to a battery terminal, he was able to make a magnet strong enough to lift the rod out of the crack.

"Bravo!" said Mr. Tran.

"No problem," said Justin.

After school, Justin rode the bus to the mall where he worked at a music store. His boss, Gail, was taking inventory of all of the CDs and tapes in the classical music section. As he helped a customer at the register, Justin heard her exclaim, "Oh, no! I forgot my glasses! There's no way I can read this list without them." Justin sighed, picked up his backpack, and walked over to Gail.

"I think I can help you out," he said, unzipping the bag. While Gail watched in surprise, he pulled out a jar of petroleum jelly, a washer, a glass slide, and a small bottle of water. He put the jelly on the bottom of the washer, placed it securely, jelly-side down, on the glass slide, and then put a drop of water in the center of the washer.

He put the contraption on top of the inventory list and said to his boss, "See what happens when you look through the water droplet." Gail looked and her eyes widened with delight.

"Wow!" she cried. "It enlarges the print that I'm looking at, just like a magnifying glass!" She patted Justin on the back. "I'm all set now," she said. "Thanks." Justin smiled. "No problem," he said, returning to the register.

It was just another day in the life of the boy whose motto was "Never throw anything out, you never know when it might come in handy."

Question A (5 marks)

Answer **ALL** questions by writing the correct option against each question number in your answer sheet. For e.g. 11 (c). Each question carries 1 Mark.

1. Why is Justin's room such a mess?

- a. He forgets to clean.
- b. He never throws anything away.
- c. He has no time to clean.
- d. He shares his room with his brother.

2. Read this sentence from the story "*Justin had earned a reputation for figuring things out and getting people out of otherwise hopeless situations.*" What does reputation mean?

- a. One's personality.
- b. An award.
- c. How one is seen by others.
- d. The support of others.

3. In what way is Justin's backpack a smaller version of his bedroom?

- a. He stores many things in it.
- b. He carries it everywhere.
- c. He had it for long a time.
- d. He shares it with his friends.

4. Read this sentence from the story, "*His parents pleaded with him to clean out his room.*" Which word is a synonym for pleaded?

- a. Ignored.
- b. Asked.
- c. Pushed.
- d. Begged.

5. How does Justin help his friends?

- a. He gives them advice.
- b. He loans them his backpack.
- c. He listens to their problems.
- d. He uses the objects in his backpack.

Question B (5 Marks)

What kind of a person is Justin? How do you know this? Use details from the story to support your answer.

Question C (10 Marks)

Is the author's purpose in writing this story to inform, to entertain, or both? How does the author achieve this purpose? Use details and examples from the story to support your answer.

PART II

Section 4: Translation (25 Marks)

Marks will be awarded for clarity in expression, accuracy in translation, and correctness of spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Read the following passage carefully and translate it into English.

༡༡ ལྷོ་ལོ་ ༢༠༡༠ ནང་ ༢༠༡༡ གཉིས་ཀྱི་དུས་ཡུན་བར་ན་ ཡོང་ཁ་གོང་འཕེལ་ལྡན་ཚོགས་ཀྱིས་
འབྲུག་གི་ཡོང་ཁ་ ༢༠ ནང་ཡོད་པའི་སློབ་གྲྭ་ཚུ་ནང་ལས་ སློབ་རིམ་བཅུ་པའི་ སློབ་ཡུག་གསུམ་ལས་
ཡོང་ཁ་ནང་ འབྲི་ལྡན་གི་ཚོགས་གུ་བ་ག་དེ་སློབ་ཡོད་ག་གི་ ཞིབ་འཚོལ་ཅིག་འབད་ཡོད་པ་དེ་གི་ཉུན་ལཱ་འདི་
དེ་ཉེ་གི་དམའ་དེ་བ་ནང་བསྐྱོད་ཀྱི་འབད་དེ་ཡུལ་ཡོད་པ་ཡིན།

ཞིབ་འཚོལ་འབད་དགོ་པའི་དམིགས་ཡུལ་འདི་ཡང་ སློབ་ཡུག་ཚུ་གི་ཚུན་ལཱ་ཡོང་ཁའི་ཚོགས་གུ་བ་ཚུ་
དངོས་ལུ་སློབ་ ག་དེ་སློབ་ཡོད་ག་བཏུ་མི་འདི་དོན་ལཱ་དུས་ལུ་ཐོག་ལས་ བཏུག་ཞིབ་འབད་འབད་ལྷོད་ཡིན།
དེ་སློབ་འབད་དགོ་པའི་རྒྱ་མཚན་གཞན་ཡང་ མི་ཚུ་གིས་ཡོང་ཁའི་སློབ་ལས་ བསམ་འཚར་བྱ་ཚོགས་
ག་དེ་སློབ་པ་བཞོན་ཅུང་ ཁོང་ར་མི་རེའི་བསམ་འཚར་མ་གཉོགས་ དངོས་ལུ་ནང་ བདེ་ལུ་ཡོད་མེད་འདི་
ཙུ་ལས་མ་ཤེས་པའི་དོགས་པ་ཡོད།

