HSC Exam Preparation-2025
Subject: English 2nd Paper, Model Question-12

Time: 3 Hours Marks: 100

Prat–A: Grammar [Marks: 60]

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.

Today people living (a)------towns and cities are well acquainted (b) ------the term mosquito menace. Towns and cities are infested (c) ------'mosquitoes'. Just after the sunset mosquitoes come (d)------ in swarms like locusts and spread their biting claws (e)------ human beings. They suck blood (f) -----human bodies. People living in towns and cities are to draw mosquito curtain just after evening. Though people use various insecticides and mosqurito coil, they are of no use. They disturb sleep (g)------ people (h)------ their buzzing sound. Through their biting they cause various diseases like dengue fever, malaria and elephantiasis. Sometimes dengue fever and malaria break (i)------- in an epidemic form and take (j)------- heavy tolls of human life.

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

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

(a) The teacher was in the class. He left the class room ------the bell rang.
(b) I will go to London tomorrow. I ----- buy a ticket.
(c) He likes delicious food. He------ starve than eat ordinary food.
(d) ------- making a garden on the roof? I have a plan to make one within a few days.
(e) He ------to be a teacher. His attitude says so.
(f) You------ do what I say or else you will get into trouble.
(g) I went to my friend's house. But----- was nobody in the house.
(h) Rita is very idle, She cannot boil potato,------ prepare a dinner for eight persons.
(i) Father: -----a ghost----?
Son: It is like a cartoon.
(j) ------is said that "Honesty is the best policy." An honest person is loved and respect by everybody.

3. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases.

(a) Wait for me until-----. I have something Important to tell you.
(b) His mother was hospitalized. He went home to-----.
(c) Since it has been raining in torrent,------.
(d) Jamil walted at the station till I reached. I was late because-------.
(e) Once there lived a poor wood-cutter near a forest. Everyday he used to go to the forest so that ------.
(f) One day the axe of the woodcutter fell into deep water while ------. As he lost the axe, he became frustrated.
(g) Hobby means one's favourite pastime. It may not bring one money, but------.
(h) I have a garden in front of my study room. I put a fence around my garden so that -----.

(i) Once there was an honest farmer. He used to support his family with the crops------.
(j) Rafi and his brother started for Chattogram. They walked fast lest------.

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

Parents (a) ------(be) blessings of God to us. When a child (b)-------bear), their joys (c) ------(know) no bounds. Parents never mind (d) ------(take) pains for the upbringing of their off-spring. Why do our parents (e)-------(want) us to (f) ------(go) to schools, colleges or universities? They want us (g) -------(learn) to read and to write and (h) ------(acquire) knowledge so that we (i) ------(earn) money and (j) ------ (live) comfortably as gentlemen. The saying (k)------ (go) in our country that whoever (l) ------(learn) (m)-----(read) and write (n)------(ride) in cars and on horses.

5. Change the narrative style by using direct speeches.

The king asked the astrologer how long he would live.
With a ready wit the astrologer replied that the stars declared that he would die only a week before his Majesty.
Saying this he bade the king good-bye.
Hearing this, the king turned pale and ordered to drive the wretch away. He also ordered that he might not be allowed to go there again.

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

Mr. Rahman, (a) -----(Post-modify the noun with an appositive), is known to all his students and colleagues as a good teacher. He possesses all (b) -------(Use article to pre-modify the noun) qualities like honesty, punctuality, sincerity, intelligence, efficiency etc. of a (c)------(Use an adjective to pre-modify the noun) teacher. He maintains a friendly relationship with (d)----- (Use possessive to pre-modify the noun) students. He (e) ------(Use an adverb to pre-modify the verb) tries to discover the (f)------(Use an adjective to pre-modify the noun) talents of his students. He makes his class very much interesting and, therefore, (g)----- (Use quantifier to pre-modify the noun) student feels boring in his class. He knows well about the weak students and gives special attention to (h) ------ (Use a demonstrative to pre-modify the noun) students. (i) ------ (Use an adverb to pre-modify the verb) he takes extra classes for them. In fact, he is contributing a lot (j) ------(Use an infinitive phrase to post-modify the verb).

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

Time and tide wait for none. (a)------, no one can stop the onward march of time. (b) ------ , it is very important to value for time. (c) ----if time once has gone, we cannot regain it. (d)------ we should not waste a single moment in vain. (e)------, we should make proper use of every single moment of our life. (f)------, the students should understand the value of time. (g)------ it is a matter of great regret that some of the students pass away their valuable time in Facebook. (h)------, they kill their time. (i)-----, they cannot prepare their lessons well. (j) -----they always have a poor preparation for the examination. (k)-----, they cannot do well in

the examination. (l) -----, they do not stop wasting time. (m)-----, they continue to waste their time using Facebook (n)------ it is too late for them.

