

**ROYAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**BHUTAN CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION (BCSE) 2015**  
**EXAMINATION CATEGORY – DZONGKHA**  
**PAPER II: ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND CURRENT AFFAIRS**

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<b>Date</b>	<b>: 10 October 2015</b>
<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>: 100</b>
<b>Examination Time</b>	<b>: 3 hours</b>
<b>Reading Time</b>	<b>: 15 minutes (Prior to examination time)</b>

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**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Write your Registration Number clearly and correctly in the answer booklet.
2. The first 15 minutes are to check the number of pages, printing errors, clarify doubts and to read the instructions in the question paper. You are NOT permitted to write during this time.
3. The question Paper consists of 09 pages including this instruction page. It is divided into TWO PARTS, namely PART I and PART II as follows:
  - PART I has THREE sections:   Section I: Essay Writing  
  Section II: Letter Writing  
  Section III: Comprehension
  - PART II has TWO sections:    Section IV: Translation- (Dzongkha to English)  
  Section V: Current Affairs
4. Section (III) under Part I and Section (IV) & (V) under Part II are compulsory.
5. Specific instructions are given for each section separately. Read the instructions carefully and answer the questions.
6. You are not permitted to mention your name or the name of your Institution in the Essay and Letter Writing Sections, unless directed to do so.
7. All answers should be written with correct numbering of Section and Question Number in the Answer Booklet provided to you. Note that any answer written without including any or correct Section and Question Number will NOT be evaluated and no marks will be awarded.
8. Begin each Section in a fresh page of the Answer Booklet.
9. You are not permitted to tear off any sheet(s) of the Answer Booklet as well as the question paper.
10. Use of any other paper including paper for rough work is not permitted.
11. You are required to hand over the Answer Booklet to the invigilator before leaving the examination hall.

**Good Luck!**

## PART I

### SECTION I: 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. In Bhutan there is a general perception that language learners prefer English to Dzongkha. However, on the one hand, the government's implicit policy is to promote Dzongkha as the language of national unity and identity. On the other hand, English is increasingly used as the language for advanced education in Bhutan. In your judgment, what is the best language policy for Bhutan? Evaluate the pros and cons of your judgment.
2. In a news report by one of the reputed news channels in the world, the BBC News (<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-south-asia-12641778>) reported that "Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay says Bhutan's much lauded concept of Gross National Happiness is overused and masks the real problems facing the country like increasing debt, chronic unemployment, poverty and corruption". Evaluate the Prime Ministers statement in the light of the country's development goals and philosophies and economic prosperity.
3. Around the world, late night pubs and clubs can be a source of annoyance to neighbours. Loud music, anti-social behaviour by customers, litter and late night activities can all cause problems. As a matter of fact, one Briton went to the extent of posting this: "I live close to a local pub and am constantly bothered by their late night weekend discos, what can I do?" to the Elmbridge Borough Council's blog in Britain (<http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/envhealth/noise/pubsclubs.htm>). Are late night pubs and clubs in Bhutan similarly a source of nuisance to the society? What would you do if you were the annoyed Briton?

### SECTION II: 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. A father of a very close friend of yours expired in a car accident. You would have wished to attend the funeral; however, you are in a hospital in India, attending to your own father who is a terminal cancer patient. Write a letter of condolence to your friend in Thimphu. In your letter:
  - a. Empathize on the loss of your friend,

- b. Show sympathy, and
  - c. Express regrets for not being able to attend the funeral, showing your personal predicaments.
2. In the current issue of Kuensel you have come across a job vacancy announcement made by the Tashi Group of Companies Ltd. for which you believe you are the right candidate. However, you will be graduating only in December 2015 with a degree in accounting from Gaedu College of Business Studies. Write a letter to the Chief Executive officer (CEO) of the company persuading the company to postpone the selection interview. You need to convince the CEO that there can be no better candidate for the position than you, considering your past work experience and the nature of the current degree that you are about to accomplish.
  3. Recently you have purchased a refrigerator from an electronic shop in Thimphu. While at the shop the sales person in the shop did not give you a decent treatment which any business ought to do so to their customers. Upon reaching home the refrigerator you bought from the shop happens to be a faulty one. Write a complaint letter to the manager of the shop complaining about the shop's hospitality problems and the defect in the refrigerator. Also provide a deadline for either repair or the replacement of the faulty refrigerator in the letter.

