**Rajshahi Board- 2025** **05/2025**

# English Second Paper

[According to the Syllabus of 2025]

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 blanks with 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: 0.5 x 10=5**

| modern | great | to | of | read | give | the | do |

The benefits of (a) ___ newspaper can hardly be exaggerated. Newspaper is (b) ___ storehouse of knowledge. The chief business (c) ___ a newspaper is to (d) ___ us news which we need (e) ___ know. It tells us what happens at home and abroad. The (f) ___ civilized people cannot (g) ___ without newspaper. Newspaper plays an important role in the lives (h) ___ a nation. It makes the world smaller and provides a (i) ___ benefit (j) ___ us.

**2. Fill in the blanks with suitable words: 0.5 x 10=5**

Housing is one of the greatest (a)..... in our country. Thousands of people in big (b)..... like Dhaka and Chattogram (c)..... in the footpaths. In rural (d) ..... there is also an acute (e) ..... of housing. The cost of construction is (f) ..... day by day. At present it is very (g) ..... for the (h) people to (i) ..... the cost of construction. So, this problem (j) ..... to be solved soon.

**3. Make five sentences using the parts of sentences from each column of the table below: 1 x 5=5**

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|---|---|---|
| Trees | give | very useful to man |
| | should not destroy | us oxygen |
| They | are | trees |
| We | need | oxygen to live |
| | provide | shelter to birds and animals |

**4. Complete the following text with right forms of the verbs given in the box: 0.5 x 10=5**

**lag reach lead follow depend build remember be idle work**

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 should all (c) ___ up our country. For this reason, we have to (d) ___ hard. No nation can prosper without industry. We should (e) ___ that industry is the key to success. If we (f) ___ the days away, we (g) ___ behind. The nations that (h) ___ industrious (i) ___ the pinnacles of development. So, we should (j) ___ them.

**5. Change the narrative style of the following text: 5**

"What are you reading?" Mumi said to Rumi. "I am reading a drama written by G.B Shaw. What an interesting drama it is! I have collected it from our school library," said Rumi. "Please lend me the book," said Mumi.

**6. Change the sentence according to directions: 1 x 10=10**

(a) Who does not want to succeed in life? (Assertive)
(b) Being industrious, everyone can prosper in life. (Negative)
(c) It is not an easy thing. (Affirmative)
(d) The idle always lag behind. (Complex)
(e) We must work hard so that we can earn money. (Simple)
(f) By working hard, we can improve our lot. (Compound)
(g) The light of prosperity can be seen by a hard-working person. (Active)
(h) Women should work as much as men. (Comparative)
(i) We should remember that industry is the key to success. (Passive)
(j) An idle man leads a very miserable life. (Exclamatory)

**7. Complete the following sentences: 1×5=5**

(a) Had I the wings of a bird, _____.
(b) If he had been seen by me, I _____.
(c) It is high time we_____.
(d) No sooner had we reached the school _____.
(e) The more you read_____.

**8. Complete the text adding suffixes, prefixes or both to the root words given in the parenthesis: 10**

There are (a) (vary) forms of physical exercise. But every form is not (b) (suit) for all. Walking is good for all. In the morning, fresh air is (c) (avail). So it is (d) (benefit) to health. It is also very (e) (please) and (f) (enjoy). It also (g) (freshes) our mind. The (h) (nature) beauty (i) (witch), us. We become (j) (health) and wealthy.

**9. Add tag questions to the statements below: 1×5=5**

(α) Nobody believes a cheat, ____?.
(b) Everybody hates him, ____?
(c) He has to drag a miserable life, ____?
(d) He can hardly succeed in life, ____?
(e) Let us always speak the truth, ____?

**10. Complete the following passage using suitable connectors: 1 x 5=5**

None can deny the importance of tree plantation (a) —— our lives depend on it. (b) —— it is unfortunate that we are cutting trees recklessly. (c) —— trees are planted, soon our land will be deserted (d) —— there will be an adverse situation. (e) —— we should be aware of tree plantation.

