

KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY
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SECTION "A"

[20Q. × 0.5 = 10 marks]

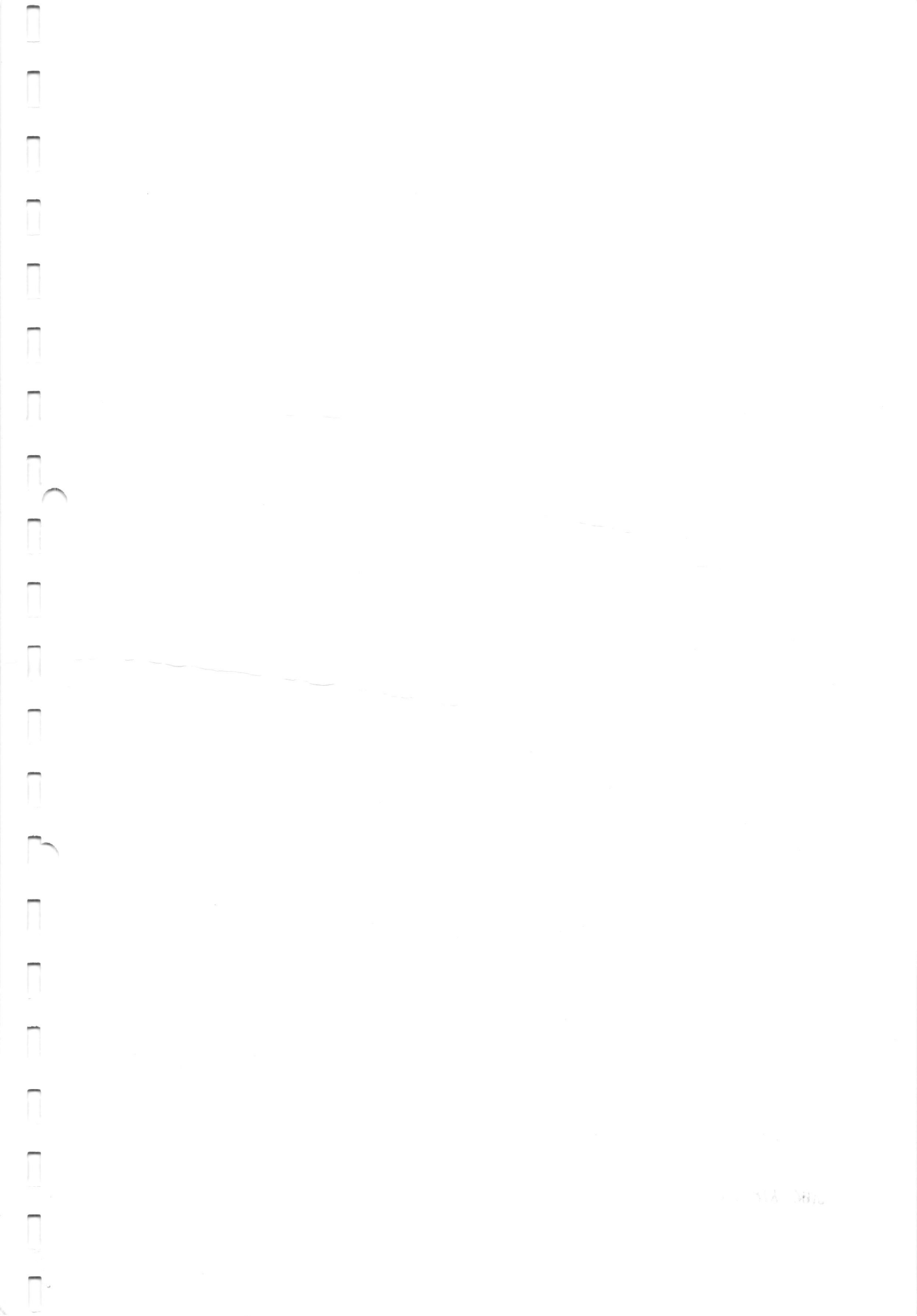
Choose the most appropriate answer from the given options and **encircle** the letter of your choice.

- According to T. H. Huxley, the truth or validity of a theory or hypothesis should be verified as to
 - time, context and theory.
 - time, place and people.
 - time, people and situation.
 - requirements.
- If Damocles had been worthy of being a king,
 - he would have definitely exercised the kingly power bestowed upon him, which he did not.
 - he would not have been afraid of the sword, which was hung over his head.
 - he would not have trembled like a coward.
 - he would not have looked like a fool.
- After the brief introductory social exchanges with the Dean at the Dean's tea, Richard Feynman felt quite comfortable because
 - the Dean, who already knew something about Feynman, was very affable.
 - the Dean congratulated him.
 - he usually enjoyed such social interactions.
 - the brief interaction was exactly the same as he had expected.
- Though Ariel Gore agrees that letting kids under 2 watch television might be harmful, she is critical about AAP's recommendations because
 - she thinks it insists on prying into people's lives.
 - she thinks it emphasizes only on real human interaction.
 - she thinks it emphasizes only on better parenting.
 - she thinks they are basically not practical.
- "Shadows of obscurantism" were the products of
 - rote teaching and learning.
 - the parrots' ignorance.
 - the parrots' knowledge.
 - Perico's cleverness and ingratitude.
- V. S. Ramachandran is fascinated by Victorian style science because
 - it emphasizes on serious research.
 - he doesn't like modern gadgetry.
 - he is a neurologist.
 - modern science is too sophisticated for him to understand.
- The most touching moment that directs the ending of the story "The Cabuliwallah" is when
 - Rahman comes to Mini's house after serving the sentence in jail.
 - Rahman explains why he used to come to the narrator's house.
 - the grown up Mini does not recognize Rahman.
 - Rahman teases Mini saying, "Little one, are you going to your father-in-law's house?"

