SSC ● English 2nd Paper ● Model Test with Solution

Model Question—9

Time: 3 hours | Full Mark: 100

[Answer all the questions. Figures in the margin indicate full marks.]

Part—A: Grammar (Marks—60)

1. Fill in the blanks with the words from the box. You may need to change the forms of some of the words. You may need to use one word more than once. 1×10= 10

while	give	between	the	over	equal	of	the	upon

In a society, all men are not (a) ----- well-off. Some people are very rich (b) ----- some are very poor. (c) ----- unequal distribution of wealth is the main cause (d) ----- it. Many people are often deprived (e) ----- the basic needs of life. The rich always draw a line of contrast (f) ----- themselves and the poor. They look down (g) ----- the poor. They think if (h) ----- poor have riches, they will lose their control (i) ----- them. The poor should be (J) ----- their due rights.

2. Make five sentences using parts of sentences from each column of the table below. 5

Early rising	habit	good for health
This	certainly	both the body and the mind of a person
The man	who	enables a man to begin his day's work early
The morning air	to be	has long-lasting effect in a man's life
	refreshes	rises early, finds time to take exercise

3. Complete the following text with right form of the verbs given in the box. 1×10= 10

contribute	kill	come	show	flee	involve	achieve	have	be	take

Today we (a) ----- a free nation. We (b) ----- to take great pains to gain freedom. Our War of Liberation (c) ----- place in 1971. People from all walks of life (d) ----- forward and got (e) ----- in the war directly and indirectly. Many a man (f) ----- in the battlefields. They (g) ----- from the battlefields (h) ----- their back. Rather all of them (i) ----- much to (j) ----- independence.

4. Change the sentences according to directions. 1×10= 10

(a) Truthfulness is an admirable quality. (Make exclamatory sentence)
(b) This virtue makes a man really great. (Make complex sentence)
(c) If we do not cultivate the habit of speaking the truth, we cannot command the confidence of others. (Make simple sentence)
(d) A lie never lies hidden. (Make affirmative sentence)
(e) All hate him. (Make negative sentence)
(f) Nobody likes him. (Make interrogative sentence)
(g) So all despise him without considering his social status. (Make complex sentence)
(h) The habit of speaking the truth, therefore, must be formed from the very childhood. Make (compound sentence)
(i) What a powerful trait truthfulness is! (Make assertive sentence)
(j) Only truth lasts long. (Make negative sentence)

5. Make tag questions of these statements. 1×5= 5

(a) Great nature, -----?
(b) But everybody wants to destroy it. -----?
(c) Hardly anyone tries to protect natural world, -----?
(d) Nature must receive care from all of us, -----?

(e) Everything in nature has a priceless life to carry on, -----?

6. Complete the text adding suffixes, prefixes or the both with the root words given in the parentheses. 1×5= 5

Rabindranath Tagore, one of the greatest literary figures of the world, won Nobel Prize for 'Gitanjali' in 1913. That brought him tremendous (a) ----- (repute) ----- and recognition which he cherished in his life. Towards the end of his career he paid attention to painting. His pictures too according to the critics belong to a very high rank. Indeed Tagore (b) ----- (hard) ----- did anything (c) ----- (standard) ----- in his life. His Galpaguchha is an (d) ----- (ordinary) ----- literary creation of short stories. They are about social and (e) ----- (psychology) ----- elements of the people of our society. For example, in Haimanti, Rabindranath has nicely portrayed a social problem named dowry.

7. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. 1×5= 5

You will be enchanted (a) ----- the beauty of tea gardens in Sylhet. Tall trees clinging (b) ---- the sides of the hills and hillocks look very delightful and charming. Then if you go to see the waterfall of Madhab Kunda (c) ----- the top of the hill, you will be amazed by the crystal clear water coming (d) ----- from a great height and crashing (e) ----- the ground below like garlands of pearls.

8. Complete the passage using suitable connectors. 1×5= 5

Everybody knows (a) ----- sincerity is the key to success. A sincere person can prosper in life. The man (b) ----- does not follow the rules of sincerity, can never go a long way in the world. Many a man is not conscious of the importance of sincerity for (c) ----- they don't have the benefit of success. (d) -----, we should be sincere in our work. (e) ----- we are sincere in our work, we will suffer in the long run.

9. Use capitals and punctuation marks where necessary in the following text. 5

i came to dhaka this morning i sent you a telegram before starting from home he said did you receive it in time he asked no i replied

Part—B: Writing (Marks—40)

10. A rainy day gives us both joy and sorrow. Write a paragraph in 250 words on 'A Rainy Day'. 10

11. Suppose, there are very few books in your school library. No books were purchased in the last few years. The students feel the need to have more books in the library because they can take much benefit from from the library. Now, write an application to the Headmistress of your school asking for more facilities in the school library. 10

12. Trees are part and parcel of our life and all living beings. Write a short composition on 'Tree Plantation' narrating the importance of tree plantation. 20

■■■ Solution to Model Test ■■■

1. Filling in the blanks with clues:

(a) equally; (b) while; (c) The; (d) of; (e) of; (f) between; (g) upon; (h) the; (i) over; (j) given.

2. Producing sentences from a substitution table:

(i) Early rising is good for health.
(ii) This habit has long-lasting effect in a man's life.
(iii) The man who rises early, finds time to take exercise.
(iv) The morning air refreshes both the body and the mind of a person.
(v) This certainly enables a man to begin his day's work early.

3. Right form of verbs:

(a) are; (b) had; (c) took; (d) came; (e) involved; (f) was killed; (g) did not flee; (h) showing; (i) contributed; (j) achieve.

4. Changing sentences:

(a) What an admirable quality truthfulness is!
(b) It is this virtue which makes a man really great. / This is the virtue that makes a man really great.
(c) Without cultivating the habit of speaking the truth, we cannot command the confidence of others.
(d) A lie always comes to light/A lie is always revealed.
(e) Nobody/None/No one likes/loves him.
(f) Who likes him?/Does anybody like him?
(g) So it is all who despise him without considering his social status.
(h) The habit of speaking the truth must be formed, and it must be so from the very childhood.
(i) Truthfulness is a powerful trait.
(j) Nothing but truth lasts long.

5. Tag questions:

(a) Great nature, isn't it?
(b) But everybody wants to destroy it, don't they?
(c) Hardly anyone tries to protect natural world, do they?
(d) Nature must receive care from all of us, mustn't it/she?
(e) Everything in nature has a priceless life to carry on, hasn't it?

6. Adding suffix, prefix or both:

(a) reputation; (b) hardly; (c) sub-standard; (d) extraordinary; (e) psychological.

7. Use of prepositions:

(a) with; (b) to; (c) from; (d) down; (e) on.

8. Use of sentence connectors

(a) that; (b) who; (c) which; (d) So/Therefore; (e) Unless.

9. Punctuation and capitalization:

"I came to Dhaka this morning. I sent you a telegram before starting from home," he said. "Did you receive it in time?" he asked. "No," I replied.

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