

English Series 4
Some more seen comprehension passages for practice

1. Read the poem [given in Unit 5, Exercise 12 (*Where the Mind is Without Fear*), on page no. 42] and answer the questions given below: 5
- A. From the poem, find the words that are similar in meaning to the following words: 4x0.5=2
- a) pieces (b) fright (c) dull (d) paradise
- B. Answer the following questions: 3x1=3
- a) When is the knowledge free?
b) Why is the world broken up into fragments?
c) What does the poet wish for his country?
2. Read the poem [given in Unit After You Finish, Exercise 16 (*Exile*) on page no. 16] and answer the questions given below: 5
- A. Match the following: 0.5x4=2
- | <u>Column 'A'</u> | <u>Column 'B'</u> |
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| a) The speaker's coat | i) clean and clear |
| b) The nails | ii) the speaker's natural prey |
| c) Zebra and gazelle | iii) with lines of different colours |
| d) The weather in the pool | iv) not sharp and pointed |
- B. Answer the following questions: 3x1=3
- i) Who is the speaker in the poem?
ii) Why is the speaker not hungry?
iii) What is the speaker's plan about?
3. Read the text [given in Unit 7, Exercise 1 (*Breastfeeding*), on page no. 53 and 54, from line no. 38 to 53] and answer the questions given below: 10
- A. Match the words in column 'A' with their meanings given in column 'B'. 4x0.5=2
- | <u>Column 'A'</u> | <u>Column 'B'</u> |
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| a) protect | i) open to the weather |
| b) exposed | ii) connected with breathing |
| c) infant | iii) keep safe |
| d) respiratory | iv) little child |
- B. Write 'True' or 'False' next to the following sentences: 4x0.5=2
- a) Human milk preserves both mother and her baby.
b) If a baby is exposed to an ill environment, mother's milk is not able to protect it.
c) Breast milk contains antigen elements.
d) Bottle-fed babies have more chances of infection.
- C. Answer the following questions: 3x2=6
- a) How does the mother supply immunoglobulin to her baby?
b) What is the function of white cells in human milk?
c) Name the diseases that can be controlled through breastfeeding.

4. Read the text [given in ‘Before you begin...’Unit 9 at page no.8 and 9], and answer the questions given below: 10
- A. From the text, find the words that are similar in meaning to the following words: 4x0.5=2
- a) different b) plant c) area
d) restrict e) remote f) depend on
- B. Fill in the gaps with the appropriate words from the text: 4x0.5=2
- a) Nepal has been divided into three
- b) In the coolest region in Nepal, crops likeare grown.
- c)does not allow murdering of any animal.
- d) Most people in Nepal live in.....
- C. Answer the following questions: 5x1=5
- a) What are the three different geographical zones of Nepal?
- b) What crops are grown in the cooler hilly region?
- c) Who do not eat beef?
- d) What is the main occupation of Nepalese people?
- e) What does migration affect?
5. Read the text [given in Unit 13, Exercise 1 (Florence Nightingale), on page no. 95 (from line no. 1 to 23)], and answer the questions given below: 10
- A. From the text, find the words that are opposite in meaning to the following words: 4x0.5=2
- a) died b) accepted c) valid d) departure
- B. Rearrange the following sentences in the correct order: 4x1=4
- a) Nightingale proposed her parents to send her to nursing course.
- b) Her parents wanted her to get married.
- c) She became the superintendent of a hospital in London.
- d) She involved herself to treat the wounded soldiers of the Crimean War.
- C. Answer the following questions: 4x1=4
- a) Why did Florence refuse to marry?
- b) What was the Crimean War?
- c) What were the causes of illness of the wounded soldiers?
- d) Name the newspaper that helped her to involve in treating the wounded soldiers.
6. Read the passage [given in Unit 3 Exercise 1, on page no. 23(from no.1 to 18)], and answer the questions given below: 10
- A. Give similar meaning to the given words: 4x0.5=2
- a) spraying (b) crying (c) heavy shower d) mishap
- B. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words: 1x4=4
- a) The vehicles had been driven slowly because of the...
- b) It caused many
- c) By the time the writer started off, the rain
- d) Things at a distance couldn't be clearly seen because of...
- C. Answer the following questions: 4x1=4
- a) When did the writer start for home?

