HSC Exam Preparation-2025
Subject: English 2nd Paper, Model Question-9

Time: 3 Hours Marks: 100

Prat–A: Grammar [Marks: 60]

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.

The chameleon is a relative (a)----- the lizard. It is a reptile. It can be found (b) -----Africa, Madagascar and some parts of Asia and southern Europe. Its common variety does not exceed (c)------ a length of 30 centimeters. The most interesting thing (d) ----- the chameleon is that it can change its color; (e) -----white to yellow, black, green or brown. The chameleon lives in trees. Its tail and feet can hold (f) ------to the branches while it is reaching (g)----- to catch its prey. Even it can remain very still on a branch (h) ----- hours. So, when it hunts, its prey does not know it is there. Moreover, it can shoot (i)------ its long and sticky tongue (j) ---- a distance of 10 centimeters. Its eyes are also interesting. Its right eye can look right while the left one looks left.

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

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

(a) ------the Prime Minister arrived, the old woman started crying. She lost her only son in a bomb explosion during hartal.
(b) It may rain at any time. We------ take the umbrella with us.
(c) Air has no colour. But------ living without air?
(d) Ratan: Hi Mira! Have you seen our new car?
Mira: No, ------the car ------?
(e) The child could not remember the face of its mother, -------the details of her attitude.
(f) Pythagoras was a great Greek philosopher, He in------ 570 BC.
(g) Long ago------ lived a poor woodsman and his wife. They were unhappy because they had no child.
(h) I------ stay alone than play with bad boys. Bad boys are usually quarrelsome and naughty.
(i) Oh, what a pretty sound ------made.
(j) The life of a day labourer is very tough. He------ to work hard to earn bread and butter for his family.

3. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases.

(a) Earthquake can occur in Dhaka at any time. We have to be alert-------.
(b) We are living in the age of globalization. It needs skill and competence------.
(c) The drivers------have an overtaking tendency. They are responsible for road accidents.
(d) ----- heavily. We had better not to go outside.
(e) There are some people ------. Such people cannot succeed in life.
(f) Samsun is often seen deeply absorbed in her study. Actually she is -----.
(g) Female education is being encouraged countrywide. An educated mother knows-----.

(h) ------is known to all. Still many people lead dishonest life.

(i) As English is an international language, we should learn it. But most of our students are-------.

(j) AIDS is a fatal disease which is very dangerous. It------.

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

Students (a) ------(be) the future leaders of a country. Besides (b) ------ (be) regular students, they (c)------ (take) part in a lot of welfare work for the development of a country. Particularly in developing countries students have to (d)------ (render) a great service. Students are, no doubt, conscious citizens and it (e) -----(be) their foremost duty (f) ------ (make) the people conscious. Student politics (g) ------ (be) very common in the educational institutes. Very often they (h)----- (go) for mass meetings, chant slogans in the national interest. Since the students are very handy, the main political parties (i) ------ (use) them as their tools. So, sometimes student politics (j) ----- (bring) about unexpected consequences. Many students, (k)------(be) influenced by the evil motive of the political leaders, (l)------ (destroy) their lives. They (m)-----(not fulfill) their main objectives. So, the students (n) -----(shape) their life wisely.

5. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches.

"You look a little bit like my mother," he said, "especially in the dark by the fire." "But you were only four, Jerry, when you came here. Have you remembered how she looked all these years?" said the authoress. "My mother lives in Mannville," said he.

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

Education (a)------ (Use appositive to post-modify the noun) is essential for development. It helps us to improve (b) ------ (Use possessive to pre-modify the noun) mind. An (c) ------ (Use adjective to pre-modify the noun) person has the ability (d) ------ (Use infinitive phrase as post-modifier). One can refine one's sensibility (e) ------(Use present participle phrase). Actually, the educated are able to bring about (f) -------(Pre-modify the noun) development. On the other hand, an (g) ------(Use adjective as pre-modifier) person (h) ----- (Use adverb to pre- modify the verb) lag behind. So, the educated should come forward (i) ----- (Use prepositional phrase as pre-modifier) to educate all in the society to unload (j) ----- (Use determiner) owes to the country.

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

Our country is facing many problems (a)------one of the serious problems is unemployment. (b) ------ there were many reasons behind this problem, (c)------, rising population, inflation, low salary, recession, slow business expansion, advancement of technology, corruption etc. (d) ------unemployment problem creates some other problems for us. (e) -----the problem of unemployment gives rise to the problem of poverty. (f) -----, it increases the rate of crimes as the unemployed youth don't have anything to but engage in robbery, murder etc. (g)------,to get rid of the unemployment stress, they accept alcohol or drugs (h) ----- sometimes they commit suicide, (i) -----, it affects our youths mentally as well as physically. In order to get

rid of this problem. (j)------, we have to control the rising population of our country. (k)------, the quality of our education should be improved. (l)-----, Government should encourage and develop the agriculture based industries in rural areas. (m)-----, rapid industrialization should be created. (n) ------, we have to work together to keep us free from this problem.

