Class 11/12 (HSC) ● English 2nd Paper ● Topic wise practice sheet
Topic: Gap Filling Activities Without Clues

1. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles & zero articles.

Modern civilization is (a)___ gift of science. Science has worked (b)___ a magician in the world. We can't do even (c)___ single day (d) ___the help of science. Many quick means (e)___communication like telephone, telex, fax, telegram, satellite etc. are the greatest wonders of science. Nowadays a message can be sent (f)___ one corner of the world (g)___ another in the twinkle of (h)___eye. Science has brought a revolutionary (i) ___ change in all fields. In the field of medical science blind has got eyes, lame has got legs, deaf has got hearing power. The diseases which were incurable(j)___the past are now easily cured.

Answer: (a) the: (b) like; (c) a; (d) without; (e) of; (f) from: (g) to; (h) an: (i) x; (j) in

2. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles & zero articles.

Nowadays (a) ___good number of farmers are getting benefits (b)___ the organic cultivation of vegetables. Vermicompost. (c)___ organic fertilizer made mainly from cowdung and earthworm is used (d)___ the farmers. As the farmers did not use the chemical fertilizer or pesticides (e)___ their vegetable beds, the production cost has come down. It takes about fifty thousand taka to prepare (f)___ acre of land and the harvest starts (g)___ forty-five days of planting. Due (h)___ good yield of the crop. some (i)___temporary warehouses have been made (j)___farm area. So proper use of organic fertilizer can change the scenario of our agricultural sector.

Answer: (a) a; (b) from; (c) an; (d) by; (e) on; (f) an; (g) within: (h) to; (i) x; (j) in.

3. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles & zero articles.

Diligence means (a) ___effort to perform (b)___work successfully. (c)___ God has given us two hands to work. (d)___the beginning (e)___ the world, human beings have been struggling (f)___nature to keep hold (g)___ their existence. If they did not struggle, they might have lost long ago. Thus we see that (h)___diligence is necessary (i) ___our personal, social and national life. The student who is always diligent, makes a better result than those who are not. So, to be successful everybody should be (j)___diligent.

Answer: (a) an; (b) a; (c) x; (d) From; (e) of; (f) with; (g) of; (h) x; (i) in; (j) x.

4. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles & zero articles.

December 16, our Victory Day, is (a) ___memorable event in our national history. (b) ___day is a perpetual source of our inspiration and energy. The day reminds us (c)___ the supreme sacrifices (d)___ our sons and the noble cause and also inspires us to sacrifice ourselves (e)___our beloved country. The day is (f) ___clear warning (g) the oppressors that people's right can never be suppressed (h)___ long and that the oppressors will always be defeated because there is nothing more powerful than people's will for (i) ___freedom. It gives us (j)___ message that "Man can be destroyed, but can never be defeated."

Answer: (a) a; (b) the; (c) of; (d) of; (e) for; (f) a; (g) for; (h) for; (i) x; (j) the.

5. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles & zero articles.

People are fond (a)___travelling. So, travelling has been popular with man from (b)___ time immemorial. It is the romance (c)___ seeing the unseen, knowing the unknown and unveiling (d) ___shrouds of mystery. A man hardly knows his mother land completely until he has gone out (e)___ it to visit other countries. Only (f)___ rational comparison of our country (g) ___other countries can vividly specify (h)___ true nature of merits and demerits of our own motherland. (i) ___awareness of our defects inspires us to work hard and improve (j)___ unhappy condition of our dear birth place.

Answer: (a) of; (b) the; (c) of; (d) the; (e) of; (f) a; (g) with; (h) the; (i) An; (j) the.

6. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles & zero articles.

(a) ___effort there can be no success (b)___ life. Life loses its (c)___ interest if there is no struggle. Games become dull, if there is no competition (d)___ them and if (e)___ result can be easily foreseen. No matter whether we win the game or lose it. (f) ___keener the contest, the greater (g) ___interest. A victory is not (h) ___real triumph unless both (i) ___sides are equally strong. Whether we like it or not, life is (j)___ continuous competitive examination.

Answer: (a) Without; (b) in; (c) x; (d) in; (e) the; (f) the; (g) the; (h) a; (i) the; (j) a.

7. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles & zero articles.

