Dhaka Board-2024
Subject: English 2nd Paper

Time: 3 Hours Marks: 100

Prat–A: Grammar [Marks: 60]

1. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition:

We learn etiquette and manners (a) ------our parents and various institutions such as schools, colleges or professional bodies. There are rules (b) -------behaviour (c) ------- all kinds (d) ----social occasions and it is important to learn them and practise them (e) ------ everyday life. The manners that are correct (f)------ a wedding reception will not do (g)------ a debating club. Therefore, we have to be careful (h)------ etiquette and manners. We know how important it is to say 'please' and 'thank you' (i) -----everyday life. A few more polite expressions such (j)------ 'Pardon me', 'Excuse me', 'May I' are bound to make your day smooth and pleasant.

2. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box:

what does---look like	what it	would rather	what's it like	had better
was born	let alone	as if	as soon as	have to

(a) Sumi talks too much. It is------ she were a mad.
(b) Can anyone tell me- an elephant------? I have never seen an elephant.
(c) I am eagerly waiting for your reply. Please answer me------ you can.
(d) ------swimming in a river? I am so excited.
(e) Helmet should be used while driving a motorbike. -------you were in a bike and met a serious accident?
(f) It is a secret matter. We -------not discuss this in public.
(g) Socrates who was sentenced to death by drinking hemlock, ------ in 469 BC.
(h) I -------take an auto bike than go to college on foot. The exam is about to start.
(i) Sometimes we -------accept something unwillingly for the sake of peace.
(j) I can hardly walk -------run a race.

3. Complete the following sentences with suitable clauses/phrases:

(a) Trees are essential for our existence. So,------.
(b) The rats are now thinking who will tie the bell on cat? Finally they realize it is easy to say--------.
(c) Wait until -------.You should not go out alone.
(d) Love is divine. You can't find others to love you unless-------.
(e) Punctuality is a great virtue. So try-------.
(f) The patient was so serious and we were looking for a doctor. Alas! The patient had died before -------.
(g) Sharing is-------. So, teach your children how to share.
(h) Everybody must be conscious of health because-------.
(i) The train will start at 10 am. Now it is 09:55 am. So, walk fast lest-------.
(j) Corruption is a hindrance to national development. It is high time -------.

4. **Read the following text and fill the gaps with correct form of verbs as per subject and context:**

   Once upon a time, there (a) ------(be) a king who was very fond of (b) ------(know) his future from the astrologers. A famous astrologer (c) ------(stop) at his capital on his way to home. The king called on him to (d) ------ (know) about the future and the astrologer (e)-----(tell) him something unpleasant. At this the king (f)------(get) furious and (g)------ (condemn) him to death saying. "Men like you (h)------ (live) to spoil the peace of the world." But another thought (i) -----(cross) his mind before the astrologer (j)-----(send) for execution. "How long will you (k) ------- (live)?" asked the king. With ready wit. the astrologer said, "The stars (l) ----(declare) that I shall die only a week before your majesty, so goodbye." (m)------ (hear) this, the king turned pale like a dead man and shouted, "Drive this wretch away, let him (n)------ (come) here again."

5. **Change the form of narrative style by using indirect speeches.**

   "Oh, my Lord! Please do not kill the child," cried the woman. "Let her have the child." The king said, "Now everything is clear to me." Pointing to the woman, the king again said to the servant, "Give her the child. She is the real mother."

6. **Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces:**

   Once there lived a (a) ------(pre-modify the noun) fox in a jungle. One day, while he was walking (b)------ (post modify the verb with a prepositional phrase), he fell into a trap and lost his tail. He felt very unhappy and sad. But the fox was (c) ------(pre-modify the adjective) cunning too. He hit upon a plan and invited all the foxes (d)------- (use an infinitive phrase). When all the foxes arrived, the fox, (e) -------(use an appositive), said, "My dear friends, I have discovered a new thing. It is that (f) ------(use a possessive to pre-modify the noun) tails are quite useless. They look (g) ------(pre-modify the adjective) ugly and dirty too. So, we all should cut off our tails, shouldn't we?" Most of them agreed with the cunning fox (h) -------(post-modify the verb with an infinitive) their tails. But an old and (i) ------(pre-modify the noun) fox said to the cunning fox, "My friend, your plan is nice but evil. Actually you want to cut off our tails because you have lost (j) ------(pre-modify the noun with a determiner) tail of your own."

7. **Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage:**

   Teaching is a noble profession. (a) -----to be a teacher, one must possess some noble qualities too. (b)------, he should be a student. (c) ------- teaching is related to knowledge, he can't acquire knowledge (d)------ he is a student. (e) -----a teacher thinks (f) ------he knows everything, he can't be a good teacher. (g) ------ thirst for knowledge is the second best quality of a teacher. (h)------, a teacher should be a psychologist. Different students have different ways of learning. (i) ------the teacher needs to teach his students by studying their psychology. Fourthly a teacher should have good delivery power. (j) ------his voice should be clear (k)----- artistic. (l) -------- a teacher should be an actor (m)------ he needs to behave according to the classroom situation. And (n)------- a teacher must be a good human being.

8. **Read the passage below and write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed:**

All of us know what a dream is. Generally, we dream during our sleep. Dreams may appear to be short or long lasting. Sometimes we say, I dreamt for the whole night! But do we really dream for the whole night? Some dreams are sweet or romantic. Some are horrible. When we dream something extremely bad, we call it a nightmare.

(a) All (Antonym); (b) Dream (Synonym); (c) Generally (Antonym); (d) Appear (Antonym); (e) Sleep (Antonym); (f) Short (Synonym); (g) Long (Synonym); (h) Sometimes (Antonym); (i) Night (Synonym); (j) Really (Synonym); (k) Romantic (Antonym); (l) Horrible (Synonym); (m) Extremely (Synonym); (n) Nightmare (Antonym)

9. **There are fourteen errors in the use of punctuation in the following text. Re-write the text correcting the errors. Use capital letter if necessary.**

Sumi said to Rumi what will you do after hsc exam ill take preparation for varsity admission whats about you said Rurmi

Part B: Guided Writing [Marks: 40]

10. **Suppose you are a student of Govt. Women's College. Now write an application to your Principal to establish an English Language Club in the college.**
11. **Write a descriptive paragraph on "Pahela Baishakh."**
12. **Write a paragraph on "Village Life and City Life"-based on the similarities and dissimilarities you find.**

Answer Sheet

Part-A

1. (a) from (b) of (c) for (d) of (e) in (f) in (g) in (h) about (i) in (j) as
2. (a) as if (b) what does --- look like (c) as soon as (d) What's it like (e) What if (f) had better (g) was born (h) would rather (i) have to (j) let alone
3. (a) Trees are essential for our existence. So, **we must protect and plant more trees.**
   (b) The rats are now thinking who will tie the bell on the cat? Finally, they realize it is easy to say **but difficult to do.**
   (c) Wait until **your friend arrives.** You should not go out alone.
   (d) Love is divine. You can't find others to love you unless **you love yourself.**
   (e) Punctuality is a great virtue. So, try **to be on time.**
   (f) The patient was so serious and we were looking for a doctor. Alas! The patient had died before **the doctor arrived.**
   (g) Sharing is **caring**. So, teach your children how to share.
   (h) Everybody must be conscious of health because **health is wealth.**
   (i) The train will start at 10 am. Now it is 09:55 am. So, walk fast lest **you should miss the train.**
   (j) Corruption is a hindrance to national development. It is high time **we eradicated it.**
4. (a) was (b) knowing (c) stopped (d) know (e) told (f) got (g) condemned (h) live (i) crossed (j) was sent (k) live (l) declare (m) Hearing (n) never come

5. Addressing the king as Lord, the woman requested him not to kill the child and to let the other woman have the child. The king then declared that everything was clear to him. Pointing to the woman, the king instructed the servant to give ther the child, stating that she was the real mother.
6. (a) clever (b) through the forest (c) very (d) to a meeting (e) a tailless one (f) our (g) very (h) to cut off (i) wise (j) the
7. (a) so (b) firstly (c) As (d) unless (e) If (f) that (g) So (h) Thirdly (i) Consequently/so (j) in fact (k) and (l) again (m) as/because (n) above all
8. (a) None (b) Vision (c) Occasionally (d) Disappear (e) Wakefulness (f) Brief (g) Extended (h) Always (i) Evening (j) Truly (k) Unromantic (l) Terrifying (m) Very (n) Pleasant / sweet dream
9. Sumi said to **Rumi, "What** will you do after **HSC exam?"**
   "I'll take preparation for varsity **admission. What's** about **you**?" said **Rumi**.

Cumilla Board-2024
Subject: English 2nd Paper

Time: 3 Hours Marks: 100

Prat–A: Grammar [Marks: 60]

1. Fill in the gaps with appropriate prepositions:

Social network is a network for virtual social interaction (a) ------ internet users across the world. Actually, this is an age (b) ------ globalisation. This is also an age of information and technology. People all over the world are virtually connected (c) ------one another (d) ------ the borders. Hence, the necessity of social networks has emerged. But the young generations are getting addicted (e)------ social networks (f) ----- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc. The lifestyle of the young before and after getting used (g)------- a social network has a noticeable change. In fact, the students who were used to studying at the table before, nowadays pass their valuable time by chatting (h) -------the social media. Asla result, they are now lagging (i)------. So, they should be kept aloof (j) -------using internet excessively and unnecessarily.

2. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box:

There	what does --- look like	would rather	what's ---- like	have to/has to
as soon as	let alone	had better	it	was born

(a) -----looks dangerous to reach the top. Very few number of people can arrive there safely.
(b) All passengers ------fill in an immigration form on arrival. It is mandatory.
(c) My cousin -------in Malaysia and raised in America. Now she has a dual citizenship.
(d) ------ your family-------? Is it an extended family like ours?
(e) Your mother seems to be very weak. You-------consult an experienced doctor about her health.

(f) His parents------- stay in village than live with him in Dhaka. Both of them don't like city life.
(g) ------ have been significant changes in the types of entertainment over time. Many of those no longer exist.
(h) Teacher: learners, ------the national flower of Bangladesh ------?
Students: It looks a bit like the lotus.
(i) It is not easy to score a goal, -------a hattrick.
(j) We informed the police -------the incident took place. But the police didn't arrive even after two hours.

3. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases:

(a) I'm so tired that-----. Please, take a rickshaw right now.
(b) Though Bangladesh is a small country,------. We are proud of our world heritage sites.
(c) I can't recall his name. It is long since------.
(d) She came to my room while -----. She didn't wake me up.
(e) It is true that most of the parents of our country are not interested enough to------. They think, educating their daughters is nothing but a wastage of time and money.
(f) There are many helpless people around us. I wish--------.
(g) He likes photography very much. But unfortunately he has lost his camera. If he had the camera,-------.
(h) Be punctual lest------.
(i) Our job market is getting very competitive. Unless you study well,------.
(j) It is too hot inside the room. Would you mind------?

4. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context:

Students get themselves (a) -----(admit) into universities for higher education. They acquire higher education from two streams; one is public and the other is private. The private universities (b) ----- (be) open to all but one has to (c) ------ (face) tough competition for (d) -----(get) a seat there. The public universities are cheaper in terms of tution fees. They (e)-----(offer) residential and boarding facilities at subsidized rates. But public universities often (f)------ (face) a number of problems. Student politics (g) ------ (play) a vital role in (h)------ (deteriorate) the academic environment there. As a result, students (i) ------ (face) session jam. So, the conscious and moneyed persons (j)------- (impress) by the private universities. Since this is the age of privatisation, the private universities (k)------ (become) popular day by day. Besides, it is less difficult (l)------(get) a seat in a private university but here they are to pay a lot. However, the private sectors have some limitations. In fact, the two streams should (m)------(develop) in a balanced way. Because, both sectors are playing important roles with a view to (n) ------ (make) the nation highly educated.

5. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches:

A man, lost in a forest, saw another man and rushed to him and said, "Oh! How happy I am to meet you! Unfortunately I have been lost in this forest for four days. Can you help me get

out of this forest?" "No, Actually you don't need to be so happy, my friend", replied the another man, "I myself have been lost here for a week."

6. **Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces:**

Man has (a) ------(use determiner to pre-modify the noun phrase) inborn curiosity to know the unknown and (b) ------(use an infinitive phrase). He likes to see new places and wants to know about (c) ------ (pre-modify the noun) nations, their cultures, manners and religions. Bookish knowledge is (d) --------(use adjective phrase). In order to have practical knowledge one has to go for travelling. (e)-------- (use an adverbial phrase) people had to suffer much for travelling as they did not have (f) ------(pre-modify the noun) transports. Nowadays travelling has become much easier and comfortable for the invention of aeroplane, buses, ships, speedy trains etc. Travelling plays a (g)------- (use an intensifier to pre-modify the adjective) important role in acquiring knowledge. So, the students go for (h)------ (pre-modify the noun with a noun adjective) tour which also helps to remove (i) -------(pre-modify the noun with a possessive) boredom of study. In fact, everyone should travel to develop practical knowledge which cannot be acquired by sitting (j) ------ (post-modify the verb).

7. **Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage:**

Junk food is very popular nowadays. (a) ------ the children are very much fond of junk food. (b)------ do we know what junk food actually is? Junk food is such kind of processed food (c) ------ has been produced for its pungent taste rather than for its health value. (d) ----- it contains high calories, salt, added sugar, saturated fat etc. (e)------ its nutritional value is very low. (f) ------its appearance is very appealing and mouth watering. (g) -----it can attract anybody. (h) ------it is harmful for health. (i) ------ it consists of harmful substances, it may lead to a higher risk of obesity, cardiovascular diseases and other chronic health problems. (j)------, it can also affect brain. (k) ------addiction to it may even result in the rejection of healthier foods such as fruits, vegetables, salads etc. (l)------, the sugar used in junk food can damage our teeth and skin. (m)-----, we should avoid having junk food. (n) -----we should remember that health is the root of all happiness.

8. **Read the passage and write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below:**

Earthquake is one of the most <u>common</u> natural <u>calamities</u> on earth. It is an abrupt and <u>violent</u> tremor of the earth's surface. It occurs for various reasons. It is mainly caused by <u>deep</u> crack <u>inside</u> the earth or by volcanic eruption. If there is any fault line in a geographical area, there is a great <u>chance</u> of occurring earthquakes in that area. In some cases, earthquake <u>occurs</u> because some gases try to come out from the deep of the earth. Bangladesh lies in the <u>active</u> earthquake zone and so earthquake occurs here very <u>frequently</u>. RAJUK, <u>responsible</u> for the planned <u>development</u> of the capital city, warns that an earthquake resistant building code should be developed to <u>reduce</u> loses. But it is a matter of sorrow that our people are not <u>aware</u> of the <u>gravity</u> of its danger.

(a) common (antonym) (b) calamities (synonym) (c) violent (synonym) (d) deep (antonym) (e) inside (antonym) (f) chance (synonym) (g) occur (synonym) (h) active (antonym) (i)

frequently (antonym) (j) responsible (antonym) (k) development (synonym) (l) reduce (antonym) (m) aware (synonym) (n) gravity (synonym).

9. **There are fourteen errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors:**

Yasha : What happened to you Meem Youre not looking normal.
Meem : you are right my friend. Im really very upset today.
Yasha : But why Wont you say me the reason
Meem : Why not A road accident took the life of our Chairman yesterday He was a well known person in our village. How pathetic it is for his family
Yasha : Oh Thats very shocking.
Meem : Its very sad that such accidents are occuring frequently in our country.

Part B: Composition: [Marks: 40]

10. **Suppose, you want to arrange a science fair in your college premises in collaboration with some other neighbouring college students. Now write an application to the principal of your college to seek his permission to use the college ground for the science fair.**
11. **Write a paragraph in about 200 words on 'Globalisation and Modern Technology'.**
12. **Write a paragraph on 'Indiscriminate Cutting of Trees". Briefly point out the causes of this large scale deforestation and its effect on the environment. Use 200 words.**

Answer Sheet

Part-A

1. (a) among (b) of (c) to (d) across (e) to (f) like (g) to (h) on (i) behind (j) from
2. (a) It (b) have to (c) was born (d) What's -- like (e) had better (f) would rather (g) There (h) what does ---- look like (i) let alone (j) as soon as
3. (a) I'm so tired that **I can't walk any further**. Please, take a rickshaw right now.
   (b) Though Bangladesh is a small country, **it has a rich cultural heritage**. We are proud of our world heritage sites.
   (c) I can't recall his name.. It is long since **I last saw him.**
   (d) She came to my room while **I was sleeping**. She didn't wake uę up.
   (e) It is true that most of the parents of our country are not interested enough to **educate their daughters.** They think, educating their daughters is nothing but a wastage of time and money.
   (f) There are many helpless people around us. I wish **I could help them.**
   (g) He likes photography very much. But unfortunately, he has lost his camera. If he had the camera, **he would take beautiful photos.**
   (h) Be punctual lest **you should miss the meeting.**
   (i) Our job market is getting very competitive. Unless you study well, **you won't get a good job.**

(j) It is tro hot inside the room. Would you mind **opening the window?**

4. (a) admitted (b) are (c) face (d) getting (e) offer (f) face (g) plays (h) deteriorating (i) face (j) are impressed (k) are becoming (l) to get (m) develop (n) making
5. A man, lost in a forest, saw another man and rushed to him and exclaimed with joy that he was very happy to meet him. He added that unfortunately he had been lost in that forest for four days. Then he asked him if he could help him get out of that forest. The man replied in the negative and addressing him as friend, he told him that actually he did not need to be so happy. He further said that he himself had been lost there for a week.
6. (a) an (b) to see the unseen (c) different/other (d) not enough (e) In ancient times (f) convenient/any (g) very (h) educational (i) their (j) at home
7. (a) In fact (b) But (c) that (d) Moreover (e) However (f) Despite this (g) Therefore (h) Nevertheless (i) Since (j) Additionally (k) Furthermore (l) Moreover (m) Therefore (n) Finally
8. (a) uncommon (b) disasters (c) Intense (d) shallow (e) outside (f) possibility (g) happen (h) inactive (i) infrequently (j) irresponsible (k) progress (l) increase (m) conscious (n) seriousness
9. Yasha : What happened to you **Meem? You're** not looking normal.
   Meem : **You** are **right**, my friend. **I'm** really very upset today.
   Yasha : But **why? Won't** you say me the **reason**?
   Meem : Why **not**? A road accident took the life of our Chairman **yesterday**. He was a well known person in our village. How pathetic it is for his **family**!
   Yasha : **Oh! That's** very shocking.
   Meem : **It's** very sad that such accidents are occurring frequently in our country.

