

**English Series 5**  
**Some unseen comprehension passages with answer key**

1. Read the following text and do the activities given below: 10

There was a coffee shop in front of my house where one man in his sixties always came and spent his whole day. Out of curiosity one day I went to the shop, ordered some coffee and sat next to him. Before I could speak, he asked me about my home and family. After that he became quite nostalgic. Suddenly his eyes filled with tears as he told me that I reminded him of his grand daughter Julli, who was in the US. I got to know his son was in the US for the last five years. He had been staying alone after his wife passed away a year ago. A retired officer with enough wealth, yet there was no one to take care of him. Speaking over the phone with his grand daughter was not enough. All he needed was love and care from his children. From that day onwards we became friends. He calls me grand daughter and loves me very much. From my meeting with him I learnt that nothing is greater than family, and that money cannot buy happiness. The key to a happy family is love and care.

- (A) Match the following: 4x0.5=2

**Column A**

- (a) coffee shop
- (b) The man's son
- (c) The old man
- (d) The narrator succeeds

**Column B**

- (i) a retired officer
- (ii) to give him affection
- (iii) in front of the narrator's house
- (iv) in the United States

- B. Choose the correct answers to complete the following sentences: 4x0.5=2

- (a) The narrator was ..... the man.
- (i) the grand daughter of (ii) the wife of (iii) a stranger to
- (b) The man's wife.....
- (i) left him away      (ii) had already died      (iii) is also in the US
- (c) The man's age was ..... years old.
- (i) sixty      (ii) below sixty      (iii) between sixty to seventy
- (d) In spite of enough wealth, the man was .....
- (i) cheerless      (ii) family-less      (iii) happy

- C. Answer the following questions: 3x2=6

- (i) Why did the narrator actually go to the coffee shop?
- (ii) How did the man become alone in his house?
- (iii) What is the most important thing in man's life?

**Answers:**  
**A:**  
**Column A** **Column B**  
**(a) The coffee shop** **(iii) in front of the narrator's house**

(b) The man's son (iv) in the United States  
 (c) The old man (i) a retired officer  
 (d) The narrator succeeds (ii) to give him affection  
 B: (a) a stranger to (b) had already died (c) between sixty to seventy (d) cheerless  
 C: (i) The narrator went to the coffee shop to know why the man came and spent the whole day at the coffee shop.  
 (ii) His wife died and his son and grand daughter were in the US.  
 (iii) According to this passage love and care of each member of the family to each other is important in one's life.

2. Read the advertisement and answer the questions given below:

**Vacancy**  
 Nepal CRS Company, the pioneer of social marketing in the country (promoting family planning and health related products for the last 3 decades) seeks a suitable candidate to fill the position of **Marketing Office**.  
 The applicants should possess:  
 MBA/MBS from reputed University  
 FMCG Marketing experience  
 Salary Negotiable.  
 Equal Opportunities:  
 Nepal CRS Company is committed to being an equal opportunity employer and welcomes applications irrespective of gender and race.  
 Candidates for the above must be Nepali citizens  
 Eligible candidates are required to apply with hand-written application including testimonials, passport size photograph, CV and contact address to the managing Director, Post Box 842, Kathmandu on or before 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010.  
 Only short-listed candidates will be invited for written test and interview.  
 Nepal CRS Company  
 Gongabu, Kathmandu, Nepal.

(A) Form the advertisement, find the closest words in meaning to the following words:

3x1=3

(i) innovator (ii) communicated (iii) regardless

B. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from the advertisement:

4x1=4

(a) CRS Company is serving in the field of .....

(b) There will be no bias in selection according to .....

(c) The applications should be addressed to .....

C. Answer the following questions:

4x2=8

(a) How long has the company been running?

(b) What are the academic qualifications required to apply for the post?

- (c) What is the deadline for the applications?  
 (d) Why can't all the applicants get the opportunity to sit in the test and interview?

**Answers:**

**A:**

- (a) innovator = pioneer  
 (b) communicated = intimidated  
 (c) regardless=irrespective

**B: (a) family planning and health (b) gender and race (c) The Managing Director**

**C: (a)It has been running for three decades.**

**(b)A candidate should possess MBA/MBS from a reputed university .**

**(c)The deadline for the application is 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.**

**(d)Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for written test and interview.**

3. Read the following text and do the activities given below:

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Nowadays schools and colleges have become the abode of indiscipline. Everybody knows that students have become undisciplined. At the time of examination police are called. Who will be happy when he sees a policeman standing at the gate with a stick in his hand? One is tempted to ask, "What is the use of this education where policemen are needed for conducting examinations?"