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

There was an old man living in his village. He had four sons and they were very **lazy**. The old man fell sick and was counting his last days in bed. He **worried** a lot about his sons' **future** as the young men hesitated a lot to work. The sons believed that **luck** would favour them. The old man's health **deteriorated** every day and decided to talk to his sons about their future. However, his sons did not listen to him. The Old man played a **trick** to **let** their sons realize the importance of work. One day, the old man called all his sons and let them sit near him in his **bed**. He said he had a treasure box with gold coins and **expensive** gems for them and wanted to share the treasure **equally** and lead a happy, **prosperous** life. The young men were very happy and asked where his father placed the treasure. The old man replied them, "I cannot **exactly remember** the place where I had hidden the treasure from the others. However, the treasure box is buried in our land. I'm really not sure about the place where I had **hidden** the treasure box."

(a) lazy (antonym) (b) worried (synonym) (c) future (antonym) (d) luck (synonym) (e) deteriorate (antonym) (f) trick (synonym) (g) let (antonym) (h) bed (synonym) (i) expensive (antonym) (j) equally (synonym) (k) prosperous (antonym) (l) exactly (synonym) (m) remember (antonym) (n) hidden (synonym)

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

Customer	:	Do you have something to drink
Waiter	:	Hot or cold sir
Customer	:	give me something hot
Waiter	:	What would you like to have sir Tea coffee milk or hot chocolate?
Customer	:	Hot chocolate sounds interesting Bring a cup of hot chocolate
Waiter	:	Anything else Sir
Customer	:	No thanks.

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

10. **Suppose, you are Mahmud/Mahmuda of a the village Rupnagar, Upazila Sonapur, District Rangpur. Recently a flood has swept over your area. It has caused a great havoc. Many people are suffering from want of food, cloth, drinking water, medicine etc. They need immediate help from the government.**

Now, write an application to the Deputy Commissioner of your district for relief and medical aids for the flood affected people of your area. 1

11. **Write a paragraph on Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh Independence. Use 200 words.**

12. Write a paragraph on Drug addiction. Use 200 words.

Answer Sheet

Part A: Grammar

1. (a) of (b) in (c) to (d) about (e) from (f) on (g) out (h) for (i) out (j) to
2. (a) as soon as (b) had better (c) what's it like (d) what does --- look like (e) let alone (f) was born (g) there (h) would rather (i) it (j) has to
3. (a) We have to be alert **in the event of earthquake.**
   (b) It needs skill and competence **to keep pace with others in the global world.**
   (c) The drivers **who are reckless** have an overtaking tendency.
   (d) **It has started to rain** heavily.
   (e) There are some people **who never stick to anything.**
   (f) Actually she is **a very studious student.**
   (g) An educated mother knows **well how to rear up her children.**
   (h) **That honesty is the best policy** is known to all.
   (i) But most of our students are **indifferent to this language.**
   (j) It **leads the patient to death.**
4. (a) are (b) being (c) can take (d) render (e) is (f) to make (g) is (h) go (i) use (j) bring (k) being (l) destroy (m) cannot fulfill (n) should shape
5. Jerry said that she looked a little bit like his mother especially in the dark by the fire. The authoress told Jerry that he had been only four when he had gone there and also asked him if he had remembered all those years how she had looked. He added that his mother lived in Mannville.
6. (a) the backbone of a nation (b) our (c) educated (d) to develop the country (e) receiving education (f) proper (g) illiterate (h) always (i) without any delay (j) the
7. (a) but (b) Of course/Obviously (c) for example/such as (d) At the same time (e) First of all (f) Secondly (g) Thirdly (h) or (i) Most importantly (j) First of all (k) Secondly / Besides (l) Thirdly/Moreover (m) Fourthly/In addition (n) Finally
8. (a) energetic (b) nervous/anxious (c) past (d) fortune (e) Improve (f) deception (g) forbid/prevent (h) couch/cot (i) cheap (j) evenly (k) poor (l) accurately/precisely (m) forget (n) concealed
9. Customer : Do you have something to **drink**?
   Waiter : Hot or **cold, sir?**
   Customer : **Give** me something **hot**.
   Waiter : What would you like to **have, sir? Tea, coffee,** milk or hot chocolate?
   Customer : Hot chocolate sounds **interesting**. Bring a cup of hot **chocolate**.
   Waiter : Anything **else**, **sir**?
   Customer : **No**, thanks.