HSC-2026 Examination • English 2nd Paper

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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

Fashion is a term commonly used to describe (a) ----- style of clothing worn by (b) ----- large number of people in (c) ----- country. However, popular style of furniture, homes, and many other products are also fashion. (d) ----- kinds of arts, music, literature and sports that many prefer can also be fashions. Thus a fashion reflects (e) ----- form of behaviour, accepted by most people in (f) ----- society. A product or activity is in fashion or is fashionable during (g) ----- period of time that many people of the society accept it. After (h) ----- time, however, (i) ----- same product or activity becomes old fashioned when (j) ----- majority of people no longer accept it.

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

Language plays a very important role (a) ----- the life of human beings. We use language (b) ----- the moment we wake (c) ----- in the morning till we go to bed (d) ----- night. We use language not only during our waking hours but also (e) ----- our dreams. We use language (f) ----- different purposes. We use language (g) ----- express what we feel. We use language to say what we like or dislike. If you do not like tea (h) ----- milk, you say, "I'll take tea (i) ----- milk." We use language to express our strong feelings and emotions. If you are charmed (j) ----- the scenery of a place, you say, "What a lovely place!"

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

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

(a) You look exhausted. You ----- take rest to refresh yourself.
(b) He does not like hustle and bustle. He ----- stay alone than join the gathering.
(c) ----- was a time when every child used to relish home-made food.
(d) The man who wears a crown ----- bear the burden of responsibility.
(e) He is the descendant of a royal family. He ----- with a silver spoon in his mouth.
(f) ----- is said that a stitch in time saves nine.
(g) They cannot afford to buy a bike, ----- a car.
(h) Have you ever seen a kingfisher? ----- a kingfisher -----?
(i) ----- I heard the news, I informed you.
(j) I have never travelled by air. ----- a plane journey -----?

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

(a) The darkness of night prevails everywhere. I don't know whether -----.
(b) Flood is a natural calamity. Neither the government -----.
(c) Koli is an intelligent girl. We don't know -----.
(d) If winter comes, -----?
(e) Skiing is a popular sports at that time when -----. Many people like it.
(f) Market is a place where -----. We visit it every day.
(g) Load shedding hampers our normal life. The development of our country will be seriously affected -----.
(h) People observe 21 February all over the world -----.
(i) The Pakistan armies were so cruel that -----.

(j) We could have been successful -----.

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

Facebook (a) ----- (be) popularly (b) ----- (know) as a social networking site in the (c) ----- (exist) world. It (d) ----- (connect) people and helps (e) ----- (share) news and views with other. Surprisingly, Facebook recently (f) ----- (make) the online business very popular in our country. Almost everyone uses a smart phone (g) ----- (engage) in online business. Undoubtedly, Facebook has (h) ----- (contribute) a lot in (i) ----- (spread) local business and creating employment. But, it is unfortunate that some bad people use Facebook with a view to (j) ----- (fulfill) their ill wishes.

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

(a) Helal refused the money. (Negative),
(b) Nasir earnestly desires to see her once. (Exclamatory)
(c) The house which I live in at present is comfortable. (Simple)
(d) He delivered a speech and everybodz admired it. (Simple)
(e) It disturbed him but he did not know the reason. (Complex)

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

"Do you know Bangladesh Open University offers an English self-learning course?" Sejan said to Shawan. "Yes, I have heard it from my father who works as a tutor of the course. It is a six-month course known as CELP" said Shawan.

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

Peacekeeping is one of the most effective tools available to the United Nations in the promotion and maintenance of international peace and security. With it, the UN assists host countries to navigate the difficult path from conflict to peace. They provide security and the political and peace building support to help countries make the difficult as well as early transition from conflict to peace. In addition to peacekeeping operations, it operates special political missions (SPMs) engaged in conflict prevention, mediation, and post-conflict peace building around the world. Authorized by the Security Council, they are tasked with an array of responsibilities. However, success is never guaranteed, because it almost by definition goes to the most physically and politically difficult environments.

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

It was a hot (a) ----- (use a noun adjective to pre-modify the noun) day. A (b) ----- (pre-modify the noun) all over the fields looking for water. For a long time, she could not find any water. She felt (c) ----- (use an intensifier to pre-modify the adjective) weak, almost giving up hope. Suddenly, she saw a water jug below her. She flew (d) ----- (post-modify the verb) to see if there was any water inside. Yes, she could see some water inside the jug. The crow tried (e) ----- (use an infinitive phrase to post-modify the verb), Sadly, she found that the neck of the jug was too narrow. Then she tried to push the jug down for the water to flow out. But she found (f) ----- (use a demonstrative to pre-modify the noun) jug too heavy. The crow thought (g) ----- (use a phrase to post-modify the verb) what to do. Suddenly she saw (h) ----- (use a quantifier to premodify the noun) pebbles nearby. She started (i) ----- (use a participle to post modify the verb) up the pebbles one by one and dropping each into the jug. As more and more pebbles filled the jug, the water level kept rising. Soon it was high (j) ----- (post-modify the adjective) for the crow to drink. The crow quenched its thirst and flew away.

