HSC Exam Preparation-2025
Subject: English 2nd Paper, Model Question-13

Time: 3 Hours Marks: 100

Prat–A: Grammar [Marks: 60]

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.

In his early life Nazrul Islam lost his mother. For this he had struggled hard (a) ------poverty. In his boyhood he was very precocious and naughty. He was admitted (b) ------ a local Primary School. But he did not obey the hard and fast rule of the school. He troubled the villagers (c)------ his boyish wicked deeds. The villagers called him "Khepa". After passing the Primary Examination he devoted himself (d)------religion He became a teacher (e) ------- the village Maktab. There he taught the village children the holy Quran. He also became a muazzin. At this time he became well acquainted (f)------Islamic lore which influenced his later literary works (g)------a great extent. He also entertained the village people (h) ------ theatrical party known as Letto and earned name and fame. At twelve he fled (i) ------ from home and took job of a baker boy and for that he got taka 5 per month. At this time he drew the attention (j)------ a Muslim sub-inspector of police.

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

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

(a) -----entering an exam hall half an hour late? I think it'll be disastrous.
(b) She is very shy. She would not speak freely anything to her friends,------give a speech on stage.
(c) Jasim -----in London. So, he must be a British citizen.
(d) The house was very old. They -----demolish it than repair it.
(e) You----- not smoke. You will be sick.
(f) Industry is the key to success. We----- work sincerely.
(g) ------is an age old banyan tree in front of our school. During summer people take rest under its shade.
(h) -----the earth ------? It's not completely round.
(i) ------ I reached the station, the train left. Really I was lucky.
(j) I have come to Cox's Bazar yesterday. ----- is really a wonderful place.

3. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases.

(a) ------than the train left. So, they decided to go to the college on foot.
(b) "------ when the last train will arrive?" "Sorry I'm a new comer here."
(c) Youth is the golden season of life. In youth the mind is soft and -------.
(d) Rohan and Mosharof saw an old man lying on the road while------. They felt pity for him and took him to the hospital.
(e) A man who ------brings misery for him. He becomes a burden to all.
(f) A rickshaw puller is very industrious. Though he drives rickshaw from morning till late night, -------.

(g) Kamal fell seriously ill because of his working hard for the exam. He decided that ------.
(h) Bangladesh is a small country with a huge population. Most people cannot afford to educate their children because of------.
(i) The number of educational institutions in our country is very insignificant. We needs more educational institutions so that-------.
(j) Arif met his friend Salf on his way to college. Since the sky was cloudy, -------.

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

My dear Shamim.

Hope you (a)------(get) well. My spirit always (b)------(soar) high when I write to you. But today I (c) ------(burden) with the news of your illness. I pray to Allah that you (d) -------(come) round soon.

The news of your sudden admission into Sylhet Mediçal College Hospital (e) ------(take) me aback. I have learnt that you (f)-------(suffer) from gastric pain for about a week. I (g) -----(be) beside you in the hospital. But you (h)----- (know) my test examination (i) -----(go) on. It (j)------ (finish) on the 17th instant. Immediately after the examination I (k)-----(come) to meet you. I (l)----- (send) my younger brother. Mukul to hand you some books. These (m) -----(help) you to remove your boredom. (n)------(not get) nervous.

Yours sincerely.

Rupak

5. Change the narrative style by using direct speeches.

Mina asked Rina when her Test Examination would commence. Rina replied that it would commence on 9 November. Mina said that her (R) Test Examination was knocking at the door and she didn't have a lot of time. Rina said that she (M) was right. She (R) added that she was learning her lessons with profound attention.

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

Sher-e-Bangla A. K. Fazlul Haq. (a) ------ (Post-modify the noun with an appositive), was very meritorious from his boyhood. His father Kazi Wazed Ali was a (b) -------(Use an adjective to pre-modify the noun) pleader in the Barisal Bar. (c) ------ (Use quantifier to pre-modify the noun) day the boy Fazlul Haq was reading (d)------ (Post-modify the verb with prepositional phrase). His father was passing by. He saw Fazlul Haq was reading his lessons and tearing off (e) -------(Use article to pre-modify the noun) pages of his book one after another. He (f) -------(Use an adverb to pre-modify the verb) entered the room and said, "O my boy, do not play with your book." "I am not playing: I have already gone through (g)------ (Use a demonstrative to pre-modify the noun) pages". "So I do not need them at all", said he. (h)-------(Use possessive to pre-modify the noun) father wanted to test him. He asked him to quote (i)------- (Use quantifier to pre-modify the noun) lines from such and such pages of his book. Fazlul Haq quoted the pieces from memory word for word. He was (j) -----(Use an adverb to pre-modify the adjective) charmed at the wonderful memory of his son.

