HSC-2026 Examination • English 2nd Paper

Set—3

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

Hemoglobin is (a) ----- protein found within (b) ----- red blood cells that carries oxygen from (c) ----- lungs to (d) ----- tissues of (e) ----- body and return carbon dioxide to (f) ----- lungs for its removal. Its iron-containing structure imparts (g) ----- red colour to blood and enables it to efficiently bind and transport (h) ----- oxygen. Hemoglobin levels serve as (i) ----- critical indicator of (j) ----- individual's overall health.

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

What are the qualities of a good student? A good student is always attentive (a) ----- his studies. He is never indifferent (b) ----- his studies. He does not learn things (c) ----- rote. He is always curious and innovative. He does not hunt only (d) ----- traditional guide books. His thirst (e) ----- knowledge knows no bound. He does not confine himself (f) ----- the traditional studies. He is aware (g) ----- the current affairs (h) ----- the world. He listens (i) ----- his teachers and abides (j) ----- their advice.

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

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

(a) The child cannot walk, ----- run in the field.
(b) Tareq Ahmed is a renowned teacher. He ----- in 1960.
(c) Salam ----- work-hard to take care of his children.
(d) Father, ----- a ghost?
(e) ----- your family -----? Our family is an ideal family.
(f) It started raining ----- we got out of the car. It was really an awkward situation.
(g) Long ago, ----- lived a boy named Bayazid Bostami. He was famous for his love and respect towards his mother.
(h) The baby is sleeping. You ----- turn off the TV. You will be in trouble if it wakes up.
(i) It is winter. He ----- buy a coat than a shirt.
(j) ----- requires nothing but good-will to do good to people. And it is said that charity begins at home.

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

(a) Overeating is harmful for our health. If you eat too much, -----.
(b) He gave us a minute description of the incident. He spoke as though -----.
(c) Mr. Chowdhury has a lot of riches. -----, he is unhappy.
(d) While driving your car in the road, you must follow the traffic rules. The traffic police will fine you provided -----.
(e) We should not judge something with its outer appearance. We know that -----.
(f) Habib's father had fallen seriously ill. Habib called in a doctor. ----- than his father died.
(g) Pure water is called life. We will not survive unless -----.
(h) Sumaiya regularly attends her classes, 1 I don't know why -----.

(i) Don't put off your work for tomorrow. -----, it may never be done.
(j) I'm nostalgic about my childhood. I wish -----!

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

A teacher (a) ----- (compare) with an architect. He (b) ----- (call) the architect of a nation. He plays an important role in (c) ----- (build) a nation. He (d) ----- (make) the illiterate people worthy citizens. But the teachers are not (e) ----- (hold) in high respect in our society. Many of them (f) ----- (lead) an inhuman life. Still they (g) ----- (keep) the light of education (h) ----- (burn) in order to (i) ----- (remove) the darkness of illiteracy. It is high time we (j) ----- (change) our outlook towards the teachers.

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

(a) Water, an important element of environment, is polluted in various ways (complex). It is called life. (b) The water which is pure is necessary for us (simple). (c) Men pollute water by throwing waste in it (compound). (d) The farmers use water in time of cultivation largely (passive). (e) It is one of the most important elements for all living beings (positive).

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

"Have you killed the rats?" said the Mayor. "Yes, I have," replied the Piper, "Give me the promised money." "How funny you are!" said the Mayor. "Take only fifty."

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

Once, a poor woman came to Buddha and asked whether he could give her any medicine to restore her dead child to life. Buddha was very much touched by this. He told her that there was one medicine which could revive your son. It was a handful of mustard seeds obtained from a house where death had never entered. The sorrowful mother went from door to door searching for the same. But being disappointed, she came back to Buddha and told her about it.

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

I'm a first year (a) ----- (Use a noun adjective to pre-modify the noun) student and my annual exams are close at hand. I need (b) ----- (Post-modify the verb with an infinitive) a lot. However, conditions in (c) ----- (Use a possessive) house are not at all favourable. My elder sister got married (d) ----- (Post-modify the verb) and since then her share of the household chores has fallen on my shoulders. On top of that, my aunt (my father's sister) has just had a new baby boy. He screams (e) ----- (Use an adverbial phrase to post-modify the verb) and keeps everyone up late into the night. He keeps aunt (f) ----- (Use an intensifier to pre-modify the adjective) busy that she cannot help with any of the housework. So mother now relies a lot on me. Since auntie's baby was born, we have had streams of guests (g) ----- (Post-modify the noun with a participle) the house. I'm (h) ----- (Pre-modify the adjective) worried about my coming exams. There's so much noise and confusion in the house that I can hardly concentrate (i) ----- (Post-modify the verb with a prepositional phrase). You can't imagine how difficult it is to study in a (j) ----- (Pre-modify the noun) family.

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

We want success (a) -----, prosperity in life. (b) -----, we do not do what are needed in achieving these. (c) -----, we want to make our life glorious, we must follow some rules.

