

Category one(XI&XII)-Essay(handwritten)

Alternative no	Name	Class	School	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Total	Remarks
CAT-1DEC17202107	Dechen Selden	XII Arts	Sherab Reldri HSS	90	78	81	249	1st
CAT-1DEC17202111	Tshering Lhamo	XII Com	Gyelpoishing HSS	80	76	85	241	2nd
CAT-1DEC17202102	Kuenga Dechen Tshering	XII Science	Mongar HSS	89	67	79	235	3rd
CAT-1DEC17202108	Choki Yangzom	XII Arts	Sherab Reldri HSS	77	76	79	232	4th
CAT-1DEC17202115	Dekyel T Samdron	XII Science	Drametse HSS	88	64	80	232	4th
CAT-1DEC17202110	Deepak Bahadur Acharja	XII Arts	Gyelpoishing HSS	76	67	87	230	
CAT-1DEC17202104	Rinchen Dorji	XII	Kidheykhar CS	86	60	83	229	
CAT-1DEC17202101	Kinley Yangden	XII Arts	Mongar HSS	85	66	77	228	
CAT-1DEC17202116	Jamyang Dorji	XII Com	Drametse HSS	79	67	77	223	
CAT-1DEC17202103	Tshoki Lhamo	XII Arts	Mongar HSS	77	67	71	215	
CAT-1DEC17202114	Chokey Dema	XII Science	Drametse HSS	78	52	85	215	
CAT-1DEC17202105	Pema Choden	XII com	Kidheykhar CS	85.5	62	66	213.5	
CAT-1DEC17202106	Nima Zangmo	XII com	Kidheykhar CS	73	52	83	208	
CAT-1DEC17202109	Tsheltrim Dema	XI Com	Gyelpoishing HSS	68	60	80	208	
CAT-1DEC17202112	Kelzang Dorji	XII Science	Drametse HSS	78	57	72	207	
CAT-1DEC17202118	Sonam Yangden	XII Arts	Drametse HSS	75	64	64	203	
CAT-1DEC17202117	Phuntsho Dema	XII com	Drametse HSS	76	53	65	194	
CAT-1DEC17202113	Ugyen Choden	XI Science	Drametse HSS	0	0	0	0	
CAT-1DEC17202119	Kuenga Lahmo	XI Science	Drametse HSS	0	0	0	0	
CAT-1DEC17202120	Tashi Dorji	XII Arts	Drametse HSS	0	0	0	0	

Judges :





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Essay : Selection Criteria

1. **Knowledge:** Indicate facts, information, and skills acquired
2. **Understanding:** having insight or good judgement of the topic
3. **Language:** refers to the rules for making language, appropriateness and the structures
4. **Analyses:** Demonstration of strong composition, concept and careful execution
5. **Research:** Richness of the various topics covered

Arts: Selection Criteria

1. **Originality:** original work in every sense and have not been made public
2. **Creativity:** manually drawn or painted
3. **Uniqueness:** whether or not it reflects the unique features of a country or region (culture, local customs, local life, local nature and environment)
4. **Sensitivity:** viewpoints unique to the child
5. **Variety:** whether the child has covered variety of topics Note: Please pay attention to geographical, ethnicity, gender and age balance
6. **Description:** Explanation of the Art work and find out the relevance of the description in relation to the theme and art work.

Bhutan, a small remote kingdom nestled in the Himalayas with just about seven hundred thousand population is located between the highly populated giant country India and China, pleasingly thriving. A conscious policy of isolation complemented by geographical barriers enabled Bhutan to maintain its independence throughout history. The recorded history of the kingdom, however, begins with the advent of Buddhism in the 8th century following the visit of Guru Padmasambhava in 747 A.D. Buddhism has occupied a predominant role in shaping the social, political, economic and cultural evolution of the country. Historically a remote kingdom, Bhutan became less isolated in the second half of the 20th century, and consequently the pace of change began to accelerate. Bhutan today enjoys one of the highest GDP per capita in South Asia. The people are provided with free education and health services and much of the country is covered by road and telecommunications infrastructure. The social fabric is neatly woven around time-tested values and the age-old culture of Bhutan is still intact. Thus in this era also, Bhutan is flourishing with rich environmental and cultural diversity with economic development along with social welfare because Bhutan has been blessed with extraordinary monarchs, along with the unique developmental philosophy of GNH and lastly due to Bhutan being a carbon negative country.

