

**Kathmandu Metropolitan City  
Second Terminal Examination-2082**

**Subject : Compulsory English**

**Grade- 10**

**Full marks: 75**

**Time : 3 hours**

**Candidates are required to give answer according to the given instructions.**

**Attempt ALL the questions.**

**1. Read the text given below and do the tasks.**

**The Voice of the Rain**

And who art thou? said I to the soft-falling shower.

Which, strange to tell, gave me an answer, as here translated:

I am the Poem of Earth, said the voice of the rain,

Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea,

Upward to heaven, whence, vaguely form'd, altogether changed,  
and yet the same.

I descend to lave the droughts, atomies, dust-layers of the globe,

And all that in them without me were seeds only, latent, unborn;

And forever, by day and night, I give back life to my own origin,

And make pure and beautify it;

(For song, issuing from its birth-place, after fulfilment, wandering,

Reck'd or unreck'd, duly with love returns.)

— Walt Whitman

**A. Answer the questions.**

**[5×1=5]**

- Why does the rain call itself the "Poem of Earth"?
- Where does the rain rise from before reaching heaven?
- What happens to the rain when it rises upward to heaven?
- How does the rain help the earth?
- Do you agree that the rain gives happiness to mother Earth?  
Give reason.

**2. Read the text given below and do the tasks.**

**Common Hobbies**

Hobbies are not just a form of entertainment; they are also great for igniting our creativity and discovering some of our hidden talents.

Choosing a hobby for yourself can be a challenging task. Although you want a hobby that is interesting to you, you may also want one that can be enjoyed with friends.

Some people enjoy spending their free time outdoors fishing, camping, hunting, and knitting, while others prefer to be indoors reading a good book or browsing online courses to hone their skills.

The popularities of these hobbies differ around the world based on individual preferences and cultural influences. For example, while fishing is the most prevalent hobby in England, hiking is the most in-demand hobby in China.

Reading is one of the most popular hobbies across many cultures. It is not only a fun activity, but a way of improving yourself.

Whether you read to get information or be entertained, there is undoubtedly a book for you as you have got a variety of genres to choose from.

Another thing that makes reading a book an exciting hobby is that you don't require any special gear compared to most other hobbies. Simply head to your local library or download some PDFs.

**A. Choose the best alternatives.**

**[5×1=5]**

- According to the text, why is choosing a hobby challenging?
  - Because hobbies are expensive
  - Because hobbies need to be interesting or enjoyable
  - Because hobbies require special gear
  - Because hobbies are difficult to learn
- Which of the statements best explains the hobby popularity?
  - All hobbies are equally popular everywhere.
  - Outdoor hobbies are more popular in all countries.
  - Hobbies vary by culture and personal preference.
  - People everywhere enjoy the same hobbies.



- c. Which of the following is most common hobby in China?
- Reading
  - Hiking
  - Fishing
  - Camping
- d. What makes reading an exciting hobby?
- It requires travel
  - It offers varieties of genres
  - It is usually done with friends
  - It is physically challenging
- e. Why does the text mention “no special gear” when talking about reading?
- To show that reading is more difficult than other hobbies.
  - To show that reading is accessible and convenient.
  - To suggest that reading is an outdoor activity.
  - To discourage people from trying other hobbies.

**B. Answer the questions. [5×1=5]**

- What makes hobbies important besides entertainment?
- Name any two most common hobbies in the world?
- How does the text describe the global differences in hobby preferences?
- Why do you think reading is popular across many cultures?
- Where can someone go if they want to start reading as a hobby without spending money?

**3. Read the text given below and do the tasks.**

**VACANCY NOTICE – HIMALAYA CAREER GROUP PVT. LTD.**

Himalaya Career Group, a reputed consultancy and training institute based in Kathmandu, announces vacancies for energetic and dedicated individuals to join our expanding office team. We are currently looking for qualified candidates for the following posts:

**1. Office Assistant (1 Post)**

The Office Assistant will handle filing, photocopying, document preparation, and office communication. Candidates must be organized, punctual, and able to use basic computer applications.

