

**NEB - GRADE XII  
2079 (2022)**

**Compulsory English  
New Course**

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable. The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

**Time: 3 hrs.**

**Full Marks: 75**

Attempt all questions

**Group 'A'**

1. Read the following text and complete the tasks that follow. 15
- Robert Capa is a name that has for many years been synonymous with war photography. Born in Hungary in 1913 as Friedmann Endre Erno, Capa was forced to leave his native country after his involvement in anti-government protests. Capa had originally wanted to become a writer, but after his arrival in Berlin had first found work as a photographer. He later left Germany and moved to France due to the rise in Nazism. He tried to find work as a **Freelance** journalist and it was here that he changed his name to Robert Capa, mainly because he thought it would sound more American.
- In 1936, after the breakout of the Spanish civil war, Capa went to Spain and it was here over the next three years that he built his reputation as a war photographer. It was here too in 1936 that he took one of his most famous pictures, **The Death of a Loyalist Soldier**. One of Capa's most famous quotes was 'If your pictures aren't good enough, you're not close enough'. And he took his **attitude** of getting close to the action to an extreme. His photograph, 'The Death of a Loyalist Soldier' is a prime example of this as Capa captures the very moment the soldier falls. However, many have questioned the authenticity of this photograph, claiming that it was staged.
- When World War II broke out, Capa was in New York, but he was soon back in Europe covering the war for life magazine. Some of his most famous work was created on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944 when Swam **ashore** with the first assault on Omaha Beach in the D-Day invasion of Normandy. Capa, armed only with two cameras, took more than one hundred photographs in the first hour of the landing, but a mistake in the darkroom during the drying of the film **destroyed** all but eight frames. It was the images from these frames however that **inspired** the visual style of Steven Spielberg's Oscar winning movie

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'Saving Private Ryan'. When life magazine published the photographs, they claimed that they were slightly out of focus, and Capa later used this as the title of his autobiographical account of the war.

Capa's private life was no less dramatic. He was friend to many of Hollywood's directors, actors and actresses. In 1943, he fell in love with the wife of actor John Austin. His affair with her lasted until the end of the war and became the subject of his war memories. He was at one time lover to actress Ingrid Bergman. Their relationship finally ended in 1946 when he **refused** to settle in Hollywood and went off to Turkey. In 1947, Capa was among a group of photo journalists who founded Magnum photos. This was a cooperative organization **set up** to support photographers and help them to retain ownership of the copyright to their work. Capa went on to document many other wars. He never attempted to glamorize war though, but to record the horror. He once said, "The desire of any war photographer is to be put out of business."

A. Complete the following sentences using the words highlighted in the text.

Two of those words are not necessary. 5x1=5

- a. Before the strong wind overturned her boat, the woman managed to come ...
- b. After gaining a great deal of knowledge on programming language, the man ..... his own software firm.
- c. The dispute with the publishing company forced her to work as a ... writer.
- d. Despite having a healthy relationship with them, we ..... their invitation to the marriage ceremony.
- e. The punitive action made the teenager develop a horrible .... towards the institution.

B. Read the text again and write

TRUE if the statement agrees with the information given in the text.

FALSE if the statement contradicts the information given in the text.

NOT GIVEN if there no information in the text. 5x1=5

- a. Robert Capa adopted his name because he wanted to become an American Citizen.
- b. All the images that Capa took in Omaha Beach were damaged.
- c. Capa was famous for his war images.
- d. Magnum photos was founded in Paris.
- e. Capa wanted his works to show how dreadful war can be.

C. Read the text again and answer the following questions. 5x1=5

- a. What is the original name of Robert Capa ?

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- b. Why did Capa leave Germany ?
- c. What evidence is given in the text to prove that Robert Capa was a frontline war photographer ?
- d. What does the word 'This' in line 66 refer to ?
- e. What is the purpose of this text ?