Bhutan has been blessed with extraordinary monarchs. King is synonymous to unity, happiness and a great source of pride for the Bhutanese as the kings have always put the country before them. Historically, the great visionary kings have brought various reforms inline with the people and country's welfare. But unlike any record in the history of the world, His Majesty the Fourth King has decentralized all the power to the people and handed over the government in the hands of the people by launching the Constitution,

which has now given birth to the Democratically elected government. And the Great Fourth has stepped down from the Golden Throne at the young age of 51 in making way for the Crown Prince. May be, Bhutan's Constitution is the only one in the world that recommends (sets) an upper age limit of 65 years for a king to rule for which the Bhutanese and the whole world look up to for the great selfless deeds of our kings. Furthermore, at the a time like the present where the whole world is reeling under unrelenting agony of COVID-19, Bhutan is witnessing a new epic of herosm and sacrifice through the personal examples of a People's King (His Majesty the King) who has transformed the conventional notion of monarchy and majesty into a supreme instrument of public services and national well-being through numberless risk- fraught travels of our extraordinary King who has committed his all for the safety and welfare of his people

Bhutan is guided by the unique developmental philosophy of GNH. "Gross National Happiness is more important than Gross National Product." Greatly pronounced by His Majesty the Fourth Drub Gyalpo. This statement has been the guiding principle of the country's development efforts for the last two decades. It is defined as a development philosophy that tries to bring about judicious balance between spiritual well being of the citizen and material advancement of the country. Our visionary king has envisioned that for a holistic development of the society, it was essential that development must be both social and economic and that it was necessary to give equal importance to the spiritual, emotional and cultural needs on the one hand and the material well-being on the other. Thus, taking into consideration of the exhaustively defined list of everything for the purpose of its development planning, the country has identified four major areas as the main pillars of GNH, i.e. Sustainable and equitable Socio-Economic Development, Preservation and Promotion of culture, Environmental conservation and Good Governance, which is further guided by 9 Domains and 33 indicators.

Bhutan is a Carbon Negative country. Where climate change is a reality, Bhutan is having 72 percent existing forest coverage and has committed to conserve a minimum of 60 percent of its total land under forest cover for all time to come (According to Article 5 section 3 : Constitution of Kingdom of Bhutan), which is why Bhutan is one of the few remaining global biodiversity hotspots of the world. Bhutan is a Carbon negative country as it generates 2.2 million tones of carbon dioxide but absorbs more than three times the amount of CO₂ produced by the country which makes Bhutan a net carbon sink for more than 4 million tones of CO₂ each year. And Bhutan is able to do so because, despite its small geographical boundary and small economy, Bhutan has maintained huge percentage of its land as National parks, natural reserves, wild life sanctuary and Biological corridors and moreover Bhutan has been concentrating towards the development of clean - renewable source of energy i.e. Hydro electricity (HEP). Given the fact that Bhutan not only generates HEP for the self sufficiency only but also exports to the neighbouring countries which directly helps in subsidising or reducing the dependency on non-renewable source of energy which releases CO₂. Thus, inside Bhutan is a carbon sink and outside Bhutan is offsetting carbon emission which indicates the contribution of Bhutan to the global climate conservation as a whole.

To sum up, the prayer shall remind us "Bhutan comes first" as in this era also, Bhutan is flourishing with rich environmental and cultural diversity with economic development along with social welfare because Bhutan has been blessed with extraordinary monarchs, along with the unique developmental philosophy of GNH and lastly due to Bhutan being a carbon negative country.

Theme: "Bhutan First"

Is there a real shangri-la? Bhutan is a remote beautiful paradise on earth where life approaches perfection under the most hardworking and sacrificing king, that let us to survive without any feeling of pinch. Every individuals should take responsibility and must not forget to treat our country Bhutan as more important than any others. Our country is the main reason for our survival. Whatever we do in our daily life be it good or bad we should think of our country first so that we will be guided well in taking life's decision and to keep us on track, most importantly thinking about own's country before any action will give us confidence to do it or to stop it. Also giving more attention to our country will help us identify what is truly needed in our life. We are nurtured well by the Wangchuck dynasty of our unique and peaceful country. Our country is not less important than the air we breathe.

Taking life's decision among different choices is the most confusing phase. If the things are not working well we need to take the risk but if we think of our country and our king who does everything for benefit of the country and sacrifices everything even family time. Our king didn't bet everything on the economic growth of our country, instead he thought for the peace and harmony of the country and its citizens. That is why our country mainly focus on Gross

National Happiness and not Gross National Product. So whenever we need to take decision in our life we should think whether the decision that we had taken would benefit our country or will it cause a huge loss on our country. If our decision is even harming our country a bit we should straight away stop it and go for those which will improve our country in every case. I as a student of this country, whatever I do in school I think about my country like during school social works, when I feel like to leave the work, I think that my social works may somehow contribute to our country and I continue with my social works under every circumstances.

Before any action we should think of our country Bhutan first so that we will be confident enough to do the follow up action. In order to sustain longer, our king mentioned a compulsion of maintaining 60% of forest coverage for all the time. With this vision the country's citizens think of the vision whenever they need to cut down trees in the forest. This is an example of thinking about Bhutan first, as people are in need of fire wood but after thinking about benefit of Bhutan's environmental quality they stop cutting down trees. Ever Her Majesty Queen Jetsun Pema Wangchuck could have enjoyed herself and do lots of expenditure but she didn't do that instead she thought of Bhutan first and initiated to plant more trees for the benefit of the country and its forest coverage. So Bhutan should be priority than all others.

If we think of our country first we will have the confidence in saying no to bad actions. Though Bhutan is a peaceful country we can see some people doing corruption, they think for their own benefit and do harmful activities. Some indulge in black marketing like trading country's special or precious commodities at high price. To improve their own quantity of wealth without thinking what type of bad consequences country will undergo later. These people are habituated with bad habits because of not setting our country as high in the list of priorities. If a person had the habit of thinking about country first in action then he would have confidently said no to these type of corruption. To lead a peaceful country as we always well all must think about Bhutan first in every actions.

