

ROYAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMON EXAMINATION
FOR
GRADUATES OF 2008**

PAPER II: ENGLISH LANGUAGE & GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Date : **24 December 2008**
Time : **3 Hours**
Total Marks : **100**

PART I

A: Case Study Analysis

Read the following passage and answer all the questions that follow.

His Majesty the King has commanded that henceforth all serving Members of the Parliament will have the privilege of wearing the Patang (ceremonial sword) in addition to their blue kabneys.

His Majesty, prior to the start of the second session of parliament, invited all the MPs to a tokha at the Linkana on December 5. After the order to wear the Patang with the blue scarf, His Majesty reminded the MPs that, together with these symbols of office, came immense responsibilities.

“My sacred duty is to fulfill the vision of a strong vibrant democracy. We owe it to the Bhutanese people of today and future generations. Members of Parliament are key players and I will accept no excuse for failure from you,” said His Majesty. (*Kuensel, 6 December, 2008*)

Question 1

As the Desk Officer in the concerned Ministry a few weeks earlier, you had been asked by your Dasho to prepare a Note on the subject of Patang for the MP’s. This would be the basis for submission to the Cabinet and His Majesty.

Prepare two Notes – a) advocating that they should be given the patang; (10 marks) and b) they should not be given the patang. (10 marks).

Question 2

What “immense responsibilities” do you think His Majesty was referring to? (5 marks).

Question 3

Besides good MP’s, what other components do you think are necessary for a strong and vibrant democracy in Bhutan? (15 marks)

B: Topical discussion (20 marks)

The number of young people entering the job market is increasing year by year and the country’s principal employer, the civil service, can only absorb a limited number. The private sector, in the meantime, has not been able to generate adequate employment – both in numbers and the type of jobs sought by the job-seekers. As someone poised to enter this difficult scenario, what are your thoughts on the options open to you besides joining the government or a private business firm? What measures, do you think, can be taken – both in terms of government policy and private entrepreneurship, to create more employment?

PART II

A. Answer any four question: two from (a) and two from (b). Each question carries 5 marks. (Total 20 marks)

a)

- i) What is the status of Bhutan's accession to the WTO? What are the pros and cons of WTO membership for Bhutan? Where do you stand on this and why?
- ii) What are the major challenges facing Bhutan? Pick three which you consider the most important and why. What measures are being taken to meet these challenges? What more, in your opinion, should be done?
- iii) *"My deepest concern is that as the world changes we may lose these fundamental values on which rest our character as a nation and people"* (HM's Coronation speech, paragraph 6). What are the fundamental values that His Majesty is talking about? Suggest ways and means to protect these values from being lost to the forces of globalization.

b)

- i) What reforms do you think are necessary to make the United Nations more effective in today's world?
- ii) What are the most compelling challenges confronting the world today and how can the international community meet them better? As a small developing country, with limited influence, what can Bhutan do to contribute to efforts in resolving global issues?
- iii) The global geopolitical power center is returning to Asia. Comment.

B. Answer all 20 questions. Underline the correct answer. (20 marks)

1. Which of the following is said to be involved in the recent bombings of Taj and Oberoi Hotels in Mumbai, India?
 - a) Al Qaeda
 - b) Deccan Mujahedin
 - c) Lashkar-e-Toiba
 - d) Tamil Tigers
2. The 2010 FIFA World Cup will be held in:
 - a) Australia
 - b) South Africa
 - c) Brazil
 - d) Germany

3. Mr. Tshering Dorji who won Mr.Thimphu title May 2008 in also won Mr.Turku, Finland in September 2008. He competed in which weight category:
 - a) 70 Kgs
 - b) 80 Kgs
 - c) 90 Kgs
 - d) 100 Kgs

4. An exhibition titled “A Dragon’s Gift – The Sacred Arts of Bhutan” was held in which Museum in New York:
 - a) American Museum of Natural History
 - b) Metropolitan Museum of Art
 - c) Ruben Museum of Art
 - d) Asia Pacific Museum

5. Aravind Adiga won the 2008 Booker Prize for which book:
 - a) The Inheritance of Loss
 - b) The God of Small Things
 - c) A Suitable Boy
 - d) The White Tiger

6. Which country won the maximum number of Gold Medals at the 2008 Summer Olympic in Beijing?
 - a) USA
 - b) China
 - c) Russia
 - d) Germany

7. Which of the following has been nominated as the US Secretary of State by the US President-elect Barack Obama?
 - a) Henry Kissinger
 - b) Bill Clinton
 - c) Colin Powell
 - d) Hillary Clinton

8. Which former Prime Minister of Pakistan was killed in a suicide bomb attack in December 2007?
 - a) Zulfikar Ali Bhutto
 - b) Benazir Bhutto
 - c) Shaukat Aziz
 - d) Pervez Musharraf

9. Pema Euden, author of the book *Coming Home* is Bhutan's youngest author. She is:
- 10 yrs old
 - 12 yrs old
 - 15 yrs old
 - 17 yrs old
10. How many members does Bhutan's first democratically elected parliament of 2008 have?
- 150
 - 72
 - 62
 - 47
11. In November 2008, G20 Summit was held in:
- Tokyo
 - Washington DC
 - Beijing
 - London
12. The 4th International Conference on GNH was held in Thimphu in November 2008. The 5th International Conference on GNH will be held in:
- Japan
 - Brazil
 - Argentina
 - Cuba
13. *"The civil Service must strive for the highest standards, live by higher ideals and nurture a sense of duty towards fellow Bhutanese."* Who said these words?
- His Majesty the 4th Druk Gyalpo
 - His Majesty the King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
 - His Excellency Lyonchen Jigmi Y. Thinley
 - Dasho Bap Kesang, Secretary, RCSC
14. Martti Ahtisaari was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2008. He is a former President of:
- Norway
 - Poland
 - Switzerland
 - Finland
15. The Ruben Museum of Art in New York conferred the 2008 Mandala Award for Arts & Humanitarian Achievement to:

- a) Ashi Sonam Choden Wangchuck
- b) Ashi Dechan Wangmo Wangchuck
- c) Ashi Kesang Wangmo Wangchuck
- d) Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck

16. Who won the *Nyagoed* (Strongman) competition held during the coronation celebrations in November 2008?

- a) Phurba Thinley
- b) Nim Gyeb
- c) Tawchu
- d) Tshampa Tshewang

17. Miss Bhutan 2008 is:

- a) Tshokey Tshomo Karchung
- b) Pema Choden Tenzing
- c) Pem Sedon Thinley
- d) Kesang Chuki Dorji

18. The Second Summit of BIMSTEC was held in New Delhi in November 2008. When did Bhutan become a member of BIMSTEC?

- a) 1997
- b) 2000
- c) 2003
- d) 2007

19. *Tercham* or the naked dance is performed during the annual Tshechu of which monastery?

- a) Jambay Lhakhang
- b) Kurjey Lhakhang
- c) Tamshing Lhakhang
- d) Kuenchosum Lhakhang

20. The Constitution of Bhutan has:

- a) 50 Articles
- b) 35 Articles
- c) 25 Articles
- d) None of the above.
