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# Scholarship Paper 2024

Subject: English Paper 2

Time: 1 Hour

You must have:

Pen

Total Marks 40

#### Instructions:

- Use black ink or a ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name.
- Answer the questions in the answer sheets provided.
  - There may be more space than you need.

#### Information:

- The marks for each question are shown in brackets.
- This examination is 1-hour long.
- The paper is divided into two sections:
- Section A: Summary and Section B: Composition.
- Answer ONE question from Section B.
- Handwriting and presentation are important.

## **English Scholarship Examination Paper 2**

## Part A: Summary

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

Nepal lies between India and Tibet, amidst the Himalayan Mountains. The tallest mountain in the world, Mount Everest, is in Nepal, and there are several mountains nearly as high. When mountaineers try to climb Mount Everest, they take the help of the Sherpas, the strong and hardy people who live in these mountains, to carry heavy loads and act as guides.

A long time ago, the Sherpas crossed over the mountains from Tibet and made their homes along the southern slopes of the Himalayas in Nepal.

Some Sherpa families have three houses, one house in the lower hills, one a little higher, and one further up. The houses are in small village groups of about forty or fifty. Around each group of houses, there are cultivated fields, usually built in the shape of terraces right up the hillsides. In the highest fields, the Sherpas grow potatoes; in the lower fields, they grow barley, turnips, garlic, and other vegetables in the lower ones. They also graze their yaks on the higher mountain slopes in the summer and on the lower slopes in the winter. Yaks are very hardy, large cattle with thick, hairy blackish-brown coats and long horns. The Sherpas use them for almost everything they need. They ride them, plow with them, and use them to carry their goods. The hairy wool of these animals is made into cloth, and their skins into leather boots and tents. The yaks also provide milk, fat, and meat. Their dung is dried and used as fuel instead of wood or coal.

Answer the following questions:

- 1. Give an alternative word for "several" [line 2], "robust" [line 3] "cultivate" [line 9], "steps" [line 9], "energy source" [line 15]. [5 marks]
- 2. Using your own words, write a summary of what you know about the Sherpas. [10 marks]

### **PART B: COMPOSITION**

Write about 350 words on **one** of the following questions.

Up to 10 marks are available for content and structure of your answer, and up to 10 marks for style of writing.

#### Descriptive writing

1. Write a description suggested by the title "The Quiet Room.""

OR

2. Describe a violent storm.

#### Narrative writing

**3.** Write a story which includes the following line '....the river was still swelling, which only increased her fear..'

OR

**4.** Write a story entitled "The End."

25 marks