Providing more attention to our country will help us identify what truly is needed in our life, short term happiness or a long term happiness. Thinking about Bhutan first will provide life long benefits to everyone. If we think for our own benefit we won't gain anything but if we think of our country and do everything for the country's benefit then there we will get back our reward in the form of satisfaction in our mind after contributing well to our country. In every speech of our fifth Druk Gyalpo we the students and young generations are future of Bhutan. So doing anything, even during studies we as a student must be loyal and hardworking to achieve something for our country without expecting to get any reward.

We should not study thinking that we need to attend examination instead we must study hard thinking that in future we must do something great for our country as we are provided with all study equipments free of cost. When our king is able to do such huge expenditure for us we must step forward and study hard thinking of country first. Also during the time of speaking and giving speech to friends, we must talk about our country and let all the listeners do everything for country's benefit and avoid corruptions and to fix those cracks of our country and go with good flow.

To sum up, whatever the circumstances might be, it is responsibility of all the citizens to think about Bhutan first all the time. Besides thinking Bhutan should be leading word and our actions should contribute in benefiting our country. Those corruption we had seen till date are not the corruption that can't be fixed. These can be fixed and it is our responsibility to fix and lead a peaceful country being a citizen of Bhutan, but how should we fix the cracks of our country and make it beautiful? The only possible way is to set Bhutan first in thought, first in action and first in speech. If our country is priority for us there is no single chance that we will fail as responsible citizen. So to challenge every mental and physical problem we should focus on our country Bhutan first.

BHUTAN FIRST & A CLEAR MISSION

"Every man has a map in his heart of this own country and that heart will never allow you to forget this map" as rightly quoted by Alexander McCall Smith, many of us say "We love our country" However we have to question ourselves "do we really love our country from deep within our heart?" A country provides its people with all they need and in turn it is our responsibility to pay off ~~the~~ our debts. Therefore our country should come before all other interests. Bhutan first may mean giving priority to Bhutan's independency, long term interests and national interest.

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Bhutan first may mean giving priority to Bhutan's independency such as strengthening our country's economy by developing opportunities to earn. Fabricating different ideas from the citizens in order to explore new and different ways of creatively improving our country's economy. A country's economy tends to serve as a country's backbone. In a way, measures strengthening our economy ensures in solving our country's problems without having the need of help from other foreign nations. This is how we are meeting the phrase "Bhutan first." As an independent nation we are freed from the clutches of the never ending dependency on other nations for sustaining our country's livelihood. Our country Bhutan, is an under developed country with a striking poverty rate of 12%. Factors such as rugged landscape, lack of education and intangible government goals all contribute to this condition. For example the exports and government revenue are highly reliant to on hydropower fluctuations, agriculture is vulnerable to climate change related disasters and human-wildlife conflict. Our country is reliant on one major trading partner (India) and we are inflicted of spill-overs effects from India in the case of recession or political instability or inflation.

Bhutan first may mean giving priority to our country's long term interest which will greatly ensure national sovereignty, security, sustainable country and an ever prosperous country with lots of happiness. Maturing of our nation in certain interests like interests that help to strengthen the security and sovereignty of our country should be prioritized in order to have an everlasting peace in our country. Managing global issues at a local level can be some of the measures which are taken under consideration in achieving the conditions mentioned above in the introductory sentence. For example, some of the measures can be like being a carbon negative country and a country which prioritizes GNH over GBP. The four pillars of GNH ensuring a long term survival of the community is what Bhutan first stands for. Bhutan first may mean people working together to achieve the above mentioned points, considering all those measures which would bring about the ~~sustainable~~ sustainability of our country in a longer aspect of time (seeking long term solutions).

Bhutan first may mean giving priority to the national interest of our country. For all of us, national interest should be our greatest priority and it should come before all other secondary interests such as interests of a citizen, an organization, institution and the interests of a political party. It may also include interests at the level of a gewog or drongkhag. The first thing that every citizen should focus is working on the well being of the country rather than striving to satisfy our own needs. As George Bernard Shaw rightly quoted, "Patriotism is fundamentally, a conviction that a particular country is the best in the world because you were born in it." likewise in order to make our nation best, we must first try to solve the issues at a national level and work more on improving and developing the our nation to a step ahead of what it was before. All the ideas and energies

should be put together for the use of a nation rather than for the use at an individual level. Uniting together for the sake of the nation and giving priority to the nation over the interests of self is what Bhutan first aims to portray.

"No one is busy in this world, its all about priorities" as quoted by Nishan Panwar, no one is busy and you will always find time for the things you feel important. Therefore every one of us being blessed to be born in this sacred sacred country should work hard in order to pay off our debts for whatever our country has gifted us with. Giving priority to Bhutan's independency by strengthening our country's economy, prioritizing the national interests over all other interest and prioritizing the interests which could contribute to the sustainability of the nation in a the long run are the principles on which Bhutan first stands for.

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