དེ་འབད་ལས་ ཡོང་ཁའི་གནས་ལུངས་དངོས་ལུ་སློབ་ ཏུ་གོ་བསམ་དང་ སློབ་རིམ་བཅུ་པའི་
འབྲུག་མི་གསུམ་ལོ་བའི་ གཞི་འགུམ་ ཤེས་ཡོན་འབད་བའི་ལས་བརྟེན་དེ་དང་ལཱ་གི་ལམ་

ལྷན་ཁྲིའི་འཕེལ་རྒྱུ་ལས་འགན་ཁུར་པ་ལྟར་ཡོད་པ་ཡིན། དམིགས་ལུ་དང་འཁྲིལ་རྩེ་ར་
ཡིག་ཚང་ལ་བྱུག་ལས་ཡང་ཞིབ་འཚོལ་གྱི་ལམ་ལྷན་དང་བསྟུན་ 'རྩེ'
སློབ་ལྷན་འཕེལ་རྒྱུ་སློབ་གྲྭ་འཕེལ་རྒྱུ་གྱི་གསལ་བ་ཚུ་དམིགས་བསལ་དུ་སོ་སོ་སློབ་པ་ལྟར་ལྷན་པོ་ལྷན་པོ་ལྷན་པོ་
ལུ་གཅིག་གི་གནས་སྟངས་ལྟར་སློབ་ལྷན་ལྟར་ཡོད་ཟེར་བྱུ་ནི། དེ་འབད་ལས་
བྱུ་བྱུ་ལུ་འདི་ཡང་གཟུགས་མི་ཡོངས་ཀྱིས་
ཡོང་ལག་དང་དེ་ནང་ཡོད་པའི་སློབ་གྲྭ་ཚུ་ལུ་མཉམ་པ་དང་བསྟོན་པ་རྒྱུ་ནི་འི་ 'གཞི་སློབ་མཉམ་པ་
དེ་ཉི་འི་སློབ་ལྷན་ཚུ་ལུ་ཡན་པའི་ལུ་དང་ མ་འོངས་པའི་ལུ་གཞི་སློབ་གྲྭ་ལས་ཚོན་འོང་མི་ཚུ་གི་རྒྱུ་ལུ་
ཡོང་ལའི་འཁྲིའི་ལྷན་སློབ་གསུམ་འདི་ སློབ་སློབ་བཟོ་ནི་འི་ལམ་སྟོན་སློབ་ལག་ལཱ་འབྲེལ་གནང་བྱ།

SECTION 5: Current Affairs (10 Marks)

Answer **ALL** 10 questions by writing the correct option against each question number in your answer sheet. For e.g. 11(c). Each question carries 1 Mark.

1. Which country is also known as the “Country of Copper”?
 - a. Kenya
 - b. Egypt
 - c. Zambia
 - d. Botswana

2. The new Anglo-Bhutanese Treaty was signed on:
 - a. 8th January,1910
 - b. 10th January,1912
 - c. 5th January,1911
 - d. 15th January,1910

3. 100 Prominent People of Modern Bhutan is authored by:
 - a. DASHO KARMA URA
 - b. DR SONAM KINGA
 - c. DR C T DORJI
 - d. RINCHEN KHANDU

4. With which author is the character Robinson Crusoe associated:
 - a. Cervantes
 - b. Walter Scott
 - c. Charles Dickens
 - d. Daniel Defoe

5. Where was the UN global convention on terrorism held?
 - a. New York
 - b. Oslo
 - c. Geneva
 - d. Montreal

6. Who has topped the 2010 Forbes list of the 'World's Most Powerful People'?
- Bill Gates
 - Hu Jintao
 - Manmohan Singh
 - Barrack Obama
7. With which sport is the **Ryder Cup** associated?
- Cricket
 - Tennis
 - Golf
 - Horse Racing
8. His Majesty King Jigme Dorji Wangchuk became a Constitutional Monarch in:
- 1965
 - 1968
 - 1966
 - 1953
9. His Majesty the King conferred the Orange Scarf to the present Speaker of the National Assembly on:
- 28th April, 2008
 - 27th June, 2008
 - 30th April, 2008
 - 26th April, 2008
10. The 2012 T-twenty Cricket World Cup is being held in:
- India
 - Maldives
 - Nepal
 - Sri Lanka