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

Time: 3 Hours Marks: 100

Prat–A: Grammar [Marks: 60]

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.

The air is full (a) ----- water, even if you can't see it. Higher (b) ----- the sky where it is colder than (c) ------ the land surface, invisible water vapor condenses (d) ----- tiny liquid water droplets-clouds. When the cloud droplets combine to form heavier cloud drops which can no longer "float" (e) ----- the surrounding air, it can start to rain, snow, and hail....all forms (f) ----- precipitation. The amount (g) ------ precipitation that falls is different all around the world. (h) ----- deserts, such as in Chile, it may only rain one inch per year, while (i) ----- some mountains (j) ----- Hawaii and in India, it can rain more than 600 inches per year. That is almost 2 inches every day!

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

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

(a) A: I'm trying to make a rooftop garden.
B: ----- is very tough to accommodate plants in such a small place. You need to plan a lot.

(b) My maternal uncle ----- in a prosperous family.

(c) The man is very old. He can't move out of his room, ----- walk in the garden!

(d) He is hardworking man. He ----- work alone than engage labourers in his field.

(e) ----- staying in a five-star hotel? You have visited so many of them.

(f) Bangladesh is a riverine country. If you want to enjoy the countryside, you ------ learn swimming.

(g) She has borrowed a book from his friend. She will return it to him ----- she finishes it.

(h) It is getting dark. You ----- start for home.

(i) It was my first visit to Dhaka. ------ were many historical places that I visited with my uncle.

(j) Rita is always curious about animals. But she has no idea ------ a Python -----?

3. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases.

(a) One night while Bayazid (R) was studying, his mother asked for water. So Bayazid (R) went outside to bring water. When he came back, -----

(b) He lives in a remote village where -----. He does not get a chance to watch TV.

(c) Last year I took some of my classmates to my village home. I showed them the house where -----.

(d) My elder brother will return from Cox's Bazar tomorrow morning. I have to go to the airport -----.

(e) I have been absent from office since last week. I had better get back to work or -----.

(f) The teacher is taking the class. He will leave the class room as soon as -----.

(g) Today is my elder sister's birthday. I am now going to the flower shop so that -----.
(h) The man has been suffering from headache for many days. He is now too sick to -----.
(i) You are a diabetic patient. Take some sugar with you in case -----.
(j) The students were restless. No sooner had the teacher finished his class than -----.

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

Dear M,

I want to tell you about my best friend. I have several friends at school. But the best among them (a) ----- (be) Namin, who is my class fellow. He (b) ----- (be) of my age. But he is much taller than I in size. Namin (c) ----- (have) a very cheerful nature. I (d) ----- (know) him for two years but (e) ----- never (see) him angry. His face is always smiling. Even if any boy (f) ----- (abuse) him, Namin (g) ----- never (lose) his temper. At school, he (h) ----- (sit) on the same bench with me. We are together for the greater part of the day. Together we learn and play. Other boys (i) ----- (envy) our friendship. But we (j) ----- (mind) it. Namin is very good at his lessons. He never (k) ----- (neglect) his studies. Mathematics is his weak subject. But, at the moment he (l) ----- (do) his best to make up his weakness. All his qualities (m) ----- (attract) me. I (n) ----- (not find) a more ideal friend than Namin.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

M ----------

5. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches.

The teacher said, "The examination is not far now. You must be serious and revise all the lessons very carefully. There is no time to play now." "But we have a cricket tournament after the examination," the students said. "So, we need some practice to do well in it." "I think the time you will get after the examination will be more than enough for you."

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

A 'Baishakhi Mela', (a) ----- (Post-modify the noun with an appositive), is usually an annual affair. It is held on 'Pahela Baishakh'. It is held (b) ----- (Use an infinitive phrase to post-modify the verb) the beginning of a new year. It is a bit different from (c) ----- (Use quantifier to pre-modify the noun) other national events. It brings a great joy to the (d) ----- (Use a noun-adjective to pre-modify the noun) people. A 'Baishakhi Mela' (e) ----- (Pre-modify the verb with an adverb) sits on the bank of a river. It may also sit in an (f) ----- (Use an adjective to pre-modify the noun) field or under a big ancient tree or in the market place. It is also held in a historical place. A 'Baishakhi Mela' offers (g) ----- (Use article to pre-modify the noun phrase) great show of the handmade products. Children gather in the (h) ----- (Use a noun-adjective to pre-modify the noun) shop. They buy toys, balloons and kites. Girls go to the stalls of jewelry and cosmetics and buy cheap items for them. A 'Baishakhi Mela' upholds (i) ----- (Use possessive to pre- modify the noun) tradition. Circus, magic shows, merry-go-rounds, jatra, jari gaan etc. are arranged in a 'Baishakhi Mela'. They give

the villagers a lot of pleasure. They also help us (j) ----- (Use an infinitive phrase to post-modify the verb) our tradition.