**2. Receptionist (1 Post)**

The Receptionist will greet visitors, answer phone calls, maintain visitor records, and provide information to clients. Fluency in English and Nepali, along with a pleasant personality, is required.

**3. Marketing Officer (2 Posts)**

The Marketing Officer will promote company services, meet clients, prepare reports, and support social media campaigns. Applicants should have strong communication skills and at least +2 education.

**Why Work With Us?**

We offer a friendly work environment, career growth opportunities, performance-based incentives, and regular training.

**How to Apply:**

Interested applicants should send their CV and cover letter to [career@himalayacg.com](mailto:career@himalayacg.com) by **12th January 2026**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

**A. Choose the best alternatives: [5×1=5]**

- Which post requires greeting visitors and answering phone calls?
  - Office Assistant
  - Marketing Officer
  - Receptionist
  - Manager
- Why might the Marketing Officer position be challenging?
  - It has no responsibilities
  - It requires meeting clients and handling reports
  - It does not involve communication
  - It is a part-time job
- How many total job posts are announced?
  - 2
  - 3
  - 4
  - 5



- d. What can be inferred about the company ?
  - i. It is closing soon
  - ii. It is expanding its services
  - iii. It doesn't need new staff
  - iv. It focuses only on marketing
- e. What is the application deadline?
  - i. January 12, 2025
  - ii. January 12, 2026
  - iii. February 12, 2026
  - iv. March 12, 2026

**B. Answer the following questions.**

[5×1=5]

- a. What duties does the Office Assistant need to perform?
- b. Which posts require communication skills?
- c. Why do you think the company needs two Marketing Officers?
- d. Where should applicants send their CV and cover letter?
- e. Why would someone want to work at Himalaya Career Group?

**4. Read the text given below and do the tasks.**

Solar energy is one of the most reliable and rapidly growing sources of renewable energy in the world today. As concerns about climate change continue to rise, scientists and engineers have been searching for clean alternatives to fossil fuels. Among all available technologies, solar power stands out because sunlight is abundant, pollution-free, and available almost everywhere. The basic working principle of solar panels is simple yet remarkable. Solar panels are made up of photovoltaic (PV) cells. These cells absorb sunlight and convert it into electrical energy through a process known as the photovoltaic effect. When sunlight hits the surface of a PV cell, electrons begin to move, generating an electric current. This electricity is then stored in batteries or transferred to power homes, industries, and electronic devices. One major advantage of solar energy is its sustainability. Unlike coal or petroleum, sunlight is inexhaustible. However, the effectiveness of solar panels depends on weather conditions, sunlight duration, and geographical location. For example, countries closer to the equator receive more sunlight and therefore

produce more solar energy. To overcome limitations, scientists are developing advanced PV cells that can work efficiently even in low-light conditions. Solar energy is not only environmentally friendly but also economically beneficial. In many countries, the cost of installing solar panels has decreased significantly over the past decade. Governments are providing subsidies and incentives to encourage people to adopt solar power. Many households have already installed rooftop solar panels and reduced their electricity bills. Industries are using large solar farms to meet their energy demands. Schools and hospitals in remote areas also rely on solar systems where traditional electricity supply is limited. Despite its advantages, solar technology still faces challenges. The initial installation cost is high for low-income families. Solar batteries, which store energy for night-time use, are expensive. Moreover, solar panels require open spaces and proper maintenance. Dust, snow, and shadows can reduce their efficiency. Scientists are working continuously to develop cheaper, more durable, and more efficient solar panels. Overall, solar energy is an essential part of the world's future energy system. It offers a sustainable solution to the growing energy crisis while protecting the environment. As technology advances, solar power is expected to become even more efficient and widely accessible. The future of energy may very well depend on how effectively we use the power of the sun.