2. Write short answers to the following questions based on the textbook. 5x2=10

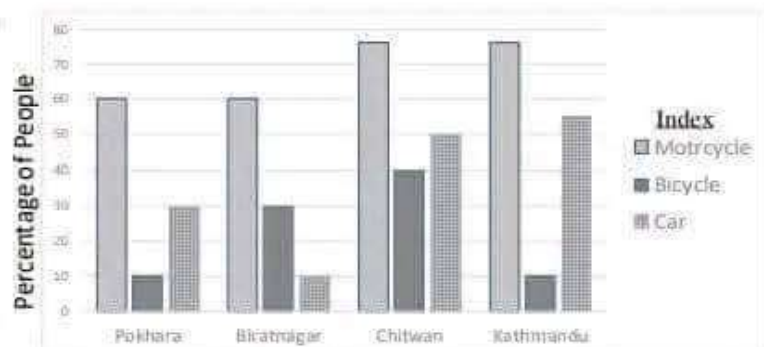
- a) Mrs. Baroda told her husband she had overcome everything. What do you think she had overcome ? (*A Respectable Woman*)
- b) Why does the guide take the tourist to the remote village ?  
(*The Half-closed Eyes of The Buddha and the Slowly Sinking Sun*)
- c) What is the theme of the story '*The old man with Enormous wings*' ?
- d) Explain the following lines with reference to the context : (*Every Morning I wake*)  
And thou, I know Wilt be the first.  
To see our best side, not our worst.
- e) What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom, according to Russell ? (*Knowledge and Wisdom*)

3. Write long answers to the following questions.

2x5=10

- a) Justify the title of the story 'A Devoted Son'.
- b) According to famous actress, men associated with theatre use the theatre actresses to make their estranged wives jealous so as to woo them back. Do you agree with her argument ? Why ? Why not ? (*A Matter of Husband*)

4. The bar chart shows transport preferences among young people in four districts in a single year. Summarise the information in about 150 words by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.



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5. Your neighbours have recently written to you complaining about the noise from your house. Write a letter to your neighbours in about 180 words explaining the reasons for the noise; also apologise for the noise. 8
6. During the Covid-19 Pandemic, all the educational institutions were closed. Write an essay in about 300 words on what technologies you used to help you in your studies. Describe how it helped you. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer. 10

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7. Do as indicated in the brackets and rewrite the sentences. 10
- The reason Deepak has never had an accident is that he drives ..... than everyone else. (Complete the sentence with an appropriate adverb)
  - The herd of deer.... (run,runs) to the river. (Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence)
  - I am not interested ..... buying a new car now. (Put the correct preposition in the blank)
  - Rita is already over two hours late. She ..... (should have/must have/will have/could have) missed the bus again. (Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence)
  - By the end of this month, she ..... in this organisation for fifteen years. (Complete the sentence using correct form of the verb: work)
  - Max finished ..... (to do/doing) his homework and then he went to the party with George and Bill. (choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence.)
  - I still can't remember his house ..... . I've been there several times. (Put a correct conjunction in the blank to complete the sentence.)
  - She is one of the few girls (who has/who have/who were) passed the examination.
  - I resent people interrupting me when I'm speaking. (Change into passive)
  - "Did you receive my email ?" (Report this question with the reporting clause: The teacher asked .....)

8. Choose and copy the correct answer. 5x1=5
- Which of the following words does not have the prefix 'in' ?  
(i) independent                      (ii) inactive                      (iii) instrument                      (iv) inability
  - Which of the following words has a diphthong sound ?  
(i) paternal                      (ii) liquid                      (iii) out                      (iv) speed
  - Which of the following words has a different pronunciation ?  
i) so                      (ii) sew                      (iii) sow                      (iv) saw
  - What guide words would you look between in the dictionary to find the word 'CAMCORDER' ?  
i) calf-camp                      (ii) campground-capital  
(iii) car-carry                      (iv) cart-cat
  - I'm sorry, they aren't staying in this hotel any more. They ..... this morning.  
i) checked in                      (ii) checked out  
(iii) checked on                      (iv) checked off