HSC Exam Preparation-2025
Subject: English 2nd Paper, Model Question-10

Time: 3 Hours Marks: 100

Prat–A: Grammar [Marks: 60]

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.

Industry is the key (a) ------success. Nobody can succeed (b) ----- life (c) ------industry. You have to work hard either (d) ------ earning money or for acquiring knowledge. Those who work hard can move (e) ------ prosperity. Success (f)------ success makes them famous. They can change the lot (g) ----- a nation. (h) -----the other hand, those who are idle always lag (i)------Prosperity remains (j) ----- of their reach.

2.

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

(a) My father landed at the airport. ------he met us, he burst into joy.
(b) Long ago ----- lived a wise king named Solomon. One day the Queen of Sheba visited King Solomon so that she could test his wisdom.
(c) ------is really dangerous to drive with sleepiness. It may cost your life at anytime, anywhere.
(d) We----- remain unfed than beg in the street. Begging is certainly a great curse.
(e) Rabeya cannot speak Bengali fluently------ English. In fact, she is a dull student.
(f) Qazi Motahar Hussain, an educationist, scientist------- in 1897 in the village of Lakshmipur of Kumarkhali Upazilla in Kushtia district.
(g) Dengue is spreading all around the country. You------ use a mosquito net before going to bed.
(h) Alexander was a great king. -----to be a king like him?
(i) Spending time in idleness does no good to us. We -------be industrious to succeed in life.
(j) Have you ever been to Sajek Valley? ------the nature around it-------?

3. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases.

(a) I wish-------. I would portray my feelings in my writing.
(b) Time flies very fast. Five years have passed since--------.
(c) The man was very weak, but he had to carry a big box. The box was too heavy for------.
(d) Rana is the first boy of our class. He studies attentively so that------.
(e) Flood visits Bangladesh almost every year. Very often it occurs because of------.
(f) Playing in the sun may make you sick. Avoid playing in the sun lest------.
(g) I was very optimistic about winning the game. I ----- before I took part in the competition.
(h) Going to the hospital we found you senseless. Can you remember the place----?
(i) The girl-------was my cousin. She is also a very brilliant student.
(j) He is absent from the meeting as-------. He has gone to consult a doctor.

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

University of Dhaka (a) ------(be) the oldest university in Bangladesh. Nawab Bahadur Sir Khwaja Salimullah, who (b) ------(play) a pioneering role in (c)------ (establish) the university in Dhaka, (d) ------(donate) 600 acres of land from his estate for this purpose. Since its opening on 1st July of 1921 it (e) ------(make) significant contributions to the modern history of Bangladesh. It (f)------(situate) on the centre of Dhaka city. Last year I (g) ------(pay) a visit to Dhaka with a view to (h)----- (visit) University of Dhaka. My elder brother (i) ------(study) in DU in the department of English since 2014. He (j)----(show) me a series of books on different writers like Shakespeare. John Milton and T.S. Eliot in the library. Besides (k)------ (go) to the DU campus I (I) -----(move) to other places. In fact, Dhaka city (m)----- (fill) with a-cluster of eye-catching buildings. I (n)----- (not forget) what I observed.

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

I said to old man, "What are you doing?" "I am watching the boys swimming in the pond," he said. "How happy they are! May Allah bless them." "Let me sit by you and enjoy the scene." I said.

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

Newspaper plays a very (a)------ (Pre-modify the noun) role in modern civilization. It publishes news and views of home and abroad. Only (b) ----- (Pre-modify the noun) knowledge is not enough in this competitive world. A newspaper helps a man (c)------ (Post-modify the verb with infinitive) his general knowledge. Besides academic books, one should read newspapers (d)------- (Post-modify the verb). Newspaper helps one (e)------ (Post-modify the verb with an infinitive) the facts of the world. (f) ------(Pre-modify the verb with a present participle phrase) regularly, one can be aware of everything. There are (g) ------ (Pre-modify the noun) kinds of newspapers. One should select the newspaper (h)------ (Post-modify the verb). One should choose the (i) ----- (Pre-modify the noun) paper because many newspapers present news partially. Whatever the paper is, it (j) ----- (Pre-modify the verb) helps a man.

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

A lion was drinking water from a brook. (a)------, a lamb was also taking water from the downstream of the same brook. (b) -------the lion saw the lamb and decided to devour it. (c)------, he was thinking about how to accomplish his evil design. (d) ------ , he hit upon a plan. (e)------, the lion accused that the lamb was disturbing him by muddying water. (f)------ the lamb said that he was taking water from downstream. (g) ----- the question of muddying water on his part did not arise. (h)-----, the lamb replied that it was the lion that was muddying water for him (i) -------- he was drinking water from upstream. (j) ------, the lion retorted that the lamb called him names a year ago. (k) ------, the lamb said that he was not born a year ago. (l) -----, the lion seemed worried, (m)------, he said that perhaps his father

who called him names last year. (n)-----, the lion had the right to take revenge and kill the lamb.

