HSC-2026 Examination • English 2nd Paper

Set—2

Time: 3 Hours | Full Mark: 100

Part A: Grammar (60 Marks)

1. Use articles where necessary. Put cross (×) where an article is not needed. 0.5×10=5

Once, there lived (a) ----- poor cobbler. He had (b) ----- rich neighbour. (c) ----- neighbour possessed (d) ----- ill-health So, he was (e) ----- angry man. He was always (f) ----- unhappy man. Once, he used to think (g) ----- richest men te be (h) ----- happiest men in (i) ----- world. But his (j) ----- idea was wrong.

2. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. 0.5 ×10 = 5

Patriotism is a great quality (a) ----- human being. It creates (b) ----- a man true love (c) ----- his motherland. Patriotism is older than civilization. The man who loves his country does his duties and works (d) ----- the welfare (e) ----- his country is a patriot. Even the ancient tribes had a fondness (f) ----- the poaces where they were born and sacrificed their lives to save them. A student, an artist or a politician may be a pattriot (g) ----- usual ways (h) ----- life. If he does his duties honestly and sincerely (i) ----- his own field,he can be a patriot. If he does not do so, he will be a traitor. We must not have hatred or bitterness (j) ----- anyone. But chauvinistic patriotism is very bad.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/words given in the box. 0.5 ×10 = 5

it is high time	in case	lest	as though	no sonner had
unless	would you mind	have to	used to	as long as

(a) There is foul smell in the room. ----- opening the windows?

(b) Tomorrow I will be very busy. So, I'll say goodbye now ----- I don't see you again.

(c) We ----- educate all and work hard to develop our country.

(d) Nobody likes Karim at all. He ----- talks he knew everything.

(e) The poor will continue to suffer ----- they are illiterate.

(f) Nobody likes you here. ----- you left this place.

(g) He saw a bear coming towards him. So, he climbed up a tree ----- the bear might attack him.

(h) Everybody disliked Rakib. He ----- do many harmful activities.

(i) Time is very important in qur life. You cannot prosper in life ----- you make proper use of time.

(j) The students were talking in the class. ----- the teacher entered the class than they stopped talking.

4. Complete the sentences with suitable clauses/phrases. 0.5 ×10 = 5

(a) You need to try hard. If you try -----.

(b) It is his bad luck. He could not succeed though -----.

(c) Poets are very imaginative. I wish -----.

(d) I found the boy crying. I asked him the reason of his crying but -----.

(e) How time does fly! Three years have passed since -----.

(f) She thought that -----. But she passed.

(g) Last evening I happened to meet one of my old friends while -----. I took him with me.
(h) I went to Dhaka from Meherpur so that -----.
(i) 1971 is the year when -----.
(j) I personally know her. She is the woman who -----.

5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. 0.5 ×10 = 5

People who (a) ----- (appear) most often and most gloriously in the pages of history (b) ----- (be) great conquerors and generals. Whereas, the people who really (c) ----- (help) civilization forward are often never (d) ----- (mention) at all. We do not know who first (e) ----- (set) a broken leg or (f) ----- (launch) a sea worthy boator (g) ----- (calculate) the length of a year. The great men are those who (h) ----- (work) ceaselessly to quicken the pace of civilization. On the contrary, the condemned men are those who (i) ----- (cause) bloodshed and violence in the world. All of us praise the great men of the world. We are highly indebted to those great men who contributed a lot to (j) ----- (flourish) the civilization.

6. Read the text and change the following sentences as directed. 1×5 = 5

Child labour is a great problem in our country. (a) In fact, it is one of the biggest curses. (Make it positive) It is the violation of human rights. (b) Unfortunately, this has been accepted in our society. (Make it complex) (c) In a family of five or six children, the parents have to send some of their kids to work so that they can fill their empty stomachs. (Make it simple) (d) Though these poor children have to work hard all day long, in return they are rewarded with all kinds of abuses. (Make it compound) (e) Child labour should be stopped. (Make it active)

7. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches. 5

"May I come in, sir?" A boy standing at the door said to the man. Then without waiting for his reply the boy entered the room and said, "Sir, I have come from Palashpur with a letter from Mr Ajit Bose." "Ajit Bose? How is he?" he said smiling. "He is not well. He has been suffering from a serious illness for two years," the boy said. "How sad it is! May God cure him," he said.

8. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentence so that ali pronoun references are clear. 1×5 = 5

On a summer day, becoming very thirsty, a lion and a boar came at the same moment to a small well to drink. Those fiercely quarrelled which of them should drink first, and were soon engaged in a mortal fighting. On his stopping on a sudden to take breath for renewal of the fighting, it saw some uvltures waiting in the distance to feast on the one which should fall first. They at once stopped the quarrel saying, "That is better for us to make friends than to become the food of crows or uvltures, as will certainly happen if ourselves are disabled."

9. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces. 0.5×10 = 5

Mobile phone is a great invention of modern science. The consumers of mobile phone are increasing (a) ----- (post-modify the verb). People are getting untold benefits by (b) ----- (use present participle to pre-modify the noun) the mobile phone. But it is unfortunate that mobile phone sometimes becomes the cause of health hazards; especially the children are affected (c) ----- (use adverb to post-modify the verb). Scientists believe that the people (d) ----- (use a relative pronoun to post modify the noun) use mobile phones

randomly may cause brain tumors, genetic damage and many other incurable diseases. They believe that invisible uncontrolled radioactivity of the mobile phones causes (e) ----- (pre-modify the noun) damage to human body. It is true that millions of people are getting benefits from modern cellular phone, but most are (f) ----- (use adverb to pre-modify the adjective) unaware of the danger of mobile phone. Doctors say that people (g) ----- (use relative clause to post-modify the noun) continuing conversation more than two minutes, their blood brain barrier' gets damaged. (h) ----- (use present participle to pre-modify the noun) cellular phone is also harmful for the pregnant women also. So, we should have (i) ----- (pre-modify the noun) consciousness about the harms done by mobile phone. Bangladesh government should have an (j) ----- (pre-modify the noun) restriction on using mobile and we should be conscious enough to use mobile phone.

10. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage. 0.5×10=5

Air is an important element of our environment. (a) -----, clean air is essential for our life. (b) -----, air is polluted in many ways. (c) -----, one thing that pollutes air is smoke. Smoke is produced from different sources, (d) -----, we make fire to cook food and it creates smoke. (e) -----, buses and trucks plying in the roads emit smoke. (f) -----, the burning of coal in the railway engine also produces smoke. (g) -----, the mills and factories also produce a huge amount of smoke. (h) -----, we melt tar for road constructions which produces black smoke. (i) -----, all these smokes mix with the air and pollute it. (j) -----, smoke from different sources is causing serious harm to our environment.

11. Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below. 0.5×10=5

Bangladesh is an agro-based country. The soil of Bengal is purer than gold. Most of her land is <u>fertile</u>. The farmers of this country are <u>industrious</u>. They work <u>ceaselessly</u> from dawn to dusk. They are not <u>lazy</u>. They <u>love</u> their motherland. They have a <u>strong</u> attachment to their motherland. Their diligence and perseverance keep the wheel of economy <u>moving</u>. We must <u>respect</u> them. We are <u>grateful</u> to them. We must follow their <u>devotion</u> to duty and country.

(a) fertile (synonym); (b) industrious (antonym); (c) ceaselessly (synonym); (d) lazy (synonym); (e) love (antonym); (f) strong (synonym); (g) moving (antonym); (h) respect (synonym); (i) grateful (antonym); (j) devotion (synonym).

12. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors. 0.5×10=5

Student : May I come in Sir
Principal: Yes come in. What is your problem
Student : I want to change my 4th subject, Sir.
Principal: Why?
Student: Sir Mathematics is now my 4th subject but it seems to me very difficult. So I want to take biology instead of Mathematics.
Principal: Do you think biology is an easy subject
Student: Not easy Sir, but easier than mathematics.
Principal: Ok Write an application. Remember your application must be endorsed by your guardian. Otherwise, it will not be accepted.

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

13. Suppose, you are a student of Tolaram Govt. College. Now, write an application to the Principal of your college for organizing an English Language Club. 8
14. Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. Now, write a report on the celebration of 'Victory Day' in your college. 8
15. Write a paragraph on 'Drug Addiction'. 10
16. Write a short composition on 'Your Childhood Memories'. Write at least 200 words but don't exceed 250 words. 14

Answer Sheet

1. (a) a; (b) a; (c) The; (d) x; (e) an; (f) an; (g) the; (h) the; (i) the; (j) x.
2. (a) of; (b) in; (c) for; (d) for; (e) of; (f) for; (g) in; (h) of; (i) in; (j) for/against/towards.
3. (a) Would you mind; (b) in case; (c) have to; (d) as though; (e) as long as; (f) It is high time; (g) lest; (h) used to; (i) unless; (j) No sooner had.
4. (a) If you try hard, you can solve any problem.
   (b) He could not succeed though he tried heart and soul.
   (c) I wish I were a poet.
   (d) I asked him the reason of his crying but he did not answer me.
   (e) Three years have passed since we met last.
   (f) She thought that she would fail in the HSC Examination.
   (g) Last evening I happened to meet one of my old friends while returning home.
   (h) I went to Dhaka from Meherpur so that I could get myself admitted into Dhaka University.
   (i) 1971 is the year when Bangladesh came into being.
   (j) She is the woman who lives next door to me.
5. (a) appear; (b) are; (c) helped; (d) mentioned; (e) set; (f) launched; (g) calculated; (h) work; (i) cause; (j) flourish.
6. (a) In fact, very few curses are so big as it.
   (b) It is unfortunate that this has been accepted in our society.
   (c) In a family of five or six children, the parents have to send some of their kids to work to fill their empty stomachs.
   (d) These poor children have to work hard all day long but in return they are rewarded with all kinds of abuse.
   (e) We should stop child labour.
7. Standing at the door, a boy asked the man respectfully if he (B) might go in. Then without waiting for his reply, the boy entered the room and respectfully told him that he (B) had arrived from Palashpur with a letter from Mr Ajit Bose. The man was surprised at the mention of the name and asked smiling how he (A) was. The boy replied that he (A) was not well and added that he (A) had been suffering from a serious illness for two years. The man exclaimed with sorrow that it was very sad and prayed that God might cure him (A).
8. On a summer day, becoming very thirsty, a lion and a boar came at the same moment to a small well to drink. They fiercely quarrelled which of them should drink first, and were soon engaged in a mortal fighting. On their stopping on a sudden to take breath for renewal of the fighting, they saw some uvltures waiting in the distance to feast on the one which should fall first. They at once stopped the quarrel saying. "It is better for us to

make friends than to become the food of crows or uvltures, as will certainly happen if we are disabled."

9. (a) day by day; (b) using; (c) greatly; (d) who; (e) irreparable; (f) sadly/unfortunately; (g) who are used to; (h) Using; (i) enough; (j) official.

10. (a) In fact/Actually; (b) However/But; (c) Generally; (d) For example/Firstly; (e) Also/Besides/Secondly; (f) Thirdly/Moreover; (g) In addition/Again/Furthermore; (h) Not only that; (i) Eventually; (j) Thus.

11. (a) productive; (b) lazy; (c) endlessly; (d) idle; (e) hate; (f) powerful; (g) fixed/still; (h) honour/regard; (i) ungrateful; (j) dedication.

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