Rajshahi Board-2024
Subject: English 2nd Paper

Time: 3 Hours Marks: 100

Prat–A: Grammar [Marks: 60]

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions:

Education is instrumental (a) ------bringing (b)------socio-education economic development. A man devoid (c) ------education cannot contribute (d) ------ the society. On the other hand, an educated man plays a pivotal role (e) ------ enhancing the pace (f) ------socio-economic development. A country should put much emphasis (g) ------educating its citizens. The citizens have to be provided (h)------ ample opportunities so that they feel keen interest (i) ------getting themselves educated. The educated people are to be treated (j) ------much respect.

2. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box:

would that	had better	since	it	as if
let alone	too-to	lest	as soon as	no sooner had ---- than

(a) You look exhausted. You ------take rest for a while.

(b) The thief has fled away------he might be caught.

(c) ------I seen the snake--------I became awe-struck.
(d) I would render my cooperation to you if------ requires.
(e) It was long------ I had met you.
(f) ------- he met me, he hugged me warmly.
(g) Don't expect any help from him. He is ------busy------ help you.
(h) I am an orphan now. -------my father had lived longer.
(i) He cannot walk for few steps ------run for a mile.
(j) He overlooks me------ he never knew me.

3. Complete the following sentences using suitable phrases or clauses:

(a) Had you sought my help------.
(b) A man leading an Indolent life------.
(c) Strike the rod-----.
(d) The men, who love their country ------.
(e) Be punctual in your studies------.
(f) Food adulteration is a crime. It is high time------.
(g) Childhood is the golden period of life. I wish------.
(h) Scarcely had we got out of home------.
(i) I know the man------.
(j) He feigns as though------.

4. Read the text and fill in the gaps with correct form of verbs as per subject and context:

The life of our farmers (a) ------(be) full of hardships. Many a farmer (b) ------(not know) how to cultivate scientifically. They (c) -----(work) hard from dawn to dusk. But their toil (d)------ (go) awry due to lack of scientific knowledge. Our government offers a lot of opportunities to them with a view to (e) -------(eliminate) their sufferings. Unfortunately, they (f) ------(not avail) themselves of those opportunities. It is time they (g) ------- (to get) scientific education and all concerned (h) ------(to help) them. If they (i)------ (to educate), they (j) ------(to contribute) better to the prosperity of the country. The prosperity of our country (k)------ (to lie) in their proper education. (l)------(to educate) a farmer (m)----- (mean) educating a family and a nation. And, it (n) ------(to result) in greater success in every sector of the country.

5. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches:

"Why are your children crying, my daughter?" "They have been starving," said the woman. "Have you none else in the world?" "My husband died some months ago. He left them neither money nor any property. So, they are in great distress. They have to starve sometimes." "What a pity it is!" said the Caliph.

6. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces:

Trees, (a)------(use an appositive), are essential for maintaining eco-system. Without trees, the balance of eco-system will be (b)------(post modify the verb) lost. Trees provide us with (c) -------(pre-modify the noun) elements without which we cannot live on this earth. It is a matter of (d) ------(pre-modify the noun) concern that we are felling trees (e)------- (post

modify the verb). As a dire consequence, the global temperature is rising (f) ------ (post modify the verb). The existence of flora and fauna is at an (g)------ (use a pre- modifier) risk. Polar ice caps are melting and (h)------ (use a noun adjective) level is rising. (i)------ (use a present participle phrase), we can avoid such a catastrophe. If we want to keep our (j)------ (use a noun adjective) earth safe and sound, we have to plant trees and protect our forests.

7. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage:

Mobile phone is a miracle of modern science. It has brought about a revolutionary development in the arena communication. (a)------ it has eliminated distance (b) ------ promoted human relationship. (c)------ it helps to promote business. (d) ------gearing the pace of business, it ensures the smooth growth of economy. (e)------ it can solve many problems of mathematics. (f) ------it has become a daily necessity. (g) ------it is not free from demerits. (h)------ it becomes detrimental to the reckless users. (i)------the use of mobile phone by the teenagers has to be regulated. (j) ------they will go to ruin. (k)------ if we want to save our young generation, we have to be more vigilant. (l) ------parents, teachers and neighbors can play positive role in this regard. (m) ----- the people who are addicted to wanton mobile phone have to be more cautious. (n)------they maintain abstinence, it will positively influence their offspring.

8. Read the passage and write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below:

An ideal student is an asset for a society or a country. He is sincere, punctual, obedient and law-abiding. He never deralls from the right track. He tries his best to materialise the dream of his parents. He is a worthy citizen and cherishes patriotic zeal. He not only devotes to regular studies but also serves his society during his leisure time. He is frugal in spending but generous in promoting noble deeds. He never squanders his energy aimlessly. His only goal is to emulate his career. Unfortunately, the number of ideal students is declining day by day.

(a) ideal (antonym); (b) obedient (antonym); (c) derail (synonym); (d) right (synonym); (e) materialise (synonym); (f) worthy (synonym); (g) zeal (synonym): (h) devote (synonym): (i) regular (antonym): (j) leisure (antonym); (k) frugal (antonym), (l) noble (antonym): (m) squander (synonym); (n) unfortunately (antonym).

9. There are fourteen errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors:

Jerry : You look like my mother.
Writer : Do you meet your mother frequently when have you met her does she visit you.
Jerry : she often visits me She sends gifts for me Did you see the skates I put on yesterday.
Writer : Why do you not live with her doesn't your heart bleed for her.
Jerry : Im fated to live alone

Part B: Composition [Marks: 40]

10. **Write an application to the Principal of your college asking for permission to arrange a 'Study Tour".**
11. **Write a paragraph on 'The Importance of Sports'.**
12. **Write a paragraph on Technical Education and General Education comparing and contrasting their features.**

Answer Sheet

Part-A

1. (a) in (b) about (c) of (d) to (e) in (f) of (g) on (h) with (i) in (j) with
2. (a) had better (b) lest (c) No sooner had --- than (d) it (e) since (f) As soon as (g) too --- to (h) Would that (i) let alone (j) as if
3. (a) Had you sought my help, **I would have gladly assisted you.**
   (b) A man leading an indolent life **will suffer in the long run.**
   (c) Strike the rod **while it is hot**.
   (d) The men, who love their country, **are true patriots.**
   (e) Be punctual in your studies **if you want to succeed.**
   (f) Food adulteration is a crime. It is high time **we took strict action against it.**
   (g) Childhood is the golden period of life. I wish **I were a child again.**
   (h) Scarcely had we got out of home **when it started raining heavily.**
   (i) I know the man **who lives next door.**
   (j) He feigns as though **he is completely innocent.**
4. (a) is (b) does not know (c) work (d) goes (e) eliminating (f) do not avail (g) got (h) helped (i) are educated (j) will contribute (k) lies (l) Educating (m) means (n) results
5. Addressing the woman as daughter, the Caliph asked her why her children were crying. The woman replied that they had been starving. The Caliph asked her whether she had anyone else in the world. She replied that her husband had died some months before and as he had left them neither money nor any property, they were in great distress. She added that they had to starve sometimes. The Caliph exclaimed with sorrow that it was a great pity.
6. (a) the lungs of the earth (b) irreparably (c) vital (d) great (e) Indiscriminately (f) steadily (g) imminent/immediate (h) sea (i) Acting responsibly/taking immediate steps (j) beloved
7. (a) Moreover (b) and (c) Additionally (d) By (e) Furthermore (f) Consequently (g) However (h) For instance (i) Therefore (j) Otherwise (k) Thus (l) Moreover (m) Likewise (n) If
8. (a) Imperfect (b) disobedient (c) deviate (d) correct (e) realize (f) deserving (g) enthusiasm (h) dedicate (i) Irregular (j) work (k) extravagant (l) ignoble (m) waste (n) fortunately
9. Jerry : You look like my **mother**.
   Writer : Do you meet your mother **frequently**? **When** have you met **her**? **Does** she visit **you**?
   Jerry : **She** often visits **me**. She sends gifts for **me**. Did you see the skates I put on **yesterday**?
   Writer : Why do you not live with **her**? **Doesn't** your heart bleed for **her?**

Jerry : **I'm** fated to live **alone**.

Jashore Board-2024
Subject: English 2nd Paper

Time: 3 Hours Marks: 100

Prat–A: Grammar [Marks: 60]

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions:

In Bangladesh, the legal age (a) ------marriage (b)-------girls is 18. However, 33% of our girls get married before they are 15 and 60% (c)------them become mothers (d)-----the time they reach 19. When an adolescent girl gets married, she usually drops (e)-----of school and thus loses her mobility. She gets confined (f)----full time work (g)------her in-law's household. She loses social status and all the opportunities (h)------economic independence. (i) -----her in-law's house, she gets marginalized. She becomes vulnerable (j)------all sorts of abuse, including dowry related violence.

2. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box:

had better	there	What does ---- look like	it	let alone
as soon as	What's --- like	have to	would rather	was born

(a) He headed for the new workplace -----he received the transfer order.
(b) ----- your new teacher------? He is nice but a bit strict.
(c) The Bangladesh cricket team dropped out from the tournament in the first round,----- make it to the final.
(d) I am trying to catch upon some sleep. You------turn off the TV.
(e) -----she----? She is tall and has blonde hair.
(f) Although Lalon Shah----- into a Hindu family, he grew up in a Muslim family.
(g) Nowadays we cannot think of a single day without cell phones but-----was a time when even land phones were a luxury.
(h) My aunt is shy by nature. In social gatherings, she ----stay alone than interact with others.
(i) -----was a wonderful night. The sky was cloudless and full of stars.
(j) You ------follow traffic rules. You cannot drive as you like.

3. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases:

(a) The poor man knocked at the door. He came to me with a view to-----.
(b) Many illiterate people do not have any knowledge of health. If they were educated------.
(c) Scarcely had the teacher gone out of the room------.
(d) My grandmother lives in a village. It is many years since ------.
(e) Trees are very important for our existence on earth. It is high time------.
(f) Despite the fact that he worked very hard------. He was rather disappointed.
(g) You should finish your work today. A stitch in time-------.
(h) You are making a long journey. Keep your phone turned on in case------.
(i) My friend is going to the USA. I wish------.

(j) Time is so valuable that------.

4. **Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context:**

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Biswas,

We are very (a)------ (concern) about your son Rahel's behaviour. He (b) ------(play) truant from school three times last month. When he (c)------ (come) to class, he usually (d)------ (not concentrate) on his lessons. He does not seem to understand texts and never (e)------ (ask) any questions. The only time he (f) ------ (show) any initiative is in (g) -------(make) excuses for not (h) -----(to have) (i) ------(do) his homework. Although he (j) ------(have) a natural talent for art, he even (k)-------(not take) any interest in art lessons. This is (l) ------ (disappoint), because everi last year he (m)------(be) attentive in his studies. We hoped he (n)------(win) a scholarship.

I would like to request you to come to school to discuss this Situation further.

Yours Sincerely.

J. H. Khan, Principal.

5. **Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches:**

"Are you ready to order, sir?" said the waiter. "I would like to have a plain vegetable soup for starter. Then grilled chicken, boiled potatoes and garlic bread for main course.", replied the customer. "Anything for dessert?", asked the waiter. "Just a scoop of ice cream, please.", said the customer.

6. **Read the following text and use modifiers in the blank spaces as directed:**

Kazi Nazrul Islam is one of (a) ------(use determiner to pre-modify the noun) best poets Bengal has (b) ------ (use an adverb to pre modify the verb) produced. A (c) ------(use an adjective to pre modify the noun) writer, he contributed to many branches of Bangla literature. However, it is his poems and songs that earned him the (d)------ (pre modify the noun) reputation. Through his writings, Nazrul aimed (e) ------- (use an infinitive to post modify the verb) the society because he was (f) ------(pre modify the verb) troubled by old values and religious superstitions. It is (g)------(use an intensifier to pre modify the adjective) important to note that while Nazrul fought against religious bigotry, he composed (h) ------(use a determiner to pre modify the noun) songs that (i) ------ (pre modify the verb) glorified religion. Sadly, a/an (j) -------(pre modify the noun) disease untimely ended his literary career in his early forties.

7. **Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage:**

The internet has transformed the way we live. (a)-------, become an integral part of our life. On the one hand, this technology has brought us many benefits. (b) -------, it has many negative sides. (c)------, the internet, our communication systems have become much faster and more efficient. (d)-------, we can make bank transactions and pay our bills from home now. (e)-------, the internet allows us to access health information easily and, (f)------, saves many lives. (g)------, our learning opportunities have greatly increased, thanks to digital technologies. (h)-----, the internet is not an unmixed blessing. (i)------, its harmful effects far

outweigh its benefits. (j) -----, we should take precautions about using this technology. (k)-----, we must be careful not to become addicted to internet browsing. Second, we should keep an eye on our younger family members. (l)------, there are potential dangers in the virtual world. (m)------,online gambling and cyberbullying are very common on the internet nowadays. (n)------,it can be said that the internet technology is doing us more harm than good.

8. **Read the passage below and then write the synonym or antonym of the words as directed:**

Modern education is different in method. It seeks to draw out and develop the mind to make it eager and curious. It depends more on observation and experiment than upon mere bookish knowledge. A mind that is intellectually alert will seek and learn from books. It develops latent talents of an individual. Teachers play more of a coaching role these days. They are not Just instructors who deliver a lesson. Rather, they support and guide the students' activities as coaches do.

(a) modern (antonym) (b) different (antonym) (c) method (synonym) (d) develop (antonym) (e) curious (synonym) (f) observation (synonym) (g) mere (synonym) (h) knowledge (synonym) (i) alert (antonym) (j) latent (synonym) (k) talent (synonym) (l) more (antonym) (m) support (antonym) (n) guide (antonym)

9. **There are fourteen errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors:**

Jerry : I can chop some wood today
Writer : But Ive a boy coming from the orphanage.
Jerry : Im the boy
Writer : You But youre small
Jerry : Size doesnt matter chopping wood, some of the big boys dont chop well Ive been chopping wood for a long time.
Writer : Very well theres the axe go ahead see what you can do

Part B: Composition [Marks: 40]

10. **Write an application to the Principal of your college to arrange some extra classes to improve the standard of English of the weak students in your class.**
11. **Write a paragraph on the historic place you have visited recently.**
12. **Write a paragraph on "Climate Change" describing its causes and adverse consequences on human life and bio-diversity.**

Answer Sheet

Part-A

1. (a) for (b) for (c) of (d) by (e) out (f) to (g) in (h) for (i) In (j) to
2. (a) as soon as (b) What's--- like (c) let alone (d) had better (e) What does --- look like (f) was born (g) there (h) would rather (i) It (j) have to

3. (a) The poor man knocked at the door. He came to me with a view to **seeking help.**
   (b) Many illiterate people do not have any knowledge of health. If they were educated, **they would know about health and hygiene.**
   (c) Scarcely had the teacher gone out of the room **when the students started playing.**
   (d) My grandmother lives in a village. It is many years since **I last visited her.**
   (e) Trees are very important for our existence on earth. It is high time **we planted more of them.**
   (f) Despite the fact that he worked very hard **to prepare for the exam**, he was rather disappointed.
   (g) You should finish your work today. A stitch in time **saves nine.**
   (h) You are making a long journey. Keep your phone turned on in case **you need assistance**.
   (i) My friend is going to the USA. I wish **I could go with him.**
   (j) Time is so valuable that **we should not waste it.**
4. (a) concerned (b) played (c) comes (d) does not concentrate (e) asks (f) shows (g) making (h) having (i) done (j) has (k) does not take (l) disappointing (m) was (n) would win
5. The waiter respectfully asked the customer if he was ready to order. The customer replied that he would like to have a plain vegetable soup for a starter, followed by grilled chicken, boiled potatoes, and garlic bread for the main course. The waiter then inquired if the customer wanted anything for dessert. The customer responded that he would just like a scoop of ice cream.
6. (a) the (b) ever (c) prolific (d) greatest (e) to reform (f) deeply (g) very (h) many (i) greatly (j) debilitating/severe
7. (a) and (b) On the other hand (c) As a result (d) Moreover (e) Additionally (f) therefore (g) Furthermore (h) However (i) In fact (j) So (k) Firstly (l) since (m) For instance (n) Finally
8. (a) ancient (b) similar (c) approach (d) diminish (e) inquisitive (f) examination (g) simple (h) understanding (i) unaware (j) hidden (k) skill (l) less (m) oppose (n) mislead
9. Jerry : I can chop some wood **today**.
   Writer : But **I've** a boy corning from the orphanage.
   Jerry : **I'm** the **boy**.
   Writer : **You**? But you're **small**.
   Jerry : Size **doesn't** matter chopping wood, some of the big boys **don't** chop **well**. **I've** been chopping wood for a long time.
   Writer : Very **well**. **There's** the axe go **ahead**. **See** what you can **do**.

Barishal Board-2024
Subject: English 2nd Paper

Time: 3 Hours Marks: 100

Prat–A: Grammar [Marks: 60]

1. **Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition**

If you want to derive the best (a) ------your education, you must be fully aware (b) ------ some basic things. You should never be indifferent (c)------ your study. Infact, fostering a kind of passion (d) ------learning appears to be very important for achieving your goal. Again, you should never try to learn anything (e) ------context. You should also not run (f)------ substandard traditional guide books. As a matter of fact, confining yourself (g)------ poor quality note books discourages you to learn something deeply. But (h)------ learning a thing very deeply, you cannot achieve the required mastery (i)------the learnt thing. Thus, you may fail to get the desired benefits (j)----- your learning.