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

do you know me yes i know you from my childhood whats your name my name is ratan

**Part B : Composition (40 Marks)**

**12. Suppose, you are Omal Borua. You have recently passed HSC. You have found a job advertisement in a national newspaper that there is a vacant post for the position of a Salesman in a manufacturing company. Now, write a CV with a cover letter for the post. 8**

**13. Suppose, you are Munna/Munni, a student of Govt. M.C. Academy, Sylhet. You don't have a computer club in your school. Now, write an application to your Head teacher to set up a Computer Club. 10**

**14. Write a paragraph on 'The Life of a Farmer.' 10**

**15. Write a composition on 'Your Favourite Game' in about 250 words. 12**

# ANSWER

## 1. Fill in the blanks with words from the box:

The benefits of **(a) reading** newspaper can hardly be exaggerated. Newspaper is **(b) the** storehouse of knowledge. The chief business **(c) of** a newspaper is to **(d) give** us news which we need **(e) to** know. It tells us what happens at home and abroad. The **(f) modern** civilized people cannot **(g) do** without newspaper. Newspaper plays an important role in the lives **(h) of** a nation. It makes the world smaller and provides a **(i) great** benefit **(j) to** us.

## 2. Fill in the blanks with suitable words:

Housing is one of the greatest **(a) problems** in our country. Thousands of people in big **(b) cities** like Dhaka and Chattogram **(c) live** on the footpaths. In rural **(d) areas**, there is also an acute **(e) shortage** of housing. The cost of construction is **(f) increasing** day by day. At present, it is very **(g) difficult** for the **(h) poor** people to **(i) afford** the cost of construction. So, this problem **(j) needs** to be solved soon.

## 3. Make five sentences using the parts of sentences from the table:

1. Trees give us oxygen.
2. Trees are very useful to man.
3. They provide shelter to birds and animals.
4. We need oxygen to live.
5. We should not destroy trees.

## 4. Complete the text with the right forms of the verbs:

Bangladesh is full of natural resources. The prosperity of the country **(a) depends** on the proper utilization of the resources. We should not **(b) lead** a lazy life. We should all **(c) build** up our country. For this reason, we have to **(d) work** hard. No nation can prosper without industry. We should **(e) remember** that industry is the key to success. If we **(f) idle** the days away, we **(g) lag** behind. The nations that **(h) are** industrious **(i) reach** the pinnacles of development. So, we should **(j) follow** them.

## 5. Change the narrative style:

Mumi asked Rumi what she was reading. Rumi replied that she was reading a drama written by G.B. Shaw and exclaimed that it was very interesting. She added that she had collected it from their school library. Mumi then requested Rumi to lend her the book.

## 6. Change the sentences according to directions:

(a) **Assertive:** Everyone wants to succeed in life.
(b) **Negative:** Without being industrious, no one can prosper in life.
(c) **Affirmative:** It is a difficult thing.
(d) **Complex:** Those who are idle always lag behind.
(e) **Simple:** We must work hard to earn money.
(f) **Compound:** We must work hard, and then we can improve our lot.
(g) **Active:** A hard-working person can see the light of prosperity.
(h) **Comparative:** Women should work as much as men do.
(i) **Passive:** It should be remembered that industry is the key to success.
(j) **Exclamatory:** What a miserable life an idle man leads!

## 7. Complete the sentences:

(a) Had I the wings of a bird, **I would fly away.**
(b) If he had been seen by me, I **would have informed you.**
(c) It is high time we **took action.**
(d) No sooner had we reached the school **than the bell rang.**
(e) The more you read, **the more you learn.**

## 8. Add suffixes/prefixes to the root words:

There are **(a) various** forms of physical exercise. But every form is not **(b) suitable** for all. Walking is good for all. In the morning, fresh air is **(c) available**. So it is **(d) beneficial** to health. It is also very **(e) pleasing** and **(f) enjoyable**. It also **(g) freshens** our mind. The **(h) natural** beauty **(i) bewitches** us. We become **(j) healthy** and wealthy.

## 9. Add tag questions:

(a) Nobody believes a cheat, **do they?**
(b) Everybody hates him, **don't they?**
(c) He has to drag a miserable life, **doesn't he?**
(d) He can hardly succeed in life, **can he?**
(e) Let us always speak the truth, **shall we?**

## 10. Complete the passage with connectors:

None can deny the importance of tree plantation **(a) because** our lives depend on it. **(b) But** it is unfortunate that we are cutting trees recklessly. **(c) Unless** trees are planted, soon our land will be deserted **(d) and** there will be an adverse situation. **(e) Therefore**, we should be aware of tree plantation.

## 11. Use capitals and punctuation marks:

**"Do you know me?"**
**"Yes, I know you from my childhood. What's your name?"**
**"My name is Ratan."**

**Answer to the Question no-12**

Try Yourself.

**Answer to the Question no-13**

Try Yourself.

## Answer to the Question no-14

Try Yourself.

## Answer to the Question no-15