- b) Why had the vehicles been driven slowly?
 c) What made the driver frequently stop on the road?
 d) How did the accident occur?
7. Read the passage [given in Unit 15, Exercise 1, on page no. 112] and answer the questions given below: 10
- A. From the passage, write the words which are similar in meaning to the following words: 4x0.5=2
- a) interfere b) consulted c) restricted d) break
- B. Write 'True' or 'False' next to the following sentences: 4x1=4
- a) Radios, cassette players can be played after 11:00 p.m. in Devkota Boys' Hostel.
 b) There is a smoking zone in school area.
 c) As Koshi Transport rule, passengers should not stand in the passage.
 d) Visitors should not leave their children carelessly in National Zoo.
- C. Answer the following questions: 4x1=4
- a) Between what times can residents play cassette players in Devkota Boys' Hostel?
 b) Whom should the residents consult in case of any difficulty?
 c) Write two places where smoking is strictly prohibited?
 d) Are the visitors allowed to feed the animals in National Zoo?
8. Read the passage [given in Revision Unit Exercise 6, on page no. 122(from line no. 1 to 25,)] and answer the questions given below: 10
- A. From the above passage, write the words which are similar in meaning to the following words: 4x0.5=2
- a) irritating b) obvious c) link d) pulling
- B. Write 'True' or 'False' next to the following sentences: 4x1=4
- a) Suresh's parents lived together with him.
 b) Suresh lived with his mother and younger brother.
 c) He made his mother angry.
 d) His teacher and his mother could give him more attention as Suresh wanted.
- C. Answer the following questions: 4x1=4
- a) What did Suresh do at school once?
 b) Why did he quarrel with his younger brother?
 c) What were the reasons for his bad behaviour?
 d) When was Suresh badly hurt at school?
9. Read the passage [given in Unit 17 Exercise 1, on page no. 128,] and answer the questions given below: 10
- A. Give meaning to the following definitions: 4x0.5=2
- a) the general direction in which somebody's ideas or actions are moving
 b) a particular movement made usually with your hand or your head, especially to communicate
 c) a good reason that you give for doing something
 d) something that you enjoy doing when you are not working
- B. Complete the following sentences by filling the gaps with the words from the text: 4x0.5=2

- c) The boy that he could do everything better than the other students.
 i) showed ii) thought iii) proved
- d) When the boy was standing in front of the board...
 i) he could talk without any stop.
 ii) he could hear the students' whispering.
 iii) he could talk clearly.

- C. Answer the following questions: 4x1=4
- a) Why did the boy curse himself?
 b) Why did the room burst into a loud and long laugh?
 c) Why did the boy hate the other students?
 d) What happened to him when he turned to the blackboard and lifted his hand to write?

12. Read the passage [given in Unit 18 Exercise 12, on page no. 144,] and answer the questions given below: 10

- A. Choose the best answers: 4x0.5=2
- a) The word 'species' means:
 i) sort ii) caste iii) generation
- b) The word 'indiscriminately' means:
 i) without permission ii) without care iii) being alternative
- c) The word 'diminish' means:
 i) become unsafe ii) become distinctive iii) become smaller

- B. State whether the following statements are 'True' or 'False': 4x0.5=2
- i) The conservationists say that many animals are in danger of extinct.
 ii) Animals may become extinct because of killing them without care.
 iii) Killing poisonous animal like snakes doesn't disturb ecosystem.
 iv) An endangered species may longer exist.

- C. Answer the following questions: 5x1=5
- i) What have conservationists urgently requested?
 ii) What are two dangers for wild life?
 iii) Why are animals killed?
 iv) How is animals' habitat destroyed?

13. Read the passage (given in unit 3, exercise 1 on page 23) and answer the following questions: 10

- A. State whether the following statements are true or false. 4x0.5=2
- (a) The hailstorm last week was a large one.
 (b) The vehicles were being driven slowly because of the downpour.
 (c) The man found the Khalasi dead beside the road.
 (d) The driver was not hurt in the accident.

- B. Answer the following questions: 2x4=8
- (a) Did it begin to rain just as the man started to drive home?

- (b) What's the man's job?
- (c) Why couldn't he see well?
- (d) Why had he stopped so often?

14. Read the passage given in unit 4, exercise 1, on page no. 31 and answer the following questions: 10

A. Fill in the blanks:

4x0.5=2

- (a) Anil is writing a letter to his ...
- (b) He wrote the letter on ...
- (c) He thinks that his ... is unfair to him.
- (d) His friends are going to ...

B. State whether the statements are true or false.

4x0.5=2

- (a) Anil wrote the letter from Kathmandu.
- (b) He is unhappy because his father didn't let him go outing with his other friends.
- (c) He really doesn't like to go out with his friends.
- (d) Anil thinks that his mother is being unreasonable.

C. Answer the following questions:

3x2=6

- (a) Why were Anil and his friends planning to go to an outing?
- (b) When were they planning to go?
- (c) Why did his father refuse to let him go?

15. Read the passage (given in unit 5, exercise 1 on page no 36) and answer the following questions: 10

A. Find the words similar to these in the text.

4x0.5=2

- (a) shining
- (b) take part in
- (c) hold
- (d) road

B. Answer the following questions.

4x2=8

- (a) What are the two major festivals celebrated in Terai?
- (b) Which festival is celebrated mostly by married Hindu women?
- (c) How do they share their happiness and sorrows?
- (d) Which community performs the Chandi naach?