2. **Complete the sentences with the suitable phrases/words given in the box:**

was born	have to/has to	had better	would rather	let alone
what's --- like	what does --- look like	as soon as	there	it

(a) Begging is quite disgraceful. I think he knows it very well. He-------starve than do so.
(b) We------- stop cutting down trees. Deforestation is detrimental to environment.
(c) ------ he------? He is friendly and he can help you.
(d) ------ is difficult to regain lost health. So we should always take care of health.
(e) ------ flows a river beside our village. The river is useful to us in many ways.
(f) Have you seen a camel?------it------?
(g) He can not express his ideas in Bangla,------in English
(h) I ------take coffee in lieu of tea. But I like both of them.
(i) We informed the police ------the incident took place.
(j) Robert Herrick was a poet and a clergyman. He----- in London.

3. **Complete the following sentences with suitable phrases or clauses:**

(a) It is too late. Now I------ go to lunch.
(b) It is a long time since------.
(c) Had I earned enough money,------.
(d) He is a quack but he talks to the patients as if he------.
(e) The girl returned home before evening lest she ------.
(f) Mira sings very well. If she gets opportunity, ------.
(g) The poem is too difficult for-------.
(h) In spite of having all facilities, the boy------.
(i) Patriotism is a noble virtue. It is high time------.
(j) He studied hard so that ------.

4. **Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context:**

Tigers (a) -----(know) as ferocious animals. But they hardly (b) ----- (kill) any animal when they are not hungry. Usually the tigers (c) ------ (reside) in the deep forest. They are hardly (d)------ (see) in the open unless there (e) ------ (to be) a strong necessity. They often remain (f)------ (hide) under the deep green in search of the prey. Whenever they (g) ------(discern) any prospective prey, they take a pose to (h) ------(fall) upon it. Tigers often (i)----- (unite) themselves to (j) -------(attack) their prey from different directions. An adult tiger (k)-----

(devour) 20 to 30 kilograms of meat at a single meal. In our Sundarbans the number of tigers (l) ------(decrease) day by day. Poaching and illegal trafficking (m) ------ (to be) the main reasons of decrease. So the concerned authority should be committed to (n)----- (take) action to protect the tigers.

5. **Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches:**
The old man said, "Can you give me some food? I have been starving form two days." The maid said. "Why do you beg? Can't you work?" "No, I'm unable to work," said the man. The maid again said. "Don't you have anyone to look after you?" "No, I have none on this earth who can take care of me", said the old man.

6. **Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces:**
Books are (a) -----(use intensifier) essential for us. They help us (b) ------ (post-modify the verb with an infinitive) knowledge. (c) ------(pre-modify the noun with present participle) books we can know everything. They show us the (d)------(pre-modify the noun) way. Books can be our (e)------ (pre-modify the noun) friends. They help us (f) ------(post modify the verb with infinitive) our mind. They improve our (g)----- (pre-modify the noun) 'power'. They give us solace to our (h)----- (pre-modify the noun) mind. Besides, reading (i) ----- (pre-modify the noun) books, students should read other books. If they read other books, they will be able to know everything (j) ------ (port modify the verb).

7. **Use appropriate connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage.**
Time and tide wait for none. (a)------, no one can stop the onward march of time. (b) ------, it is very important to value our time. (c)-----, if time once has gone, we cannot regain it. (d)------, we should not waste a single moment in vain. (e)------, we should make proper use of every single moment of our life. (f)------, the students should understand the value of time. (g)------, it is a matter of great regret that some of the students pass away their valuable time in Facebook. (h)------, they kill their time, (i) -----they cannot prepare their lessons well. (j)------, they always have a poor preparation for the examination. (k) ----- they cannot do well in the examination. (l)------, they do not stop wasting time. (m)------, they continue to waste their time using different social media sites (n) -------it is too late for them.

8. **Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed:**
Teachers are the best <u>mentors</u> of a student. They serve the society by <u>instructing</u> and guiding <u>countless</u> students through the different stages of their <u>growth</u>. They should never call a student <u>weak</u> and <u>discourage</u> any student <u>frustrating</u> his/her <u>interest</u>, <u>ability</u> and <u>dream</u>. Every teacher should try his/her <u>best</u> to find out the ways of <u>success</u> for the students and guide them to <u>achieve</u> it.
(a) never (antonym) (b) weak (antonym) (c) discourage (antonym) (d) frustrating (synonym) (e) interest (synonym) (f) ability (antonym) (g) dream (synonym) (h) best (antonym) (i) success (antonym) (j) achieve (synonym) (k) mentor (synonym) (l) instruct (antonym) (m) countless (synonym) (n) growth (synonym)

9. **Use the necessary punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors and make capitalization necessary.**

Son : Did you keep a diary during the Liberation War
Father : Yes I did.
Son : Can I have a look at it.
Father : Im afraid, Ive lost it.
Son : Can you remember anything about it
Father : Yes I remember one event there were lots of sounds and bangs outside one night. You wanted to look out but we didnt let you.
Father : Because it was very dangerous. You were only four years old.
Son : I cant remember anything.
Father : Its natural. No one can remember all from early childhood

Part B: Composition [Marks: 40]

10. **Suppose, you are a student of 'X' college. Write an application to the Principal of your college to set up a 'smart sound system' at your class room.**
11. **Write a paragraph showing the causes and effects of price hike. (Use 200 words)**
12. **Write a paragraph describing "The Uses and Abuses of Social Media". (Use 200 words).**

Answer Sheet

Part-A

1. (a) from (b) of (c) to (d) for (e) out of (f) after (g) to (h) without (i) of (j) from
2. (a) would rather (b) have to (c) What's --- like (d) It (e) There (f) What does --- look like (g) let alone (h) had better (i) as soon as (j) was born
3. (a) It is too late. Now **I must leave to** go to lunch.
   (b) It is a long time since **we last met.**
   (c) Had I earned enough money, **I would have helped the poor.**
   (d) He is a quack but he talks to the patients as if he **were a qualified doctor.**
   (e) The girl returned home before evening lest she **should be caught in the rain.**
   (f) Mira sings very well. If she gets the opportunity, **she will surely impress everyone.**
   (g) The poem is too difficult for **me to understand.**
   (h) In spite of having all facilities, the boy **failed to achieve his goals.**
   (i) Patriotism is a noble virtue. It is high time **we all displayed our love for the country.**
   (j) He studied hard so that **he could have a good result.**
4. (a) are known (b) kill (c) reside (d) seen (e) is (f) hidden (g) discern (h) fall (i) unite (j) attack (k) devours (l) is decreasing (m) are (n) taking
5. The old man asked the maid if she could give him some food. He said that he had been starving for two days. The maid asked him why he begged. She asked if he could not work. The old man replied in the negative and said that he was unable to work. The maid again asked him if he had not anyone to look after him. The old man replied in the negative and said that he had none on the earth who could take care of him.

6. (a) absolutely/very (b) to acquire (c) By reading (d) right (e) best (f) to expand (g) intellectual (h) troubled (i) text (j) more comprehensively.
7. (a) In fact (b) Therefore (c) True that (d) Hence (e) Rather (f) Again (g) Unfortunately (h) As a result (i) and (j) As a consequence (k) Therefore (l) But (m) On the contrary (n) Until
8. (a) always (b) strong (c) encourage (d) disappointing (e) passion (f) disability (g) aspiration (h) worst (i) failure (j) accomplish (k) guide (l) learn (m) numerous (n) development
9. Son : Did you keep a diary during the Liberation **War?**
   Father : **Yes**, I did.
   Son : Can I have a look at **it**?
   Father : **I'm** afraid, **I've** lost it.
   Son : Can you remember anything about **it?**
   Father : **Yes**, I remember one **event**. **There** were lots of sounds and bangs outside one night. You wanted to look **out**, but we **didn't** let you.
   Father : Because it was very dangerous. You were only four years old.
   Son : I **can't** remember anything.
   Father : **It's** natural. No one can remember all from early **childhood**.

Chattogram Board-2024
Subject: English 2nd Paper

Time: 3 Hours Marks: 100

Prat–A: Grammar [Marks: 60]

1. Complete the following text with suitable prepositions:

Life of common people is beset (a)-----a number of troubles. Price spiral has added new sufferings (b) ------our life. Indeed, price of daily commodities has gone (c)------ the ability of the common people. Lack (d) ------supervision is responsible (e)------ it. Some dishonest businessmen devoid (f) ------morality hoard goods (g) ------quick profit. The Government should take punitive action (h)------ those people. People from all walks (i) -----life should also co-operate (j)------ the Government.

2. Complete the sentences with suitable words/phrases given in the box:

what does --- look like	it	what's --- like	as soon as	was born
has to	there	would rather	let alone	had better

(a) Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman-----in 1920 in Tungipara of Gopalgonj district.
(b) Professor Nathaniel Kleitman------? Though he looks serious, he is an interesting physiologist and sleep researcher.
(c) The train blew whistle.------ the passengers heard the whistle, they got into it.
(d) ----- is very hot today. Moreover, load-shedding is aggravating the situation.
(e) ------mother's love-------? It is incomparable.
(f) Ronny Heaslop's father is very sick. ------seems to be no hope of recovery.
(g) The sky is getting dark. Nahian -----carry an umbrella.