### SECTION III: COMPREHENSION (20 MARKS)

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

Read the passage below and then answer the questions that follow.

#### **The Student (Anonymous)**

At this point, I should explain what had happened to me since that summer day when I last hugged my dear and wise professor, and promised to keep in touch.

I did not keep in touch.

In fact, I lost contact with most of the people I knew in college, including my beer-drinking friends and the first woman I ever woke up with in the morning. The years after graduation hardened me into someone quite different from the strutting graduate who left campus that day headed for New York City, ready to offer the world his talent.

The world, I discovered, was not all that interested. I wandered around my early twenties, paying rent and reading classifieds and wondering why the lights were not turning green for me. My dream was to be a famous musician (I played the piano), but after several years of dark, empty nightclubs, broken promises, bands that kept breaking up and producers who seemed excited about everyone but me, the dream soured. I was failing for the first time in my life.

At the same time, I had my first serious encounter with death. My favorite uncle, my mother's brother, the man who had taught me music, taught me to drive, teased me about girls, thrown me a

football - that one adult whom I targeted as a child and said, "That's who I want to be when I grow up" - died of pancreatic cancer at the age of forty-four. He was a short, handsome man with a thick mustache, and I was with him for the last year of his life, living in an apartment just below his. I watched his strong body wither, then bloat, saw him suffer, night after night, doubled over at the dinner table, pressing on his stomach, his eyes shut, his mouth contorted in pain. "Ahhhhh, God," he would moan. "Ahhhhh, Jesus!" The rest of us - my aunt, his two young sons, me - stood there, silently, cleaning the plates, averting our eyes.

It was the most helpless I have ever felt in my life. One night in May, my uncle and I sat on the balcony of his apartment. It was breezy and warm. He looked out toward the horizon and said, through gritted teeth, that he wouldn't be around to see his kids into the next school year. He asked if I would look after them. I told him not to talk that way. He stared at me sadly.

He died a few weeks later.

After the funeral, my life changed. I felt as if time was suddenly precious, water going down an open drain, and I could not move quickly enough. No more playing music at half-empty night clubs. No more writing songs in my apartment, songs that no one would hear. I returned to school. I earned a master's degree in journalism and took the first job offered, as a sports writer. Instead of chasing my own fame, I wrote about famous athletes chasing theirs. I worked for newspapers and freelanced for magazines. I worked at a pace that knew no hours, no limits. I would wake up in the morning, brush my teeth, and sit down at the typewriter in the same clothes I had slept in. My uncle had worked for a corporation and hated it - same thing, every day - and I was determined never to end up like him.

I bounced around from New York to Florida and eventually took a job in Detroit as a columnist for the Detroit Free Press. The sports appetite in that city was insatiable - they had professional teams in football, basketball, baseball, and hockey - and it matched my ambition. In a few years, I was not only penning columns, I was writing sports books, doing radio shows, and appearing regularly on TV, spouting my opinions on rich football players and hypocritical college sports programs. I was part of the media thunderstorm that now soaks our country. I was in demand.

I stopped renting. I started buying. I bought a house on a hill. I bought cars. I invested in stocks and built a portfolio. I was cranked to a fifth gear, and everything I did, I did on a deadline. I exercised like a demon. I drove my car at breakneck speed. I made more money than I had ever figured to see. I met a dark-haired woman named Janine who somehow loved me despite my schedule and the constant absences. We married after a seven year courtship. I was back to work a week after the wedding. I told her - and myself - that we would one day start a family, something she wanted very much. But that day never came.

Instead, I buried myself in accomplishments, because with accomplishments, I believed I could control things, I could squeeze in every last piece of happiness before I got sick and died, like my uncle before me, which I figured was my natural fate.

As for Morrie? Well, I thought about him now and then, the things he had taught me about "being human" and "relating to others," but it was always in the distance, as if from another life. Over the years, I threw away any mail that came from Brandeis University, figuring they were only asking for money. The people who might have told me were long forgotten, their phone numbers buried in some packed-away box in the attic.

It might have stayed that way, had I not been flicking through the TV channels late one night, when something caught my ear ...

**Question A (5 marks)**

Answer the following questions by writing the correct option against each Question Number in your answer booklet. For example – 10 (A).

