HSC Exam Preparation-2025
Subject: English 2nd Paper, Model Question-5

Time: 3 Hours Marks: 100

Part A: Grammar (60 Marks)

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.

Television is the most common and widespread source of recreation. (a) -----day's work, we sit (b) ----- a television set and hear music and songs. We also watch drama, dance and many other things (c) ----- television. It has shortened time and distance. We can see (d) ----- our eyes the events that take place hundred and thousands of kilometers away (e) ----- us. We also get acquainted (f) ----- the customer and tradition, fashions, dresses and culture (g) ----- the people of different parts of the world (h) ----- television. (i) ----- many countries television is used (j) ----- distance learning.

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

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

(a) In Indonesia most of the students - Join English Club. Is it the same in Bangladesh?
(b) I - go abroad than join in student politics. In our country student politics is like committing suicide.
(c) The sailor became terrified. ----- were no birds or animals in that snow covered country.
(d) ------ living in a town? Sometimes, you seem to be very much bored with your life in the busy city.
(e) I am not good at English. I cannot write a single sentence ------ a full composition in English.
(f) I started for the college ----- the train stopped. Yet, I was 30 minutes late to reach the exam hall.
(g) The street children are those who live and survive on the streets. Most of them do not know where they ------ or where is their home.
(h) In cold countries people lead their life through hardship. ------ snows everywhere all the year round.
(i) It is raining hard. You ------ take an umbrella with you as you are going to step out.
(j) ----- a pyramid -----? I have never been to Egypt.

3. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases.

(a) The National Memorial which is situated at Savar ------, It is built with concrete, but made of blood.
(b) ----- cannot be blotted. Everything is predestined by God.
(c) I support you because ------. You should be always honest.
(d) Willpower is needed to ------, There is a proverb "Where there is a will, there is a way".

(e) We cannot stop natural disasters. But reducing the loss of wealth and lives is possible ------.
(f) The door bell rang ------. I felt disturbed of it.
(g) Today is Friday. ------, all the shops are closed.
(h) I do not like people ------. Such kind of people are hated everywhere.
(i) As an HSC candidate, you should read properly so -----. You must make use of time.
(j) Though Bangladesh is a small country ----. But her population can be used as human resource.

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

Many events of great importance (a) ----- (take) place during the last century. Significant advances (b) ------ (make) in the field of science and technology. Many European colonies (c)------ (gain) independence. The movement for democracy (d) ---- (become) prominent in many parts of the world. Two World Wars (e) ------ (break) out in this century. It also (f) ---- (witness) the misuse of atomic energy. Two cities of Japan were completely (g) ----- (destroy) as a result of the dropping of atom bombs. Also the process of reunification (h) ---- (echo) in other regions. The century also (i) ----- (witness) the rise of socialism, and the creation of super powers (j) ----- (oppose) in ideologies. However, the end of the cold war and the collapse of socialism (k) ----- (ease) the major powers into a unipolar position. However, the emergence of Bangladesh as an independent nation (l) ----- (become) a momentous event. After a bloody war of nine months Bangladesh (m) ----- (bear). Now we (n) ------ (hold) our heads high in the community of nations.

5. Change the narrative style by using direct speeches.

Addressing the Caliph as Prince of the Faithful, the vizier replied that they were undoubtedly a company of drunkards. He added that if they went in, he feared some harm might befall upon him. The Caliph insisted that they had to go in and instructed him that he should invent some pretext for entrance.

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

I experienced a very interesting incident (a)------ (Post-modify the verb) on my way to Khulna. My friend Tamalika, (b) ------ (Post-modify the noun with an appositive) was driving. A cow was crossing the road but suddenly in the middle of the road it stopped and remained standing. In a minute Tamalika had to change her course but didn't have (c)------- (Pre-modify the noun) time and space to do that. Tamalika tried to turn in the left when the cow too walked (d) ----- (Post-modify the verb) back a few steps. To save (e)----- (Use a demonstrative to pre-modify the noun) cow, Tamalika had to move in the right. She lost her control and bumped the car with a (f) ------ (Use a noun adjective to pre-modify the noun) tree. (g) ------ (Use a participle to pre-modify the verb) Tamalika was shocked but she was (h) ------ (Use an intensifier to pre-modify the adjective) happy (i)------ (Use an infinitive phrase to post-modify the verb). She patted the (j) ------ (Pre-modify the noun) cow and burst into laughter.

