English Second Paper

[According to the Syllabus of 2023]

Time: 3 Hours | Full Marks: 100 | Subject Code: 1 0 8

[N.B. The figures in the right margins indicate full marks.]

Part A : Grammar (60 Marks)

1. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions, articles and zero articles (a, an, the or x): 0.5 x 10=5

There is no doubt that youth is (a) _____ best time of (b) _____ life. This is the time when it is (c) _____ most important (d) _____ one to remember (e) _____ maxim. "As you sow, so shall you reap". One must sow (f) _____ seeds (g) _____ industry, truthfulness and other virtues (h) _____ this season (i) _____ reap the harvest of prosperity and happiness. Whatever takes root in a man (j) _____ this time lasts throughout the rest of his life and moulds his future.

2. Fill in the blanks with the words from the box. 0.5 x 10=5

well	bookish	burning	competitive	newspaper
cannot	enrich	water	knowledge	current

A student must have the habit of reading newspaper everyday. Mere (a) _____ knowledge is not enough in this (b) _____ world. Newspapers help him (c) _____ his general knowledge and make him aware of the (d) _____ issues both inside and outside the country. A man who doesn't read (e) _____ is like a frog in a narrow (f) _____. Being ignorant of the (g) _____ affairs, he (h) _____ take part in the talks and discussions in an enlightened society and feels like a fish out of (i) _____. By reading newspapers one can widen one's range of (j) _____ in the field of science, history, geography, literature etc.

3. Make six sentences using the parts of sentences from each column of the table below: 1 x 6=6

The Taj	built	it most on a moonlit night.
It	is	it as a tomb for his wife.
Emperor Shahjahan	wants	at Agra in India.
People	like	one of the most beautiful buildings in the world.
Everybody	stands	to see the Taj Mahal.
I also	want	to visit the Taj Mahal.

4. Complete the following text with right forms of the verbs given in the box: 1 x 10=10

build	idle	follow	work	remember
be	lag	reach	lead	depend

Bangladesh is full of natural resources. The prosperity of the country (a) _____ on the proper utilization of the resources. We should not (b) _____ a lazy life. We all should become industrious. We all should (c) _____ up our country. For this reason, we have to (d) _____ hard. No nation can prosper without industry. It should be (e) _____ that industry is the key to success. If we (f) _____ the days away, we (g) _____ behind. The nation that (h) _____ industrious (i) _____ the pinnacle of development. So, we should (j) _____ them.

5. Change the sentences according to directions: 1 x 10=10

(a) Simplicity is a great virtue. (Exclamatory) (b) Everybody appreciates this quality. (Negative) (c) It is one of the best qualities. (Positive) (d) One should practise this virtue. (Passive) (e) Very few men are as happy as a simple man. (Comparative) (f) By practising simplicity one can earn people's favour. (Negative) (g) A simple man leads a very carefree life. (Exclamatory) (h) No other person among us is as happy as a simple man. (Superlative) (i) Everybody should like simplicity. (Imperative) (j) So, a simple life should be led by all. (Active)

6. Complete the following statements: 1 x 5=5

(a) I feel like _____. (b) Babies do not know _____. (c) I saw a beggar _____. (d) Were I a rich man, _____. (e) If you do not work hard, _____.

7. Complete the text adding prefixes, suffixes or both with the root words given in the parenthesis: 0.5 x 14=7

The freedom fighters are the (a) _____ (hero) sons of our land. They fought to save our (b) _____ (gold) Bangla in 1971. We have got the (c) _____ (independent) of our loving motherland by their (d) _____ (super) sacrifice. Some of the (e) _____ (free) fighters are still (f) _____ (live). Most of the freedom (g) _____ (fight) are now (h) _____ (actual) above 70 years old. (i) _____ (deed), we are very (j) _____ (luck) to see them (k) _____ (direct). As they are our heroic sons, we should respect them (1) _____ (profound). We must remember them (m) _____ (ever). Because they laid down their lives (n) _____ (keep) all behind.

8. Make tag question of these statements: 1 x 7=7

(a) The unfeed should be fed, _____? (b) He let me do the work, _____? (c) The Titanic sank on its first voyage, _____? (d) There is no school in our village, _____? (e) The father rose in him, _____? (f) Good morning, sir, _____? (g) I have little water, _____?

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

Mainul Islam is a qualified farmer in Naogaon He lives in his village with his two brothers When he was asked What makes you decide to stay here in this village He replied Look its true that we could leave this village for a city life But it didnt attract us

Part B : Composition (40 Marks)

12. Suppose, some Account Officers will be appointed in Meghna Bank. You, Monir/Monira, are interested to be an Account Officer. 15 Now, write a CV with a cover letter for the post. Your CV should not exceed one page. 15

13. Suppose, you are the Headmaster of Bangabandhu Secondary School, Safderpur, Kot-chanderpur, Jhenaidah. Your school will remain closed due to summer vacation from 3 June to 19 June. Now, write a notice about it. 10

14. Write a paragraph on "Tree Plantation" in your own words. 15

ANSWER

Answer to the Question no-01

(a) the (b) × (c) the (d) × (e) the (f) the (g) of (h) during/in (i) to (j) at/ during

Answer to the Question no-02

(a) bookish (b) competitive (c) enrich (d) burning (e) newspaper (f) well (g) current (h) cannot (i) water (j) knowledge

Answer to the Question no-03

(a) The Taj is one of the most beautiful buildings in the world. (b) It stands at Agra in India. (c) Emperor Shahjahan built it as a tomb for his wife. (d) People want to visit the Taj Mahal. (e) Everybody likes it most on a moonlit night. (f) I also want to see the Taj Mahal.

Answer to the Question no-04

(a) depends (b) lead (c) build (d) work (e) remembered (f) idle (g) will lag (h) is/was (i) reaches/reached (j) follow

Answer to the Question no-05

(a) What a great virtue simplicity is! (b) Who doesn’t appreciate this quality? (c) Very few qualities are as good as it. (d) This virtue should be practised. (e) A simple man is happier than all other/most other men. (f) Without practising simplicity, one cannot earn people's favor. (g) What a carefree life a simple man leads! (h) A simple man is the happiest person among us. (i) Let us like simplicity. (j) So, all should lead a simple life

Answer to the Question no-06

(a) visiting the Taj Mahal. (Gerund); (b) how to swim in the river. (Infinitive); (c) lying on the road. (Present Participle); (d) I would help the poor. (2nd Conditional); (e) you will fail in the examination. (1st Conditional)

Answer to the Question no-07

(a) heroic (b) golden (c) independence (d) superior (e) freedom (f) alive (g) fighters (h) actually (i) Indeed (j) lucky (k) directly (1) profoundly (m) forever (n) keeping

Answer to the Question no-08

(a) shouldn't they? (b) didn't he? (c) didn't it? (d) is there any? (e) didn't it? (f) don't I? (g) have I/do I?

Answer to the Question no-09

Mainul Islam is a qualified teacher in Naogaon. He lives in his village with his two brothers. When he was asked “What makes you decide to stay here in this village?” He replied, “Look, it’s true that we could leave this village for a city life. But it didn’t attract us.”

Answer to the Question no-10

Try Yourself.

Answer to the Question no-11

Try Yourself.

Answer to the Question no-12

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