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

A lion was drinking water from a brook. (a) ----- a lamb was also drinking water from the downstream same brook. The lion saw the lamb and decided to devour it. (b) ----- he was thinking about how to accomplish his evil design. (c) ----- he hit upon a plan. (d) ----- the lion complained that the lamb was disturbing him by muddzing water. But the lamb said that he was drinking water from downstream. (e) ----- the question of muddzing wa water on his part did not arise here. (f) ----- the lamb argued that it was the lion that was muddzing the water for him as he was drinking water upstream. (g) ----- the lion retorted that the lamb spoke ill of him a year ago. (h) ----- the lamb said that he was not born a year ago. The lion grew into a rage. (i) ----- he said that perhaps his farther spoke ill of him last year. (j) ----- the lion had the right to take revenge and kill the lamb.

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

The National Memorial is the (a) <u>symbol</u> of the nation's respect for the martyrs of the war of liberation. It is located at Savar, Dhaka. Its (b) <u>foundation</u> was laid on the first anniversary of the Victory Day in 1972. The entire complex (c) <u>covers</u> an area of 126 acres. It will (d) <u>include</u> a mosque, a library and a museum. The museum will (e) <u>preserve</u> the (f) <u>relics</u> of the Liberation War. There is a series of 7 fowers that (g) <u>rise</u> by stages to a height of 150 feet. These seven towers (h) <u>represent</u> the seven heroes who made (i) <u>supreme</u> sacrifice in the Liberation War. The height of the towers stands for the high sacrifice of every martyr. There are several graves of the martyrs close to the tower. Standing before the graves, we bow down our heads in (j) <u>respect</u> of their sacrifice.

(a) symbol (synonym); (c) foundation (synonym); (c) cover (antonym); (d) include (antonym); (e) preserve (antonym); (1) relics (synonym); (g) rise (antonym); (h) represent (synonym); (i) supreme (synonym); (j) respect (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**

How is your father Rana said Mr Karim He is very well thank you, replied Rana I am glad to hear that he is in good health said Mr Karim.

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

13. Write an application to the Principal of your college requesting him/her not to allow any student or teacher to use cell phone in the classroom or in the examination hall. 8
14. Suppose, you are a reporter of a Newspaper. Now, write a report on food adulteration in about 120 words. Give a title to your report. 8
15. Suppose, you have recently visited the Ekushey Book Fair. Now, write a paragraph about it. Use 100-150 words. 10
16. Write a composition on the person you like most. Write at least 200 words but don't exceed 250 words. 14

Answer Sheet

1. (a) the; (b) a; (c) a; (d) The; (e) the; (f) a; (g) a; (h) a: (i) the; (j) the.
2. (a) in; (b) from; (c) up; (d) at; (e) in; (f) for; (g) to; (h) with without; (i) without/with; (j) by.

3. (a) had better; (b) would rather; (c) There; (d) has to; (e) was born; (f) It: (g) let alone; (h) What does....look like; (i) As soon as, (j) What's... like.
4. (a) I don't know whether the road is safe or not.
   (b) Neither the government nor the NGOs can encounter it alone.
   (c) We don't know how she has made such a silly mistake.
   (d) If winter comes, can spring be far behind?
   (e) Skiing is a popular sports at the time when it is winter.
   (f) Market is a place where we go to buy our daily necessaries.
   (g) The development of our country will be seriously affected if it is not checked immediately.
   (h) People observe 21 February all over the world as it is the International Mother Language Day.
   (i) The Pakistani army were so cruel that they didn't show mercy to anyone.
   (j) We could have been successful if we had tried heart and soul.
5. (a) is; (b) known; (c) existing; (d) connects; (e) share/to share; (f) has made, (g) to engage, (h) contributed; (i) spreading; (j) fulfilling.
6. (a) Helal did not accept the money.
   (b) How earnestly Nasir desires to see her once!
   (c) I live in a comfortable house at present.
   (d) Everybody admired his speech.
   (e) He did not know the reason why it disturbed him./ Though it disturbed him, he did not know the reason.
7. Sejan asked Shawan if he (Shawan) knew that Bangladesh Open University offered an English self-learning course. Shawan replied that he knew and added that he had heard it from his father who worked as a tutor of the course. He (Shawan) also added that it was a six-month course known as CELP.
8. Peacekeeping is one of the most effective tools available to the United Nations in the promotion and maintenance of international peace and security. With peacekeeping, the UN assists host countries to navigate the difficult path from conflict to peace. The UN peacekeepers provide security and the political and peacebuilding support to help countries make the difficult as well as early transition from conflict to peace. In addition to peacekeeping operations, the UN operates special political missions (SPMs) engaged in conflict prevention, mediation, and post-conflict peace building around the world. Authorized by the Security Council, SPMs are tasked with an array of responsibilities. However, success is never guaranteed, because UN Peacekeeping almost by definition goes to the most physically and politically difficult environments.
9. (a) summer; (b) thirsty; (c) very; (d) down/near; (e) to put its head into the jug/to drink water; (f) that; (g) for a while; (h) some; (i) picking; (j) enough.
10. (a) At that time/Concurrently; (b) So; (c) Then; (d) Accordingly; (e) Therefore/So; (f) Rather/Besides; (g) Again/Then; (h) However/But; (i) Then/And; (j) That's why.
11. (a) emblem; (b) base/grounding; (c) exclude/vacate; (d) exclude; (e) destroy; (f) artefact/antique; (g) fall; (h) symbolize/indicate/mark; (i) extraordinary/remarkable/utmost/unparalleled; (j) disrespect.
12. "How is your father, Rana?" said Mr. Karim. "He is very well. Thank you," replied Rana. "I am glad to hear that he is in good health," said Mr. Karim.

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