Patriotism is (a)___ inherent quality of human being. It creates in a man (b)___feeling of love (c) ___his motherland. It is older than civilization. (d) ___man who loves his own country, does his first and foremost duties and works for the welfare and betterment of his country, is (e)___patriot. Even (f)___ancient tribes had a great love for the land where they were born and sacrificed their lives to defend it. If he does it and performs his duties honestly and sincerely in his own fields, he can be a patriot. If he does not do so, he will be (g)___traitor. We must not have bitterness (h)___anyone. But narrow (i) ___patriotism is very bad. All should stay (j)___ it from their hearts.

Answer: (a) an; (b) a; (c) for; (d) The; (e) a; (f) the; (g) a; (h) towards; (i) x; (j) off.

8. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles & zero articles.

Adopting unfair means in the examination is (a)___ offence. It degrades the standard (b)___education. If the students of (c) ___country do not acquire education, there will be no development of the country. (d)___examinee should study seriously so that he can cut (e)___good figure in the examination. To acquire true education should be (f)___ only aim (g) ___(h) ___lives of all students, an educated man cannot support adopting (i)___ unfair means in the examination (j)___all.

Answer: (a) an; (b) of; (c) a; (d) an; (e) a; (f) the; (g) in; (h) the: (i) x; (j) at.

9. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles & zero articles.

Terrorism is (a) ___great threat and major concern (b)___ almost all the countries. Terrorists cause damage (c)___human lives and (d)___properties creating panic and terror. (e)___ cause of (f)___ terrorism is mainly due to the deprivation (g)___genuine rights and also greed and exploitation (h)___different groups and nations. To get rid (i)___ terrorism is very difficult but not impossible if (j) ___intellectuals and peace loving nations work together.

Answer: (a) a; (b) for; (c) to; (d) x; (e) The; (f) x; (g) from; (h) of; (i) of; (j) the.

10. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles & zero articles.

Once a farmer had a great desire (a)___ land. One day going (b)___the landlord, he wanted some land so that he might live (c)___ comfort. (d) ___landlord was very wise. So, he told him to have as much land as he could cover by running till (e)___ sunset. The farmer became very pleased (f)___ that. Next morning he started running as fast as he could to cover more area. He ran till evening and (g)___sun was about to set. He ran (h) ___his last (i) ___strength but became very tired and fell down dead. He was buried there. Then the wise man remarked a man needs just as much land as will be enough (j) ___his grave.

Answer: (a) for; (b) to; (c) in; (d) The; (e) x; (f) with; (g) the; (h) with; (i) x; (j) for.

11. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles & zero articles.

Housing is one of (a) ___greatest problems in our country. Thousands of people in (b) ___big cities like Dhaka and Chattogram dwell (c) ___the footpaths. (d)___ rural areas there is also (e) ___ acute shortage of housing. (f)___ cost of construction is rising day (g)___ day. (h)___

present it is very tough (i)___ the poor people to meet the cost(j)___ construction. So, this problem needs to be solved soon.

Answer: (a) the; (b) x; (c) in; (d) In; (e) an; (f) The; (g) by; (h) At; (i) for; (j) of.

12. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles & zero articles.

Scientists have recently reported that (a) ___ surface ice caps are melting. This is due to (b)___ rise (c) ___atmospheric (d)___ temperature known (e) ___the greenhouse effect. According to the scientists, carbon dioxide is primarily responsible (f) ___temperature rise in atmosphere. The carbon dioxide is high when coal and oil are burnt. (g)___ CO_2 is accumulating in atmosphere and causing temperature to rise. As a result. (h)___ polar ice in the North and South poles is melting. We should maintain (j)___ecological balance (j)___the environment.

Answer: (a) the; (b) a; (c) in; (d) x; (e) as; (f) for; (g) The; (h) the: (i) the; (j) of.

13. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles & zero articles.

Language plays (a)___very important role in the life of human beings. We use language (b)___ the moment we wake up (c) ___the morning till we go to bed (d) ___night. We use language (e) ___different purposes. We use language to express our ideas, thoughts and feelings, to receive our message or to pass (f)___ necessary Information (g)___others. In short, (h) ___language is ever present in our activities. It is (i)___ inseparable part (j) ___what we are, what we do and believe.

Answer: (a) a; (b) from; (c) in; (d) at; (e) for; (f) x; (g) to; (h) x; (i) an; (j) of.

14. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles & zero articles.

