HSC Exam Preparation-2025
Subject: English 2nd Paper, Model Question-3

Time: 3 Hours Marks: 100

Part A: Grammar (60 Marks)

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.

A lake is a low area (a) ----- the ground where water collects in pools. Water is coming (b) ----- the area faster than it leaves, so it backs up, forming a lake. Sometime people cause this too by building a dam (c) ----- a river, creating a reservoir. Lakes are surrounded by higher land (d) ----- some sides of it. Rain that falls and snow that melts (e) ----- the higher land alongside a lake flows down the hills as runoff (f) ------ the lake. Water also seeps into the ground alongside the lake and flows downhill (g) ----- underground contributing water to the lake. A lot of water coming into a lake arrives (h) ----- creeks and rivers that flow into it. These creeks and rivers collect and move water flowing downhill (i) ----- the watershed that drains into the lake. Thus, a lake's level will often rise when it rains many miles upstream (j) ----- it in the watershed.

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

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

(a) The boys were making noise. They stopped-----they saw the teacher coming to the class.

(b) The programme is supposed to start in the morning. It'll start at 7 am. If------ is any change, you will be informed in time.

(c) I have to reach the station within 4 pm. I ----- start now.

(d) She wanted to celebrate her sister's birthday. She---- decorate her room and make a cake.

(e) He is not well-mannered. He does not behave well with his family members------others.

(f) Mr. Rahim ------ in a remote village. He has come to his current position by dint of his hard work.

(g) She is very intrinsic. She ------remain alone than work with others.

(h) Kalpana: ------- the sculpture -------?
Lipi: I think it is like a horse.

(i) ------- was a stormy night. Lima and her family were frightened because the strong wind was very devastating.

(j) ------- to have a pet? I am very fond of having one.

3. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases.

(a) The proverb goes, "United we stand, ------. " So, we should remain united for the betterment of our country.

(b) Rana comes of a very needy family. He undergoes hard work so that -------.

(c) People in villages are reluctant to send their female children to school. They think they need no education because --------.
(d) Yesterday Nafisa had an accident while she coming back from her college. No sooner had her parents heard the news -------
(e) Health is wealth. Without a sound health--------.
(f) Flower is one of the most beautiful creations of Allah. There is hardly any person ------.
(g) A poor farmer lived in a village. He used to support his family with the crops--------.
(h) Most of the people of Bangladesh are poor but they are friendly. When any one falls in danger, -------
(i) Industry is the mother of good luck. We work hard so that -------.
(j) Without being industrious, we cannot be great in life. A man who leads an idle life,-----.

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

Dear M.

Thanks for your letter. Sorry for I (a) ----- (write) you for so long. I was busy all this time. Well, I am very glad that you (b) ------ (pass) all the exams! Congratulations! My holiday is over. I (c) ------ (spend) my holidays very well. I (d) ------ (go) out with my friends, read a lot of interesting books, (e) ------ (watch) TV, and played computer games. I spent few weeks in a summer cottage with my grandparents. I (f) ----- (help) my grandmother with the garden, (g) ------ (water) plants, and (h) ------(gather) fruit and vegetables. I (i) ----- (enjoy) floating by boat, (j) ------ (swim) in the river and helping my grandparents. During my summer holidays I (k) ----- (make) many new friends, read a lot of useful things. Now I (l) ------ (feel) ready to get back to school. I (m) ------ (be) happy to meet my friends and teachers. What about you? How did you (n) -----(spend) your holidays? Did you like it?

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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5. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches.

The wolf shouted down at the lamb, "Why are you making the water dirty I am drinking?" "You must be mistaken, sir," said the poor lamb gently. "The water flows from you to me and not from me to you. So, I am not making the water dirty for you."

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

It is known to us that time and tide wait for none. Time flies very (a) ----- (Post-modify the verb with adverb). We cannot stop (b) ------ (Use possessive to pre-modify the noun) onward march for a moment. So, we have to realize (c) ------(Use article to pre- modify the noun) value of it. Time once lost is lost forever. We can regain lost money by (d) ----- (Use an adjective to pre-modify the noun) work. In the same way, we can regain lost health by medicine and improved diet. Moreover, we can regain lost knowledge by study. But lost time can (e) -----(Pre-modify the verb with adverb) be regained. So, time is very much important (f) -----(Post-modify the verb with prepositional phrase). The proper use of time

ensures success in life. By using our time properly, we can surely succeed. But doing otherwise makes it difficult for us to succeed in life. So, it is our duty to make a (g) -----(Use an adjective to pre-modify the noun) division of our time and try (h)----- (Use an infinitive phrase to post-modify the verb) our work accordingly. (i) -----(Use possessive to pre-modify the noun) life is very short. We have to ensure the proper utilization of (j)------ (Use determiner to pre-modify the noun phrase) second of our life to make it successful and meaningful.