(h) Tahmid was too tired to walk, ------run.
(i) Ahsan ------walk home than take a rickshaw. The road is jam-packed.
(j) There is a charitable dispensary in our locality. None------ pay for the service.

3. Complete the sentences using suitable phrases/clauses.

(a) I miss my maternal grandmother a lot. 15 years have passed since-----.
(b) Zillur and Ashraf were lucky. No sooner had they ------.
(c) In our country, there are many people------. Poverty is a curse for any society.
(d) Corruption is an obstacle to our national development. It is high time------.
(e) Study sincerely lest------.
(f) Nurjahan studies medicine so that------.
(g) Once there was an old man who had three sons. They were so lazy that------.
(h) Rezwan tried his best to get the job but he could not get it. Had he got the job, he would-------.
(i) The man ------can maintain a sound health.
(j) Florence Nightingale wanted to be a nurse with a view to------.

4. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context:

Relationships (a)------ (be) of different kinds. Some (b) ------ (be) familial and intimate, (c)------ (form) by blood and by marriage: some are social like the ones we have with friends and some (d)------ (make) in school where we (e)------ (form) close bonds with classmates and teachers. Relationship can also (f)------(foster) in workplace, which may quickly (g) ------ (change) from professional to social. There (h)------ (be) relationships also between human beings and animals, between children and their toys that they can't (i) ------(part) with. All these relationships (j) ------(keep) us close to each other and (k)------(provide) us all kinds of support, love and affection. A person (l) ------ (have) no family feels the pain of loneliness and isolation. There (m) ------(be) no one to laugh or (n)------ (cry) with him/her.

5. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches:

"Porter, you may go," said the mistress of the house, laughing. "You have gained your freedom." "By Allah," he replied, "I will not leave this house until I have heard the stories of my companions."

6. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces:

Long ago, there was an (a)------(pre-modify the noun) king in England. He was tired of ruling and needed rest. He had (b)------ (pre-modify the noun) daughters- Goneril, Regan and Cordelia. He made up his mind (c) ------ (post-modify the verb with phrase) among his daughters. But, at first, he wanted (d)------(post-modify the verb with an infinitive an infinitive phrase) how much they loved him. Firstly, the king asked his (e)------ (pre-modify the noun) daughter how much she loved him. Goneril declared that she loved him (f) ----- (use an intensifier to post-modify the verb) than she could say. Lear, the king, was (g) ----- (pre-modify the adjective) satisfied. He gave her one-third of the kingdom. Then he asked his (h)------ (pre-modify the noun) daughter Regan. She replied that her love for him would

never change. She was able (i) ------ (post-modify the adjective with an infinitive) him. So, the king gave another-third of his kingdom. Then, it was the turn of Cordelia, the (j)------ (pre-modify the noun) daughter of the king.

7. **Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage:**

Self-confidence is essential to attain success in life. (a)------ a person having self- confidence has won half of the battle. Self- confidence enables a man to prosper by creating some other virtues requisite, for success. (b) ------when a self-confident man fails to attain success, he becomes determined to reach his goal. This determination gives rise to some other virtues in him. (c)------, he becomes diligent. He does not yield to failure. (d) ------- he endeavours more in the process. (e)------he becomes more sincere in his work. (f) ----- he becomes successful. (g) -----a man devoid of self-confidence stumbles at every step. (h)------he loses vitality to go ahead. (i)------ he does not try once more. (j)------ he is heard to curse his fortune. (k)----- the brave who have self-confidence can have their names enlisted in the list of the greatest men on earth. (l) ------this process has been going on since prehistoric time. (m) ------ we must follow the track of the greatest people. (n) ------we have to be failure in life and lament.

8. **Read the passage and then write the synonym or antonym of the words as directed below:**

Morning walk is not only pleasant but also beneficial to health. In fact, walking regularly in the morning is a very good habit. It is the most advisable physical exercise for the aging and the old. In the morning, nature appears at her best. At that time everything remains quiet and seems impressive. The environment with birds and beasts becomes calm and serene. The people who go out for a walk in the morning cannot but be impressed by it. It helps to keep their mind jolly and jovial. It also sets their temper for the rest of the day.

(a) pleasant (antonym); (b) beneficial (antonym); (c) regularly (antonym); (d) advisable (synonym); (e) appear (synonym); (f) best (antonym); (g) quiet (antonym); (h) environment (synonym); (i) beasts (synonym); (j) serene (synonym); (k) impressed (synonym); (l) jovial (antonym) (m) temper (synonym); (n) rest (antonym).

9. **There are fourteen errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors:**

Have you seen your mother Jerry I see her every summer She sends for me I wanted to cry out Why are you not with her How can she let you go away again He said She comes up here from Mannville whenever she can She doesnt have a job now.

Part B: Composition [Marks: 40]

10. **Write an application to the Principal of Chattogram College, Chattogram for admission on TC.**
11. **Write a paragraph on 'Smart Bangladesh' around 200 words.**
12. **Write a compare and contrast paragraph on "Junk Food and Healthy Food" around 200 words."**

Answer Sheet

Part-A

1. (a) with (b) to (c) beyond (d) of (e) for (f) of (g) for (h) against (i) of (j) with
2. (a) was born (b) What does ---- look like (c) As soon as (d) It (e) What's---like (f) There (g) had better (h) let alone (i) would rather (j) has to
3. (a) I miss my maternal grandmother a lot. 15 years have passed since **she passed away.**
   (b) Zillur and Ashraf were lucky. No sooner had they reached home **than the rain started pouring heavily.**
   (c) In our country, there are many people **living below the poverty line**. Poverty is a curse for any society.
   (d) Corruption is an obstacle to our national development. It is high time **we took strong measures against it.**
   (e) Study sincerely lest **you should fail to pass the exam.**
   (f) Nurjahan studies medicine so that **she can help people as a doctor.**
   (g) Once there was an old man who had three sons. They were so lazy **that they refused to do any work.**
   (h) Rezwan tried his best to get the job but he could not get it. Had he got the job, **he would have been able to support his family better.**
   (i) The man **who exercises regularly** can maintain sound health.
   (j) Florence Nightingale wanted to be a nurse with a view to **improving medical care.**
4. (a) are (b) are (c) are formed (d) are made (e) form (f) be fostered (g) change (h) are (i) part (j) keep (k) provide (l) having (m) is (n) cry
5. The mistress of the house told the Porter laughing that he might go. She added that he had gained his freedom.
   Swearing by Allah, the Porter replied that he would not leave that house until he had heard the stories of his companions.
6. (a) aged/old (b) three (c) to divide (d) to know (e) eldest (f) more (g) very (h) second (i) to convince (j) youngest
7. (a) In fact (b) Moreover (c) For example (d) Therefore (e) As a result (f) Eventually (g) In contrast (h) and (i) Hence (j) Subsequently (k) True that/ In fact (I) And (m) Therefore (n) Otherwise
8. (a) unpleasant (b) harmful (c) irregularly (d) recommended (e) seem (f) worst (g) noisy (h) surroundings (i) animals (j) peaceful (k) affected (l) gloomy (m) mood (n) activity
9. "**Have** you seen your **mother, Jerry**?"
   "**I** see her every **summer**. She sends for **me**."
   I wanted to cry **out**, "**Why** are you not with **her**? **How** can she let you go away **again**?"
   He **said**, "**She** comes up here from Mannville whenever she can. She **doesn't** have a job now.

Dinajpur Board-2024
Subject: English 2nd Paper

Time: 3 Hours Marks: 100

Prat–A: Grammar [Marks: 60]

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.

It is known (a) -----all that one day all will pass away (b)------this earth. So, we have no escape (c)------ death. One day we all will roll down (d) -----the icy lap of death. Because death is common (e) -----all. So, we should not mourn (f) ------the dead. But those who die (g)----- the country are immortal. Their memories do not sink (h)------ oblivion. There is no medicine that can save a man (i)------ death. So, we should always be ready (j) ------ death. So, we should death.

2. Complete the sentences with suitable words/phrases given in the box:

There	was born	let alone	what does --- look like	has to
It	would rather	what's --- like	had better	as soon as

(a) Most of the kids are fun-loving. They----- play than study.
(b) ------ the weather------ today?
(c) Rant is an examinee. She ------study a lot to make a good result.
(d) I have been suffering from cold and cough. I can't speak clearly ------sing.
(e) ------ seems to be a crowd on the road. Lets go and see.
(f) Florence Nightingale was a nurse. She-------in Italy.
(g) -------a plane flying above ------- from below? It looks like a bird.
(h) It is a cold day. ------the sun rises, the fog disappears.
(i) ------is a lack of communication. They don't understand the problem at all.
(j) We ------go home. It's getting dark.

