HSC-2026 Examination • English 2nd Paper

Set—6

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

Robi is (a) ----- indigent boy. He comes of (b) ----- needy family. But he is diligent and upright. He has (c) ----- unique vision for life. He believes that honesty is (d) ----- key to success. Moreover, he has (e) ----- deep sense of patriotism. Being imbued with these ideals, he shapes (f) ----- dream of his life. From (g) ----- dawn to dusk, be works hard. He never squanders time, wastes money and dissipates (h) ----- energy. His only aim is to reach (i) ----- apex of success. We need (j) ----- ideal boy like Robi.

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

E-mail has brought (a) ----- a revolution (b) ----- modern communication. Messages can be transmitted (c) ----- one country to another (d) ----- seconds. It is far cheaper than telephone calls. Trade and commerce has become greatly dependent (e) ----- this speedy mode (f) ----- communication. It has, however, not reached everyone, especially (g) ----- developing countries (h) ----- ours, as most people cannot afford (i) ----- have a personal computer. But even here important purposes. people have started using commercially operated e-mail facilities (j) ----- important purposes.

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

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

(a) I have never walked five miles at a stretch, ----- ten miles. The idea of walking so much distance frightens me.
(b) I have never visited Kuakata. ----- visiting this place in the coming summer vacation?
(c) People do not like his way of behaviour. He always behaves ----- he were a great leader.
(d) The price of mango is high in our country. ----- we turn this land into a mango orchard?
(e) The criminal ran away ----- he saw the police. He was afraid of being arrested.
(f) Smoking tells upon the smoker's health greatly. You ----- give up this bad habit.
(g) Once ----- lived a king named Solomon. He was very wise.
(h) Shimul ----- work hard than beg. He is very industrious and painstaking.
(i) Tapan is somewhat backward in his preparation for the coming HSC exam. He ----- study hard to get completely prepared before the exam.
(j) Albert Einstein was a great scientist of physics. He ----- in 1879 and breathed his last in 1955.

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

(a) Samudra Haque is a great journalist. Do you know where -----?
(b) Unity is power. Unless you are united, you -----.
(c) Work carefully lest -----.
(d) Shabbir Khan is a quack. He behaves as though -----.
(e) It is very cold. I have to put on warm clothes so that -----.
(f) Could you avoid -----?

(g) A proverb goes that morning -----.
(h) Democratic govt. will provide -----.
(i) Let us play in the field, -----?
(j) The bee is one of the busiest insects. We should follow the -----.

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

Student life is the best time for (a) ----- (prepare) ourselves for future. It is (b) ----- (call) the seed time of life. So during this period of life students mustn't (c) ----- (waste) time. The main pursuit of the students (d) ----- (be) study. They should prepare themselves for the life (e) ----- (lie) ahead. They should also (f) ----- (participate) in co curricular activities. By (g) ----- (read) newspaper they will know what (h) ----- (happen) in the world. When the country (i) ----- (face) with a natural calamity, they should come forward with a view to (j) ----- (remove) the sufferings of the affected people.

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

Dowry is a curse for our society. It darkens the lives of many women. (a) Dowry hampers the peace of the society (Make it passive), (b) The brutal condition of the dark age must be stopped soon (Make it active). (c) This is one of the major problems of Bangladesh (Make it positive). (d) The dowry seekers are very greedz and demand money from bride's father (Make it simple), (e) What an unworthy crime the dowry is! (Make it Assertive)

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

Napoleon asked the English boy why he was making such a small boat. The boy replied that he hadn't seen his mother for a long time. He added that he would go to his country by the boat to see her. Napoleon then asked him where she lived. To boy replied that his mother lived in the country on the other side of the sea und requested him that he might be allowed to go there.

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

Do you know the importance of trees? They are our best friends. Our existence on earth will be at stake without it. We inhale oxygen which trees produce. Again, we exhale carbon dioxide which it absorb. Besides, we get food from trees and firewood to cook it. But some irresponsible people cut down trees indiscriminately. It should be brought to book. Furthermore, one should take keen interest to plant more trees so that we can live comfortably on earth.

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

A few days ago, the (a) ----- (pre-modify the noun with a noun adjective) ceremony was held. We invited our friends and relatives (b) ----- (post-modify the noun with infinitive phrase). The (c) ----- (pre-modify the noun) guests started to come in the evening. We received them (d) ----- (post-modify the verb). We all were waiting (e) ----- (post-modify the verb with infinitive) the bridegroom. The groom came at about 8 p.m. We were happy (f) ----- (post-modify the adjective with infinitive phrase). The groom came (g) ----- (post-modify the verb with a present participle) a wedding dress. He was looking (h) ----- (pre-modify the adjective with intensifier) smart and handsome, I took him to the stage (i) ----- (post-modify the verb with a present participle) his hand. He took his seat. The Quazi solemnized the marriage (j) ----- (post-modify the verb with present participle phrase) from the Holy Quran.