- 1) The sentence ‘The sports appetite in that city was insatiable’ means
  - A. People in that city wanted more and more sports.
  - B. People in that city got fed up of sports.
  - C. People in that city advocated sports.
  - D. People in that city played all kinds of sports.
  
- 2) The sentence ‘why the lights were not turning green for me’ means
  - A. Why were the traffic lights not turning green so that the author could drive across the street?
  - B. Why were opportunities not coming to the author?
  - C. Why wasn’t the author playing music, which he loved to play, in a pub or restaurant with green lights on?
  - D. Why was the author not given the permission to play music?
  
- 3) By ‘I was cranked to a fifth gear’ the author means that
  - A. The author found himself driving his car at a top speed.
  - B. The author became unsuccessful in life.
  - C. The author became successful in life.
  - D. The author’s car engine cranked in the fifth gear.
  
- 4) Why did the author avert his eyes from his uncle who would moan in pain?
  - A. To make his uncle believe that the author did not see him in pain.
  - B. That’s the best thing to do since the author could not do anything else but to see his uncle suffer.
  - C. Because it is their culture to do so.
  - D. To calm down his uncle.

5) Why didn't the author keep in touch with his favourite professor?

- A. The author just did not care about the professor.
- B. After a casual and relaxed student life the author became too busy with his material life.
- C. The author lost the contact details of the professor.
- D. Because the author thought that his professor was not as close as his college friends and girlfriend with whom he did not keep in touch after college.

**Question B (5 marks)**

In the beginning of the passage the author does not mention his uncle's name. However, in the second last paragraph he mentions a name, Morrie. Do you think it is the name of the author's uncle? If yes, why? If not, why not?

**Question C (5 marks)**

How did the uncle's death change the author's life? What do you think would have contributed to that change in the author's life?

**Question D (5 marks)**

The author's wife, Janine, wanted to start a family which never happened. Why do you think they could not start a family?