(d) -----, we have to be industrious. (e) -----, without hard work, success in life is impossible. (f) -----, we should be sincere in our activities. Some people think that good luck is at the roof of all achievements in life. (g) -----, to them nothing is further from truth than it. (h) -----, every success in life depends totally on our acttivities. (i) -----, we spend time in idleness, we must suffer. (j) -----, we should be honest in life because tthis virtue helps us greatly to gain our goal.

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

Democracy is the system of government which allows freedom of speech, religious and political opinion. It means fair and equal treatment for the citizens without social class division. In fact, in a democratic country people elect their representatives who work for the people. Free and fair election is the pre-condition for democracy. In a democratic country, people enjoy the rights of food, clothes, shelter, education, medical treatment and other facilities.

(a) allow (synonym); (b) freedom (synonym); (c) opinion (synonym); (d) fair (antonym); (e) equal (antonym); (f) division (antonym); (g) elect (synonym); (h) system (synonym): (i) treatment (synonym); (j) facility (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

Hasan: Can you tell me a little about Dhaka
Hasib: Sure what would you like to know?
Hasan: Well, whats a good time to visit there?
Hasib: I think you can visit in winter.
Hasan: Good and what should I see there?
Hasib: Well, you can visit Sonargaon Folk Art Museum and you can see the handicrafts. But you must not leave Dhaka without visiting the Lalbagh Fort.
Hasan: Anything else?
Hasib: Oh, yes if you have time you may visit Ahsan Manjil. You could have an excellent experience of the Mughal and the British architecture.

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

13. Suppose, you are Raju/Meena studzing at AKMC College, Narsingdi. Now, on behalf of the students of your college, write an application to the Principal of your college for increasing library facilities. 8
14. Suppose, you are Abid/Abida, a reporter of a reputed national daily. Now, write a report on road accident you have witnessed. Write at least 120 words. 8
15. Write a paragraph on "The International Mother Language Day". (Not more than 200 words) 10
16. Write a composition on "Natural Beauties of Bangladesh". Write a least 250 words but don't exceed 300 words. 14

Answer Sheet

1. (a) a; (b) the/x; (c) the; (d) the; (e) the; (f) the; (g) the; (h) x(i) a; (j) an.
2. (a) to; (b) to; (c) by; (d) for; (e) for; (f) to; (g) of; (h) in/of; (i) to; (j) by.

3. (a) let alone; (b) was born; (c) has to; (d) what does.....look like; (e) What's.....like; (f) as soon as; (g) there; (h) had better; (i) would rather; (j) It.
4. (a) If you eat too much, you will get fat.
   (b) He spoke as though he had seen the incident.
   (c) Though he is rich, he is unhappy.
   (d) The traffic police will fine you provided you violate the traffic rules.
   (e) We know that all that glitters is not gold.
   (f) No sooner had the doctor come than his father died.
   (g) We will not survive unless we drink pure water.
   (h) I don't know why she is absent today.
   (i) If you put off your work for tomorrow, it may never be done.
   (j) I wish I could be a child again!
5. (a) is compared; (b) is called; (c) building; (d) makes; (e) held; (f) lead; (g) keep; (h) burning; (i) remove; (j) changed.
6. (a) Water which is an important element of environment is polluted in various ways.
   (b) Pure water is necessary for us.
   (c) Men throw waste in-water and pollute it./ Men pollute water and they do it by throwing waste in it.
   (d) Water is used largely by the farmers in time of cultivation.
   (e) Very few elements for all living beings are as important as it.
7. The Mayor asked the Piper if he (P) had killed the rats. The Piper replied that he (P) had killed the rats and told him (M) to give him (P) the promised money. Then the Mayor exclaimed that he (P) was very funny and told him (P) to take only fifty.
8. Once a poor woman came to Buddha and asked whether he could give her any medicine to restore her dead child to life. Buddha was very much touched by the great sorrow of the woman/her sorrow. He told her that there was only one medicine which could revive her son/her dead child. It was a handful of mustard seeds obtained from a house where death had never entered. The sorrowful mother went from door to door searching for the mustard seeds. But being disappointed, she came to Buddha and told him about her great disappointment/her failure in obtaining the mustard seeds/the result of her searching.
9. (a) college/university; (b) to study; (c) my; (d) last month; (e) all the time; (f) so; (g) visiting; (h) really; (i) on my studies; (j) large/joint.
10. (a) and; (b) However/But; (c) If; (d) For example/Firstly; (e) It is because/In fact; (f) Moreover/Secondly; (g) Contrary; (h) Rather; (i) If; (j) So/ Hence/Therefore.
11. (a) permit/approve; (b) liberty/independence; (c) idea/view; (d) unfair, (e) unequal; (f) parity/equality; (g) select; (h) policy/procedure; (i) care; (j) benefit/advantage.
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