HSC-2026 Examination • English 2nd Paper

Set—4

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

Patriotism is (a) ----- noble virtue. It inspires (b) ----- man to dedicate his life for the freedom of his (c) ----- country. (d) -----man without patriotism is no better than (e) ----- beast. A true patriot is honoured by (f) ----- his countrymen. He thinks for (g) ----- betterment of his country. On (h) ----- contrary, (i) ----- unpatriotic man thinks only of his own interest. Those who die for (j) ----- country are true patriots.

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

The man was proud (a) ----- his talent. But none should take pride (b) ----- his talent. Pride results (c) ----- ruin. Those who have prided themselves (d) ----- their talents have been subjected (e) ----- humiliation. A proud man has to repent (f) ----- his pride or he has (g) ----- atone (h) ----- his pride. A proud man should apologize (i) ----- his pride. He is not acceptable (j) ----- anyone.

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

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

(a) Health is wealth. So, we all ----- follow the rules of health in order to live a sound life.
(b) ----- was a king named Lear. He had three daughters whom he loved very much.
(c) I can't even remember his name, ----- his address.
(d) ----- eating a raw egg? It may have been disgusting.
(e) We ----- help him than walk home. He really needs our help.
(f) It may rain at any moment. We should start ----- we can.
(g) The child was blind when he. ----- Since then he has been a blind child.
(h) Behave yourself. Don't cross your limit and don't pretend ----- you did not know anything about the incident.
(i) ----- a deer -----? Really, it is very beautiful to look at.
(j) It's already 10 pm. Your mother is waiting for you. She might be anxious. You ----- go now.

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

(a) 21 February is a red-letter day in our life because -----. It is our Mother Language Day.
(b) Once there was a farmer who had three sons. They were so lazy that-----.
(c) I have to meet Raihan. Do you know where -----?
(d) It is high time you -----. It is detrimental to health.
(e) English is an international language. If you want to go abroad for higher studies -----.
(f) The bee is one of the busiest insects. It flies from flower to flower to -----.
(g) My friend lived in New Zealand. It is many years since -----.
(h) We must grow the habit of getting up early in the morning. The sooner we get up, -----.

(i) There goes the proverb 'United we stand, divided we fall'. Unless we are united, -----.

(j) Our country is beset with many problems. We all should come forward with a view to -----.

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

Jerry is an orphan. He (a) ----- (come) to the orphanage at the age of four. He (b) ----- (lose) his parents in his infancy. Then, he (c) ----- (commit) to the care of the orphanage. He could hardly (d) ----- (recollect) his parents" memory. In spite of (e) ----- (be) an orphan, he had developed a strong fabric of morality. His inimitable morality (f) ----- (draw) him close to the writer. The writer (g) ----- (impress) with him. She started (h) ----- (show) affection for him. Jerry (i) ----- (take) her for his mother. He fabricated a lie (j) ----- (win)-her heart.

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

Rio Carnival, a famous celebration of Brazil, is held in February. (a) This carnival was introduced in Brazil by the Portuguese in 1641 to celebrate their independence from Spanish domination. (Make it Complex) (b) The first carnival which was held in Rio de Janeiro lasted a week. (Make it Compound) (c) When the carnival is celebrated, the whole city explodes with music, dancing and excitement. (Make it Simple) (d) They are organized by Samba Schools (Make it Active) (e) It is one of the most enjoyable festivals in Brazil. (Make it Positive)

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

“Why are you loitering here and there now? Are you in trouble?” said the school teacher. “I am loitering because I have none to take care of me,” said the boy. The school teacher said, “Do you feel hungry?” “Yes, 1 am very hungry now,” said the boy.

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

One should do his duty attentively and on time. He should also be mindful of the passage of time whose is very precious in human life. Your life is nothing but the sum total of time. That is why, it should value time to a greater extent.

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

The roads (a) ----- (use an adjective phrase to post modify the noun) are beset with problems. (b) ----- (pre-modify the noun) driving is one of them. Most of the drivers are not (c) ----- (pre-modify the participle) trained. They are not well educated. They can (d) ----- (use an adverb to pre-modify the verb) put their signature and read Bengali. They are indifferent to (e) ----- (use a noun adjective) life. They do not realize that life is (f) ----- (use a determiner) valuable than time. They drive (g) ----- (post modify the verb). They do (h) ----- (use an adverb to pre-modify the verb) drive consciously. Even they themselves are not conscious of (i) ----- (use a possessive) own lives. They drive (j) ----- (use an adverb phrase to post modify the verb) and try to overtake others.

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

Unemployment is a great problem in our country. (a) -----, it is the burning question of the day. (b) -----, almost all the countries of the world suffer from the curse of unemployment problem. (c) -----, Bangladesh is the worst sufferer of this so called problem. (d) -----, nowhere in the world this problem is so acute as in our country. (e) ----

-, there are many reasons behind it. (f) -----‘ our country is industrially backward. (g) -----, our system of education fails to give a student an independent start of life. (h) -----, it has little provision for vocational training. (i) -----, our students and youths have false sense of dignity. (j) -----, they run after jobs blindly.