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

A cyclone is a devastating storm in Bangladesh that moves at a high speed. (a) ----- it causes immense harm to people and property. (b) ----- the inhabitants of coastal regions are the main victims of cyclone. (c) ----- the cyclone of Bangladesh originates from the Bay of Bengal. (d) ----- it is accompanied by thunders and heavy showers. (e) ----- unbearable heat is felt for a few days, (f) ----- the sky becomes terribly dark and strong winds begin to blow, (g) ----- overline g a terrible situation is created that fasts for hours. (h) ----- it causes a great havoc causing death' to people and other animals. (i) ----- dwelling houses are blown away. (j) ----- the cyclone is followed by scarcity of food and outbreak of various diseases

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

In Bangladesh, students require to read English for about ten years. But the level of proficiency they reach is very low. No wonder that most of them fail in their English tests. People taking the Civil Service Examination are also tested on their knowledge of English, but the results are equally disappointing although almost all the candidates have presumably master degree in various disciplines. Even those who pass or qualify are hardly able to write a free composition in acceptable English. Obviously there is something seriously wrong with the teaching and learning of English in Bangladesh.

(a) require (synonym); (b) proficiency (antonym); (c) wonder (synonym); (d) tested (synonym); (e) equally (antonym); (f) disappointing (synonym): (g) presumably (antonym); (h) qualify (antonym); (i) obviously (antonym); (j) wrong (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**

Lion: How dare you wake me up
Mouse: Im sorry sir. I did not mean to wake you I was just playing.
Lion: Now, Im going to kill you.
Mouse: Oh please sir. Have mercy on me. one day, I can be your help.
Lion: What rubbish How can a little mouse help'a big lion

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

13. Suppose, you are a student of 'X' CollegeWrite an application to the principal of your college for introducing multimedia facilities in classrooms. 8
14. Suppose, you are a reporter of The Daily Star. You have recently witnessed a massive fire on a garment factory. Now, write a report on it in about 120 words. Give a title to your report. 8
15. Write a compare and contrast paragraph on "City Life and Rural Life". 10
16. Write a short composition on "Impact of Climate Change in Bangladesh". 14

Answer Sheet

1. (a) an; (b) a; (c) a; (d) the; (e) a; (f) the; (g) x; (h) x; (i) the; (j) an.
2. (a) about; (b) in; (c) from; (d) within; (e) on; (f) of; (g) in; (h) like; (i) to; (j) for.
3. (a) let alone; (b) What's it like; (c) as if; (d) What if; (e) as soon as; (f) had better; (g) there; (h) would rather, (i) has to; (j) was born.
4. (a) Do you know where he was born?

(b) Unless you are united, you cannot accomplish great tasks.
(c) Work carefully lest you should make silly mistakes.
(d) He behaves as though he were a specialist doctor.
(e) I have to put on warm clothes so that I can avoid catching a cold.
(f) Could you avoid keeping bad company?
(g) A proverb goes that morning shows the day.
(h) Democratic govt. will provide the people with all fundamental rights.
(i) Let us play in the field, shall we?
(j) We should follow the example of a bee in our daily life.

5. (a) preparing; (b) called; (c) waste; (d) is; (e) lying; (f) participate; (g) reading; (h) is happening; (i) is faced; (j) removing.

6. (a) The peace of the society is hampered by dowry.
(b) We must stop the brutal condition of the dark age soon.
(c) Very few problems of Bangladesh are as major as this.
(d) Being very greedy, the dowry seekers demand money from bride's father.
(e) The dowry is a very unworthy crime.

7. Napoleon said, "Why are you making such a small boat?" The English boy replied, "I haven't seen my mother for a long time. I will go to my country by this boat to see her." Napoleon said, "Where does she live?" The boy said, "My mother lives in the country on the other side of the sea. Please let me go."

8. Do you know the importance of trees? They are our best friends. Our existence on earth will be at stake without trees/them. We inhale oxygen which trees produce. Again, we exhale carbon dioxide which they absorb. Besides, we get food from trees and firewood to cook that food. But some irresponsible people cut down trees indiscriminately. These people should be brought to book. Furthermore, we should take keen interest to plant more trees so that we can live comfortably on earth.

9. (a) marriage; (b) to attend the ceremony; (c) invited/wedding; (d) cordially/warmly/gladly; (e) to receive; (f) to see him; (g) wearing; (h) very; (i) holding: (j) reciting some verses.

10. (a) Obviously/Evidently/ Undoubtedly; (b) Especially/Particularly; (c) Generally/Mainly; (d) Usually/Besides/Also/Most often; (e) Earlier/Prior to that/Beforehand; (f) Then/Later/Suddenly; (g) At that time/Ultimately; (h) No doubt/Undoubtedly/ Eventually; (i) For example/For instance; (j) Moreover/ Not only that/ Also.

11. (a) need; (b) incompetence; (c) astonishment/surprise; (d) assessed/evaluated; (e) unequally; (f) upsetting/disheartening; (g) doubtfully/improbably; (h) disqualify; (i) perhaps/uncertainly; (j) incorrect/mistaken/error.

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●***Note:*** For writing part solution, see the folder name 'Writing Part' in Google drive.
