HSC Exam Preparation-2025
Subject: English 2nd Paper, Model Question-8

Time: 3 Hours Marks: 100

Prat–A: Grammar [Marks: 60]

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.

Power is the key (a) ------the economic growth of any country. The necessity (b) -----power is only known when load-shedding occurs. Though rural life of Bangladesh is not totally dependent (c)----- power, urban life cannot be sustained (d)----- electricity. (e) -----present the production is (f) -----8000 MW of electricity (g) -----the country's installed capacity of 14,539 MW. But the demand is ever on the rise. (h)-----these circumstances various initiatives have been taken to increase the power generation and ensure its proper use (i)-----Bangladesh. It is high time we shifted our concentration (j) ------alternative fuel source.

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

It	what's it like	let alone	as soon as	there
had rather	has to	was born	What do .... look like	would rather

(a) Corruption is a crime. I------die than become a corrupt.
(b) Khalid is a very poor boy. He cannot manage two square meals a day------go to the Fantasy Kingdom.
(c) ------ the chief guest came, the audience kept silent. The chief guest delivered his speech with a smiling face.
(d) In the village of our country a girl who is matured usually -----wear veil. Is it the same in the cities?
(e) Charles Babbage was an English Mathematician. He-------on 26 December 1791 in London.
(f) Our village is a famous one. ------are many highly educated and very rich persons in our village.
(g) Today is holiday. ------swimming in the river?
(h) ------ its is unity which is strength. "United we stand, divided we fall" goes a saying.
(i) Burj Khalifa is a Skyscraper in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. ------ its surroundings -?
(j) Our examination is approaching near. We------ prepare ourselves to make a good result.

3. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases.

(a) She looks older -----. She had better not wear glass.
(b) The financial condition of my family was not so good. So, I took up a part time job so that ------.
(c) He likes to talk much. Don't bother about------.
(d) I studied in the same class with Dilruba at a primary school in Sylhet. Then her father was transferred to Cumilla and she shifted there with her family. It was a long time since-------.
(e) I saw the mother -------. The baby was crying then.
(f) He felt tired. He wanted to-------.

(g) All parents want -------. My parents want me to be an engineer.
(h) ------ very expensive. You have to earn more to cope with the city life.
(i) The old man saw some snakes. Their colour was so beautiful that ------.
(j) He is very late today. Do you know -------?

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

An ideal teacher (a) -------(know) the art of (b)------- (teach). He (c) -------(make) his lessons interesting. His methods (d) -------(be) convincing and inspiring. An ideal teacher (e) -------(treat) his students like his own children. He (f) ------(praise) the good work (g) ------(do) by them. If anyone of students (h)------(commit) some mistakes, he (i)----- (be) not very harsh to him. He tactfully (j)------ (make) the students (k)-----(realize) his mistakes. An ideal teacher is never angry with his students. He (l) ------(behave) well with all. He (m)------(interest) in simple living and high thinking. He never (n) -----(set) a wrong example before his students.

5. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches.

"Will you go to college today?" the mother said to her son. "No, mother. Our classes are suspended." "Then go to the market and bring some vegetables." "Let me be ready and give me money."

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

Modern life depends (a)------ (Post-modify the verb) on transport. We can understand well how important transport is when it is hampered by (b) ----- (Pre-modify the noun) disasters and political crisis. Transport helps us (c) ----- (Pre-modify the verb with an infinitive) our destinations. It has quickened trade and commerce (d) ------ (Post-modify the verb). It also helps us (e) ----- (Post-modify the verb with an infinitive) with our relatives and friends. The development of transport has made the world small. We can travel to any country (f)----- (Post- modify the verb). We use transport (g)------ (Use an infinitive to post-modify the verb) our goods and products to different places. The use of transport saves our time (h)------ (Post- modify the verb). It also helps us (i)---- (Post-modify the verb with an infinitive) knowledge and ideas. (j) ------(Pre-modify the verb with a present participle phrase) we can promote understanding among the nations.