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

After a few days, the old man died. The sons **decided** to dig the land to find the **treasure** box. They **worked** very hard and dug their land. They could not find any treasure box in the land. They decided to dig a **spot** in their land that remained a bit different from the rest of the area. The sons **believed** that the treasure was buried in that spot. They dug the **specific** spot so **deeply**, got nothing but water. A **passer-by** who noticed the dug land and water flowing from a spot talked to the sons about agriculture. They sowed vegetable seeds and planted greens and flower plants in their land. Since the land became very **fertile** with **abundant** water, within a few weeks the land became a fertile garden with **nutritious** vegetables and greens. The **young** sons sold the vegetables at a good **price** and earned a good amount of money. Then they realized that it was the hard work that was mentioned as "Treasure Box' by their father. They **defeated** their laziness, worked hard, earned more money and lived happily.

(a) decide (synonym) (b) treasure (synonym) (c) work (antonym) (d) spot (synonym) (e) believe (antonym) (f) specific (antonym) (g) deeply (antonym) (h) passer-by (synonym) (i) fertile (antonym) (j) abundant (synonym) (k) nutritious (synonym) (l) young (antonym) (m) price (synonym) (n) defeated (synonym)

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

Interviewer : So why should we employ you
Interviewee : I'm young energetic enthusiastic and hardworking moreover I can take pressure.
Interviewer : Well your academic qualification is not so good
Interviewee : Is academic qualification everything sir
Interviewer : Anyway why did you leave your previous job.
Interviewee : The salary was poor compared to what I had to do.
Interviewer : So, what is your demand for this job
Interviewee : Whatever you think is the best for me

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

10. **Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper complaining against the reckless driving of motor cars in the streets.**
11. **Write a paragraph on "Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman". Use 200 words.**
12. **Write a paragraph on "Food Adulteration". Use 200 words.**

Answer Sheet

Part A: Grammar

1. (a) to (b) in (c) without (d) for (e) towards (f) after (g) of (h) on (i) behind (j) out
2. (a) as soon as (b) there (c) it (d) would rather (e) let alone (f) was born (g) had better (h) What's it like (i) have to (j) What does.....look like
3. (a) I wish **I were a writer.**
   (b) Five years have passed since **we first met.**
   (c) The box was too heavy for **him to carry.**
   (d) He studies attentively so that **none can occupy his position.**
   (e) Very often it occurs because of **excessive rainfall.**
   (f) Avoid playing in the sun lest **you should get sick.**
   (g) I **had practiced regularly** before I took part in the competition.
   (h) Can you remember the place **where the accident took place?**
   (i) The girl **who stood first in the debate competition** was my cousin.
   (j) He is absent from the meeting as **he is ill.**
4. (a) is (b) played (c) establishing (d) donated (e) has made (f) is situated (g) paid (h) visiting (i) has been studying (j) showed (k) going (l) moved (m) is filled (n) will not forget
5. I asked the old man what he was doing. He replied that he was watching the boys swimming in the pond. He also exclaimed that they were very happy. He again prayed that Allah might bless them. I requested the old man to let me sit by him and enjoy the scene.
6. (a) important (b) bookish (c) to enrich (d) regularly (e) to know (f) Reading a newspaper (g) many (h) wisely (i) impartial (j) certainly
7. (a) At the same time (b) Usually (c) So/As a result (d) At last (e) Accordingly (f) But (g) Therefore / Hence (h) On the contrary/ On the other hand (i) as (j) Then (k) At this (l) To a certain extent (m) however (n) Therefore
8. (a) planned (b) riches/wealth (c) relax/laze (d) place/site/location (e) doubt (f) unspecific/vague (g) shallowly (h) bystander/onlooker (i) barren/unproductive (j) plentiful / profuse (k) nourishing/healthy (l) old/aged (m) value (n) overcome/ overpowered/conquered
9. Interviewer : **So**, why should we employ **you**?
   Interviewee : I'm **young, energetic**, enthusiastic and **hardworking. Moreover**, **I** can take pressure.
   Interviewer : **Well**, your academic qualification is not so **good**.
   Interviewee : Is academic qualification **everything, sir?**
   Interviewer : **Anyway**, why did you leave your previous **job**?
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