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

Once there lived a good number of frogs in a pond. On a rainy day, they were in a joyous mood. (a) -----, they started playing. (b) ------ there were only a few of them. (c) -----, almost all the frogs joined the play. (d) ------, the young ones were very enthusiastic. (e) ------ they jumped into the air and then dived into water. (f) ----- some of them began to sing in a loud voice. (g) -----, watch on. (h) -----, they were really wonderful to some boys were passing by the pond. (i) ---- one of them proposed to hit the frogs with stones in order to have some fun. (j) ----- they started throwing stones at the frogs. (k) -----, some of the frogs got injured (l) ------ some of them were killed, (m) ------, the boys did not stop their cruel game. (n) ------, they continued throwing stones at the innocent frogs.

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

It was a cold and **silent** night. The weather was freezing. A group of monkeys were on a tree. They were **clinging** to its branches. **Suddenly** they noticed a **flock** of fireflies. One of the **young** monkeys thought it was fire. He caught a firefly. He put it under a **dry** leaf and started blowing at it. Some other monkeys also **joined** in his **endeavour**. A sparrow came to its nest flying. The monkeys were sitting on the same tree. She **noticed** what they were doing. The sparrow **laughed**. She said, "Hey **silly** monkeys that is a firefly, not real fire." The monkeys did not listen to the sparrow. They continued to blow at our **poor** firefly. After some time the monkeys became very **tired**. Now they realized what the sparrow had said was correct. They set free the firefly and moved to a nearby **cave**.

(a) silent (antonym) (b) cling (synonym) (c) suddenly (antonym) (d) flock (synonym) (e) young (antonym) (f) dry (antonym) (g) joined (antonym) (h) endeavour (synonym) (i) notice (antonym) (j) laughed (synonym) (k) silly (synonym) (l) pool (synonym) (m) tired (antonym) (n) cave (synonym)

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

Principal	:	Im very happy to give you information about final examination. Itil start on 28 November.
Students	:	Its okay sir. We need the full routine so that we can make a revision plan.
Principal	:	Weve made copies for you. Youll get them within an hour. Be serious about your final exam.
Students	:	Well be on our toes.
Principal	:	Exactly and if possible try to give some model exams at home.
Students	:	Well certainly try to give some We
Principal	:	We dont want anyone of you to fail in the exanm.

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

10. **On behalf of the students of your class write an application to the principal of your college for improving computer lab facilities.**
11. **Write a paragraph on Female Education. Use 200 words.**
12. **Write a paragraph on Drug Addiction mentioning its causes and effects on the society. Use 200 words.**

Answer Sheet

Part A: Grammar

1. (a) of (b) in (c) at (d) into (e) in (f) of (g) of (h) In (i) on (j) in
2. (a) It (b) was born (c) let alone (d) would rather (e) What's it like (f) have to (g) as soon as (h) had better (i) There (j) what does .... look like.
3. (a) When he came back, **his mother was sleeping.**
   (b) He lives in a remote village where **there is no electricity.**
   (c) I showed them the house where **I was born.**
   (d) I have to go to the airport **to receive him.**
   (e) I had better get back to work **or my boss will be angry.**
   (f) He will leave the class room as soon as **the bell rings.**
   (g) I am now going to the flower shop so that **I can buy flowers for her.**
   (h) He is now too sick to **get out of bed.**
   (i) Take some sugar with you in case **you need.**
   (j) No sooner had the teacher finished his class than **the students began to talk.**
4. (a) is (b) is (c) has (d) have known (e) have never seen (f) abuses (g) loses (h) sits (i) envy (j) do not mind (k) neglects (l) is doing (m) have attracted (n) cannot find
5. The teacher told the students that the examination was not far then. He added that the students had to be serious and revise all the lessons very carefully. He further said that there was no time to play then. The students replied that they had a cricket tournament after the examination and, so, they needed some practice to do well in it. The teacher told them that he thought the time they would get after the examination would be more than enough for them.
6. (a) a very important event for the villagers (b) to celebrate (c) some (d) village (e) generally (f) open (g) a (h) toy (i) our (j) to maintain
7. (a) Hence (b) At first (c) Afterwards (d) Particularly (e) Interestingly (f) In addition (g) As a matter of fact (h) In the meantime (i) Surprisingly (j) Accordingly (k) As a result (l) and (m) but (n) Instead
8. (a) noisy (b) adhere/hang (c) gradually (d) group/herd (e) aged/elderly (f) wet/soaked (g) separated (h) attempt/effort (i) ignore/overlook (j) smiled/amused (k) dull/stupid (l) wretched/miserable (m) energetic/active/lively (n) cavern/grotto
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Principal	:	**We've** made copies for you. **You'll** get them within an hour. Be serious about your final **exam**.
Students	:	**We'll** be on our toes.
Principal	:	**Exactly**. **And** if **possible**, try to give some model exams at home.
Students	:	**We'll** certainly try to give **some**.
Principal	:	We **don't** want anyone of you to fail in the exam.