The aim of education is to wipe out the existence of the force. When a father sends his son to school, does he think that his son will become a thief? So it is not an irony that parents spend money to see students thieves who copy in the examination hall at the point of a knife, stick, khukuri, pistol or bayonet are no better than robbers. Can any father be happy when he sees this?

The cause of such indiscipline is that students don't read and teachers don't teach. Generally, in many places inefficient teachers are appointed by the authorities on the basis of recommendation. Sometimes they select inefficient hands to pay less. The result is that the schools and colleges play with the lives of the young students. Among teachers, there is friction. Sometimes principals harass teachers and sometimes teachers unite against them. The result is that schools/colleges which are the Bidya Mandir becomes places of petty party politics.

Another cause is that schools and colleges are over-crowded. Ill-fed, ill -clothed and tuition hunter teachers are there to teach. Papers are out. Students are tempted to go to the safest way of tuition. When there is no work, indiscipline comes in. An idle man's mind is the devil's workshop.

A. From the passage find the words which mean:

4x0.5=2

- (a) the place where somebody lives  
 (b) minor  
 (c) lured

- (d) the strange aspect of situation
- B. Rewrite the following sentences in correct order. 4x0.5=2
- (a) Idleness brings indiscipline.
- (b) The guardians send their kids to school.
- (c) The authorities select unqualified man-power to run the classes.
- (d) Everyone is unhappy to see a policeman at the gate of exam centers.
- C. Answer the following questions: 3x2=6
- (a) What types of students are called thieves?
- (b) Why is the security force managed at the exam centers?
- (c) Mention the meaning of “An idle man’s mind is the devil’s workshop”.

**Answers:**

**A: (a) abode (b) petty (c) tempted (d) irony**

**B:**

- (a) **Everyone is unhappy to see a policeman at the gate of exam centers.**
- (b) **The guardians send their kids to school.**
- (c) **The authorities select unqualified man-power to run the classes.**
- (d) **Idleness brings indiscipline.**

**C:**

- (a) **Those students who cheat in the examination hall by frightening the invigilator are called thieves.**
- (b) **The security force is deployed at the exam centre to run the exam peacefully.**
- (c) **It’s an idiom. Its meaning is ‘ a jobless person involves in mischievous activity.**

4. Read the advertisement and answer the questions given below:

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**VACANCY**

**WE REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING PROFESSIONALS FOR OUR GROUP COMPANIES**

**Senior Accountant:**

Applicant shall have a minimum 3-4 years hands-on experience at senior accountant level with exposure to finalization of accounts, tax & company audit, arrangement of long & short term financing together with strong computer based accounting skills.

**Junior Accountant:**

Applicant shall have a minimum 3-4 years hands-on experience with strong computer based accounting skills.

Please send your resume by email to:

HR Department

Kedia Organization

[Vaccancykediaorg@gmail.com](mailto:Vaccancykediaorg@gmail.com)

Note: Two wheeler owners will be an added advantage.

Only short listed candidates will be called for further selection process. The company reserves the right to reject any/all applications without assigning any reason whatsoever. Canvassing at any stage of the processes shall lead to automatic disqualification.

(A) Match the words in column A with their meanings given in column B 4x1=4

**Column A**

- a. reserve
- b. resume
- c. canvassing
- d. professionals

**Column B**

- i. restart
- ii. asking somebody to support
- iii. Competent
- iv. Curriculum vitae
- v. to book
- vi. employers

B. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from the advertisement: 3x1=3

- (a) The companies call the applications from the qualified .....
- (b) The companies book an authority to ..... applications.
- (c) The ..... must have '3-4 years hands on experience'.

C. Answer the following questions: 4x2=8

- (a) How much remuneration has been mentioned for the posts?
- (b) Will all the candidates be selected for interview? Why /why not?
- (c) Where should the application be sent to?
- (d) State the meaning of '3-4 years hands-on experience.'

**Answers:**

**A:**

**Column:A**

- a. reserve
- b. resume
- c. canvassing
- d. professionals

**Column: B**

- v. to book
- iv. Curriculum vitae
- ii. asking somebody to support
- iii. competent

**B:**

- (a).candidates/applicants (b) reject (c) applicant

**C:**

- (a) No remuneration has been mentioned in the advertisement.
- (b) No, only shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview. It could be for administrative convenience.
- (c) The application should be sent to HR department, Kedia Organization, or sent to [vacancykediaorg@gmail.com](mailto:vacancykediaorg@gmail.com)
- (d) Its meaning is a person with 3-4 years experience in the related field.

