Dhaka Board-2025

Subject: English 2nd Paper

Time: 3 Hours | Full Mark: 100

Part A: Grammar (60 Marks)

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. 0.5×10=5

Charity is a noble virtue. A person should be endowed (a) ----- this virtue. It makes people think fovourably (b) ----- their fellowmen and do them good. It is also the cheerful giving of one's possession to someone (c) ----- need. This quality brings happiness (d) ----- earth and strengthens the ties of relationship (e) ----- men. It should not be measured (f) ----- terms of money. Rather, it should be measured (g) ----- the sacrifice that one makes. In fact, it is a form (h) ----- self-sacrifice (i) ----- which our society cannot progress. So, everybody should practise this habit (j) ----- childhood.

2. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/words given in the box. 0.5 ×10 = 5

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

(a) You ----- not touch the crocodile. It may be dangerous.
(b) She has never boiled an egg, ----- prepared an entire meal.
(c) It is raining outside. He will go to the shop ----- the rain stops.
(d) I don't need a lift. I ----- walk.
(e) They ----- solve these problems soon or the project will fail.
(f) The house was dirty. ----- was John who cleaned the house.
(g) ----- goes a proverb that morning shows the day.
(h) ----- an alligator -----? I have never seen it.
(i) He ----- of German parents. In fact, he lived most of his life abroad.
(j) ----- the journey -----? It was very enjoyable to me.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable clauses/phrases. 1×10 = 10

(a) Whenever I go to visit the factory, I ----- He must account for his absence.
(b) You are now sick. Call me in case -----.
(c) She confessed that -----. So he pardoned her.
(d) It was very cold. They had to put on warm clothes so that -----.
(e) The market is not far away from here. It will take them ten minutes -----.
(f) The man tried heart and soul to get the job but could not. Had he got the job, -----.
(g) Though we were thirsty, -----. The water of the bottle was not pure.
(h) They had to postpone their journey because of -----.
(i) Man is a social being. So, he cannot always do whatever -----.
(j) United we stand, -----.

4. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. 0.5 ×14 = 7

In this world truth (a) ----- (reign) over falsehood. Those who are always in the habit of (b) ----- (speak) the truth (c) ----- (respect) everywhere. But those who are involved in telling lies (d) ----- (shine) in life. That is why, we see that many great men in the history used to (e) ----- (preach) truth among their countrymen. (f) ----- (be) truthful is essential for our society. It (g) ----- (hold) the highest value in (h) ----- (make) our society better. This quality (i) ----- (consider) as one of the essential factors that empowers us from within. A truthful man is a (j) ----- (trust) person. And this trust (k) ----- (build)

confidence in us. Confidence makes us (l) ----- (feel) better. When we start (m) ----- (get) comfortable with speaking the truth, we will begin to prosper. So, we should try hard (n) ----- (stay) away from the lies.

5. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches. 7

"Where are you going?" said the merchant. "I was coming to see you." "What do you want?" "To earn my bread by the labour of my hands." "Do you really want work?" said the merchant. "Yes, if you have any." "Then follow me and carry a box from a shop to my house." "I do not see how I can do that," said the youth.

6. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces as directed. 0.5×10 = 5

(Pre-modify the The necessity of learning English is the demand of today's world. But many people in (a) ----- noun with a possessive) country do not realize it. As we are living in a (b) ----- (Pre-modify the noun with an adjective) village, it has become essential (c) ----- (Post-modify the adjective with an infinitive phrase). So, if we know English (d) ----- (Post-modify the verb with an adverb), we can communicate with people all over the world. Surely, English has become an important element of our (e) ----- (Use an adjectie to pre-modify the noun) development. This language ensures an (f) ----- (Use an adjective to pre-modify the noun) access to all the information in the world computers. (g) ----- (Use a participle phrase to pre-modify the clause), we can progress personally and professionally. If we fail to have a good command over the language, we will lag behind (h) ----- (Post-modify the verb using an adverbial). With (i) ----- (Use a demonstrative to pre-modify the noun) language, we can get access to art, literature and culture from various countries. So, it is clear that English is (j) ----- (Use an adverb to pre-modify the verb) spoken all over the world.

7. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following text. 0.5×14 = 7

A thing of beauty is a joy forever. (a) -----, a flower is a symbol of beauty and purity. (b) ----- flower cultivation was rare in our country. (c) ----- the scenario has been changed. (d) ----- people cultivate flowers not only for enjoying their beauty but also for earning money. (e) -----, in big cities and towns, many flower shops have flourished and different types of flowers are sold there. (f) -----, the demand of flowers is increasing day by day. (g) -----, they are of great use to us. (h) ----- flowers play an important role in making our mood cheerful and happy. (i) -----, they are used for decorating homes. (j) -----, flowers are regarded as a symbol of mourning and tribute to someone. (k) -----, in many popular and social events, flowers are needed for stage or spot decoration. (1) -----, we express our love and affection towards anyone with flowers. (m) -----, flowers are a great source of honey, perfume, medicine and even food. (n) -----, the use of flowers in our daily life has become wide in different ways.

8. Read the passaage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed. 0.5×14 = 7

There can be no <u>progress</u> without <u>efforts</u>. Life loses its <u>interest</u> if there is no <u>struggle</u>. For example, games become <u>dull</u> if there is no <u>competition</u> in them and if the result is <u>easily</u> foreseen. No matter we <u>win</u> the game or lose it. The keener the contest, the greater the <u>enjoyment</u>. A <u>victory</u> is not a <u>real</u> triumph unless both the sides are <u>equally</u> matched. Whether we <u>like</u> it or not, life is a <u>continuous</u> competitive examination.

(a) progress (synonym); (b) efforts (synonym); (c) interest (synonym); (d) struggle (antonym); (e) dull (antonym); (f) competition (synonym); (g) easily (antonym); (h) win (antonym); (i) enjoyment (synonym); (j) victory (antonym); (k) real (synonym); (1) equally (antonym); (m) like (synonym); (n) continuous (antonym).

9. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors and use capital letters if neccessary. 0.5×14=7

Kamal: Wheres your pen?
Rony: It's gone.
Kamal: Gone
Rony: Yes it was on the desk a few minutes ago Now there is no sign of it.
Kamal: I left it on the desk.
Rony: Its my favourite pen. What can I do
Kamal: Lets complain to the Principal.
Rony: For what
Kamal: For your pen
Rony: Youre mad I'll complain to the Principal for a pen

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

10. Suppose you are a student of a college in Dhaka. Many outsiders disturb the students in your college campus during class hours. Now, on behalf of the students, write an application to your Principal for taking measures against the outsiders. 10
11. Write a paragraph on "The Importance of Moral Values" within 200 words. 15
12. Write a paragraph on "Frequent Road Accidents Its Causes and Effects in Bangladesh" within 200 words. 15

Answer Sheet

1. (a) with; (b) of; (c) in; (d) to; (e) among; (f) in; (g) by; (h) of; (i) without; (j) from.
2. (a) had better; (b) let alone; (c) as soon as; (d) would rather; (e) have to; (f) It; (g) There; (h) What does....look like: (i) was born; (j) What's....like.
3. (a) Whenever I go to visit the factory, I find him absent/missing.
   (b) Call me in case you need any help/your condition gets worse than yesterday.
   (c) She confessed that she had made a mistake.
   (d) They had to put on warm clothes so that they could keep their bodies warm/they could protect themselves from coldness.
   (e) It will take them ten minutes to reach there on foot.
   (f) Had he got the job, he would have supported in his family./he would have made his parents happy.
   (g) Though we were thirsty, we decided not to drink the water from the bottle.
   (h) They had to postpone their journey because of adverse weather condition./the sudden heavy rain and stormy weather.
   (i) So, he cannot always do whatever he wants.
   (j) United we stand, divided we fall.
4. (a) reigns; (b) speaking; (c) are respected; (d) don't shine/cannot shine; (e) preach; (f) Being To be; (g) holds; (h) making; (i) is considered; (j) trusted; (k) builds; (1) feel; (m) getting/to get; (n) to stay.

5. The merchant asked the youth where he was going. The youth replied that he (Y) had been going to see him (M). The merchant asked him what he (Y) wanted. He (Y) replied that he wanted to earn his bread by the labour of his hands. The merchant again asked him if he (Y) really wanted work. The youth replied in the affirmative that he (Y) wanted work if he (M) had any. Then the merchant ordered him (Y) to follow him (M) and carry a box from a shop to his (M) house. At this, the youth said that he (Y) did not understand how he (Y) could do that.
6. (a) our; (b) global; (c) to communicate with people all over the world/to learn English; (d) properly/accurately; (e) personal/individual/national; (f) open/easy; (g) Having good command over English/Learning English properly; (h) in our self-development/badly/ih the process of developing ourselves: (i) this; (j) widely.
7. (a) Likewise/In fact; (b) In the past/Once; (c) But; (d) Now/Nowadays/At present; (e) Recently/In recent fine; (f) Noticeably/Truly speaking; (g) In fact/Actually; (h) For example, (i) Besides; (j) Moreover; (k) Nowadays/In addition; (1) Again/Even; (m) Apart from these/Most importantly/Truly speaking; (n) Thus/In this way.
8. (a) advancement/development/improvement; (b) attempts/struggles/endeavors; (c) excitement /attraction; (d) ease/comfort; (e) exciting/thrilling/interesting/lively; (f) contest/race; (g) hardly; (h) lose; (i) pleasure/ happiness/delight; (j) defeat/failure; (k) genuine(actual/true; (1) unequally/unevenly; (m) prefer/love/accept; (n) occasional/interrupted.
9. Kamal: Where's your pen?
   Rony: It's gone.
   Kamal: Gone?
   Rony: Yes, it was on the desk a few minutes ago. Now, there is no sign of it.
   Kamal: I left it on the desk.
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   Kamal: Let's complain to the Principal.
   Rony: For what?
   Kamal: For your pen.
   Rony: You're mad! I'll complain to the Principal for a pen?

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Mymensingh Board-2025

Subject: English 2nd Paper

Time: 3 Hours Full Mark: 100

Part A: Grammar (60 Marks)

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. 0.5×10=5

Gen Z refers (a) ----- the group of people born after 1996. They are called so-because they are digital natives who have grown (b) ----- with technology like smartphones and the internet. Normally, Gen Z kids are fond (c) ----- using digital devices and gadgets daily. They are also very good (d) ----- using online apps and looking (e) ----- they need. This generation is absorbed (f) ----- important issues like politics, social inequality concerns. Gen Z is different (g) ----- other generations because they are always connected

(h) ----- information whenever and even environmental social media and other online platforms. They enjoy learning (i) ----- new things (j) ----- videos and websites.

2. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/words given in the box. 0.5 ×10 = 5

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

(a) Truth is sometimes too bitter to digest. You ----- not ask me the truth.
(b) I cannot tolerate such an insult. I ----- leave this place immediately than endure further humiliation.
(c) Steve Jobs ----- into a humble family, by dint of merit, he transformed the world of technology.
(d) The audience leaves the spot ----- Nambi finishes his storytelling.
(e) I don't think he can finish a single chapter, ----- the whole book in one night.
(f) ----- are many challenges in life, but with determination, we can overcome them all.
(g) Mountaineering seems to be very exciting. ----- it ----- standing on the peak of a mountain?
(h) ----- is important to remember that success requires patience and hard work.
(i) I ----- finish this project by tomorrow, or all my efforts will be in vain once the deadline passes.
(j) I've never seen a snow leopard in the wild. ----- it really -----?

3. Complete the sentences with suitable clauses/phrases. 1×10 = 10

(a) I bought a fiction of the Harry Potter series. The book wus so captivating that -----.
(b) He was too old -----. Yet, he did not listen to the warnings.
(c) I met some of my school friends at the reunion. It was nearly ten years since -----.
(d) Rupa has gained weight. It is high time she -----. Otherwise, she will become bulky.
(e) The girl was all alone 'in the room. When I entered, she looked at me as though -----.
(f) Cinderella suffered the cruelty of her step sisters. Had she had the courage to speak her mind, -----.
(g) The woman bought some antique glasses. She carried them carefully lest they -----.
(h) Our farmers are very hardworking. They work hard so that -----.
(i) During exams, Article 144 is imposed in and around the exam hall. You cannot enter the exam hall unless -----.
(j) Many of the politicians are corrupt. People hate them because -----.

4. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. 0.5 ×14 = 7

One day in 1976, Professor Muhammad Yunus (a) ----- (visit) a poor village near Chittagong University. He (b) ----- (meet) a poor woman who made bamboo stools for a living. Although she (c) ----- (work) hard, she (d) ----- (remain) poor because she (e) ----- (force) to pay a high price for the bamboo. She did not have enough money (f) ----- (buy) the bamboo and used to (g) ----- (take) loans from the moneylenders on an exorbitant interest. Professor Yunus (h) ----- (know) that he could not simply (i) ----- (give) her the money she needed because it (j) ----- (rob) the woman of her dignity. Instead, he (k) -----

(ask) the people in the village how much money they (1) ----- (need) to start their own business and free themselves from poverty. He (m) ----- (lend) the equivalent of about US $27.00 from his pocket to 42 women of the village. Those women (n) ----- (set) up their small business and started to earn money to support their families.

5. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches. 7

The three witches stood amidst the swirling mist.
"When shall we three meet again?" asked the first witch.
"When the burly-burly is done, when the battle is lost and won," replied the second witch.
"Where is the place?" inquired the third with her impatient tone
"Upon the heath," answered the first.

6. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces as directed. 0.5×10 = 5

Al Mahmud, (a) ----- (use an appositive), was born in Brahmanbaria in 1936. He is renowned for (b) ----- participle to pre-modify the noun) rural life and culture. He emerged as a (c) ----- (pre-modify the noun) poet in the 1960s and played a (d) ----- (pre-modify the noun) role in modernizing Bengali poetry. His celebrated works, which include 'Lok Lokantor, Kaler Kolosh' and 'Sonali Kabin', show (e) ----- (post modify the verb) his mastery in vivid imagery and symbolism. (f) ----- (use possessive) poetry often explores themes of love and loss, struggle and socio-political conditions of Bangladesh. Despite a number of controversies for this political ideology, his literary contributions remained unparalleled. His influence on (g) ----- (use a noun adjective to pre-modify the noun) poetry continues (h) ----- (use an infinitive to post-modify the verb) the later generations of poets. This (i) ----- (pre-modify the noun) genius passed away (j) ----- (use a prepositional phrase to post-modify the verb) of 82 in 2019.

7. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following text. 0.5×14 = 7

Mobile phone has added a new dimension to our daily life. It has brought the world closer to us. (a) -----, it has made the worldwide communication casier. (b) -----, we can talk to others, chat with friends and send e-mails. (c) -----, using social media has become handz with this device. (d) -----, we can capture our special moments. (e) -----, many other apps help us learn new things. (f) -----, mobile phone can show us the whole world through the internet. (g) -----, it has been a part and parcel in our life. We cannot go for a single day without using it. (h) -----, it is not free from defects. It has some negative sides also. (i) -----, excessive use of mobile phone may damage our hearing power. (j) -----, it is a means of wasting time. (k) -----, many crimes are being done with the use of mobiles. (1) -----, harmful radiation from it may cause cancer to the users. (m) -----, we are not aware of these bad effects. (n) -----, we will fall in health hazard.

8. Read the passaage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed. 0.5×14 = 7

Bangladesh is blessed with huge inland open water resources. It bas numerous rivers, canals, beels, lakes and vast areas of floodplains. Hakaluki haor is one of the major wetlands of Bangladesh. With a land area of 18,386. hectares, it supports a rich biodiversity and provides direct and indirect livelihood benefits to nearly 190,000 people. This haor was declared an Ecologically Critical Area in 1999 by the government of Bangladesh. Hakaluki is a complex ecosystem, containing more that 238 interconnected

beels and jalmahals. The most important beels are Chatla, Pinlarkona, Dulla, Sakua, Barajalla, Balijhuri, Lamba, Tekonia, Haorkhal, Tural, Baghalkuri and Chinaura.

(a) blessed (antonym); (b) huge (synonym); (c) open (antonym); (d) resource (synonym); (e) numerous (synonym); (f) area (synonym); (g) vast (antonym); (h) major (synonym); (i) supports (antonym); (j) provides (synonym); (k) benefit (synonym); (1) nearly (antonym); (m) critical (antonym); (n) importarit (antonym).

9. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors and use capital letters if neccessary. 0.5×14=7

Journalist : Hello Mrs Sharif. Im going to ask you a few questions today about how things used to be in the past. Firstly how long have you been living in Dhaka

Mrs Sharif: Since my childhood For more than forty-five years.

Journalist: Thats a pretty long time indeed. could you please tell us how people used to get water for their everyday use when you were a child

Mrs Sharif: Well we used to have water supplied by the Dhaka WASA in those days also but many houses had wells too. Besides there used to be many ponds in the neighbourhood where people used to bathe wash clothes and take water from, for their household use. there didnt use to be so many people in dhaka in those days so there wasnt a very big demand for the supply of water

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

10. Suppose you are a student of City Govt. Women's College, Chattogram. Write an application to the Principal of your college to set up a smart board in your classroom. 10
11. Write a paragraph on “Your Most Intimate Childhood Friend” within 200 words. 15
12. Write a paragraph comparing and contrasting school life and college life within 200 words. 15

Answer Sheet

1. (a) to; (b) up; (c) of; (d) at; (e) up; (f) in; (g) from; (h) by/to; (i) about; (j) through.
2. (a) had better; (b) would rather; (c) was born; (d) as soon as; (e) let alone; (f) There; (g) What's.....like; (h) It; (i) have to; (j) What does.....look like.
3. (a) The book was so captivating that I couldn’t sleep before finishing it.
   (b) He was too old to carry the heavy luggage.
   (c) It was nearly ten years since we had met last.
   (d) It is high time she started dieting and exercising/stopped overeating.
   (e) When I entered, she looked at me as though she had seen a ghost.
   (f) Had she had the courage to speak her mind, she would not have suffered much.
   (g) She carried them carefully lest they should break.
   (h) They work hard so that they can grow a good amount of crops.
   (i) You cannot enter the exam hall unless you have a valid admit card.
   (j) People hate them because they think about only their own interest.
4. (a) visited; (b) met; (c) worked; (d) remained; (e) was forced; (f) to buy; (g) take; (h) knew; (i) give; (j) could rob/would rob: (k) asked; (1) needed; (m) lent; (n) set.
5. The three witches stood amidst the swirling mist. The first witch asked when they three would meet again. The second witch replied that they would meet again when the hurly-

burly was done and when the battle was lost and won. The third witch inquired with her impatient tone where the place was. The first witch answered that it was upon the heath.

6. (a) a famous Bengali poet and novelist; (b) depicting/glorifzing; (c) prominent; (d) significant; (e) nicely/clearly/well; (f) His; (g) Bangla; (h) to inspire; (i) literary/exceptional; (j) at the age.

7. (a) Moreover, (b) For example; (c) In fact; (d) Now/Nowadays; (e) In addition/Besides; (f) In fact/Indeed; (g) Therefore/Thus/So; (h) But/However; (i) For instance/ Firstly; (j) Again/Secondly; (k) Moreover/Thirdly; (1) Besides/Additionally, (m) Unfortunately/But; (n) That is why/As a result.

8. (a) cursed; (b) enormous/gigantic/colossal; (c) restricted; (d) supply/reserve/source; (e) many/innumerable; (f) region/zone; (g) small/tiny; (h) significant/ big/remarkable; (i) hinders/blocks/impedes/obstructs; (j) supplies/gives/offers; (k) advantage: (1) correctly/absolutely/exactly; (m) uncritical/insignificant unimportant/ safe; (n) unimportant/insignificant.

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Journalist : That's a pretty long time indeed. Could you please tell us how people used to get water for their everyday use when you were a child?

Mrs. Sharif: Well, we used to have water supplied by Dhaka WASA in those days also, but many houses had wells too. Besides, there used to be many ponds in the neighborhood where people used to bathe, wash clothes, and take water from for their household use. There didn't use to be so many people in Dhaka in those days. So, there wasn't very big demand for the supply of water.

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Cumilla Board-2025

Subject: English 2nd Paper

Time: 3 Hours Full Mark: 100

Part A: Grammar (60 Marks)

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. 0.5×10=5

Love for motherland is inherent (a) ----- man. A man who is devoid (b) ----- love for his motherland is not a true patriot. A genuine patriot loves his motherland (c) ----- the core of his heart. He dedicates his whole life (d) ----- the service of his own country. He is prepared to lay (e) ----- his life for the greatest interest of his motherland. Our freedom fighters are the proud sons of our country. They took pride (f) ----- fighting for the country (g) ----- our enemy. They never retreated (h) ----- the batttle field ratther swooped (i) ----- the enemy valiantly. Their sacrifice will end (j) ----- vain if we fail to build our own country.

2. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/words given in the box. 0.5 ×10 = 5

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

(a) Rifat is suffering from tooth-ache. He ----- see a dentist.
(b) Rima ----- in Indonesia and raised in America and now she has a dual citizenship.
(c) The game is delayed due to rain. It will resume ----- the rain stops.
(d) In modern times, ----- has been a great change in the attitude of man regarding superstitious belief.
(e) You look very anxious. And you cannot continue your study any longer. You ----- take rest.
(f) I like typing. I ----- use the key-board than write with a pen.
(g) We aren't being able to save the trees ----- our forest.
(h) ----- mother's love -----? It is incomparable.
(i) ----- is unfortunate that many students spoil their time by using Facebook.
(j) ----- the frozen mountain peak? It looks like a white dome.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable clauses/phrases. 1×10 = 10

(a) Your HSC Examination is knocking at the door. You have to studz attentively so that -----.
(b) Time flies very fast. Five years have passed since -----.
(c) I got a scholarship when -----. Everybody was happy.
(d) I was very busy with my examination. If I -----, I would have joined your birthday celebration.
(e) A village market is a place where -----. This place is full of hue and cry.
(f) Their salary is so high. The government should assist him lest -----.
(g) Early rising gives a man enough free time. Had I been an early riser, -----.
(h) There is nobody -----. Hence happiness is a relative term.
(i) I worked hard although -----.
(j) The crown is a symbol of a king. Uneasy lies the head -----.

4. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. 0.5 ×14 = 7

A teacher (a) ----- (compare) with an architect. Teachers (b) ----- (call) the architects of a nation. They (c) ----- (play) an important role in order to build a nation. They are used to (d) ----- (make) the illiterate people worthy citizens. But the teachers (e) ----- (hold) in high respect in our country. They are habituated to (f) ----- (lead) a humble life in the midst of want. Still they (g) ----- (keep) the light of education (h) ----- (burn) with a view to (i) ----- (remove) the darkness of illiteracy. It is high time we (j) ----- (change) our outlook towards the teachers. In many developed (learn) himself. “A lamp can never light another lamp countries, teachers (k) ----- (give) high respect. “A most important truth, which we are apt (1) ----- (forget), is that a teacher can never truly teach unless he is still (m) ----- unless it (n) ----- (continue) to burn its own flame,” Tagore said.

5. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches. 7

“What kind of stories did Aesop tell?” asked Anwar. “Fable”, replied Mrs. Amin. “Do you know what fables are?” “No”, replied Anwar. “Well,” said Mrs Amin. “Fables are stories with a message or a moral.” “Who is Aesop and where does he live?” asked Anwar. “Aesop entertained people telling stories,” said Mrs Amin.

6. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces as directed. 0.5×10 = 5

Long ago there lived (a) ----- (use article to pre-modify the noun) merchant. He used to deal in salt. He had a donkey to carry the load. He used to sell (b) ----- (use possessive to

pre-modify the noun) salt loaded on the donkey. He had to cross a stream (c) ----- (use an infinitive) to other village. Once his donkey fell (d) ----- (post modify the verb with prepositional phrase) and (e) ----- (use quantifier to pre-modify the noun) of the salt was dissolved in water. The donkey (f) ----- (use an adverb to pre-modify the verb) crossed the stream due to the light weight of salt (g) ----- (post modify the verb with prepositional phrase). The donkey was happy. The merchant next day loaded the donkey with a lot of cotton. The donkey once again repeated the (h) ----- (use adjective to pre-modify the noun) trick. He fell into the stream, (i) ----- (use a demonstrative to pre-modify the noun) time his load became very heavy. The donkey carried the heavy load. It was very tiring for him to move on. The donkey now realized his mistake. He stopped falling down into (j) ----- (use determiner to pre-modify the noun) stream. The merchant had taught the donkey a good lesson.

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

0.5×14 = 7

Unemployment is a great curse. (a) ----- all the countries of the world suffer from the curse. (b) ----- nowhere in the world this problem is so acute as in our country. (c) ----- there are many reasons behind it. (d) -----, our country is industrially backward. (e) ----- our traditional education system is not service-oriented. (f) ----- our students and youths have false sense of dignity. (g) ----- they run after job only. (h) -----, unemployment problem should be removed at any cost. (i) ----- we want to remove it truly. Our education system should be changed. (j) ----- more mills and factories should be established. (k) ----- the educated youth should change their attitude tto life. (l) ----- they can work in agriculture field, cultivate fish, grow vegetables, etc. (m) ----- they can start small business. (n) ----- self employment is a possible solution to this great problem.

8. Read the passaage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed.

0.5×14 = 7

Sincerity is the root of success of all work. One can go a long way if he does a job with sincerity. The great men are sincere because they know that sincerity is the key to success. Those who do not follow the rules of sincerity can never go a long way. Sincerity is the secret of victory. If any work is not done with sincerity, one will never receive desirable output from it. So, we should be sincere in every walk of life.

(a) Sincerity (antonym); (b) success (antonym); (c) job (synonym); (d) great (antonym); (e) because (synonym); (f) know (synonym); (g) key (synonym); (h) follow (antonym); (i) rules (synonym); (j) never (antonym); (k) long (antonym); (1) victory (synonym); (m) desirable (antonym); (n) output (synonym).

9. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors and use capital letters if neccessary. 0.5×14=7

Son : Have you finished your cooking mother My time is up if I do not start now I will be again late today.

Mother: I will need only ten minutes more by this time you dress up yourself.

Son : I have already done it now I am waiting for food.

Mother: I am coming my child dont worry I will give you a drop if necessary.

Son : In that case, I have no problem to wait. Please ask your driver to make the car ready.

Mother: Ok. No problem. I myself will drop you at your college.

Son : Thats like a good mother.

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

10. Imagine you are Rifat, a student of ABC college. Now, write an application to your Principal to establish a debating club. 10
11. Write a paragraph within 200 words describing the "Importance of Tree Plantation". 15
12. Write a paragraph on "The Causes and Effects of Road Accident" within 200 words. 15

Answer Sheet

1. (a) in; (b) of, (c) from; (d) to; (e) down; (f) in; (g) against; (h) from: (i) upon/on; (j) in.
2. (a) has to; (b) was born, (c) as soon as; (d) there; (e) had better; (f) would rather, (g) let alone; (h) What's....like; (i) It; (j) What does.....look like.
3. (a) You have to studz attentively so that you can do well in the exam.
   (b) Five years have passed since we met each other.
   (c) I got a scholarship when I secured the first position in the class.
   (d) If I had got some free time, I would have joined your birthday celebration.
   (e) A village market is a place where people come to buy and sell goods.
   (f) The government should assist him lest he should face financial hardship.
   (g) Had I been an early riser, I could have finished my work earlier.
   (h) There is nobodz who is completely happy in this world.
   (i) I worked hard although I was sick for a few days.
   (j) Uneasy hes the head that wears the crown.
4. (a) is compared; (h) are called; (c) play; (d) making, (e) are not held; (f) leading; (g) keep/are keeping/have been keeping: (h) burning, (i) removing; (j) changed; (k) are given; (1) to forget; (m) learning, (n) continues.
5. Anwar asked Mrs. Amin what kind of stories Aesop had told. Mrs. Amin replied that he (A) had told Fables and asked Anwar if he knew about fables. Anwar replied in the negative. Mrs. Amin nodded and explained that fables are stories with a message or a moral. Anwar then asked Mrs. Amin who Aesop was and where he lived. Mrs. Amin replied that Aesop had entertained people telling stories.
6. (a) a; (b) his; (c) to go; (d) into the river; (e) much; (f) easily; (g) without any difficulty/ on his back; (h) same; (i) This; (j) the.
7. (a) Almost/Now/At present; (b) Truly speaking/But/Unfortunately; (c) Obviously/Surely/However; (d) Firstly/For example; (e) Secondly/Moreover; (f) Thirdly/Furthermore; (g) As a result/That's why/So/Therefore; (h) So/Therefore/Hence; (i) Indeed/In fact; (j) Additionally/In addition/Also/Again; (k) Moreover; (1) For example/In this regard/For instance; (m) Besides/Even/Also; (n) Undoubtedly/Truly speaking/In this regard.
8. (a) insincerity; (b) failure/defeat; (c) task/work; (d) ordinary; (e) since/as; (f) realize/learn; (g) way; (h) disobey/ignore; (i) principles/norms; (j) always; (k) short; (1) success/triumph; (m) undesirable/unwanted; (n) result/outcome.
9. Son : Have you finished your cooking, mother? My time is up. If I do not start now, I will be again late today.
   Mother: I will need only ten minutes more. By this time, you dress up yourself.
   Son : I have already done it. Now, I am waiting for food.
   Mother: I am coming, my child. Don't worry. I will give you a drop if necessary.

Son: In that case, I have no problem to wait. Please ask your driver to make the car ready.
Mother: OK. No problem. I myself will drop you at your college.
Son: That's like a good mother.

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Rajshahi Board-2025

Subject: English 2nd Paper

Time: 3 Hours Full Mark: 100

Part A: Grammar (60 Marks)

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. 0.5×10=5

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

2. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/words given in the box. 0.5 ×10 = 5

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

(a) A.K. Fazlul Haq ----- in Barishal. He was a scholar and a renowned politician.
(b) The thief ran away ----- we saw him. He couldn't steal anything from the house.
(c) The rickshaw-puller cannot afford to buy two square meals a day, ----- a rickshaw. He is very poor.
(d) A brave warrior ----- die than yield to enemies. He is a patriot.
(e) You ----- apply to the principal of your college for granting you a stipend. He will surely see to it.
(f) In our country a farmer ----- work hard day in and day out. He is our food provider through our creator.
(g) your ----- principal -----? He is a noble man.
(h) ----- is unfortunate that many students spoil most of their time by using Facebook.
(i) Now, we get information within some seconds. Cell phones are doing this miraculous thing. But ----- was a time when we had to wait day after day for a letter to come and bring the news about our near and dear ones.
(j) Son: Dad, ----- an alien -----? Father: Well, aliens are believed to come from another planet by UFOs. Films and science fictions tell us about them. They are really awesome.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable clauses/phrases. 1×10 = 10

(a) I think you are not punctual in studies. Be punctual lest -----.
(b) The film ended fantastically. If you had enjoyed the film -----.
(c) Though it is uncertain, -----.
(d) Fahim could not get A^+ in English provided -----.
(e) Scarcely had we reached the station -----.
(f) What is lotted -----.

(g) Food adulteration is a crime. It is high time -----.
(h) ----- as if she were a mad girl.
(i) Mahin is going to build -----. I must help him.
(j) I saw that -----. So I didn't disturb him.

4. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. 0.5 ×14 = 7

Change (a) ----- (be) the order of nature because we know the proverb that old order changes (b) ----- (yield) place to the new. So, nothing (c) ----- (remain) new forever. The same we (d) ----- (notice) in entertainment also. Old and traditional forms (e) ----- (change) and (f) ----- (modify) by new and modern forms of entertainment. Many of them (g) ----- (exist) any longer. Today TV channels and satellite (h) ----- (supersede) radio; similarly band and pop music (i) ----- (replace) our popular old songs. Football (j) ----- (lose) its appeal day by day. Cricket and other games (k) ----- (become) more and more popular. Our idea about the popularity of entertainment also (1) ----- (change). We've started (m) ----- (look) upon our forms of all life in a new way and (n) ----- (get) habituated to it.

5. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches. 7

"Have you killed the rats?" said the Mayor. "Yes, I have," replied the piper. "Give me the promised money." "How funny you are!" said the Mayor. "Take only fifty." "I was supposed to be given fifty thousand guilders." said the piper. "What have you done? The work you have done is very simple," said the Mayor.

6. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces as directed. 0.5×10 = 5

Bangladesh is criss-crossed with hundreds of rivers. (a) ----- (use a demonstrative to pre-modify the noun) rivers are the gifts of Almighty Allah. They play a very important role in our (b) ----- (pre-modify the noun) economy. There are hundreds of big and small rivers in (c) ----- (use possessive to pre-modify the noun) country. The big rivers flow (d) ----- (use adverbial phrase to post-modify the verb) but small ones flow only during the rainy season. Our rivers are of great use and important to us. They are (e) ----- (pre-modify the verb) related to our economy and prosperity of our country. These rivers are sources of communication, wealth and property, energy and fish. All the rivers play a (f) ----- (pre-modify the noun) role in our (g) ----- (use a noun adjective to pre-modify the noun) system. We use boats, launches, steamers (h) ----- (use infinitive to pre-modify the noun) goods through riverway which is cheaper and easier than carrying by land in our country. Moreover, people (i) ----- (use present participle to post-modify the noun) by the riverside can earn their livelihood by catching fish. The silt (j) ----- (use past participle to post-modify the noun) by the river water increase the fertility of our agricultural land.

7. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following text. 0.5×14 = 7

There is a proverb (a) ----- every man is for himself. (b) ----- it does not mean that he will be selfish (c) ----- only works for himself destroying the rights of others. (d) ----- it means that he will protect his own right, without harming others. He will show love and respect (e) ----- for his relatives (f) ----- for other fellow beings. (g) ----- sometimes we find some people (h) ----- think of themselves only (i) ----- snatch away other's part. (j) ----- educational institutions don't mould our children's mind with moral lessons. (k) ----- they are busy with how they can produce huge number of citizens with certificates. (1) -----

these men are in their professions, they start thinking of them merely (m) ----- indulge in personal gaining. (n) ----- our education needs to make us learn how to be a man for men.

8. Read the passaage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed. 0.5×14 = 7

There are many people who have conservative outlook. Quite early in life, they learn to believe that everything in this world is predetermined and all that happen to them are ordained by God. From this belief, the poor generally accept their poverty and all their sorrows and sufferings without trying much to overcome them. They also have same sort of attitude towards illness and diseases.

(a) People (synonym); (b) conservative (antonym); (c) early (antonym); (d) believe (synonym); (e) world (synonym); (f) all (antonym); (g) poverty (antonym); (h) sufferings (synonym); (i) much (antonym); (j) overcome (synonym); (k) same (antonym); (1) attitude (synonym); (m) illness (synonym); (n) disease (antonym).

9. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors and use capital letters if neccessary. 0.5×14=7

Mahin: What are you doing Fahim
Fahim: I am reading a letter.
Mahin: Letter From Whom
Fahim: Its from my penfriend Shes an Australian Her name is Lucy.
Mahin: How old is she?
Fahim: Sixteen the same as us. She lives in Szdney.
Mahin: Sydney What's that
Fahim: Its a city in the south-east of Australia.
Mahin: How do you know about it
Fahim: Lucy has sent me picture of it,
Mahin: Can you show me the picture?
Fahim: Yes here it is. You see it looks very beautiful, doesn't it
Mahin: Oh yes.

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

10. Write an application to the Principal of your college asking him for permission to arrange a study tour. 10
11. Write a paragraph on 'Deforestation' in about 200 words. 15
12. Write a paragraph comparing and contrasting between “Village Life and City Life” within 200 words. 15

Answer Sheet

1. (a) to; (b) from; (c) from; (d) in; (e) to; (f)-for; (g) for; (h) into; (i) from; (j) for.
2. (a) was born; (b) as soon as; (c) let alone; (d) would rather; (e) had better; (f) has to; (g) What's... like; (h) It; (i) there; (j) What does... look like.
3. (a) Be punctual lest you should cut a sorry figure in the exam./ you should fail in the exam.
   (b) If you had enjoyed the film, you would have definately talked about it for days./ you could have recommended it to your friends.
   (c) Though it is uncertain, we hope for the best./ we must keep hope alive.
   (d) Fahim could not get A^+ in English provided he did not study seriously.

(e) Scarcely had we reached the station when the train departed.
(f) What is lotted cannot be blotted.
(g) It is high time we took preventive measures to stop it.
(h) She talks/She behaves/She shouts as if she were a mad girl.
(i) Mahin is going to build a house for the street children.
(j) I saw that he was sleeping./he was studying very attentively.

4. (a) is; (b) yielding; (c) remains/can remain; (d) notice/can notice; (e) are being changed/have been changed/are changed; (f) modified; (g) do not exist; (h) are superseding/have superseded; (i) is replacing/has replaced; (j) is losing; (k) are becoming; (1) is changing/has changed/changes; (m) looking/to look; (n) are getting/to get/getting/got.

5. The Mayor asked the piper if he (p) had killed the rats. The piper replied in the affirmative that he (p) had killed the rats. He (p) then requested/told the Mayor to give him (p) the promised money. The Mayor exclaimed with wonder that he (p) was very funny and ordered the piper to take only fifty. At this, the piper said that he had been supposed/was supposed to be given fifty thousand guilders. The Mayor then asked the piper about what he (p) had done and added that the work he (p) had done was very simple.

6. (a) These; (b) national; (c) our; (d) throughout the year/in all seasons; (e) closely/ directly; (f) vital/significant/pivotal; (g) transportation; (h) to carry / to transport; (i) residing/living; (j) deposited/left/carried.

7. (a) that; (b) However/ But; (c) who; (d) Rather; (e) not only / both; (f) but also / and; (g) Yet/Nevertheless; (h) who: (i) and; (j) Truely speaking/Unfortunately; (k) Instead/Rather; (1) While / When/As soon as; (m) and/in order to: (n) So/Hence/Therefore.

8. (a) individuals; (b) liberal/progressive; (c) late; (d) trust/accept; (e) universe; (f) none; (g) prosperity/wealth/richness; (h) miseries / hardships; (i) little; (j) conquer/subdue/defeat; (k) different; (1) viewpoint/approach/outlook; (m) sickness / ailment: (n) wellness/ soundness/fitness.

9. Mahin: What are you doing, Fahim?
Fahim: I am reading a letter.
Mahin: Letter from whom?
Fahim: It's from my penfriend. She's an Australian. Her name is Lucy,
Mahin: How old is she?
Fahim: Sixteen, the same as us. She lives in Szdney.
Mahin: Sydney! What's that?
Fahim: It's a city in the south-east of Australia.
Mahin: How do you know about it?
Fahim: Lucy has sent me picture of it.
Mahin: Can you show me the picture?
Fahim: Yes, here it is. You see, it looks very beautiful, doesn't it?
Mahin: Oh, yes.

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Dinajpur Board-2025

Subject: English 2nd Paper

Time: 3 Hours | Full Mark: 100

Part A: Grammar (60 Marks)

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. 0.5×10=5

Many people do not get enough nutrition (a) ----- what they eat. Many children become blind because they do not get necessary nutrition. Diarrhoea is a common disease. This is because many do not drink clean water or they eat dirty food. So, they often suffer (b) ----- diarrhoea. The condition (c) ----- our villages is very serious. The best way to keep in good health is to follow the rules (d) ----- cleanliness. A large number (e) ----- people do not follow the rules (f) ----- health. It is a great problem (g) ----- our country. So, (h) ----- order to keep in sound health, all the people must be strict (i) ----- the rules (j) ----- health.

2. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/words given in the box. 0.5 ×10 = 5

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

(a) Our spring is very charming. During spring various kinds of flowers bloom. ----- got a new life.
(b) ----- the weather ----- today?
(c) Don't disturb me. You ----- leave me alone at this moment.
(d) The poor man ----- starve than beg.
(e) ----- exists no life on the Mars.
(f) Baby: Mom, ----- an owl -----?
(g) Sir Walter Scott was both a poet and a novelist. He ----- in 1771.
(h) Everybody ----- pay the electricity bill in time.
(i) ----- we reached the station, the train started.
(j) He did not even see a hill, ----- a mountain.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable clauses/phrases. 1×10 = 10

(a) It is swimming -----. It makes us strong.
(b) Though early rising is difficult, -----. Everybody should rise early.
(c) A barking dog -----. Do you know it?
(d) You are very tired. You would better -----.
(e) The novel written by Milton is very interesting. I read it when -----.
(f) Truthfulness is a great virtue because -----.
(g) Corrupt persons are not only dishonest but also criminals. Now it is high time we -----.
(h) A library is a place where -----. So, every educational institution should have a library.
(i) I worked hard though -----.
(j) I closed the door of my room so that -----.

4. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. 0.5 ×14 = 7

Jerry is an orphan. He (a) ----- (lose) his parents in his (come) to the orphanage at the age of four. He (b) ----- infancy. Then, he (c) ----- (commit) to the care of the orphanage. He could hardly (d) ----- (recollect) his parents' memory. In spite of (e) ----- (be) an orphan, he had developed a strong fabric of morality. His inimitable morality (f) ----- (draw) him

close to the writer. The writer (g) ----- (impress) with him. She started (h) ----- (show) affection for him. Jerry (i) ----- (take) her as his mother. He fabricated a lie (j) ----- (win) her heart. The orphan boy (k) ----- (come) closer to her. She also (1) ----- (love) him like her son. Once she (m) ----- (leave) the place but she (n) ----- (cherish) the memory of the boy till her old age.

5. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches. 7

"Why are you putting up the food in your pocket, Sir? Why don't you eat?" asked the noble man. "I am doing the right thing. My dress deserves these rich dishes." replied Sheikh Saadi. "I don't understand what you mean to say," said the noble man, "And I'm sorry."

6. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces as directed. 0.5×10 = 5

It was a hot (a) ----- (use a noun adjective to pre-modify the noun) day. A (b) ----- (pre-modify the noun) crow-flew all over the fields looking for water. For a long time, she could not find any water. She felt (c) ----- (use an intensifier to pre-modify the adjective) weak, álmost giving up hope. Suddenly, she saw a water jug below her. She flew (d) ----- (post modify the verb) to see if there was any water inside. Yes, she could see some water inside the jug. The crow tried (e) ----- (use an infinitive phrase to post modify the verb). Sadly, she found that the neek of the jug was too narrow. Then she tried to push the jug down for the water to flow out. But she found (f) ----- (use a demonstrative to pre-modify the noun) jug too heavy. The crow thought (g) ----- (use a phrase to post modify the verb) what to do. (h) ----- (use a participle to pre-modify the verb) she saw some pebbles nearby. She (i) ----- (pre-modify the verb) had a good idea. She started picking up the pebbles one by one, dropping each into the jug. As more and more pebbles filled in the jug, the water level kept rising. Soon it was high (j) ----- (post-modify the adjective) for the crow to drink. The crow crow quenched its thirst and flew away.

7. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following text. 0.5×14 = 7

Happiness is a relative term. (a) ----- it depends upon some factors. Contentment is the key to happiness. (b) ----- contentment varies from person to person. (c) -----, a beggar may be contented with only ten taka. (d) -----, a wealthy person may be unsatisfied even after getting one million taka, It is said (e) ----- contentment brings happiness. (f) ----- we must learn to be contented with (g) ----- we have. This learning is the simplest way to remain happy. (h) -----, we must remember that our life is short and, in this short life, we cannot get everything what we want. If we want everything, we will not get happiness. (i) ----- we will get frustrated and we will plunge into the world of sadness. (j) -----, it is always better to be contented with what we have than to live in eternal sadness. (k) ----- they remained happy we should bear in mind that great men of the world didn't long for much wealth (1) ----- with a little. (m) -----, man can mould his own life worthy (n) ----- he values the necessity of life morally.

8. Read the passaage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed. 0.5×14 = 7

The National Memorial is the <u>symbol</u> of the nation's respect for the martyrs of the War of Liberation, It is located at Savar, Dhaka. Its <u>foundation</u> was laid on the first anniversary of the Victory Day in 1972. The <u>entire</u> complex <u>covers</u> an area of 126 acres. It will <u>include</u> a mosque, a library and a museum. The museum will <u>preserve</u> the relics of the

Liberation War. There is a series of 7 towers that rise by stages to a height of 150 feet. These seven towers represent the seven heroes who made supreme sacrifice in the Liberation War. Var. The height of the towers stands for the high sacrifice of every martyr. There are several graves of the martyrs close to the tower. Standing before the graves we bow down our heads to show respect to them for their sacrifice.

(a) symbol (synonym); (b) foundation (synonym); (c) entire (antonym); (d) cover (antonym); (e) include (antonym), (f) preserve (antonym); (g) represent (synonym), (h) sacrifice (synonym); (i) height (synonym): (j) before (antonym); (k) graves (synonym); (1) bow (synonym); (m) respect (antonym); (n) sacrifice (synonym).

9. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors and use capital letters if neccessary. 0.5×14=7

Dhakas infrastructure doesnt match the scale of its population. Just 7 percent of the city is covered by roads compared with around 25 percent of paris and Vienna dhaka also suffers from the absence of a planned road network there are 650 major intersections but only 60 traffic lights, many of which dont work that means the police force isn't enforcing driving or parking rules theyre in the intersections directing traffic

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

10. Write an application to the Principal of your college requesting him to arrange some extra classes on English for the weak students. 10
11. Write a paragraph on “Uses and Abuses of Internet” in about 200 words. 15
12. Write a paragraph showing the causes and effects of 'Climate Change' in about 200 words. 15

Answer Sheet

1. (a) from; (b) from; (c) of/in; (d) of; (e) of; (f) of; (g) in; (h) in; (i) about; (j) of.
2. (a) It;(b) What's....like; (c) had better, (d) would rather; (e) There; (f) what does.....look like; (g) was born; (h) has to; (i) As soon as; (j) let alone.
3. (a) It is swimming which/is a good exercise.
   (b) Though early rising is difficult, it has many benefits.
   (c) A barking dog seldom bites.
   (d) You would better take some rest.
   (e) I read it when I was in college.
   (f) Truthfulness is a great virtue because it helps us earn people's trust and respect.
   (g) Now it is high time we took strict actions against them.
   (h) A library is a place where students can read various books according to their choice.
   (i) I worked hard though I was feeling unwell/I could not succeed in my mission.
   (j) I closed the door of my room so that I could study for my exams without any disturbance.
4. (a) came; (b) lost; (c) was committed; (d) recollect; (e) being; (f) drew; (g) was impressed; (h) to show/showing; (i) took; (j) to win; (k) came; (1) loved; (m) left; (n) had been cherishing.
5. The nobleman respectfully asked Sheikh Saadi why he (S) was putting the food in his (S) pocket and why he (S) did not eat. Sheikh Saadi replied that he (S) was doing the right

thing and added that his (S) dress deserved those rich dishes. The nobleman said that he (N) didn't understand what he (S) meant to say and apologized to him (S).

6. (a) summer, (b) thirsty; (c) very; (d) down/straight down; (e) to reach the water/ to drink water; (f) that; (g) for a while; (h) Looking around; (i) instantly/suddenly; (j) enough.
7. (a) This is because; (b) However; (c) For example/For instance; (d) On the other hand/ On the contrary; (e) that; (f) Hence/ So/ Therefore; (g) what; (h) Moreover/Besides/Again; (i) Rather/Instead; (j) So/ Therefore/Hence; (k) Furthermore/Also/ In addition/ Additionally; (1) and; (m) So/Therefore/Thus/In this way; (n) if.
8. (a) emblem/sign; (b) base/cornerstone; (c) partial/part/half; (d) exclude; (e) exclude (f) destroy/ damage/ ruin; (g) symbolize/indicate/signify; (h) contribution/offering; (i) elevation/ altitude; (j) behind; (k) burials/tombs; (1) bend; (m) disrespect; (n) contribution/offering.
9. Dhaka's infrastructure doesn't match the scale of its population. Just 7 percent of the city is covered by roads, compared with around 25 percent of Paris and Vienna. Dhaka also suffers from the absence of a planned road network. There are 650 major intersections, but only 60 traffic lights, many of which don't work. That means the police force isn't enforcing driving or parking rules; they're in the intersections, directing traffic.

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Jashore Board-2025

Subject: English 2nd Paper

Time: 3 Hours Full Mark: 100

Part A: Grammar (60 Marks)

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. 0.5×10=5

The old man told him (a) ----- his last journey (b) ----- the sea. They had sailed away (c) ----- the South, he said, until they arrived (d) ----- cold grey seas. Even the sea was frozen, and ice was all (e) ----- them. (f) ----- were no steamships, and the big white sails (g) ----- their ship opened wide as the strong wind (h) ----- the icy waters. The weather was very cold and there were no birds or animals (i) ----- those days there blew them quickly that snow covered country, but one day the sailors saw an albatross flying (j) ----- the ship.

2. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/words given in the box. 0.5 ×10 = 5

had better	there	would rather	no sonner had	was born
let alone	would mind	what does....look like	enough	it

(a) He cannot buy a pen, ----- a box of pens.
(b) ----- we reached the station than the train started.
(c) All seasons are very charming. During spring various kinds of flowers bloom. ---- seems that everything has got a new life.
(d) Baby Mom, ----- an owl -----?
(e) Don't disturb me, you ----- leave me alone at this moment.
(f) The poor man ----- starve than beg.
(g) ----- exists no life on mars.
(h) ----- taking tea with me?
(i) Sir Walter Scott was both a poet and a novelist. He ----- in 1771.

(j) He was meritorious ----- to understand English literature.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable clauses/phrases. 1×10 = 10

(a) He walks fast lest -----.
(b) A pen which was bought -----.
(c) I closed the door of my room so that -----.
(d) The poem is too hard -----.
(e) Unless you came -----.
(f) If I were a rich man, -----.
(g) I wanted to learn English instead of -----.
(h) Inspite of his being poor, -----.
(i) Because of her being small -----.
(j) Learn English properly till -----.

4. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. 0.5 ×14 = 7

Books (a) ----- (possess) an essence of immortality. They (b) ----- (be) the most precious products of human efforts. Temples (c) ----- (crumble) into ashes. Pictures and statues (d) ----- (decay) but books (e) ----- (survive). Time is of no account for great thoughts which (f) ----- (be) as fresh today as they (g) ----- (be) when came through the authors' minds ages ago. What (h) ----- (be) then thought or said still (i) ----- (speak) to us. Books (j) ----- (introduce) us to the best society. They (k) ----- (bring) us into the presence of the noblest minds that have ever (1) ----- (live). We hear what they (m) ----- (think) or said. We see them as if they (n) ----- (be) really alive.

5. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches. 7

"I will pay for it." he said. "I broke it. I brought the axe down careless." "But no one hits accurately every time." I told him, "The fault was in the wood of the handle. I will see the man from whom I bought it." "Thanks," he said.

6. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces as directed. 0.5×10 = 5

A day in which it rains (a) ----- (post modify the verb) all day long, is called a rainy day. The sky remains overcast with (b) ----- (prt-modify the noun) clouds. People cannot go out without (c) ----- (pre-modify the noun with a determiner) umbrella. It affects our (d) ----- (pre modify the noun) activities. Even the school and colleges are shut down. But many people like (e) ----- (post modify the verb with an infinitive phrase) in the rain. They go to an (f) ----- (pre modify the noun) space and enjoy the rain. The working class people suffer a lot (g) ----- (post modify the verb). They do not work and spend (h) ----- (pre modify the noun) day which brinigs misforture to them. They cannot earn (i) ----- (post modify the verb with an infinitive) their family. So, a (j) ----- (pre modify the noun) day is a curse to the poor.

7. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following text. 0.5×14 = 7

Most of the people of Bangladesh are not able to realise the importance of water. (a) ----- millions of liters are wasted every year. (b) ----- facing pure water crisis, (c) ----- Government campaign may help to reduce unnecessary water consumption. (d) ----- water is a very important resource for various reasons. (e) ----- we need to drink clean water to survive. (f) ----- we need to keep ourselves clean, (g) ----- without water, we cannot grow crops. (h) ----- we cannot provide animals with food. (i) ----- Government

should do more to make people recognize this. (j) ----- the human population is growing, the climate is changing too. (k) ----- there may not be enough water for everyone in future. (1) ----- water treatment processes cost a lot and use a large amount of electricity. (m) ----- reduced water consumption would save money and electricity for the future. It will reduce green house gas emissions. (n) ----- we should encourage people to change wasteful habits now before it is too late.

8. Read the passaage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed. 0.5×14 = 7

Today women are playing an <u>important</u> role in all <u>spheres</u> of life. Once they were <u>dominated</u> by men. They are no longer <u>confined</u> within the four <u>walls</u> of their parents or husbands' <u>house</u>. They have come out of the kitchen and are working hand in hand with men. By taking higher <u>education</u> they are becoming pilots, doctors, engineer, teachers, administrators etc. They have been able to prove their <u>worth</u>. They are contributing much to the <u>economy</u> of the country. Now it has come to the <u>realization</u> of the men that true development of the country is <u>never</u> possible keeping half of the <u>population</u> idle at home. So it needs no telling that women are playing a great role in the socio-economic <u>condition</u> of our country.