3. Complete the following sentences with suitable clauses/phrases:

(a) There goes a proverb, "Grasp all, ------". If you want to get everything at a time, you may end up in losing every thing.
(b) The first and foremost duty of a student is to study. Without -------,you can never expect a good result.
(c) You never speak the truth. I will not accompany you unless you-------.
(d) Early rising is good for health. You should rise early so that------.
(e) Self-help is the best help and Allah helps those who-----.
(f) Don't be tensed for my return. ------after I shall have finished my work.
(g) You ought to read your texts again and again with a view to------.
(h) You should remember that if you do not work hard, you will have a chance to fall in the exam. Work hard lest-------.
(i) It is 10 O'clock now. Our train will start exactly at 11 O'clock. It is high time we------.
(j) My childhood was full of happiness. Would that-------.

4. **Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context:**

We can't help (a) ------(rely) on English. Now, English is (b) ------(use) as a common language for global communication. It (c) ----- (recognize) as an international language. English is important for (d)------ (maintain) communication with our development partners. A good command over English as well as regular practices (e) ------ (be) essential for us. 80% information of all the computers (f)-------(be) in English. With a view to (g)------ (exchange) our views with the rest of the world, we have to (h) ------(learn) English. Moreover, we (i) -------(provide) with the good scope of (j)-------(enjoy) the best books through English. English (k)-------(be) now no longer the native speaker's language. Now it (l) ------(belong) to the world's people. It is high time we (m) ------(pay) more attention to English. Otherwise, we (n) ------ (lag) behind.

5. **Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches:**

The class teacher said to the students, "Do you like to go for study tour?" "Yes," said all the students. Then he said, "Take permission of your parents." One of the students said, "Let us go to Cox's Bazar." The Principal said, "May your journey be safe and sound."

6. **Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces:**

Rainy season is the proper time for (a) ------(use a noun adjective to pre modify the noun) plantation. It is the time when (b) ------ (use article to pre modify the noun) environment is the most suitable one for the (c) ------(use an adjective to pre modify the noun) growth of trees. We should plant trees according to (d)------ (use possessive to pre modify the noun) suitability of the land. There are (e)------ (use quantifier to pre modify the noun) fallow lands around us. We can plant saplings on (f)------ (use a demonstrative) lands. Sea- beaches, low-lying areas, road sides etc. can be brought under the scheme of tree plantation. We can easily engage landless people (g)------ (use an infinitive phrase to post modify the verb) the saplings and ensure their safe growth. The success of tree plantation programme requires (h) -------(use article to pre modify the noun phrase) united effort. The Government, the NGOS and the educated section of the society should work (i) ------ (post modify the verb with adverbial) in this regard. Everybody should come forward spontaneously to contribute to (j) ------- (use a demonstrative to pre modify the noun phrase) noble campaign.

7. **Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage:**

My name is Amerigo. I am 13 years old (a)------ live on the street alone. My mother does not live with me. (b)------, she does not want me. (c)------, she told me to go away. (d) ------ my mother is separated from my father. (e)-------she is married to another man. Probably she is happy with him. (f)-------, my father lives very far away. (g)------, I cannot go there. (h) ------I want to go to him, he doesn't take me either. I begged him to send to me some money (i) -------I could buy a bus ticket. I am still waiting (j) ------ he hasn't answered. (k)------, the streets are now my home. I used to do some works (l) ------, collecting trash, selling ice-cream of a owner etc. I sold ice-cream of the owner but he gave me nothing in return, (m)------, I had to starve sometimes. (n)-------, my life is very hard without my parents.

8. **Read the passage below and then write the synonym or antonym of the words as directed:**

Smoking is a very bad habit. It is a dangerous habit too. It is so dangerous and mortifying that it may cause cancer, heart attack, high blood pressure, chronic troubles and other serious diseases. Smoking tobacco products is a major health hazard. One puff of cigarette smoke contains fifteen billion particles of extremely poisonous things such as nicotine, methyl alcohol, carbon monoxide, formaldehyde, arsenic and several other acids. These are all really very fatal and injurious to health. Nicotine constricts the size of blood vessels which impedes the normal flow of blood and oxygen in the body. It causes the heart to beat faster. Arsenic and tobacco tar are cancer causing agents in animals and human beings. Tobacco tar forms a brown sticky mass inside the lungs and it hinders the easy flow of blood. In short, the dangers of smoking are quite unlimited and all should avoid it to live a happy and peaceful life.

(a) dangerous (synonym) (b) mortifying (antonym) (c) cause (synonym) (d) major (antonym) (e) fatal (antonym) (f) injurious (synonym) (g) impede (antonym) (h) normal (synonym) (i) inside (antonym) (j) hinder (synonym) (k) poisonous (synonym) (l) unlimited (antonym) (m) avold (antonym) (n) peaceful (antonym).

9. **There are fourteen errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors:**

Student	:	May I come in, sir
Headmaster	:	Yes come in.
Student	:	Good morning sir.
Headmaster	:	Good morning. What do you want
Student	:	Sir I want a transfer certificate.
Headmaster	:	A transfer certificate Why do you need a transfer certificate Its the middle of the session.
Student	:	My father has been transferred from Dhaka to Khulna.
Headmaster	:	oh I see. Cant you stay here for the rest of the session
Student	:	Sorry sir, I cant. My father is unable to afford me here.
Headmaster	:	Don't you have any relative here?
Student	:	No, I havent.
Headmaster	:	Where is your application?
Student	:	Here it is, sir.
Headmaster	:	Have you cleared your tuition fees?
Student	:	Yes, sir. Here is the receipt.
Headmaster	:	Meet the head clerk.
Student	:	Thank you, sir.

Part B: Composition [Marks: 40]

10. **Write an application to the Principal of your college praying for a seat in the college hostel.**
11. **Write a paragraph on "The Celebration of Pahela Baishakh in Bangladesh". (Within 200 words)**
12. **Write a paragraph on "Premature Marriage in Bangladesh" showing its causes and effects. (Within 200 words).**

Answer Sheet

Part-A

1. (a) to (b) from (c) from (d) into (e) to (f) for (g) for (h) into (i) from (j) for
2. (a) would rather (b) What's --- like (c) has to (d) let alone (e) There (f) was born (g) What does --- look like (h) As soon as (i) There (j) had better
3. (a) There goes a proverb, "Grasp all, **lose all**". If you want to get everything at a time, you may end up in losing everything.
   (b) The first and foremost duty of a student is to study. Without **hard work and dedication**, you can never expect a good result.
   (c) You never speak the truth. I will not accompany you unless you **start speaking the truth**.
   (d) Early rising is good for health. You should rise early so that **you can start your day fresh and energetic.**
   (e) Self-help is the best help and Allah helps those who **help themselves.**
   (f) Don't be tensed for my return. **I shall return** after I shall have finished my work.
   (g) You ought to read your texts again and again with a view to **understanding them thoroughly.**
   (h) You should remember that if you do not work hard, you will have a chance to fail in the exam. Work hard lest **you should fail to achieve your goals.**
   (i) It is 10 O'clock now. Our train will start exactly at 11 O'clock. It is high time we **started for the station.**
   (j) My childhood was full of happiness. Would that **I were a child again.**
4. (a) relying (b) used (c) is recognized (d) maintaining (e) are (f) is (g) exchanging (h) learn (i) are provided (j) enjoying (k) is (l) belongs (m) paid (n) will lag
5. The class teacher asked the students if they liked to go for a study tour. All the students replied affirmatively. He then instructed them to take permission from their parents. One of the students suggested going to Cox's Bazar. The Principal wished them a safe and sound journey.
6. (a) seasonal (b) the (c) proper/quick/speedy (d) its (e) many (f) these (g) to plant (h) a (i) together (j) this
7. (a) and (b) In fact (c) In addition (d) Moreover (e) Additionally (f) Besides (g) However (h) Even though (i) so that (j) but (k) Consequently (l) such as (m) As a result (n) Therefore

8. (a) hazardous (b) uplifting (c) create (d) minor (e) harmless (f) harmful (g) facilitate (h) typical (i) outside (j) obstruct (k) toxic (l) limited (m) embrace (n) turbulent

9. Student : May I come in, **sir**?
Headmaster : **Yes**, come in.
Student : Good **morning**, sir.
Headmaster : Good morning. What do you **want**?
Student : **Sir**, I want a transfer certificate.
Headmaster : A transfer **certificate**! Why do you need a transfer **certificate**? **It's** the middle of the session.
Student : My father has been transferred from Dhaka to Khulna.
Headmaster : **Oh**, I see. **Can't** you stay here for the rest of the **session**?
Student : **Sorry**, sir, I **can't**. My father is unable to afford me here.
Headmaster : Don't you have any relative here?
Student : No, I **haven't**.
Headmaster : Where is your application?
Studentm : Here it is, sir.
Headmaster : Have you cleared your tuition fees?
Student : Yes, sir. Here is the receipt.
Headmaster : Meet the head clerk.
Student : Thank you, sir.

