Barishal Board- 2020 **37/2025**

English Second Paper

[According to the Syllabus of 2020]

Time: 3 Hours | Full Marks: 100 | Subject Code: 1 0 8

[N.B. The figures in the right margins indicate full marks.]

Part A : Grammar (60 Marks)

1. Fill in the blanks with words from the box. You may need to change the forms of some of the words. You may need to use one word more than once: 0.5 x 10=5

this	disgrace	with	fortunate	in	have	though	the	stomach	to

Child labour is one of the biggest curses of the 21st century. It is (a) ——— that this has become very accepted (b) ——— our society. Only poverty is responsible for (c) ———. In a family of five or six children, the parents (d) ——— to send their kids to work so that they can fill their empty (e) ——— . These poor and helpless children are rewarded (f) ——— all kinds of abuse (g) ——— they work hard all day long. No other thing is as (h) ——— as child abuse for a nation. (i) ——— government has taken necessary measures (j) ——— check it.

2. Fill in the blanks with suitable words: 0.5 x 10=5

Terrorism is a (a) ——— threat and major concern (b) ——— almost all the countries. Terrorists cause damage (c) ——— human lives and properties (d) ——— panic and terror. The cause of terrorism is mainly (e) ——— to the deprivation of genuine rights and also greed and exploitation (f) ——— different groups and nations. To get rid of terrorism is very difficult (g) ——— not impossible (h) ——— the intellectuals and peace (i) ——— nations work (j) ——— .

3. Make five sentences using the parts of sentences from each column of the table below: 1 x 5=5

Friction between teenagers and parents		certainly occur in all times.
It	is	common features of the teenagers.
One obvious reason	can	the transaction from dependence to independence.
Another source of friction	are	very common.
Moreover, moody and sulky behaviours		the difficult behaviours of the adolescents.

4. Complete the following text with right forms of the verbs given in the box: 0.5 x 10=5

ensure	take	imagine	eliminate	refer	establish	create	broaden	treat	keep

Gender inequality is a barrier to the overall development of a country. Gender equality (a) ——— to the condition in which both men and women (b) ——— equally and fairly in all circumstances. Without (c) ——— the participation of the both, the social and economic development (d) ——— . Elimination of gender disparity is a demand of the day with a view to (e) ——— human rights. Our government already (f) ——— some initiatives in different sectors so that women can (g) ——— pace with men. But our social set-up is (h) ——— a barrier in different ways. We should (i) ——— our outlook and come forward to (j) ——— gender inequality from the society.

5. Change the narrative style of the following text: 5

"Good morning, Kiron," said Harun. "How much preparation have you taken for the SSC Examination?" "A great preparation," Kiron replied. "Wow! What an intelligent boy!" said Harun. "May you be distinguished with your result."

6. Change the sentence according to directions: 1 x 10=10

(a) Man is the maker of his own fortune (Interrogative) (b) If he makes proper use of his time, he is sure to prosper in life. (Simple) (c) The person doing otherwise is sure to repent later. (Complex) (d) The lazy suffer miserably in the long run. (Exclamatory) (e) To kill time is to commit suicide. (Interrogative) (f) Our life is nothing but a sum total of hours, days and years. (Assertive) (g) Youth is the most valuable season of life. (Positive) (h) In youth mind is soft and it can be shaped easily. (Simple) (i) Unless you use the morning hours of life, you have to pay a heavy price afterwards. (Compound) (j) It is called the seedtime of life. (Active)

7. Complete the following sentences: 1×5=5

(a) I am looking for Raihan. If I had seen him, ——. (b) Shila seemed upset. She talked as if ——. (c) Yesterday we were at our office. Scarcely had we finished our duty ——. (d) We are not free from danger. Danger often comes where ——. (e) Restless life is risky. We have to take rest ——.

8. Complete the text adding suffixes, prefixes or the both with the root words given in the parenthesis. 10

Mobile phone is a great (a) invent of modern science. The (b) consume of mobile phone are increasing day by day. People are getting benefits. But it is (c) fortunate that mobile phone sometimes (d) comes a cause of health hazard, especially the (e) child are affected much. According to the (f) science mobile phone causes brain tumours, genetic damage and many other (g) cure diseases. They believe that (h) visible uncontrolled radioactivity of mobile phone causes (i) repairable damage to human body. They say that the (j) govern should control radioactive sources.