(a) importance (antonym); (b) sphere (synonym); (c) dominate (synonym); (d) confined (synonym); (e) walls (synonym); (f) house (synonym); (g) education (antonym); (h) able (antonym); (i) worth (synonym); (j) economy (synonym); (k) realization (synonym); (1) never (antonym); (m) population (synonym); (n) condition (synonym).

9. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors and use capital letters if neccessary. 0.5×14=7

My dear friends said the piper I know a charm by which I can rid you of these rats but you must pay me one thousand guilders for this service One thousand guilders cried the men then the Mayor said ok well give you one thousand guilders when will you start work now said the piper.

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

10. Write an application to the Principal of your college asking for a debating club. 10
11. Write a paragraph on 'The Importance of Games and Sports'. 15
12. Write a paragraph on “City Life and Village Life” comparing and contrasting their features. 15

Answer Sheet

1. (a) about; (b) on; (c) to; (d) in; (e) around; (f) In; (g) of; (h) through; (i) in; (j) towards/over.
2. (a) let alone; (b) No sooner had; (c) It; (d) what does...look like; (e) had better, (f) would rather; (g) There; (h) Would you mind; (i) was born; (j) enough.
3. (a) He walks fast lest he should miss his elass.
   (b) A pen which was bought yesterday does not work properly.
   (c) I closed the door of my room so that no one could disturb me.
   (d) The poem is too hard for me to understand.
   (e) Unless you came, we would be in great trouble.
   (f) If I were a rich man, I would help the poor.

(g) I wanted to learn English instead of wasting my free time after my SSC Examination.
(h) In spite of his being poor, he is honest.
(i) Because of her being small, she couldn't lift the large bag easily.
(j) Learn English properly till you become fluent in it.

4. (a) possess; (b) are; (c) crumble; (d) decay; (e) survive; (f) are; (g) were; (h) was/were; (i) speaks/speak; (j) introduce; (k) bring; (1) lived; (m) thought; (n) were.
5. Jerry told me that he would pay for it and added that he had broken it. He also said that he had brought the axe down carelessly. I contradicted that no one hits accurately every time. I further said that the fault had been in the wood of the handle. I also added that I would see the man from whom I had bought it. He thanked me.
6. (a) heavily/continuously/constantly; (b) thick/dark; (c) an; (d) regular/outdoor/daily; (e) to walk around; (f) open; (g) on such days/due to heavy rain; (h) entire/whole/the; (i) to support; (j) rainy.
7. (a) As a result/consequently; (b) With a view to/Regarding/Despite; (c) under the circumstances/however/still; (d) In fact/True that; (e) For example/Firstly; (f) Moreover/Secondly; (g) and; (h) Finally; (i) So/Therefore; (j) While/As/Since; (k) As a result/Consequently; (1) Again/Also/ In addition/Besides; (m) So/ Hence; (n) Therefore/So.
8. (a) insignificance; (b) area/sector; (c) control/rule; (d) restricted/limited; (e) boundaries; (f) home/residence; (g) ignorance; (h) unable; (i) value/merit; (j) finance/wealth; (k) understanding; (1) always; (m) people/citizens; (n) state/situation.
9. "My dear friends," said the piper, "I know a charm by which I can rid you of these rats, but you must pay me one thousand guilders for this service." "One thousand guilders!" cried the men. Then the Mayor said, "Ok, we'll give you one thousand guilders. When will you start work?" "Now," said the piper.

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Chattogram Board-2025

Subject: English 2nd Paper

Time: 3 Hours Full Mark: 100

Part A: Grammar (60 Marks)

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. 0.5×10=5

The vast number (a) ----- plant species underwater forms a beautiful ecosystem. The plants which stay underwater depend (b) ----- the light coming (c) ----- the sun (d) ----- their growth. They also draw the atmospheric carbon dioxide (e) ----- the air above and convert them (f) ----- oxygen. The flora (g) ----- the surface (h) ----- the water adds (i) ---- - the aesthetic beauty. These plants sometimes span vast lengths below the surface (j) ---- - the ocean.

2. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/words given in the box. 0.5 ×10 = 5

there	it	have to	was born	what....like
would rather	as soon as	let alone	had better	what does....look like

(a) The baby was crying. It stopped crying ----- it saw its mother.

(b) Rana, don't miss the programme. It will start at 10. If ----- is any change, I will inform you.
(c) ----- is a good idea to walk in the morning. It refreshes both the bodz and mind.
(d) I had an appointment at 4 pm. I ----- start now.
(e) She wanted to celebrate her birthday. She ----- decorate her room.
(f) I have not yet seen the baby. ----- the new born baby -----?
(g) ----- it ----- swimming in the river? It seems to be very heroic to me.
(h) He is very rude. He does not behave well with his parents, ----- with others.
(i) Munshi Abdur Rouf ----- on 1 May, 1943 at Salamatpur village in Faridpur district. He was awarded Bir Sreshto which is the highest recognition of bravery in Bangladesh.
(j) She is very reserved. She ----- remain silent than utter a word.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable clauses/phrases. 1×10 = 10

(a) I think you are irregular in studies. Be attentive lest -----.
(b) There are many obstacles in our way to success. We must work hard so that -----.
(c) Jamil had an accident yesterday while he -----.
(d) There goes a proverb that -----. So, we should make friendship with a gentleman.
(e) Corruption is a bottleneck to our national development. It is high time -----.
(f) He, who ----- makes a glorious result in the examination.
(g) Whenever he speaks in English, -----. In fact, we learn through mistakes.
(h) We are a free nation now. 1971 is the year -----.
(i) Man proposes, -----.
(j) Danger comes where -----. So, we have to be careful in our life.

4. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. 0.5 ×14 = 7

A mother is a supreme gift (a) ----- (bestow) upon us by Allah. She (b) ----- (exercise) an undeniable influence in (c) ----- (mould) the character of a child and also in (d) ----- (shape) their future destiny. A mother (e) ----- (regard) as the best teacher, guide and protector. An educated mother (f) ----- (mange) the family in a far better way than a mother who has (g) ----- (have) no schooling. She (h) ----- (be) more interested in (i) ----- (get) her children educated. She (j) ----- (sacrifice) her own happiness to (k) ----- (ensure) a better future for her children. So, often it (1) ----- (say) that the hands that (m) ----- (rock) the cradle (n) ----- (rule) the world.

5. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches. 7

"Oh, my Lord do not kill the child", said the woman. "Let her have it." The king said, "Now everything is clear to me". Pointing to the woman, he said to the servant, "Give her the child. She is the mother of the child."

6. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces as directed. 0.5×10 = 5

Once a wolf went to a stream to quench (a) ----- (use possessive to pre-modify the noun) thirst with water. While he was drinking water, he saw (b) ----- (use article to pre-modify the nouft) lamb that was also drinking water over there. At the sight of the lamb, his mouth began (c) ----- (use an infinitive phrase to post modify the verb). He turned to the lamb and said, "How dare you make the water muddz? Can't you see that I am drinking water from the (d) ----- (use an adjective to pre-modify the noun) stream?" The lamb got so (e) ----- (use an adverb to pre-modify the adjective) frightened that it could not speak

for a while. Then it replied, “Sir, I beg (f) ----- (use possessive to pre-modify the noun) pardon. The water is running down (g) ----- (post modify the verb with prepositional phrase) to me. How can I make it muddz?” The wolf said. “But you bleated me and called me names (h) ----- (post modify he verb with an adverb).” The lamb replied, “Sir, I was not even born then. How could I abuse you last year?” The wolf (i) ----- (use a relative pronoun to post modify the noun) was determined to eat (j) ----- (use a demonstrative to pre-modify the noun) poor lamb, said to it, “Then it must have been your father, or mother or brother. You must suffer for your race.”

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

0.5×14 = 7

Everybody wants to be happy in life. Happiness is a relative term. (a) -----, it depends upon some factors. (b) ----- contentment is the key to happiness. (c) -----, contentment varies from person to person. (d) -----, a beggar may be contented with only ten taka (e) ----- a wealthy person may be dissatisfied even after getting one million taka. (f) -----, it is said that contentment brings happiness. (g) ----- we must learn to be contented with what we have. (h) -----, this learning is the simplest way to remain happy. (i) -----, we must remember that our life is short (j) ----- in this short life, we cannot get everything (k) ----- we want. (1) ----- we want everything, we will not get happiness. (m) -----, we will get frustrated and we will plunge into the world of sadness. (n) -----, it is always better to be contented with what we have than to live in eternal sadness.

8. Read the passaage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed.

0.5×14 = 7

To <u>forgive</u> an injury is often <u>considered</u> to be the sign of weakness. It is really a sign of <u>strength</u>. It is easy to allow one to be carried away by <u>resentment</u> and hated into the act of <u>vengeance</u> but it takes strong <u>character</u> to restrain these natural <u>passions</u>. The man who forgives an injury proves himself to be a <u>superior</u> to the man who wronged him and the wrongdoer to <u>shame</u>. <u>Forgiveness</u> may even turn a <u>foe</u> into a friend. So, <u>mercy</u> is a noblest form of <u>revenge</u>.

(a) forgive (synonym); (b) considered (antonym); (c) strength (antonym); (d) resentment (synonym); (e) vengeance (synonym); (f) character (synonym); (g) restrain (synonym); (h) passions (antonym); (i) superior (antonym); (j) shame (synonym); (k) forgiveness (antonym); (1) foe (antonym); (m) mercy (antonym); (n) revenge (synonym).

9. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors and use capital letters if neccessary. 0.5×14=7

Sajib: Have you heard the latest news
Rakib: No whats happened
Sojib: Well it seems Rana and Robi have broken off their friendship
Rakib: Really I must say it doesn't surprise me
Sojib: Why do you think so?
Rakib: Rana was very selfish. They were bound to break off today or tomorrow
Sojib: Yes the sooner the better
Rakib: But Robi is a good boy. Hes a pretty tough character.
Sojib: I'm just surprised at the beginning of their friendship. How could they stay together? Two opposite characters.
Rakib: Friendship never follows a rule

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

10. Suppose you are a student of a college in Gazipur. Write an application to the Principal for the permission to arrange a freshers' reception in the college campus. 10
11. Write a paragraph on "The Effects of Social Media" within 200 words. 15
12. Write a paragraph on "Causes and Effects of Global Warming" within 200 words. 15

Answer Sheet

1. (a) of (b) on; (c) from; (d) for; (e) from; (f) into; (g) on; (h) of; (i) to; (j) of.
2. (a) as soon as; (b) there; (c) It, (d) had better, (e) had to: (f) What does...look like: (g) What's...like; (h) let alone: (i) was born; (j) would rather.
3. (a) Be attentive lest you should fail in the exam.
   (b) We must work hard so that we can overcome them.
   (c) Jamil had an accident yesterday while he was crossing the road.
   (d) There goes a proverb that a man is known by the company he keeps.
   (e) It is high time we raised our voice against it.
   (f) He, who studies regularly and sincerely, makes a glorious result in the examination.
   (g) Whenever he speaks in English, he makes some mistakes. (h) 1971 is the year when we achieved our independence.
   (i) Man proposes, God disposes.
   (j) Danger comes where danger is feared.
4. (a) bestowed; (b) exercises; (c) moulding; (d) shaping; (e) is regarded; (f) manages/can manage; (g) had; (h) is; (i) getting: (j) sacrifices; (k) ensure; (1) is said; (m) rock; (n) rule.
5. Addressing the king as her Lord, the woman pleaded him not to kill the child. She also requested the king to let her (the other woman) have it (the child). At this, the king said that everything was clear to him then. Pointing to the woman, he ordered his servant to give her the child and added that she was the mother of the child.
6. (a) his; (b) a; (c) to water with greed; (d) clear; (e) much/terribly; (f) your; (g) from your end; (h) last year, (i) which/that; (j) that.
7. (a) Actually/Indeed; (b) Undoubtedly/No doubt; (c) However/But; (d) For example/For instance; (e) On the other hand/On the contrary/Meanwhile; (f) Consequently/As a result/That's why; (g) So/Therefore; (h) In fact/Actually; (i) In addition/Besides; (j) and/but; (k) that; (1) If; (m) Rather/Instead; (n) So/Hence.
8. (a) pardon; (b) neglected/ignored; (c) weakness/short coming/flaw; (d) grudge; (e) revenge/retribution; (f) personality/sprit; (g) control/curb/check; (h) apathy; (i) inferior; (j) embarrassment/disgrace; (k) vengeance/mercilessness, (1) friend/buddz/companion; (m) cruelty/unkindness; (n) retribution/vengeance/reprisal.
9. Sajib: Have you heard the latest news?
   Rakib: No, what's happened?
   Sajib: Well, it seems Rana and Robi have broken off their friendship.
   Rakib: Really? I must say, it doesn't surprise me.
   Sajib: Why do you think so?
   Rakib: Rana was very selfish. They were bound to break off today or tomorrow.
   Sajib: Yes, the sooner, the better.
   Rakib: But Robi is a good boy. He's a pretty tough character.

Sajib: I'm just surprised at the beginning of their friendship. How could they stay together? Two opposite characters!
Rakib: Friendship never follows a rule.

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Sylhet Board-2025

Subject: English 2nd Paper

Time: 3 Hours Full Mark: 100

Part A: Grammar (60 Marks)

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. 0.5×10=5

Robert Hayden was born (a) ----- a poor family (b) ----- Detriot in USA in 1913 and had a difficult childhood beset (c) -----eyesight problems. He was raised (d) ----- part (e) ----- foster parents and missed a father's caring love. But in the sonnet, which is (f) ----- a childhood memory, he writes (g) ----- a father-probably his own-who is harsh and often angry, but does love his son (h) ----- his own way. Hayden, a black American, wrote (i) ----- black experiences and history. He died (j) -----1980.

2. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/words given in the box. 0.5 ×10 = 5

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

(a) Manners make a man. Students ----- practise good manners in everyday life.
(b) You look exhausted. You ----- take rest to refresh yourself.
(c) Mansib has not yet got 1" dose of Covid-19 vaccine, ----- booster dose.
(d) Our spring is very charming. During spring, various kinds of flowers bloom. ----- seems that everything has got a new life.
(e) Rodela: ----- the frozen mountain peak -----?
Namira: It looks like a white dome.
(f) Kazi Nazrul is our rebel poet. He ----- in Churulia of West Bengal.
(g) The sky is cloudy and it may storm at any moment. So, we should start our journey ----- possible.
(h) ----- your family -----? I belong to a nuclear family.
(i) I ----- remain silent than quarrel with them.
(j) ----- was a time people used to travel on foot or riding animals.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable clauses/phrases. 1×10 = 10

(a) Rudaba could not recognise me at first. It was many years since we -----.
(b) Student politics, nowadays, has become a serious issue. It is high time we -----.
(c) A newspaper is a storehouse of knowledge. A man can be benefited in many ways -----.
(d) Traffic jam in Dhaka has been unbearable these days. Had I got a Helicopter, -----.
(e) A book fair is an attraction for the city-dwellers. Book-lovers gather in the fair so that -----.
(f) Our college has the best teachers of the country. The teachers are not only highly educated -----.
(g) Human body needs a balanced diet. If we take a balanced diet, it -----.

(h) Rahim Mia is a quack. He behaves as if -----.

(i) Success depends on the proper use of time. You will surely succeed provided that -----.

(j) Time plays a very crucial role in human life. We cannot prosper in life unless -----.

4. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. 0.5 ×14 = 7

Festivals (a) ----- (be) common to all societies and cultures. With the change of social and economic structures, the nature of festivals also (b) ----- (change). But some festivals (c) ----- (be) so deeply (d) ----- (root) in the social organism that they (e) ----- (continue) to entertain from generation to generation. Some of the festivals (f) ----- (bear) the mark of the community and nationality, some (g) ----- (have) the stamp of religion and again again some (h) ----- (bear) the impression of politics. The festivals, which (i) ----- (get started) in the primitive society centering on the prayer for food (j) ----- (have) now been (k) ----- (fill) with various colours and varieties. The main foundation of festivals (1) ----- (be) ritual and most of the ancient rituals (m) ----- (be) collective activities. Many of the rituals were (n) ----- (relate) to agriculture and were determined by lunar months.

5. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches. 7

"Have you seen your mother, Jerry?" "I see her in every summer. She sends for me." The authoress 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 does not have a job now."

6. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces as directed. 0.5×10 = 5

Weather affects our life (a) ----- (post-modify the verb). We put on (b) ----- (pre-modify the noun) clothes when it is cold. We go out with an umbrella in the (c) ----- (pre-modify the noun) season. During the summer, we use fans (d) ----- (post-modify the verb with an infinitive phrase). However, sunshine and rain are (e) ----- (pre-modify the adjective with an intensifier) essential for us. Winter is also helpful for us. Vegetables grow (f) ----- (post-modify the verb with an adverbial phrase) in winter. (g) ----- (pre-modify the noun) rainfall helps to grow bumper crops. All the seasons have more or (h) ----- (pre-modify the noun) advantages. And they have (i) ----- (pre-modify the noun with a determiner) great influence on the environment. But the weather pattern is changing (j) ----- (post-modify the verb) because of global warming.

7. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following text. 0.5×14 = 7

In life we want to be perfect. (a) -----, to attain perfection is impossible (b) ----- man is basically imperfect. (c) -----, we should try to be great. (d) ----- it is not easy to be great because we have to attain certain virtues. (e) -----, we should be truthful (f) ----- truthfulness gives rise to many other virtues. (g) ----- we have to be honest (h) ----- honest people are valued everywhere. (i) ----- dishonest people are hated by all. (j) ----- we can conclude that to be great is more important than to be perfect. (k) ----- the idea of perfection varies from person to person. (1) -----, one's idea of perfection changes, (m) ----- learning how to be perfect is basically a lifelong deal. (n) -----, the road to perfection is something that we learn and understand along this journey of life.

8. Read the passaage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed.

0.5×14 = 7

In our society, economic value of women's work and their contribution is mostly unrecognized. Usually, it is taken as a voluntary work. So, the financial cost of running a home which is almost always done by women is not monetized. This is most dramatically revealed in rural areas. Research has proved that if women's work is monetized, then the GDP makes a significant jump and so does the worth of women's work and their contribution to the economy.

(a) value (synonym); (b) contribution (synonym); (c) unrecognized (antonym); (d) usually (synonym); (e) voluntary (synonym); (f) cost (synonym); (g) dramatically (antonym); (h) revealed (antonym); (i) rural (antonym); (j) research (synonym); (k) monetized (antonym); (1) significant (antonym); (m) worth (antonym); (n) economy (synonym).

9. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors and use capital letters if neccessary. 0.5×14=7

Sammam: May I come in sir
Mr. Ahmed: Yes of course any problem
Sammam: I dont know, sir. I am told to meet you in the teachers common room
Mr. Ahmed: oh I forget that, why did you do so badly in science in your last examination
Sammam: sir I should have informed you earlier My father was very sick and I had to accompany him almost the whole night before the exam. so I couldnt revise the lessons.
Mr. Ahmed: oh its a pity!

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

10. Write an application to the Principal of your college seeking permission to organize a relief campaign. 10
11. Write a paragraph of about 200 words on "Qualities of a Good Citizen". 15
12. Write a paragraph of about 200 words comparing and contrasting "The Types of Entertainment in the Urban and Rural Areas of Bangladesh". 15

Answer Sheet

1. (a) into; (b) in; (c) by; (d) in; (e) by; (f) about; (g) about/of; (h) in; (i) about; (j) in.
2. (a) have to; (b) had better; (c) let alone; (d) It; (e) What does...look like; (f) was born; (g) as soon as; (h) What's...like; (i) would rather, (j) There.
3. (a) It was many years since we had last met.
   (b) It is high time we reformed it for the betterment of education/addressed the issue properly.
   (c) A man can be benefited in many ways by reading newspaper regularly.
   (d) Had I got a Helicopter, I could have avoided the jam.
   (c) Book-lovers gather in the fair so that they can buy books of their choice.
   (f) The teachers are not only highly educated but also very dedicated to teaching.
   (g) If we take a balanced diet, it will keep us healthy and energetic.
   (h) He behaves as if he were a qualified doctor.
   (i) You will surely succeed provided that you utilize every moment wisely.
   (j) We cannot prosper in life unless we make proper use of our time.