**A. Find the words from the text that mean the following: [5×1=5]**

- a. Available in large quantity: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. The process of generating an electric current from sunlight: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Something that cannot be used up or finished; endless in supply: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Financial support or encouragement provided by the government: \_\_\_\_\_
- e. The act of keeping something in good condition: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Write "True" for true and "False" for false statements. [5×1=5]**

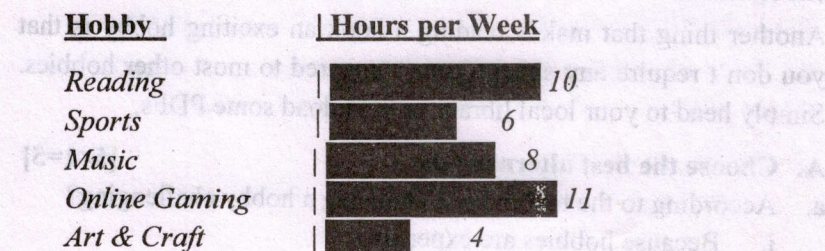


- Solar energy is considered a renewable source of energy.
- Solar panels are made up of photovoltaic (PV) cells.
- Advanced PV cells are being developed to work efficiently only in areas with abundant sunlight.
- Dust, snow, and shadows do not affect the efficiency of solar panels.
- Solar energy offers a sustainable solution to the energy crisis while protecting the environment.

**C. Read the text again and answer the questions:** [5×1=5]

- What are photovoltaic (PV) cells used for in solar panels?
- How do solar panels provide electricity to homes and industries?
- List three factors that affect the effectiveness of solar panels.
- Why do countries closer to the equator produce more solar energy?
- Why might solar energy be considered both environmentally friendly and economically beneficial?

**5. Following bar chart shows the average weekly hours spent on hobbies by students. Interpret it in about 100 words.** [5]



**6. Write a formal message of condolence to publish in a newspaper on sudden and untimely demise of your friend. Write it in about 100 words using the clues given below.** [5]

Alexander --- 15 years-----killed in road accident -----  
 studying in grade 10-----helpful and cooperative-----  
 feeling heartbroken ----- can never forget----

**7. You are a qualified and experienced candidate who has a strong passion to become a teacher. Write an application to apply for the post of Secondary Level English Teacher at ABC School Kathmandu advertised in the Kathmandu Post. Write at least 150 words.** [6]

**8. Write a review of a film you have recently watched, describing its story, characters, strengths, weaknesses, and your personal opinion. Write at least 200 words.** [8]

**9. Reproduce the following sentences as instructed in the brackets.** [6×1=6]

- Nobody helped us, \_\_\_\_\_? (Add a question tag)
- Sarita visits her grandma once a week. (Change into 'how often' question)
- I don't like him, either. (Change into affirmative sentence.)
- When we reached the station, the train \_\_\_\_\_ (leave). we missed it. (Use correct tense of the verb 'leave')
- He ordered me to punish the criminals the previous day. (Change into direct speech)
- Did you paint the wall? (Change into passive voice)

**10. Choose and copy the best answer for the numbered blanks below. Rewriting is not compulsory.** [10×0.5=5]

A farmer walked into (a) ..... (a, an, the, no article) field early in the morning. He (b) ..... (finds, found, was finding, had found) some wildflowers, (c) ..... (to plant, planting, that plants, whether plants) near his home. He wanted the flowers (d) ..... (because, so that, although, since) they could make his garden beautiful. The soil was (e) ..... (of, with, by, on) fertile quality. He thought the flowers (f) ..... (might, must, will, shall) grow well there. He planted them carefully, (g) ..... (did he, didn't he, hasn't he, wouldn't he)? The farmer made his servant (h) ..... (to water, water, watered, watering) the flower every day. The flowers had never been (i) ..... (as colorful as, more colorful, the most colorful, colorful) before. Had he not planted them, he (j) ..... (wouldn't probably see, wouldn't have probably seen, won't probably see, doesn't probably see) such beauty.

Thank You