16. Read the text (given in unit 6, exercise 1 on page no 44 and 45) and answer the following questions: 10

A. Choose the correct answer from the given alternatives.

4x1=4

- (i) career
- (ii) marriage
- (iii) higher studies
- (b) Sushila wants to be:
 - (i) a nurse
 - (ii) a doctor
 - (iii) a teacher
- (c) Sushila was brought up in:
 - (i) India
 - (ii) Nepal
 - (iii) an overseas country
- (d) According to Sushila, who is lucky?
 - (i) Mrs. Ojha
 - (ii) Sushila's brother
 - (iii) Sushila

B. Find the words from the text which have the opposite meanings to these:

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- (a) past (b) politely (iii) similar
(d) old (e) unmarried (f) artificial

C. Answer the following questions: 4x1=4

- (a) What does Sushila want to do?
(b) What do her parents want her to do?
(c) Was her parents' marriage a love marriage?

17. Read the text (given in Revision Unit, exercise 5 on page no 61) and answer the following questions: 10

A. State whether these statements are true or false: 4x0.5=2

- (a) Good performance of an athlete depends on the food they eat.
(b) Fat people are lazy.
(c) Chocolates do not give energy.
(d) One should not eat a lot of fat.

B. Answer the following questions: 4x2=8

- (a) Why do professional sports teams employ nutritionists?
(b) Why should we eat enough food?
(c) What do complex carbohydrates provide?
(d) What foods contain protein?

18. Read the text (given in unit 8, exercise 1 on page no 63) and answer the following questions: 10

A. Find the words that mean the opposite to the words below: 4x1=4

- (a) boring (b) quiet (c) optimistic
(d) modern

B. Answer the following questions: 3x2=6

- (a) What's on TV tonight?
(b) What's very noisy according to the mother?
(c) Why doesn't the father like the show, Cine songs?

19. Read the text (given in unit 10, exercise 1 on page no. 75 and 76) and answer the following questions: 10

A. Match the words. 4x0.5=2

- | Column A | Column B |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Shrewdly | fairly, neatly |
| Row | sad, unhappy |
| Pretty | knowingly |
| Depressed | one after another |

B. State whether these statements are true or false. 4x1=4

- (a) The writer is a woman.
(b) She was interviewed for the post of a teacher.

- (c) She is trained for the job.
- (d) She is offered the job.

C. Answer the following questions: 4x1=4

- (a) Why did the writer feel uneasy and nervous?
- (b) Why did she think she wouldn't get the job?
- (c) Why did she get the job?
- (d) Give the story a suitable title.

20. Read the text (given in unit 15, exercise 11 on page no 118 and answer the following questions. 10

A. Choose the best answer from the given alternatives. 3x1=3

- (a) The writer went to Ilam:
 - (i) to study (ii) for holiday (iii) to visit a tea estate
- (b) Tea is grown:
 - (i) on high ground (ii) in the valley (iii) in the lowlands
- (c) Warm air causes the leaves:
 - (i) to roll (ii) to become withered (iii) to dry

B. Rearrange the following sentences in correct order: 8x0.5=4

- (a) Warm air is blown over the leaves and causes them to become withered.
- (b) Then, the tea is packed in boxes and sent to markets
- (c) Tea leaves are laid in racks.
- (d) Next, the tea leaves are rolled in a special machine.
- (e) The leaves become twisted and broken.
- (f) The leaves are graded by a special machine and are separated from the coarse ones.
- (g) Now, the tea leaves are dried in a special drier. The leaves become black and give off a pleasant smell.
- (h) After that, they are put in trays to ferment.

C. Answer the following questions: 3x1=3

- (a) What did the writer like the most in Ilam?
- (b) Why are the tea bushes kept short?
- (c) Why do workers carry baskets?

21. Read the text (given in unit 19, exercise 1 on page no 146 and 147) and answer the following questions: 10

A. Find the words in the text those are similar in meaning to the following words or phrases. 4x0.5=2

- (a) pushed roughly against (someone) to move past them.
- (b) moving about in a confused way.
- (c) took something to be true..
- (d) wrong or not as it should be.

B. State whether the following statements are true or false. 4x0.5=2

- (a) Vikram knew who the boy and his mother were.

- (b) It seems that there were three people in the family.
- (c) The boy was seriously injured after the fall.
- (d) Vikram was a businessman.

C. Answer the following questions:

3x2=6

- (a) What did Vikram see when he looked up?
- (b) What did he pray for as he jostled his way into the crowd?
- (c) Do you think Neha to be a matured mother?

22. Read the text (given in unit 2, exercise 1 on page no. 19) and answer the following questions:

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A. Match the words in column A with their meanings given in column B.
6x0.5=3

Column A

Motionless
Stolen things
Sightless
Criminals
Strong
Proof

Column B

thugs
stout
evidence
loot
still
blind

B. Write 'true' or 'false' next to the following statements.

3x1=3

- (a) Mina's parents had gone to Kathmandu.
- (b) The men cut the electric wire.
- (c) Mina was an intelligent girl.

C. Answer the following questions:

4x1=4

- (a) How was Mina able to find her way in the dark?
- (b) How did Mina fool the thugs?
- (c) What evidence convinced the police that Mina was telling the truth?
- (d) What didn't the thugs know about Mina?