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

Once there lived an old man in a village. He had three sons who were healthy and strong, (a) ----- they did not work hard. (b) ------, they always quarrelled with one another. (c)-----, the man was very unhappy. One day, he called them in his room. (d) -----he told them to bring some sticks and rope. (e)----- they bring them, the man tied those sticks with the rope. (f)-----, he asked his eldest son to break the bundle of sticks. (g) ------ he tried his best but could not break it. (h)------, the other two sons failed to break the bundle. (i)------, the man untied the sticks and gave one stick to each son and told them to break it. They could easily break the single stick. (j)----- the sons learnt something Important from the sticks, (k)-----, if they could stay together, nobody would be able to do any harm to them. (l)-----, if they were divided, they would have no power and anybody would be able to harm them. (m)-----, they realized the truth that 'Unity is strength. (n)----- those three sons stopped quarrelling with one another and worked hard on their fields.

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

In the south of Spain, there was a small **village** whose people were very **joyful** and **lucky**. The children played under the **shade** of trees in the gardens of their home. A **shepherd** boy whose name was Nasir, stayed near the village with his father, mother and grandmother. **Early** morning each day, he takes his **herd** of goats up the hills to find a **suitable** place for them to graze. In the afternoon he would **return** with them to the village. At night his grandmother would tell him a **story**. It was the story of stars. This story really **interested** Nasir. As usual, on one of these days, as Nasir was watching his herd and playing his flute he suddenly saw a **wonderful** light behind the flower bush. When he came towards the branches he saw a **transparent** and most **beautiful** crystal ball.

(a) village (synonym) (b) joyful (antonym) (c) lucky (antonym) (d) shade (synonym) (e) shepherd (synonym) (f) early (antonym) (g) herd (synonym) (h) suitable (antonym) (i) return (antonym) (j) story (synonym) (k) interested (synonym) (l) wonderful (synonym) (m) transparent (antonym) (n) beautiful (antonym)

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

Arman : Good morning Hasib
Hasib : Good morning. How are you?
Arman : Im okay. But Im afraid of the debate competition.

Hasib : Havent you practised enough you have had enough time for preparation.
Arman : Dont worry. I'm sure III be able to cover up, wont I
Hasib : Im confident I'll do well in the competition
Arman : May Allah be with you

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

10. **Suppose, you are a student studying in Sylhet Govt. College. Your father has been transferred to Feni. You will have to go to Feni with your family and you have taken T.C. from Sylhet Govt. College. Now, write an application to the principal of Feni Govt. College for admission on T.C.**
11. **Write a paragraph on Our National Flag. Use 200 words.**
12. **Write a paragraph describing the merits and demerits of a mobile phone. Use 200 words.**

Answer Sheet

Part A: Grammar

1. (a) on (b) into (c) on (d) on (e) on (f) into (g) though (h) from (i) in (j) from
2. (a) as soon as (b) there (c) had better (d) had to (e) let alone (f) was born (g) would rather (h) What does --- look like? (i) It (j) What's it like
3. (a) The proverb goes, "United we stand, **divided we fall**."
   (b) He undergoes hard work so that **he can earn his living.**
   (c) They think they need no education because **they will not work outside home.**
   (d) No sooner had they heard the news than **they went to the spot.**
   (e) Without a sound health **you can't enjoy a sound mind.**
   (f) There is hardly any person **who doesn't love flowers.**
   (g) He used to support his family with the crops **he used to grow on his small plot of land.**
   (h) When any one falls in danger, **others help him.**
   (i) We work hard so that **we can prosper in life.**
   (j) A man who leads an idle life, **always remains poor.**
4. (a) have not written (b) have passed (c) spent (d) went (e) watched (f) helped (g) watered (h) gathered (i) enjoyed (j) swimming (k) made (l) feel (m) am (n) spend
5. The wolf shouted down at the lamb and asked why he (L) was making the water dirty he (W) was drinking: The poor lamb gently replied that the wolf had to be mistaken. He added that the water flowed from the wolf to him (L) and not from him (L) to the wolf and so, he (L) was not making the water dirty for him (W).
6. (a) quickly/fast (b) its (c) the (d) hard (e) never (f) in our life (g) proper (h) to do (i) our (j) every
7. (a) but (b) Instead (c) For that reason (d) Then (e) When (f) At first (g) Accordingly (h) Likewise (i) Then (j) Thus/In this way (k) First of all (l) Secondly (m) Most significantly (n) Afterwards

8. (a) countryside (b) gloomy/dull (c) unfortunate/ill-fated (d) shadow/gloom (e) cowboy (f) late (g) flock (h) inappropriate (i) depart (j) tale (k) fascinated/enthralled (l) stunning/ amazing (m) opaque/obscure (n) ugly/boring
9. Arman : Good **morning**, Hasib.
   Hasib : Good morning. How are **you**?
   Arman : **I'm** okay. But **I'm** afraid of the debate competition.
   Hasib : **Haven't** you practised **enough**? **You** have had enough time for preparation.
   Arman : **Don't** worry. I'm sure **I'll** be able to cover up, **won't I?**
   Hasib : **I'm** confident I'll do well in the **competition**.
   Arman : May Allah be with **you**.