

The Royal University of Bhutan  
Paro College of Education  
Spring Semester Examination - 2012

**B.Ed(P) III - Reading and Writing in Upper Primary (ENG304)**

**Full mark: 100**

**Pass mark: 50**

**Time: 3 hours**

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**Instruction:**

*Do not write for the first ten minutes. This time is to be spent in reading the questions. This question paper consists of two parts, Section A and Section B. All questions in section A are compulsory, while you may answer only FIVE questions in section B.*

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**Section A (50 marks)**

**Instruction:** *This section consists of objective type questions and short answer questions. You do not have to copy the sentences onto your answer booklet. Instead write the question number and beside it the answers.*

**Question 1**

Fill in the blanks with the most meaningful word or term. (1X20 marks)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ is an instructional strategy to help students predict, confirm, alter or reject their predictions while reading a text.
- b. Children must be exposed to a wide variety of \_\_\_\_\_ so that they are able to develop skills that will help him/her become a strategic reader.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ is the internal structure, the thread of meaning and the logical sequence of the piece of writing.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ is the understanding that words are composed of a series of sounds and that they can be manipulated.
- e. The beginning letter/s preceding the vowel of a single syllable word is called an \_\_\_\_\_ and the cluster of letters following it is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- f. The phonological system is important for beginning readers and writers as they apply \_\_\_\_\_ skills to decode and spell words.
- g. The word 'leaf' has \_\_\_\_\_ phonemes.
- h. \_\_\_\_\_ is the meaning system of English that focuses on vocabulary.
- i. \_\_\_\_\_ is making thoughtful guesses about what will happen in the book they are reading.
- j. \_\_\_\_\_ strategies are thoughtful behaviours which the readers use as they make sense of what they are reading.

- k. Reading is an interaction between the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
- l. \_\_\_\_\_ is the form or style the authors use in order to organize information in their text that best emphasizes their message.
- m. \_\_\_\_\_ reading is a strategy in which the students read together expressively and it is exclusively best for reading poems.
- n. \_\_\_\_\_ words are vocabulary words that are frequently used. They are often referred to as 'no excuse' words.
- o. In the new English curriculum, the primary focus of the language teacher should be on the development of the child's \_\_\_\_\_ and not on the content.
- p. Readers' Theatre enhances the students' reading fluency, word recognition and \_\_\_\_\_ of the text.
- q. One of the cueing systems that is concerned with the conventions of the language is called \_\_\_\_\_ cueing system.
- r. In a writers' \_\_\_\_\_ the writers share their writing with the others and get feedback for further improvement.
- s. The combination of letters such as 'sh' and 'ch' produce sounds called \_\_\_\_\_ and the sounds which 'bl' or 'dr' produce are called blends.
- t. An exercise on 'figurative language' after reading a text may be referred to as an \_\_\_\_\_ stage in the reading process.

## Question 2

The statements given below may be true or false. Put the question number on your answer sheet and beside it write 'true' or 'false' for each statement. (1X10 Marks)

- a. One of the revisions in the English curriculum development demands that the teachers teach the reading strategies in each class, from Pre-Primary to twelve.
- b. The English curriculum recommends that the teachers read the text and explain it to the students paragraph by paragraph.
- c. The chronological text structure of a text is a passage that explains a problem and its solutions.
- d. A reading teacher must demonstrate consistently that s/he loves reading.
- e. Vocabulary building is a component of the balanced literacy programme.
- f. In a Shared Reading strategy, a good reader and a poor reader are paired up and they read a text together.
- g. In the instructional strategy, Sketch-to-stretch, the students draw the pictures of their favourite character and say why they like him/her.
- h. A word wall is arranged in an alphabetical order.
- i. Children must be exposed to a variety of literature so that they understand the structure and style of various texts.
- j. The writing teacher should stress on the accuracy of language and ideas from the first draft.

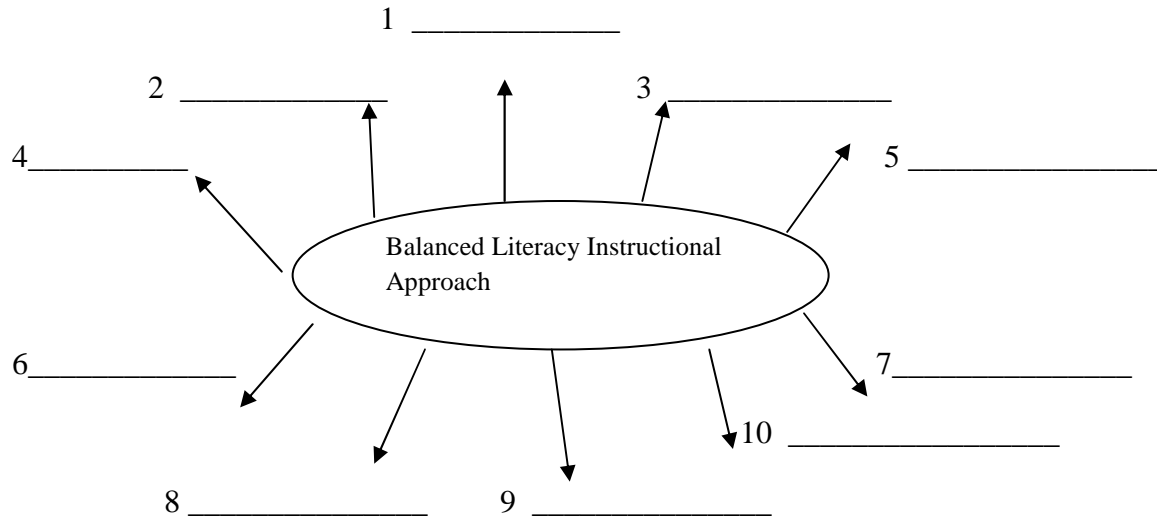
### Question 3

Write short notes on each of the following concepts. Briefly write what it is and its significance in reading and writing well. (2X5= 10 Marks)

- a. Writing conference
- b. Identifying big ideas
- c. Making inferences
- d. Reading Response
- e. Repairing

### Question 4

Use the graphic organizer to web out the components that are embodied in a balanced literacy instruction approach. (1X10 Marks)



## Section B (50 marks)

**Instruction:** *There are six sets of questions in this section. Read carefully and answer only FIVE of them.*

### Question 5

- a. *Reading is fundamental to progress and success in all other subjects.* Do you agree with this statement? Justify your answer. (5 marks)
- b. Mention the five stages in the reading process and describe what happens at each stage. (5 marks)

### Question 6

An integrated English Language programme provides a balance of experiences in all the language skills. Describe how you would implement a balanced instructional strategy so that you provide your students experience in all the four language skills. (10 Marks)

### Question 7

- a. *In order to be a good writer you need to be a good reader, too.* Do you agree with this statement? Justify your opinion. (5 marks)
- b. List six authentic ways you can adopt to develop children's love for reading. ( 5 marks)

### Question 8

- a. What is critical thinking skills? (2 marks)
- b. Why do you think it is important for the reading teachers to foster critical thinking skills in children? (3 marks)
- c. Briefly mention five ways to foster critical thinking skills in our learners. (5 marks)

### Question 9

- a. What is Readers' theatre? (3 marks)
- b. How would you conduct Readers Theatre? Mention the steps of implementing the Readers' Theatre. (7 marks)

### Question 10

- a. What are the elements of effective writing? (4 marks)
- b. Choose three elements and briefly explain what each encompasses. (6 marks)