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

Nelson Mandela was the greatest leader of South Africa. (a)------, he was one of the greatest leaders of the world. (b) ------he spent his entire adult life working for equality and justice in South Africa. (c)-------he has inspired people around the world to work non-violently for a better life. (d)------, the Europeans were separated from the non- Europeans in South Africa. (e)-------, it was government policy of racial segregation. (f)------, the blacks were subjected to all sorts of indignities. (g) -----, they were denied all basic human rights. (h)------, they were aliens in their own country. (i) -----the cruel treatment of the blacks saddened Nelson Mandela. (j)-----, the great leader vowed to put an end to the inhuman practice. (k) -----, this great man was thrown behind the prison bars. (l)----- the oppressive rulers could not break his spirit. (m)----, all his life he struggled against apartheid. (n)-----, the great leader realized the goal of liberating his people.

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

Very long ago, there lived a huge apple tree offering **tasty** apples to the people. A **little** boy became **close** friend to the apple tree. The boy used to play with the tree, **climb** the branches. sleep under the shadow, **pluck** apples, etc. Every day he visited the tree, and ate apples. The apple tree was so **kind** to the **boy** and enjoyed spending time with the little boy. The boy **joined** school and could not spend any time with the apple tree. After **several** months the boy came to the apple tree. The tree was so **happy** to see the boy and asked him to play with it. The boy said that he was not a little one to play with the trees. But he had another **request** to the tree. The tree asked what he wanted. The boy said that he needed **toys** to play, but his parents did not have **sufficient** money to **buy** toys for him.

(a) tasty (antonym) (b) little (synonym) (c) close (synonym) (d) climb (antonym) (e) pluck (synonym) (f) kind (antonym) (g) boy (synonym) (h) joined (synonym) (i) several (antonym) (j) happy (antonym) (k) request (synonym) (l) toy (synonym) (m) sufficient (antonym) (n) buy (antonym)

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

Stranger : May I come in sir
Mayor : Yes of course.
Stranger : Id like to help you get rid of these rats.
Mayor : Really
Stranger : Within an hour But itll cost you one thousand gold coins.
Mayor : Id love to spend more than that only if you could free us from the rats.
Stranger : I dont need more than one thousand gold coins.
Mayor : Its a deal. Start your work now
Stranger : Yes but make arrangement for my payment.
Mayor : Well be ready before you finish.
Stranger : Oh, that's great

Part B: Composition [40 Marks]

10. **On behalf of the students of your class write an application to the Principal of your college for providing multimedia facilities in the classroom.**
11. **Write a paragraph on Pahela Baishakh. Use 200 words.**
12. **Write a paragraph on Climate Change. Use 200 words.**

Answer Sheet

Part A: Grammar

1. (a) against (b) into (c) with (d) to (e) in (f) with (g) to (h) through (i) away (j) of
2. (a) What's it like (b) let alone (c) was born (d) would rather (e) had better (f) have to (g) There (h) What does ----- look like (i) as soon as (j) It
3. (a) **No sooner had they reached the station** than the train left.
   (b) "**Can you tell me** when the last train will arrive?"
   (c) In youth the mind is soft and **can be shaped in any form.**
   (d) Rohan and Mosharof saw an old man lying on the road while **they were going to college yesterday.**
   (e) A man who **leads an idle life** brings misery for him.
   (f) Though he drives rickshaw from morning till late night, **he leads a very miserable life.**
   (g) He decided that **he should see a doctor.**
   (h) Most people cannot afford to educate their children because of **their poverty.s**
   (i) We need more educational institutions so that **we can accommodate all students.**
   (j) Since the sky was cloudy, **they were walking fast.**
4. (a) are getting (b) soars (c) am burdened (d) will come (e) has taken (f) have been suffering (g) should be (h) know (i) is going (j) will be finished (k) shall come (l) am sending (m) may help (n) do not get
5. Mina said to Rina, "When will your Test Examination commence?"
   "It will commence on 9 November" said she.
   "Your Test Examination is knocking at the door and you don't have a lot of time, said Mina.
   "You're right, said Rina.
   "And, I'm learning my lessons with profound attention."
6. (a) one of the greatest leaders of our country/the great leader (b) renowned (c) One (d) in his room (e) the (f) at once (g) these (h) his (i) some (j) greatly
7. (a) In fact (b) Primarily (c) What's more (d) At that time (e) Actually (f) Therefore (g) Even (h) As a matter of fact (i) Consequently (j) Hence (k) As a result (l) But (m) On the contrary (n) Finally/Eventually
8. (a) tasteless (b) small (c) intimate (d) descend (e) tweak (f) miserly (g) lad (h) left (i) few (j) sad (k) demand/appeal (l) plaything (m) inadequate/insufficient (n) sell
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