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

Man is a social being. (a) -----, man cannot live alone. (b) -----, man has been living together from time immemorial. (c) -----living in society is not an easy task. (d) ----- we want to live in a society, we have to follow certain rules and regulations of that society. (e) -----, we have to be cooperative. (f)-----, we must help others (g)----- they need it. (h)-----, we have to be careful not to hurt others by our words or activities. (i)-----, we must control our emotions (j) -----, behave well with others. (k) -----, we should not think and live only for us. (l) ------, we should always work for the betterment of the society. (m)------, we should sacrifice our lives for others. (n)-----, sacrificing our lives for others can make us immortal.

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

The **night** fell heavy in the heights of the mountains and the man could not see anything. All was **black**. There was zero **visibility**, and the moon and the stars were **covered** by the clouds. As he was climbing only a few feet away from the **top** of the mountain, he **slipped** and fell into the air, **falling** at great **speed**. He could only see black spots as he went down, and the **terrible** sensation of being sucked by gravity. He kept falling, and in the moments of great **fear**, it came to his mind all the good and bad **episodes** of his life. He was thinking now about how close **death** was getting, when all on a **sudden** he felt the rope tied to his waist was **pulling** him very hard. His body was hanging in the air.

(a) night (antonym) (b) black (antonym) (c) visible (antonym) (d) covered (antonym) (e) top (synonym) (f) slip (synonym) (g) falling (synonym) (h) speed (synonym) (i) terrible (antonym) (j) fear (synonym) (k) episode (synonym) (l) death (antonym) (m) sudden (synonym) (n) pull (antonym)

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

Azad : How are you
Arif : Im fine what about you
Azad : I'm also well what are you reading in the newspaper
Arif : I am reading a report on Eve teasing
Azad : Whats it
Arif : Its a present social problem
Azad : Thank you
Arif : Welcome

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

10. **Suppose, you are Sultan/Sultana of Jamalpur Govt. College in Jamalpur. You feel the necessity of improvement in your spoken English and hence you believe that a suitable atmosphere is needed to enable all students to practise conversation in English. Now, write an application to the Principal of your college requesting him to open an English Language Club / English Speaking Club in the college.**
11. **Write a paragraph on Covid-19/Coronavirus. Use 200 words.**
12. **Write a paragraph showing contrast between Bangladeshi and Western Music. Use 200 words.**

Answer Sheet

Part A: Grammar

1. (a) to (b) of (c) on (d) without (e) at (f) around (g) against (h) under (i) in (j) to
2. (a) would rather (b) let alone (c) as soon as (d) has to (e) was born (f) there (g) what's it like (h) It (i) What do.....look like (j) had rather

3. (a) She looks older **when she wears glass.**
   (b) So, I took up a part time job so that **I could support my family.**
   (c) Don't bother about **what he said.**
   (d) It was a long time since **we last met.**
   (e) I saw the mother **working in the kitchen.**
   (f) He felt tired. He wanted to **have a cup of tea.**
   (g) All parents want **to see their children established.**
   (h) **City life is** very expensive.
   (i) Their colour was so beautiful that **he felt a great love for them.**
   (j) Do you know **why he is late?**
4. (a) knows (b) teaching (c) makes (d) are (e) treats (f) praises (g) done (h) commits (i) is (j) makes (k) realize (l) behaves (m) is interested (n) sets
5. The mother asked her son if he would go to college that day. The son addressing her as mother replied in the negative that their classes were suspended. Then the mother ardered him to go to the market and bring some vegetables. The son told his mother that he might be ready and told her to give him money.
6. (a) much (b) natural (c) to reach (d) all over the world (e) to communicate (f) easily (g) to carry (h) greatly (i) to acquire (j) Taking the help of transport
7. (a) So (b) For this reason (c) But (d) If (e) First of all (f) In other words (g) when (h) Secondly (i) On the contrary (j) and (k) Finally (l) Instead (m) That is to say (n) Indeed
8. (a) day (b) light/bright (c) invisible (d) exposed (e) apex/summit/peak (f) slide (g) dropping (h) pace/velocity (i) wonderful (j) terror/horror/panic (k) period/chapter/ event (l) birth (m) unexpected (n) push
9. Azad : How are **you**?
   Arif : **I'm fine, What** about **you**?
   Azad : I am also **well**. **What** are you reading in the **newspaper**?
   Arif : I am reading a report on **Eve teasing.**
   Azad : **What's it?**
   Arif : **It's** a present social **problem**.
   Azad : Thank **you**.
   Arif : **Welcome**.