Reading textbook is essential for all (a) ___ students. A student cannot expect to make (b)___ good result until he or she reads textbooks. In the textbooks all the topics are designed as (c) ___ students' grade that ensures (d) ___complete sense. In case of not reading those texts a student will miss knowledge needed (e)___ him or her. Moreover, textbooks are written and edited by highly (f) ___experienced educationists. Some students ignore to read textbook rather they prefer guidebooks. But merely reading guidebooks keeps the students ignoble (g)___ the subject-matter as they are written focusing (h)___exam. result but (i) ___textbook covers all the details (j)___ holistic flourish of a student.

Answer: (a) the; (b) a; (c) per; (d) a; (e) for; (f) x; (g) of; (h) on; (i) a; (j) for.

15. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles & zero articles.

Road accident is a regular phenomenon (a)___Bangladesh. Many people die in (b)___ road accidents every year. So, it is considered (c) ___curse. Road accidents occur(d)___ various reasons. Many factors are responsible for road accidents. (e)___ most common cause is reckless driving. Sometimes they drive night coach even (f)___the same day. The drives do not check (g) ___enginees properly before they start driving. The roads are two-lane roads (h) ___any dividers. These are some (i)___ the main reasons of road accidents (j)___Bangladesh.

Answer: (a) in; (b) x; (c) a; (d) for; (e) The; (f) on; (g) the; (h) without; (i) of; (j) in.

16. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles & zero articles.

A true friend is (a) ___ asset. He stands (b) ___ his friends (c)___ time of danger. He is not (d) ___greedy person. He always wishes (e)___ the welfare of his friend. But it is (f)___ matter of regret that a true friend is very (g) ___ rare today. (h) ___selfish man cannot be (i) ___true friend. He always thinks (j) ___his own interest.

Answer: (a) an; (b) by; (c) in; (d) a; (e) for; (f) a; (g) x; (h) A; (i) a; (j) of.

17. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles & zero articles.

Nowadays, (a)___ young farmers of our country are showing (b)___ interest to cultivate foreign vegetables. They (c)___ their innovative power, have added new dimensions (d) ___the country's agricultural sector. Karim Ullah is such a farmer. Five years ago, he started his farm (e) ___a vision and challenge. Now he owns (f) ___big vegetable farm where he cultivates curry leaves, lemon grass, broccoli and other foreign vegetables. The cultivation (g) ___foreign crops in our country is very inspiring (h)___ both the farmers and the customers as it brings diversity (i) ___our regular diet and nutrition. It is also possible to export vegetables (j)___ ensuring quality production and packaging.

Answer: (a) the; (b) x; (c) with; (d) to; (e) with; (f) a; (g) of; (h) for; (i) in; (j) by.

18. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles & zero articles.

Truthfulness refers (a) ___the habit of speaking (b) ___truth. It is the greatest of all virtues (c) ___a man's life. (d)___ true peace and prosperity of man entirely depends (e) ___it. It ennobles one's character and gives one high position in (f) ___society. It may not make one rich but brings (g)___ peace of mind. (h)___ truthful person is loved and respected by all. A truthful person cares nothing. All religions teach us to be truthful. By dint (i) ___truthfulness all can shine in life. Truthfulness can lead the whole world (j)___peace and prosperity.

Answer: (a) to; (b) the; (c) in; (d) The; (e) on; (f) x; (g) x; (h) A; (i) of; (j) to.

19. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles & zero articles.

The beach of Cox's Bazar is (a) ___beautiful gift of nature. The blue water (b)___ the sea and its rising waves are always (c) ___pleasant sight which cools our mind (d)___a moment. It is the longest beach (e) ___the world. (f) ___Saint Martin's Island in the Bay of Bengal is also (g)___ gift of nature. The beauty of the island is simply (h) ___bewitching. The Sundarbans, the largest mangrove forest of the world, is another beautiful gift (i) ___nature. Its wild life and (j) ___mysterious setting make it more charming.

Answer: (a) a; (b) of; (c) a; (d) within; (e) in/of; (f) the; (g) a; (h) x; (i) of; (j) x.

20. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles & zero articles.

Student politics hampers the normal progress of (a) ___student. It brings prosperity (b) ___a few but causes harm (c) ___many. Because of student politics normal administration of (d)___ college or university is hampered. As (e) ___result, there arises session jam. For this problem of the campus, student politics is mainly (f)___ responsible. So, we should rethink (g)___the necessity of student politics. Either we should avoid (h)___ student politics or we should bring (i) ___a positive change (j)___this sector.

Answer: (a) a; (b) to; (c) to; (d) a; (e) a; (f) x; (g) about; (h) x; (i) about; (j) in.