**PART II**

**SECTION IV: TRANSLATION (25 MARKS)**

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

**Read the following passage carefully and translate it into English.**

**ཀླུ་ལོངས་ལས་མིའི་གླེང་གཞི་བརྒྱུ་ཚུ་ ༣༠ ནང་༣༥ ཡར་སེང་འབད་ཡོད་པ།**

༣ སྤྱི་ཟླ་༩ པའི་ཚེས་༡ ལས་འགོ་བཙུགས་ཀླུ་ལོངས་ལས་མིའི་གླེང་གཞི་བརྒྱུ་ཚུ་ ༣༠ ནང་༣༥ རེ་ཡར་སེང་འབད་ཡོད་པ་ཨིན་པས།  
དེ་གི་ཉེ་མར་ སྤྱི་ལོ་ ༢༠༠༡ ཟླ་དང་པ་དང་ སྤྱི་ལོ་ ༢༠༡༡ ཟླ་ ༢ པའི་ནང་ཚར་རེ་ ཡར་སེང་འབད་ཡོད་པ་ཨིན་པས།  
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དགོངས་དོན་ལྟར་ གྲླེང་ཚུགས་ཀྱི་ཚུ་ཡང་ མ་འདྲམ་སྟེ་ ཡོད་པ་ཡིན་པས།  
 ལས་མིའི་གནས་ལུ་ དང་པའི་ནང་ཚུད་མི་ ལྷན་འཁོར་བཅོམ་དང་ བཅོམ་ དེ་ལས་ ལྷ་བྱིས་པ་ཚུ་གིས་ ད་ལས་ཡར་ ཉེན་མ་རེ་ལུ་དབུལ་ཀྱིས་<sup>320</sup>  
 རེ་ འཕྲོ་བཞེད་དང་ གནས་ལུ་<sup>2</sup> པའི་ནང་ཚུད་མི་ ལྷ་རྟོག་པ་དང་ མགར་མ་ འབྲུལ་ཁང་ལག་ལེན་པ་ཚུ་གིས་ དབུལ་ཀྱིས་<sup>246</sup> རེ་  
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 དེ་ལས་ ལྷན་འཁོར་གྱི་ གྲོག་ཐག་མཐུད་སྟེ་ལ་འབད་མི་དང་ ཚུ་དྲུང་བཅོམ་ གྲོག་མེད་ཚུ་ལམ་བཅོམ་མི་ཚུ་ གནས་ལུ་<sup>3</sup> པའི་ནང་  
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 ཉེན་བསྟར་དབུལ་ཀྱིས་<sup>270</sup> རེ་ འཕྲོ་བཞེད་ཡིན་པས།  
 ལས་གཞུང་གི་ལྷན་ཁག་གི་ འགོ་དཔོན་ཚུ་གིས་ འབད་བཅེན་ གཞུང་གི་ལས་འགུལ་ཚུ་གི་དོན་ལུ་ གྲླེང་བཅུག་མི་དང་ མི་རྩིས་རྒྱ་བཟུ་  
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 རྒྱ་རིམ་དབུལ་ཀྱིས་<sup>600</sup> རེ་ འཕྲོ་བཞེད་ཡིན་པས།  
 ལྷན་ཁག་གི་ འགོ་དཔོན་ཚུ་གིས་ གྲླེང་མེད་དང་ གྲླེང་ཚུ་གི་ རྩེ་མཐུང་ཡིན་མཁེས་ ལུ་གཞུང་གི་སྟོན་མི་ཚུ་གིས་ རང་སའི་  
 དང་འདོད་དང་འཕྲིལ་ དེ་བཟུག་སྟེ་སྟོན་ལུ་ སྟོན་ཚུགས་ཟེར་ཡིན་པས།  
 ལས་གཞུང་གི་འགོ་དཔོན་ཚུ་གིས་ འབད་བཅེན་ དུས་ལུ་ན་རིང་མོ་སྟེར་འགོར་མི་ རྒྱལ་ཡོངས་ལས་མིའི་ གྲླེང་ཡང་སེང་དེ་ཡང་ འདས་པའི་ལྷན་ནང་  
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 ཞི་གཞུང་ལུ་ དབུལ་ཕོགས་ཡར་སེང་ ཐོབ་མི་དང་ རྒྱལ་ཁབ་ནང་ རྒྱ་ནམ་གྱི་གོང་ཚད་ ཡར་སེང་སོང་མི་ལུ་ གཞི་བཞག་སྟེ་ཡིན་ཟེར་ཡིན་པས།

**SECTION V: CURRENT AFFAIRS (10 MARKS)**

Answer ALL 10 questions by writing the correct option against each question number in your answer booklet. For example- 12(A). Each question carries ONE mark.

1. In the early September 2015, Tropical Storm Etou caused extensive and destructive floods in which of the following countries?
  - A. Australia
  - B. Japan
  - C. China
  - D. Sri Lanka
  
2. Chengalikodan, which has been accorded Geographical Indication (GI) status in April 2015 is a variety of\_\_?
  - A. Orange
  - B. Coconut
  - C. Banana
  - D. Mango
  
3. From which of the following months, generally the sowing of Kharif crops takes place in India?
  - A. March
  - B. June
  - C. September
  - D. November
  
4. To empower women, the “Women-20 (W20)” group has been launched by G20 in September 2015. Who is the newly appointed president of the W20 group?
  - A. Lakshmi Puri
  - B. Christine Lagarde
  - C. Angel Gurria
  - D. Gulden Turktan
  
5. Which African city will host the 2022 Commonwealth Games?
  - A. Pretoria
  - B. Kimberley
  - C. Johannesburg



D. Durban

6. Who among the following won the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2014-15?

- A. Arunima Sinha
- B. Satyendra Verma
- C. Satish Chander Sharma
- D. All of the above

7. Which among the following country in South Asia has highest GDP per capita (current prices)?

- A. India
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Maldives

8. Which of the following countries celebrate Independence Day on August 31?

- A. Trinidad and Tobago
- B. Malaysia
- C. Kyrgyzstan
- D. All of the above

8. Which among the following countries has been officially declared as maternal and neonatal tetanus free country by World Health Organisation (WHO) in August 2015?

- A. Bhutan
- B. India
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Bangladesh

9. Which country will host the World's First International Controlled Bank of low-enriched Uranium?

- A. Russia

- B. Kazakhstan
- C. Turkmenistan
- D. Australia

10. Ghirmay Ghebreslassie (born on 14 November 1995) became the first teenager to win the 2015 World Championships in Athletics in Beijing, China. He belongs to which country?

- A. Eritrea
- B. Ethiopia
- C. Kenya
- D. Chicago