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

Nowadays email has become the most popular mode of communication. It reduces the consumption of paper. It improves office efficiency also. It is cheaper than telephone call. It has greatly helped trade and commerce flourish But in our country all the people cannot afford this facility. And the reasons are many. First, all the people are not rich enough to buy a computer. Again, there are some rural areas where electricity has yet not reached.

(a) popular (synonym); (b) reduces (antonym); (c) improves (synonym); (d) efficiency (antonym); (e) cheaper (antonym); (f) flourish (synonym); (g) afford (synonym); (h) many (antonym); (i) enough (synonym); (j) rural (antonym).

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

Aryan: Do you read newspaper regularly, farhan
Farhan: Yes, i do. Whats about you
Aryan: To tell you frankly, i do not read newspaper regularly.
Farhan: Why You get enough time during the break in the college.
Aryan: Yes, i do get, but i do not like. Moreover, i think it is a waste of time.
Farhan: Remember newspaper is called the 'storehouse' of knowledge. The more you will read newspaper, the more you will learn.
Aryan: Then, from today, I'will start reading newspaper.
Farhan: If you are interested in the news of games and sports you can read the sport news page.

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

13. Suppose, you are Apurba/Amin, a student studzing at 'X' College in Dhaka. You want to go on a study tour somewhere with your classmates. Now, on behalf of your classmates of your college, write an application to the principal seeking permission to arrange a Study Tour. 8

14. A small boat carrying 25 people capsized in the Karnaphuli last afternoon. Some people were able to swim, ashore while some others were rescued by a fishing trawler that was passing by. Three bodies have been recovered till now. Some passengers are still missing. Draft a report of about 150 words for a local daily. 8

15. Now-a-days, Pahela Baishakh has become a part of our national history, culture and tradition. Write a paragraph in about 150 words on 'The Celebration of Pahela Baishakh' showing its significance. 10

16. The rivers of Bangladesh had a glorious past. Now, the rivers are on the verge of extinction. Write a composition on the "Importance of the Rivers in Bangladesh". 14

Answer Sheet

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

3. (a) have to; (b)There; (c) let alone; (d) What's it like; (e) would rather; (f) as soon as; (g) was born; (h) as if; (i) What does.....look like; (j) had better.
4. (a) 21 February is a red letter day in our life because on this day, we shed blood for our mother tongue.
   (b) They were so lazy that they passed most of their time without work.
   (c) Do you know where he lives?
   (d) It is high time you gave up smoking.
   (e) If you want to go abroad for higher studies, you must learn it.
   (f) It flies from flower to flower to collect honey.
   (g) It is many years since we met last in Singapore.
   (h) The sooner we get up, the healthier will we be.
   (i) Unless we are united, we cannot stand.
   (j) We all should come forward with a view to solving the problems.
5. (a) came; (b) lost; (c) was committed; (d) recollect; (e) being; (f) drew; (g) was impressed; (h) showing/ to show; (i) took; (j) to win.
6. (a) This Carnival was introduced in Brazil by the Portuguese in 1641 so that they could celebrate their independence from Spanish domination. / This Carnival was introduced in Brazil by the Portuguese in 1641 for a cause which was to celebrate their independence from Spanish domination.
   (b) The first carnival was held in Rio de Janeiro and it lasted a week.
   (c) During the carnival celebration, the whole city explodes with music, dancing and excitement.
   (d) Samba Schools organize them.
   (e) Very few festivals in Brazil are so enjoyable as it.
7. The school teacher asked the boy why he was loitering here and there then. He also asked him if he was in trouble. The boy answered that he was loitering because he had none to take care of him. Then the school teacher questioned the boy if he felt hungry. The boy replied positively that he was very hungry then.
8. One should do one's duty attentively and on time. One should also be mindful of the passage of time which is very precious in human life. One's/Our life is nothing but the sum total of time. That is why one/we should value time to a great extent.
9. (a) situated in Bangladesh/ available in our country; (b) Reckless/Careless; (c) well/properly; (d) hardly; (e) public/human; (f) more; (g) carelessly/recklessly; (h) not; (i) their, (j) violating the traffic rules/in a competitive way.
10. (a) Also/In fact/Truly speaking; (b) At present/Now/Nowadays; (c) However/But; (d) Indeed/Truly; (e) Obviously/No doubt; (f) Firstly/For example; (g) Secondly/Besides; (h) Actually/As a matter of fact; (i) Thirdly/Again/In addition; (j) Therefore/Hence.
11. (a) favourite/common/widespread; (b) increases; (c) develops/ promotes; (d) inefficiency/incompetence; (e) costlier; (f) develop/ expand/grow; (g) manage/bear; (h) few; (i) adequately/sufficiently; (j) urban.
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