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

Rana's family is very big. Rana is a hard worker and he is the **sole** bread **winner** of the family, He has three **kids**, two sons and a daughter. He lives along with father and mother. Rana used to **work** very hard to feed his family. He works for more than 16 hours a day. The kids cannot see him as he will **leave** home early in the morning before they wake up and **reach** home around midnight when kids would sleep every day. The entire family **eagerly** waits to spend quality time with him and the kids miss him so much. The children were too **curious** about Fridays as his father would spend the **entire** day with them. **Unfortunately**, to meet the Increasing household expenses and educational expenses, Rana took a weekend job to work even on Fridays. The kids were very **shattered** and even Rana's wife and parents too! The **typical** routine continued for several weeks and year passed. All the hard work of Rana earned a lot of benefits and he was offered **promotion** with attractive **increment**.

(a) sole (antonym) (b) winner (synonym) (c) kids (synonym) (d) work (synonym) (e) leave (antonym) (f) reach (antonym) (g) eagerly (synonym) (h) curious (synonym) (i) entire (antonym) (j) unfortunately (synonym) (k) shattered (antonym) (l) typical (synonym) (m) promotion (antonym) (n) Increment (antonym)

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

Father	:	Youre really strong my son. Could you break this bundle of sticks
Son	:	Well it's a very simple job I'll do it within a second!
Father	:	Have a try
Son	:	Sure Oh, I'm quite wrong. Its stronger than I expected.
Father	:	Okay now try this single stick. See what you can do
Son	:	Pass it to me and just hear the sound!
Father	:	I know it'll be easy for you. Have you learnt anything from these sticks
Son	:	Learning from sticks
Father	:	Yes the bundle of sticks is stronger than the single stick. It teaches us the wise saying. United we stand, divided we fall

Part B: Composition [40 Marks]

10. **Suppose, you are a student of class XII in "X" college. Your college is in Dhaka. Recently your father has been transferred to Chittagong. But you want to continue your study up to H.S.C. Examination in Dhaka.**

Now, write an application to the Principal of your college requesting him to sanction you a seat in the college hostel.

11. **Write a paragraph on Tree Plantation. Use 200 words.**

12. Write a compare and contrast paragraph on "City life and Rural life". Use 200 words.

Answer Sheet

Part A: Grammar

1. (a) in (b) with (c) with (d) out (e) on (f) from (g) of (h) by (i) out (j) away
2. (a) as soon as (b) have to (c) would rather (d) What's it like (e) was born (f) had better (g) there (h) let alone (i) What does ----- look like (j) It
3. (a) Wait for me until **I return.**
   (b) He went home to **see his alling mother.**
   (c) Since it has been raining in torrent, **he went out with an umbrella.**
   (d) I was late because **I could not get up early.**
   (e) Everyday he used to go to the forest so that **he could cut wood.**
   (f) One day the axe of the woodcutter fell into deep water while **he was cutting wood beside a river.**
   (g) It may not bring one money, but **it gives him/her joy and pleasure.**
   (h) I put a fence around my garden so that **cattle or naughty children cannot do any harm to my garden.**
   (i) He used to support his family with the crops **he used to grow on his small plot of land.**
   (j) They walked fast lest **they should miss the train.**
4. (a) are (b) is born (c) know (d) taking (e) want (f) go (g) to learn (h) to acquire (i) can earn (j) live (k) goes (l) learns (m) to read (n) rides
5. "How long will you live?" asked the king.
   With a ready wit the astrologer said, "The stars declare that I shall die only a-week before your Majesty. So, good-bye."
   Hearing this the king turned pale and shouted, "Drive this wretch away. Let him not come here again."
6. (a) an English teacher of a renowned school/an English teacher (b) the (c) good (d) his (e) always (f) hidden (g) no (h) those (i) sometimes (j) to develop the nation
7. (a) In fact (b) So (c) Because (d) Therefore (e) Instead/Rather (f) Particularly/Therefore (g) But (h) Actually/Even (i) As a result (j) Thus/Hence (k) Consequently/As a result (l) In spite of this (m) On the contrary (n) till
8. (a) multiple/accompanied (b) earner (c) children/offspring (d) toil/labour (e) stay (f) quit/depart/leave (g) keenly/enthusiastically/excitedly (h) interested (i) partial (j) sadly/unhappily (k) unaffeeted/unmoved (l) usual (m) demotion/downgrading (n) decline
9. Father : **You're** really **strong**, my son. Could you break this bundle of **sticks**?
   Son : **Well**, it's a very simple **job**. I'll do it within a second!
   Father : Have a **try**!
   Son : **Sure**! Oh, I'm quite wrong. **It's** stronger than I expected.
   Father : **Okay**, now try this single stick. See what you can **do**.
   Son : Pass it to me and just hear the sound!

Father : I know it'll be easy for you. Have you learnt anything from these **sticks**?
Son : Learning from **sticks**!
Father : **Yes**, the bundle of sticks is stronger than the single stick. It teaches us the wise saying. **"United we stand, divided we fall."**