5. Read the following text and do the activities given below:

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Rick, about 5 foot 7 inches tall, is in good health and is a cheerful sort of guy, whom I came to know while trekking through his village in Oregon in 1997. I enjoyed staying with him and working on his diary farm where I experienced a new mode of living. Professionally speaking, for a living I am a fashion designer, so it was a new life style and entirely a new set of circumstances of me. We worked together with over 2000 cattle, and six cowboys. Rick, the master, was interesting and friendly to everyone. In the mornings and evenings, we had to milk cows, and in the afternoons, we led the cows to the pastures in order that they could graze. We had to go across many fields and meadows to get there. Due to spending so much time together, the cattle and people almost seemed to be accustomed to one-another! The fields were a vivid green, and the sky was particularly blue, and all of us looked around in amazement at the contrast of colors. It was like being in an entirely different world. I had not planned to stay for a whole month however, but the novelty of the situation made me forget my home and career. Rick looked after everything for me and gave me great deal of his attention and time. I found Rick different from my other friends, interested about me, caring, and highly amicable.

(A) Find the words in the above passage which are closest in meaning to the following:

4x0.5=2

(a) friendly (b) uniqueness (c) familiar (d) wonder

B. Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct answer:

4x0.5=2

(a) Cows gave milk .... a day. (once/twice/thrice)

(b) The writer was greatly ..... with the beauties of nature.

( pleased/ impressed/amazed)

(c) The writer's boss was a/an ..... person. (amicable/fashionable/familiar)

(d) The writer knew Rick when .... (he was a child/he went to Oregon/ he worked in his dairy farm)

C. Answer the following questions:

3x2=6

(a) What did the writer think of his new job?

(b) What was his daily duty?

(c) Why did he feel that he was in a completely different world?

**Answers:**

**(a) amicable (b) novelty (c) accustomed (d) amazement**

**(a) twice (b) amazed/pleased (c) amicable (d) He went to Oregon**

**(a) He thought a new life style of living because he was a fashion designer but he had to spend his life with the cattle and cow-boys.**

**(b) He daily led the cows to the pastures in the afternoons, milked them in the mornings and evenings and pass most of his time with the cattle and cow boys.**

**(c) A fashion designer was now in an animal farm. The environment and the circumstances were completely different so he felt it a different world.**

6. Read the advertisement and answer the questions given below: 15

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

An NGO working in the fields of children, women, governance and HIV/AIDS is looking for a DIRECTOR to be stationed in its central office at Kathmandu.

**Responsibilities:** The incumbent will be responsible for the smooth operation of day-to-day activities of the organization. S/he will coordinate with different pole under different programs to achieve program goals. The incumbent will report to the board on regular basis regarding overall organizational situation. S/he will also be responsible for approaching donors and developing concepts on different issues.

**Required Competencies:** Ability to use computer to run different office application packages, sound communication skill facilitation and program development skill. Knowledge and skill in applied research, excellent report writing and analytical skill in both Nepali and English.

Qualification:

Masters Degree in sociology, development studies, social work, management, or any other disciplines.

At least three years of working experience in bilateral agencies or INGOs or reputed NGOs at managerial level.

Candidates fulfilling above mentioned criteria shall send their application along with recent CV and a passport size photograph in the following address no later than November 5, 2009

[Mnnmf.foundation@yahoo.com](mailto:Mnnmf.foundation@yahoo.com)

Or GPO Box: 13853, Kathmandu, Nepal

Only short listed candidates will be contacted for written examination and interview. Telephone enquiry will not be entertained.

A. Match the words in column A with their meanings given in column B: 4x1=4

<b>Column A</b>	<b>Column B</b>
a. sound	i. official
b. disciplines	ii. grounds
c. incumbent	iii. subjects
d. basis	iv. weighty

B. State whether the following statements are true or false: 3x1=3

- (a) The applicant should produce the testimonials.
- (b) Only the females can apply for the post.
- (c) The incumbent works in the name of the director.

D. Answer the following questions: 4x2=8

- (a) What are the responsibilities of the post?
- (b) What are the things to be submitted along with the application to get it accepted?
- (c) Who should a candidate send the application to?
- (d) What requirements should a candidate possess?