8. A plot is all about
 - a. how a story is packaged and presented.
 - b. how characters are treated.
 - c. the style of writing employed.
 - d. the lessons conveyed.
9. The main culprit that the parrot finds in "The Parrot in the Cage" is
 - a. fate.
 - b. destiny.
 - c. god.
 - d. man.
10. The analyzing level of reading and writing involves
 - a. textual diagnosis.
 - b. textual operation.
 - c. summary of a text.
 - d. evaluation of a text.
11. A cover letter basically covers what is left to be covered in
 - a. one's CV.
 - b. one's copies of credentials.
 - c. one's sample of publications.
 - d. one's letters of recommendation.
12. The primary objectives of technical communication are
 - a. accuracy and ethics.
 - b. clarity and conciseness.
 - c. simplicity and accuracy.
 - d. simplicity and clarity.
13. A technically fine subject line comes with
 - a. a topic.
 - b. a topic and a focus.
 - c. a topic and a supporting idea.
 - d. a topic and an argument.
14. Organization (one of the objectives of technical writing) does not include one of the following. Which one is it?
 - a. spatial arrangement
 - b. chronology
 - c. importance
 - d. research method
15. All but ONE of the following is not present in emails. What is it?
 - a. attachment
 - b. enclosure
 - c. complimentary close
 - d. subject line
16. A buffer statement helps to
 - a. buffer the bad message.
 - b. put forth a chronological development of ideas.
 - c. state the conclusion of writing.
 - d. state something good.
17. Which ONE of the following do technical writings/ documents completely avoid?
 - a. Information
 - b. Figures
 - c. Arguments
 - d. Emotions
18. Cohesive devices
 - a. help to construct a chain of good arguments.
 - b. are topic sentences and concluding sentences.
 - c. are the devices of induction.
 - d. are supporting ideas and supporting details.

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19. A body of research has shown that using too much of PowerPoint presentations in teaching and learning is not fruitful because
- such presentations are only skeletal and superficial.
 - the visuals used in them might harm students' eyesight.
 - their preparation takes a lot of time and resources.
 - they do not work in places where there is no electricity.
20. Memos are useful only in
- institutional settings.
 - formally official contexts.
 - business contexts.
 - correspondences among decision makers.



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SECTION "B"
[8Q. × 5 = 40 marks]

Answer *ALL* the questions diligently. You are advised to treat each answer as a formal document.

1. What are grammatical accuracy and contextual accuracy? What are their roles in technical communication? Explain. [5]
2. Write a formal letter to the registrar at your university requesting him to keep the library open all day-and-night. Do explain the why factors in it. [5]
3. Write a memo in which you, as a coordinator of a seminar / workshop in KU, assign three of your colleagues / friends certain duties. [5]
4. Below is a part of a badly written complaint letter. Write an adjustment letter to its writer in a formal and neutral tone. [5]

Yesterday my order of flour and sugar canisters arrived so damaged. You can't believe the large flour canister was all in pieces! I am returning the canisters with a copy of my purchase order. Do ship us a new set right away and pay the shipping since I already paid it twice.

You must treat my request with utmost urgency. This particular incidence has all spoiled the set plans of mine for the festival which is just around the corner. I will not tolerate any negligence on your part. I must get those things by day after tomorrow anyhow. Otherwise, I will report it to your area manager.

5. Analyze one of the major themes in the poem "The Parrot in the Cage". [5]

OR

What are the most important elements of sound reasoning discussed in "We Are All Scientists"? [5]

6. Write a personal diary that Don Lucas Forcida would probably write after what he saw on the way to the neighboring village. Focus on the self-assessment he might have reflected upon. [5]

7. Present your evaluation of the following extract.

[5]

Science is a love affair with nature—a love affair that has all the obsessive qualities, the turbulence, the passionate yearning that one commonly associates with romantic love. But where does this yearning come from? To some extent, it is probably an innate personality trait. But more important, it rises from your early associations. I realized a long time ago that the best formula for success is to be around people who are passionate and enthusiastic about what they do, for there is nothing more contagious than enthusiasm. I was very fortunate in this regard. In the British school in Bangkok that I attended through fourth grade, I had some exceptionally gifted science teachers..... And at home, there was the influence of my science-minded uncles and my brother Ravi, whose passion for poetry and literature, especially Shakespeare, rubbed off on me. Science has a great deal more in common with poetry than most of realize, both enterprises involve unusual juxtaposition of ideas and a certain romantic vision of the world.

8. How is the importance of interdisciplinarity shown in the texts “Surely You Are Joking Mr. Feynman” and “The Making of a Scientist”? Is interdisciplinary approach a distraction or fun?

[5]