4. (a) are; (b) changes; (c) are; (d) rooted; (e) continue; (f) bear; (g) have; (h) bear; (i) got started; (j) have; (k) filled; (1) is; (m) were; (n) related.
5. The authoress asked Jerry if he had seen his mother. Jerry replied that he saw her every summer and added that she (his mother) sent for him. The authoress wanted to cry out and asked him why he was not with her and also asked him how she could let him go away again. He replied that she went up there from Manville whenever she could and added that she did not have a job then.
6. (a) greatly/significantly/deeply; (b) warm/heavy; (c) rainy; (d) to cool ourselves/to stay cool; (e) very/extremely: (f) in plenty/very well/in large quantities; (g) Adequate/Sufficient/Timely/Moderate; (h) less; (i) a: (j) rapidly/alarmingly/noticeably.
7. (a) However/But; (b) as/since/because; (c) Yet/Nevertheless; (d) But/Again; (e) Firstly/For example: (f) because/as; (g) Secondly/Moreover; (h) because/as; (i) On the other hand/On the contrary/Conversely; (j) At last/Finally/So; (k) Indeed, Actually; (1) often; (m) and; (n) Thus, In this way.
8. (a) worth/importance; (b) input/role; (c) recognized/acknowledged; (d) generally/commonly; (e) spontaneous/unpaid; (f) expense; (g) slightly/subtly/mildly; (h) concealed; (i) urban; (j) study/analysis; (k) unpaid/unvalued; (1) insignificant; (m) worthlessness; (n) market.
9. Samman: May I come in, sir?
   Mr. Ahmed: Yes, of course. Any problem?
   Samman: I don't know, sir. I am told to meet you in the teachers' common room.
   Mr. Ahmed: Oh, I forgot that. Why did you do so badly in science in your last examination?
   Samman: Sir I should have informed you earlier. My father was very sick and I had to accompany him almost the whole night before the exam. So, I couldn't revise the lessons.
   Mr. Ahmed: Oh, it's a pity!

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Barishal Board-2025

Subject: English 2nd Paper

Time: 3 Hours Full Mark: 100

Part A: Grammar (60 Marks)

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. 0.5×10=5

Man is the best creation (a) ----- Almighty. Actually, he is the most intelligent living being (b) ----- earth. That is why, man is regarded (c) ----- a rational animal. But man becomes the worst animal when he is devoid (d) ----- sense and rationality. Man is endowed (e) ----- such qualities as are different (f) ----- other animals. So, to build (g) ----- civilization and to beautifz the earth is possible only (h) ----- man (i) ----- his thinking power, hard work and inventions. However, man is also responsible (j) ----- mass destruction of human civilization.

2. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/words given in the box. 0.5 ×10 = 5

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

(a) The man is still alive. We ----- hospitalize him soon to save his life.
(b) ----- is only early in the morning when we get fresh air.
(c) My cousin ----- in Singapore and raised in America. Now he has a dual citizenship.
(d) You ----- start your journey at this moment. The river is calm now and the weather is also good.
(e) Kamrul: ----- the university admission test -----?
Anis: it's not easy. It's really hard and competitive.
(f) My father is very rigid. He can't tolerate any type of corruption.
He ----- resign the post than compromise with corruption.
(g) This is a swimming pool. So, ----- is no fish here.
(h) Teacher: Learners, the national flower of Bangladesh -----?
Students: It looks a bit like the lotus.
(i) His mentality is so mean. He doesn't deserve to be my enemy, ----- my friend.
(j) Mr. Arif took a loan from a bank before starting the business.
He repaid the loan ----- he made some profit from the business.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable clauses/phrases. 1×10 = 10

(a) Everyone appreciates Mitu for her intelligence. She is so intelligent that -----.
(b) His only daughter lives in Canada. It is many years since -----.
(c) To tell a lie is a bad habit. The cowboy was used to -----.
(d) Don't waste time. Do hurry lest -----.
(e) I have bought a lottery ticket. If I win the lottery, -----.
(f) There goes a proverb that -----. So, we must make the proper use of time.
(g) It is my dream to establish hospital for the poor. Had I been a millionaire, -----.
(h) Eve-teasing is a heinous crime. It is high time we -----.
(i) My brother had no job then. He went to Dhaka with a view to -----.
(j) English is an international language. If you do not learn English, -----.

4. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. 0.5 ×14 = 7

In the current social and economic system of Bangladesh, everyone (a) ----- (depend) on his income in order to (b) ----- (meet) the daily needs. However, many people of our country (c) ----- (not earn) enough to live comfortably. People of low income are to (d) ----- (struggle) a lot to buy food, clothes and medicine because prices of everything (e) ----- (rise) high day by day. Generally, people in rural areas (f) ----- (feel) the pressure even more as they earn less. In fact, they (g) ----- (have) fewer opportunities to improve their financial condition. When prices go up, many families (h) ----- (not buy) enough healthy food and this causes malnourishment of the children. Sometimes they cannot help (i) ----- (borrow) money, which (j) ----- (lead) to debt. High prices also (k) ----- (affect) their children's education. Many a student (1) ----- (drop) out of school as their parents cannot afford to (m) ----- (bear) their educational expenses. But for the true development of our country, proper education must be (n) ----- (ensure) at any cost

5. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches. 7

After telling the story of a sinking ship, the teacher asked the students, “What do you think the drowning woman told to her husband?” According to most of the students the woman said, “Please, save my life.” From the back bench a boy said, “I believe, she would have told take care of our child.” Being surprised the teacher asked him, “Have

you heard the story before?" "No, sir. Actually these were also my mom's last words to my dad before she died from a serious disease."

6. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces as directed. 0.5×10 = 5

Yesterday a beggar came to our house. He stood at the gate wearing a (a) ----- (pre-modify the noun) dress. He was (b) ----- (pre-modify the adjective) weak and could not speak clearly. He told me that he had been starving for two days and requested me (c) ----- (use an infinitive phrase to post-modify the verb). I felt pity for the (d) ----- (pre-modify the noun) man. I told him (e) ----- (use an infinitive phrase to post-modify the verb) and gave him (f) ----- (use a quantifier to pre-modify the noun) food. He began to eat instantly. He was eating (g) ----- (post-modify the verb with an adverbial phrase). I noticed that the clothes he wore, were not only dirty but also torn. So, I gave him some clothes too. He became extremely happy getting (h) ----- (pre-modify the noun with a demonstrative) clothes. He was (i) ----- (pre-modify the adjective with an intensifier) happy that tears of joy came out of his eyes. He then thanked me and blessed me (j) ----- (use a prepositional phrase).

7. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following text. 0.5×14 = 7

A journey is always a source of pleasure. (a) ----- a journey by hoat is more interesting than any other journey. (b) ----- Bangladesh is a land of rivers, it is very easy to enjoy a journey by boat here. During last autumn, our college was closed. (c) -----, it was a suitable time for me to make a journey by boat. (d) ----- I proposed to some of my friends to join me and they at once accepted my proposal. (e) ----- we made a plan. (f) -----, we hired a boat and started journey at 11 am. We were very fortunate indeed as the boatman was very expert. (g) -----, the weather was calm and quiet. (h) ----- gentle breeze was slightly pushing the sail. (i) -----, we had no trouble during the journey. (j) -----, we had a lot of enjoyment. (k) -----, the boat was dancing on the small waves and it thrilled us a lot. (1) -----, we also enjoyed a Bhatiali song sung by the boatman. (m) -----, we were delighted at the sights on either bank of the river. (n) -----, when the sun was setting, the scene enchanted us very much.

8. Read the passaage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed. 0.5×14 = 7

The language which is <u>used</u> all over the world for <u>smooth</u> communication is called an <u>international</u> language. The English language has achieved the <u>prestige</u> of being that language. It is very <u>familiar</u> to the educated society in the <u>whole</u> world. We cannot keep pace with t with the <u>modern</u> world without knowing English. Most of the research works and books on science and <u>knowledge</u> of the world are in English. International relation as well as <u>trade</u> and commerce is being <u>continued</u> through English. Moreover, people having a good command over English are <u>highly</u> valued in the job market. So, one can fully <u>realise</u> how <u>important</u> it is to learn English.

(a) used (antonym); (b) smooth (antonym); (c) international (antonym); (d) prestige (synonym); (e) familiar (antonym), (f) educated (synonym), (g) modern (antonym); (h) knowledge (antonym), (i) trade (synonym); (j) continue (antonym); (k) whole (synonym); (1) highly (synonym); (m) realise (synonym); (n) important (synonym).

9. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors and use capital letters if neccessary. 0.5×14=7

Rifah: Hello, Maria! Why are you looking so sad
Maria: The news of the death of all members of a family made me sad.
Rifah: How pathetic Really its very sad that theres not a single day youll find without news of road accident.
Maria: Can you tell me the reasons of so many road accidents
Rifah: Reckless driving violation of traffic signals overloaded vehicles and lack of traffic police are the main causes of road accident I think
Maria: What can be done to reduce road accident Do you have any idea
Rifah: Drivers should be given proper training. Unfit and unlicensed vehicles should be banned. Besides people should be made aware of traffic rules rules and signals.
Maria: Thank you for the discussion.
Rifah: Youre welcome.

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

10. Suppose, you are a student of class XII. You along with other students are planning about holding a cricket match between class XI and XII. Now, on behalf of the students, write an application to the Principal of your college for seeking permission to arrange a friendly cricket match in the college playground. 10
11. Write a paragraph on "The Celebration of Pahela Baishakh in Bangladesh". (within 200 words) 15
12. Write a paragraph describing "Uses and Abuses of Social Media", (use 200 words) 15

Answer Sheet

1. (a) of; (b) on; (c) as; (d) of; (e) with; (f) from; (g) up; (h) for; (i) through/by; (j) for.
2. (a) have to; (b) It; (c) was born; (d) had better; (e) What's...like; (f) would rather; (g) there; (h) what does...look like; (i) let alone; (j) as soon as.
3. (a) She is so intelligent that she can solve any problem easily.
   (b) It is many years since he saw her last./she went there.
   (c) The cowboy was used to telling lies to deceive the villagers.
   (d) Do hurry lest you should miss the train.
   (e) If I win the lottery, I will buy a new car.
   (f) There goes a proverb that time and tide wait for none.
   (g) Had I been a millionaire, I would have fulfilled my dream.
   (h) It is high time we took strict action against it.
   (i) He went to Dhaka with a view to finding a suitable job.
   (j) If you do not learn English, you will miss many career opportunities at home and abroad.
4. (a) depends; (b) meet; (c) do not earn; (d) struggle; (e) are rising; (f) feel; (g) have; (h) cannot buy; (i) borrowing; (j) leads; (k) affect; (1) drops; (m) bear; (n) ensured.
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the negative and added that those had also been his mom's last words to his dad before she had died from a serious disease.

6. (a) dirty/old/shabby/torn; (b) very; (c) to give him some food; (d) helpless/poor/hungry; (e) to wait outside/to wait for a while/to come in; (f) some; (g) with great appetite; (h) those; (i) so; (j) from the core of his heart/with all his heart.
7. (a) However; (b) Since/As; (c) That's why/Therefore; (d) So; (e) Then; (f) After that; (g) Moreover; (h) In addition/Besides; (i) So/As a result/Therefore; (j) In fact/Rather; (k) Meanwhile; (1) Besides; (m) Above all; (n) Finally/At last.
8. (a) unused; (b) unstable/disrupted; (c) local; (d) honour/reputation; (e) unfamiliar/unknown; (f) civilised/cultured; (g) ancient/old; (h) ignorance; (i) business; (j) stop/discontinue; (k) entire; (1) greatly/immensely; (m) understand; (n) significant.
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