

## HISSAN KASKI-Grade XII

Pre- Board Examination – 2071

**Compulsory English**

**Full Marks: 100**

**Pass Marks: 35**

**Time: 3hrs**

**Shift : Morning**

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable. The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

Q.N.1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.  
[15]

According to the advertisement, the cottage was two minutes walk from the bus stop, in an excellent state of repair, and built high up the chalk cliffs, with a glorious view of the sea. A house agent had also recommended the place to me, informing me that the rent was moderate and that the landlady was a very pleasant person. I calculated I had been walking for fifteen minutes before I recognized the cottage. It was at the very edge of a bare cliff. The view of the sea was indeed wonderful, but I was surprised to find that the fence round the cottage was badly damaged, and even more surprised to discover that the garden was neglected and full of weeds. When I rang the bell, a woman appeared at a window and roughly asked me what I wanted. Her sour expression turned into a smile of welcome the moment I explained, and I was led into a dark unfriendly hall.

Inside, the house smelled damp and I immediately felt my trip had been a waste of time. However, I followed the woman into a room at the back of the house. As soon as she opened the door, we were greeted by a cold wind that blew fiercely through a broken window. The plaster was cracked and the walls badly stained with ink and finger marks. Suddenly, I saw another door and I asked where it led to. As I got nearer I was astonished to find that someone had scratched his name on the paintwork. The woman did not seem eager to open the door but I insisted so much that at last she unlocked it. What I saw did not encourage me to stay a moment longer. The door led to a small yard in which there was the biggest collection of rubbish I have ever seen: old tyres, newspapers, bottles, tins decaying shoes and clothes, and an ancient, rusty, iron pump. I hurriedly thanked the

woman for the trouble she had taken and left the 'delightful' cottage as quickly as I could.

**Answer these questions:**

- Why did the house agent recommend the house to the writer?
- What happened when the writer rang the bell?
- What were the things thrown as rubbish?
- Why was the writer stunned?
- Why didn't the writer like to prolong his stay over there?

Q.N.2. Rewrite these sentences beginning: '**If there is one thing .....**' [5]

- I love people who appreciate my hairstyle.
- I loathe people who ring me up early in the morning.
- I detest people who interrupt when I am speaking.
- I hate people who speak while eating.

Q.N.3. Fill in the gaps below with **for, in, until, or by**. [5]

- She studied medicine.....the age of twenty-five.
- He learnt to swim.....six weeks.
- My father ran a bookshop.....two years.
- We discussed politics.....three in the morning.
- The concert was over .....half past nine.

Q.N.4. Write sentences showing how the following pairs of events happened in rapid successions, using '**No sooner .....than....., ' [5]**

- We went to bed/ my brother heard a strange noise.
- The new shopping mall was opened/ it was destroyed by fire.
- They came back from their honeymoon/ they got divorced.
- The plane took off/ the pilot force-landed for bad visibility.
- We had the washing machine bought/ it broke down.

Q.N.5. Change the following remarks using **supposed to**. [5]

- People say the height of Mt. Everest is gradually decreasing.
- It is said that the cities like Dubai are sinking.
- Apparently there has been a robbery in Nabil Bank.
- Some people believe teaching is highly respectful job.
- I am told that Sajina fell in love.

Q No.6. Add one sentence to each situation below as shown in example. [5]

*Eg: Jack's eyes were all red...*

*Ans: He had been peeling onions.*

- Parbati was out of breath....
- Peter was covered in dirt...
- Bini felt very cold...

d) Michael couldn't stand up straight...

e) I was feeling sleepy...

**Q.N.7.** Rewrite these sentences using the words in brackets so that they mean the same: [5]

a. Sheela solved all the problems in one hour. [It took.....]

b. Has anyone ever shouted at you? [Have you.....]

c. He's lived most of his life with his wife. [He seems .....]

d. Mamata was very much impressed by his speech. [I found.....]

e. My dad asked me not to go to discotheque on the eve of Valentine Day. [My dad prevented.....]

**Q.N.8** Rewrite the following sentences using " **used to + v-ing** " [5]

a) Suman enjoys eating fruits.

b) Sarita reads horror stories at least five hours a day.

c) The Buddhist prays for peace for every day.

d) Street children beg money from tourists.

e) Ramesh enjoys playing cricket.

**Q.N.9.** Write a letter to the editor of 'The Kathmandu Post' expressing your feelings about 'growing use of internet and its impacts upon the youths nowadays'.

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**Q.N.10.** Suppose you are a popular footballer of this time. As a star player of the country write your likes and dislikes. [5]

**Q.N.11.** Write an essay on "**Corruption Control for Development**"

[10]

**Q.N.12.** Answer **ANY FIVE** of the following questions. [15]

i. Give a short account of the life of Karnali people. (**Hurried Trip to Avoid a Bad Star**)

ii. According to Alyohin, what is love? (**About Love**)

iii. What is the old man's motive in murdering the boy? (**Purgatory**)

iv. Whom does Marsha Traugot refer to as the children who wait? (**The Children Who Wait**)

v. What is the central idea of the Poem 'The Lamentation of the old Pensioner'?

vi. How did Hansel and Gretel free themselves from the witch? (**Hansel and Gretel**)

**Q.N.13** Answer **anyone** of the following questions.

[10]

a. How does the nature of the boy change in the span of the time from the first time he saw the ship to the time he captures it? (**The Last Voyage of the Ghost Ship**)

b. Why does Moti Nissani think the two problems; overpopulation and deforestation worth paying attention immediately? (**Two Long Term Problems: Too Many People Too Few Trees**)

Best Of Luck