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

(a) ------- there have been significant changes in the types of entertainment over time. (b) ------- many of the popular forms of entertainment of the past no longer exist. (c) ------- if they do, people keep looking for newer forms of entertainment. (d) -----, the common forms of past entertainment, (e) ------ snake charming, puppet show, jatragan, jarigan, sharigan, kabigan etc. have almost lost their appeal. Radio (f)----- used to be a good source of entertainment in the past, is now giving place to television and to satellite channels in particular. Watching TV, (g) ------, has become an addiction for many. (h) ------, the entertainment business is getting westernized day by day. (i) ------, folk music or palligeeti is now sung with western instruments. (j) ------, modern music is now fusing melodies from folk and traditional songs. (k) ------, band and pop music are becoming more and more popular. (l) ------, it has created its own world among the young generation. (m) ------ sport, football, (n) ------ was once the most popular sport in Bangladesh, is gradually being replaced by cricket.

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

Once upon a time, there was an island where **all** the feelings lived: Happiness, Sadness, **Knowledge**, and all of the others, **including** Love. One day it was **announced** to the feelings that the island would **sink**, so all **constructed** boats and left. Love was the only one who stayed. Love wanted to hold out until the last **possible moment**. When the island had **almost** sunk, Love decided to ask for help. Love asked Richness for **help**, but **Richness** answered. "No, I can't. There is a lot of gold and silver in my **boat**. There is no place here for you." Love decided to ask Vanity who was also passing by in a **beautiful** vessel. "Vanity, please help me!" "I can't help you, Love. You are all wet and might **damage** my boat," Vanity answered.

(a) all (antonym) (b) knowledge (antonym) (c) including (antonym) (d) announce (synonym) (e) sink (antonym) (f) constructed (antonym) (g) possible (synonym) (h) moment (antonym) (i) almost (synonym) (j) help (synonym) (k) richness (synonym) (l) boat (synonym) (m) beautiful (antonym) (n) damage (synonym)

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

Nazneen: Excuse me where is the nearest hospital
Farhana : Its at least 5 Kilometers away from here you will have to hire a taxi You can also go by bus
Nazneen: I see Is there a bus station near here
Farhana : Yes theres a bus stop at the corner
Nazneen: Thank you.
Farhana : Youre welcome

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.**

Part A: Grammar

1. (a) after (b) before (c) on (d) with (e) from (f) with (g) of (h) through (i) in (j) form
2. (a) have to (b) would rather (c) there (d) what's it like (e) let alone (f) as soon as (g) were born (h) It (i) had better (j) What does .... look liked
3. (a) The National Memorial which is situated at Savar **is a symbol of nation's respect for martyrs.**
   (b) **What is lotted** cannot be blotted.
   (c) I support you because **your intention is honest.**
   (d) Willpower is needed to **accomplish anything great.**
   (e) But reducing the loss of wealth and lives is possible **when we take precautionary measures.**
   (f) The door bell rang **while I was reading.**
   (g) **As it is a public holiday,** all the shops are closed.
   (h) I do not like people **who are dishonest.**
   (i) As an HSC candidate, you should read properly so **that you can make a brilliant result.**
   (j) Though Bangladesh is a small country, **she is burdened with overpopulation.**
4. (a) took (b) were made (c) gained (d) became (e) broke (f) witnessed (g) destroyed (h) has been echoed (i) witnessed (j) opposed (k) have eased (l) became (m) was born (n) hold
5. "Prince of the Faithful," replied the vizier, "They are undoubtedly a company of drunkards. If we go in I fear some harm may befall upon you." "We must go in," insisted the Caliph. "You shall invent some pretext for entrance."
6. (a) last week (b) a famous athlete (c) enough (d) slowly (e) that (f) jackfruit (g) Seeing the bodamage in her new car (h) very (1) to save the cow (j) calm
7. (a) Obviously (b) As a result (c) Even (d) First of all (e) for example (f) which (g) however (h) Moreover (i) In addition (j) At the same time (k) In general/In fact (l) Particularly (m) With regard (n) which/that
8. (a) none (b) ignorance (c) excluding (d) declare/proclaim/publicize (e) float (f) destroyed/demolished (g) doable/feasible (h) age (i) nearly (j) support/aid/assistance (k) wealth/prosperity (l) vessel/craft (m) ugly (n) spoil
9. Nazneen: Excuse **me**, where is the nearest **hospital**?

Farhana : **It's** at least 5 Kilometers away from **here**. **You** will have to hire a **taxi**; **you** can also go by **bus**.

Nazneen: **I see**. Is there a bus station near **here**?

Farhana : **Yes**, **there's** a bus stop at the **corner**.

Nazneen: Thank you.

Farhana : **You're welcome.**