Mymensingh Board-2024
Subject: English 2nd Paper

Time: 3 Hours Marks: 100

Prat–A: Grammar [Marks: 60]

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions:

Ours is a riverine country. Rivers are every where (a) ------our life, literature, economy and culture. But are the rivers (b)------- good shape? Unfortunately they are not. Though rivers are part and parcel (c) -------our life, we ourselves are cruel (d)------- them. A few rivers are already dead and several are going (e) -------the pangs of death. Some river-grabbers grab river banks and build buildings (f) -------trade and commerce. Rivers are also getting silted (g) -------deforestation. So rivers cannot flow (h)------- sufficient water during the rainy season. As a result floods occur and people's sufferings go (i) -------description. Then rivers become source of sufferings instead (j)------- blessings.

2. Complete the following sentences with suitable words/phrases given below:

there	has to	let alone	as soon as	what does---look like
was born	it	had better	would rather	what's---like

(a) Selina is a poor student. She cannot afford to buy a cell phone-----a laptop.
(b) The sky is cloudy. It may rain today. You------ leave early.

(c) ------Is many years since we first met. How time does fly!
(d) His mother is sick. He needs to go home------ possible.
(e) We----- develop our humanity than observe hartal and strike.
(f) Robert Browning is my favourite poet. He------ in 1812.
(g) -------was a pandemic all over the world in 2020 and 2021.
(h) A good citizen -------perform a lot of things.
(i) -------the national flower of Bangladesh ------?
(j) ------honesty------? It is the best quality of life.

3. Complete the following sentences with suitable clauses and phrases:

(a) Patriotism is a noble virtue. It is high time------.
(b) Hasan got GPA 4.50. Had he studies seriously he------.
(c) Time is valuable. Those who waste time ------.
(d) This celling is not so high. He is tall enough------.
(e) Lock the door and keep the key in a safe place lest-----.
(f) You cannot understand everything clearly unless------.
(g) A lot of passengers were waiting at the bus stop. A bus came. But the bus was so small that-------.
(h) Inspite of facing so many drawbacks in life he------ ultimately.
(i) Ayesha is a bright student. She studies hard so that------.
(j) Freedom is man's birth right. He is born free but every where-------.

4. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context:

Man has unquenchable thirst for knowledge. He is never (a) -------(satisfy) with what he already (b) -------(know) and (c) ------ (see). Naturally he (d)------ (want) to know and (e)------ (see) more and more. This curiosity for (f) ------(know) more has (g) ------ (inspire) him (h) ------ (undertake) and (i)------(carry) out difficult and dangerous tasks which eventually (j) ------- (result) in epoch making discoveries and inventions and (k)-------(lead) him in his long and continuous journey from his helpless state of caveman to his present situations of power and progress. He (l) ------(be) helpless still now, he would not have (m) ------(be) able to control all powers and forces. (n)------ (invent) so many technologies he now controls almost all destructive powers and forces.

5. Change the narrative style by using indirect speech:

The king said to the astrologer, "How long do you want to live? For you will be hanged very soon." Looking at the sky the astrologer said. "My Lord, the positions of the stars declare that I'll die only a week before your Majesty. Good bye." The king turned pale and ordered his courtiers, "Drive this wretch away and never allow him to come for disturbing peace."

6. Read the following text and use modifiers in the blanks as directed:

A library is a (a)------ (pre-modify the noun) house of knowledge. The students (b) ------- (use a participle) in all classes visit it in their leisure period. Usually a college library is housed in two rooms. (c) ------(pre-modify the noun) almirahs are placed in one room. The

other room is the (d) ------(use a participle to modify the noun) room where magazines. Journals and newspapers are placed. Hundreds of books are arranged (e) -------(post-modify the verb). So any type of book can be traced in no time. The books cater to the needs and interests (f) ------(use a pre-positional phrase). Generally there are two seperate sections in the library. One of them contains reference books like (g)------ (use nouns) etc. The other section contains books (h) ------(use a pre-positional phrase). Every student has a (i) ------ (use a noun adjective to modify noun) card. The reading room is always crowded (j) ------ (post modify the verb) in the afternoon.

7. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following text: Honesty is a noble virtue.

The man (a)------ possesses this uncommon quality is the happiest man in the world. Truely speaking a man should have trustworthiness (b) -------nobody believes a liar. A liar may prosper for the time being. (c)------ ultimately he goes to the dogs. (d) ------, we should be honest in our life. It is believed that honesty is the best policy. (e) ------dishonesty is the sign of down fall. God helps those who are honest. (f) ------, dishonest people are cursed. Childhood is the best time (g) ------- children should be taught honesty. It is seen that children follow their parents. (h)-------, parents should be honest (i) ------, they should be allowed to mix with those friends who are really honest. (j) ------, parents should tell stories of honest people to children. (k) ------, they can tell the story of honest people from history. (l) -------, parents should teach children how to distinguish between the right and the wrong. (m) -------, children build up their character. (n)------parents can show the path of honesty to children.

8. Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below:

Sincerity is the essential element of life. Since it is the root of success, it is the quality of great men. They know its importance in human life. A sincere person is concerned about the outcome of his deeds. He has a good intention. People would like to trust a sincere person as he does not prove false. So, he usually wins respect of others. A sincere person is always eager to possess a truthful mind, friendly and real personality. With these qualities he can overcome many difficulties in life. He can also recognise the intrinsic value of something. His good deeds are recognised and praised everywhere. Undoubtedly a sincere person is a trustworthy person.

(a) success (antonym) (b) great (antonym) (c) importance (synonym) (d) outcome (synonym) (e) intention (synonym) (f) trust (antonym) (g) respect (antonym) (h) eager (antonym) (i) prove (synonym) (j) overcome (synonym) (k) value (synonym) (l) deed (synonym) (m) praise (antonym) (n) sincere (synonym)

9. There are fourteen errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors:

Rahim : We are about to finish our HSC examination are you thinking about your future

Karim : Yes, What about you
Rahim : I want to pursue higher education. What are your plans
Karim : I rather follow some vocation course to make my career.
Rahim : Really have you thought of any particular vacation
Karim : Yes I would like to join the fashion design course. This career has a prospect these days,
Rahim : It is suitable for boys.
Karim : Why not Boys are as good as girl in many profession now a days. Whats your future plan
Rahim : I would like to go for teaching.
Karim : Its good profession for a studious boy like you.

Part B: Composition [Marks: 40]

10. Write an application to the Principal of your college to install multimedia system in the classroom.
11. Write a paragraph on uses and abuses of internet in 200 words.
12. Write a paragraph on' 'Price Hike' in 200 words.

Answer Sheet

Part-A

1. (a) in (b) in (c) of (d) to (e) through (f) for (g) (due) to (h) with (i) beyond (j) of
2. (a) let alone (b) had better (c) It (d) as soon as (e) would rather (f) was born (g) There (h) has to (i) What does ---- look like (j) What's --- like
3. (a) Patriotism is a noble virtue. It is high time **we all stood up for our country.**
   (b) Hasan got GPA 4.50. Had he studied seriously, **he could have achieved even better results.**
   (c) Time is valuable. Those who waste time **regret it later.**
   (d) This ceiling is not so high. He is tall enough **to touch it.**
   (e) Lock the door and keep the key in a safe place lest **you should lose it.**
   (f) You cannot understand everything clearly unless **you have all the necessary information.**
   (g) A lot of passengers were, waiting at the bus stop. A bus came. But the bus was so small that **it couldn't accommodate them all.**
   (h) Inspite of facing so many drawbacks in life, he **succeeded ultimately.**
   (i) Ayesha is a bright student. She studies hard so that **she can achieve her goals.**
   (j) Freedom is man's birthright. He is born free but everywhere **he is in chains.**
4. (a) satisfied (b) knows/ has known (c) sees/ has seen (d) wants (e) see (f) knowing (g) Inspired (h) to undertake (i) carry (j) has resulted (k) led (l) had been (m) been (n) Inventing
5. The king asked the astrologer how long he wanted to live, informing him that he would be hanged very soon. Looking up at the sky, the astrologer replied to the king that according to

the positions of the stars, he would die only a week before his Majesty. Then he bid the king farewell. The king turned pale and ordered his courtiers to drive that wretch away and never allow him to come for disturbing peace.

6. (a) store (b) participating (c) Wooden (d) reading (e) systematically (f) of students and faculty (g) dictionaries, encyclopedias (h) for borrowing (1) library (j) heavily
7. (a) who (b) because (c) but (d) Therefore (e) Conversely (f) Conversely/ On the other hand (g) when (h) Therefore (i) and (j) Additionally (k) For instance (l) Furthermore (m) Thus (n) In this way
8. (a) failure (b) insignificant (c) significance (d) result (e) purpose (f) distrust (g) disrespect (h) reluctant (i) demonstrate (j) conquer (k) worth (l) action (m) criticize (n) honest
9. Rahim : We are about to finish our HSC **examination. Are** you thinking about your **future**?
   Karim : **Yes**. What about **you**?
   Rahim : I want to pursue higher education. What are your **plans**?
   Karim : I rather follow some vocation course to make my career.
   Rahim : **Really? Have** you thought of any particular **vacation**?
   Karim : **Yes**, I would like to join the fashion design course. This career has a prospect these days.
   Rahim : **Is it** suitable for **boys**?
   Karim : Why **not**? Boys are as good as girl in many professions now a days. **What's** your future **plan**?
   Rahim : I would like to go for teaching.
   Karim : **It's** good profession for a studious boy like you.