9. Add tag questions to the statements below: 1×5=5

(a) Optimism is a great quality, ——? (b) Everybody believes this truth, ——? (c) But all can't be optimistic, ——? (d) None but the optimists are accepted by all, ——? (e) So, we all should be optimistic about life, ——?

10. Complete the following passage using suitable connectors: 1 x 5=5

Truthfulness is the greatest of all virtues. (a) —— we do not cultivate the habit of speaking the truth, we cannot command the confidence of others. A lie never lies hidden. (b) ——, it will come out today or tomorrow. (c) ——, all despise him without considering his social status. The habit of speaking the truth, (d) ——, must be formed from the very childhood. We should know (e) —— speaking the truth is the most rewarding thing in life.

11. Use capitals and punctuation marks where necessary in the following text: 5

do not worry about a few mistakes said the teacher you can learn a lot through your mistakes do we learn from our mistakes asked the boy

Part B : Composition (40 Marks)

12. Suppose, you are Rahim/Rahima of 10/12, Muradnagar, Cumilla and you have passed MBA from Dhaka University. Now, write a CV with a cover letter for the post of Senior Officer to the Head of the HR, Sonali Bank, Dhaka. Your CV should not exceed one page. 8

13. Suppose, you are Labib/Labiba. You read in Rangpur Zilla School, Rangpur. Your school has a beautiful common room but it lacks modern facilities. Now, write an application to your Headmaster for increasing common room facilities. 10

14. Village fair is a source of entertainment for the villagers. Suppose, you have an experience of visiting a village fair in your village. Now, write a paragraph in 250 words on "A Village Fair You Experienced." 10

15. Newspaper is a mirror of the whole world. It provides us with all sorts of news and views. Write a composition on "The Importance of Reading Newspaper." 12

ANSWER

Answer to the Question no-01

(a) unfortunate (b) in (c) this (d) have (e) stomach (f) with (g) though (h) disgraceful (i) The (j) to

Answer to the Question no-02

(a) great (b) for (c) to (d) creating (e) related (f) of (g) but (h) if (i) loving (j) unitedly/together

Answer to the Question no-03

(a) Friction between teenagers and parents is very common. (b) It can certainly occur in all times. (c) One obvious reason is the transition from dependence to independence. (d) Another source of friction is the difficult behaviours of the adolescents. (e) Moreover, moody and sulky behavours are common features of the teenagers.

Answer to the Question no-04

(a) refers (b) are treated (c) ensuring (d) cannot be imagined (e) establishing (f) has (already) taken (g) keep (h) creating (i) broaden (j) eliminate

Answer to the Question no-05

Harun bade Kiron good morning and asked him (K) how much preparation he (K) had taken for the SSC Examination. Kiron replied that he (K) had taken a great preparation. Harun exclaimed with wonder that he (K) was a very intelligent boy. Then he (H) wished that he (K) might be distinguished with his result.

Answer to the Question no-06

(a) Isn't man the maker of his own fortune? (b) By making proper use of his time, he is sure to prosper in life. (c) The person who does otherwise is sure to repent later. (d) How miserably the lazy suffer in the long run! (e) Isn't to kill time to commit suicide? (f) Our life is only a sum total of hours, days and years. (g) No other season of life is so valuable as youth. (h) In youth, mind is soft to be shaped easily. Or, In youth soft mind can be shaped easily. (i) Use the morning hours of life or you have to pay a heavy price afterwards. (j) We call it the seedtime of life.

Answer to the Question no-07

(a) If I had seen him, I would have informed him about the fact. (b) She talked as if she had lost everything. (c) Scarcely had we finished our duty when we left our office. (d) Danger often comes where danger is feared. (e) We have to take rest so that we may save our life from risk.

Answer to the Question no-08

(a) invention (b) consumers (c) unfortunate (d) becomes (e) children (f) scientists (g) incurable (h) invisible (i) irreparable (j) government

Answer to the Question no-09

(a) Optimism is a great quality, isn't it? (b) Everybody believes this truth, don't they? (c) But all can't be optimistic, can they? (d) None but the optimists are accepted by all, aren't they? (e) So, we all should be optimistic about life, shouldn't we?

Answer to the Question no-10

(a) If (b) Because (c) Then (d) therefore (e) that

Answer to the Question no-11

"Do not worry about a few mistakes," said the teacher. "You can learn a lot through your mistakes." "Do we learn from our mistakes?" asked the boy.

Answer to the Question no-12

Try Yourself.

Answer to the Question no-13

Try Yourself.

Answer to the Question no-14

Try Yourself.

Answer to the Question no-15

Try Yourself.