**Answers:**

**A:**

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| <b>a. sound</b>       | <b>iv. weighty</b>   |
| <b>b. disciplines</b> | <b>iii. subjects</b> |
| <b>c. incumbent</b>   | <b>i. official</b>   |
| <b>d. basis</b>       | <b>ii. grounds</b>   |

**B:**

- (a) F (b) F (c) T

**C :**

- (a) **The responsibilities are to operate day- today activities of the organization, to co-ordinate people under different programs, and to report regularly to the boards.**
- (b) **The documents to be submitted along with the application are curriculum vitae, and a passport size photo.**
- (c) **The application should be sent to GPO Box: 13853, Kathmandu, Nepal or mail to [mnmf.foundation@yahoo.com](mailto:mnmf.foundation@yahoo.com)**
- (d) **A candidate should have the ability to use computer, sound communication, facilitation and program development skills. He or she also should possess applied research and report writing skills.**

7. Read the following text and do the activities given below:

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Psychology is the study of human behaviour of how people behave and why they behave in just the way they do. Its chief purpose is to know more about human nature and human activity. In the past psychology was defined as the science of soul or mind but it is not possible to have any direct knowledge of the soul of mind. Whole behaviour is objective and can be observed, both soul and mind are just assumptions, and even if we agree that they are justifiable assumptions, they cannot be observed and are not a proper object of scientific study. Later psychology was defined as the science of consciousness or conscious experience, but nobody has been able to say what makes us conscious of things and people around us, and in any case there are a number of things an individual does without being aware of them. Many people bite their nails or move their heads and are surprised when their attention is drawn to these acts. They perform them unconsciously. Besides anybody's experiences his own private and personal world into which others cannot enter. It is known directly only to him who has that experience. But a person's behavior is open to everybody to observe, it can be directly studied and it is better to confine the study of psychology to behaviour alone, to those activities of the individual

which can be observed, compared and analyzed by all. It is a systematic study of all that man does in response to his world of things and persons.

A. Find the words from the passage that are similar in meanings to the following:

4x0.5=2

(a) character (b) guesses (c) individual (d) orderly

B. State whether the following statements are true or false:

4x0.5=2

(a) In the past psychology was defined as the science of body.

(b) Behavior is objective and can be observed.

(c) Many people bite their nails consciously.

(d) Psychology is the systematic study of human behaviour

C. Answer the following questions:

3x2=6

(a) How is psychology defined?

(b) How did people define psychology later?

(c) Can a person's behavior be observed directly? If so how?

**Sample answers:**

**A:**

**(a) Nature (b) assumption (c) private (d) systematic**

**B:**

**(a) False (b) True (c) False (d) True**

**C:**

**(a) Psychology is the study of human behaviour. It primarily deals with how people behave and why they behave in that particular way.**

**(b) Later it was defined as the science of consciousness or conscious experience.**

**(c) Yes, it can be observed directly by analyzing and comparing the activities.**

8. Read the advertisement and answer the questions given below:

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**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

A leading private sector bank invites applications for the post of Trainee Assistant to be posted outside the Kathmandu Valley. The candidates should be young, graduate, below 26, from the discipline of Business/commerce/Economics with minimum 50% marks. The candidates must be fluent in both English and Nepali written /spoken. S/he must be a Nepali citizen and must have working knowledge of computer.

Only short listed candidates will be called for written test and personal interview.

Interested and deserving candidates may apply with full bio-data, 2 recent passport sized photos and names of two referees within 10 days from the date of this publication.

P.O. box 6506, Kathmandu, Nepal

A. Answer the following questions:

4x2=8

- (a) Where will the trainee assistant be posted?
- (b) State the academic and other qualifications for the candidates.
- (c) Who will be called for the written test and personal interview?
- (d) What should the candidate submit along with the application?

B. State whether the following statements are true or false.

6x0.5=3

- (a) The bank claims that it's a leading bank.
- (b) Posted candidates will work in the Kathmandu Valley.
- (c) The candidates must be a Nepali citizen.
- (d) All the deserving candidates will be called for interview.
- (e) Candidates can send applications after ten days from this publication.
- (f) Candidates majoring Economics with 50% marks cannot apply.

C. Fill in the gaps with the words/phrases from the vacancy announcement. 4x1=4

- (a) Interested candidates may apply for the post of Trainee Assistant with bio-data, P/P photos and .....
- (b) Candidates must be .... In both English and Nepali.
- (c) Applicants should have scored at least ..... marks in aforesaid disciplines.
- (d) The candidates should be young, graduates and below.... years of age.

**Answers:**

**A:**

**a. The trainee assistants will be posted outside the Kathmandu Valley.**

**b. The candidates should be graduate in Business/Commerce or Economics with minimum 50% marks, fluent in written and spoken both Nepali and English and working skill in computer**

**c. Only short listed candidates will be called for written test and interview.**

**d. The candidates should submit bio-data, two recent pp size photographs along with the application.**

**B:**

**(a) True      (b) False      (c) True      (d) False      (e) False      (f) False**

**C:**

**(a) names of two referees      (b) fluent      (c) 50%      (d) 26**