HSC-2026 Examination • English 2nd Paper

Set—7

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

Michael Madhusudan Dutt was (a) ----- popular 19th century Bengali poet and dramatist. He was born in (b) ----- Sagardari on (c) ----- bank of (d) ----- Kopotaksho river, (e) ----- village in Keshobpur Upazilla under Jashore district. From (f) ----- early age, Dutt aspired to be (g) ----- Englishman in form and manner. Though he was born in (h) ----- sophisticated Hindu family, he took Christianity arousing (i) ----- anger of his family. He contributed much to (j) ----- development of Bengali literature.

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

Trees are very useful (a) ----- man. They are highly essential (b) ----- our existence. They protect the rich top soil (c) ----- getting washed away (d) ----- rain water and floods. We can see trees being grown along the mountain slopes, (e) ----- the roadsides, (f) ----- the parks and gardens. They add beauty (g) ----- our lives. They provide us (h) ----- food, wood, shade, shelter and so on. They take (i) ----- carben di-oxide and produce oxygen. So we should take care (j) ----- trees.

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

would you mind	was born	let alone	had better	there
what does....look like	as if	would rather	as soon as	have to

(a) ----- flying in the sky? I think you will enjoy a lot.
(b) ----- was a king named Robert Bruce. He was very famous.
(c) I ----- and brought up in Bangladesh. This is a very beautiful country.
(d) Bangladesh is an emerging power in the world cricket. But we ----- struggle more to win the world cup.
(e) He cannot tell my name, ----- my address. He is really a liar.
(f) ----- the earth -----? It's not completely round.
(g) We ----- walk fast than get on the train. The train is very crowded.
(h) The class started ----- I reached my college . I was really lucky.
(i) You look so weak. You ----- go home as early as possible.
(j) The man pretended ----- he had been very poor. So, we disliked him.

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

(a) Last night, I did not have a sound sleep. I feel sleepy ----- TV.
(b) You cannot handle such a ----- if you don't have prior experience in teaching.
(c) If the driver had been more careful, ----- the fatal accident.
(d) We were supposed to start our journey the next day. But it was so hot that -----.
(e) A village market is one of the many attractions of country life. It is a public place where -----.
(f) The box is very heavy. Are you strong enough -----?
(g) Begging is not a profession. It is very disreputable. We must not -----.
(h) Whenever he speaks in English -----. But it is natural that we learn through mistakes.
(i) The station is not far away from here. It will take you five minutes -----.
(j) One should bear in mind that forming a bad habit is easy to do but -----.

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

Cricket (a) ----- (be) a popular game. Now-a-days, people (b) ----- (long) to watch it to get pleasure. Cricket (c) ----- (call) a gentlemen's game too. A bond of friendship (d) ----- (create) among the playing nations. The Bangladesh national cricket team is popularly (e) ----- (know) as the Tigers. Our cricket team (f) ----- (be) very organized . It already (g) ----- (prove) its worth in many an international match. Our cricketers (h) ----- (be) capable of (i) ----- (compete) with the renowned cricket teams of the world. The prestige of our country already (j) ----- (go) up in the internatinatinal arena; thanks to our cricket team.

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

(a) Tell me your age. (Complex)
(b) Some poets are at least as great as Tennyson. (Superlative)
(c) What though the field be lost? (Assertive)
(d) My watch was lost. (Active)
(e) He confessed that he was guilty. (Simple)

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

Robin hates people who are mean to animals. Last afternoon, as he was walking home from work, he saw some boys throwing stones at an old lame dog. Immediately, he rushed to help the animal. "Stop it"! he shouted as be ran towards the unruly boys, "Leave him alone!" Startled by the big man's shouts, they ran away. One of them jeered at Robin while running away. Robin, however, was totally unmoved by the jeering. He was happy that he could save it. Robin has always felt some affection for animals. Once, he even went to the police station to complain against a neighbour, who threw a cat out of the window. Instead of taking any action, they laughed at him and advised him not to worry about such 'petty' matters.

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

Students are the (a) ----- (a pre-modifier of noun) leaders of a country. The development of a country depends (b) ----- (post-modifier of verb) on, how the students prepare themselves to face (c) ----- (adjective to pre-modify a noun) challenges. Unfortunately, many students are not serious (d) ----- (a prepositional phrase to post-modify the adjective). They spoil their (e) ----- (pre-modifier of a noun) time. Some of them do not go to school (f) ----- (noun phrase functioning as adverb). Again, some remain inattentive (g) ----- (prepositional phrase functioning as adverbial of place). But they have to be attentive and struggle hard (h) ----- (an infinitive) in life. They should remember that success is equal to (i) ----- (adjective) work plus determination. So, all students should work hard (j) ----- (use an infinitive) in life.

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

Leisure is the moment (a) ----- a man is totally free from his work. In leisure, a man is (b) ----- free from work but also from worries and tension. (c) -----, it is a time, when a man is his own master and the mind is relaxed as well as the body is at rest. (d) ----- our life is full of duties. By performing our duties one after another, it seems (e) ----- our life is an exhausting business. This is the tragedy of our life that we cannot avoid our work and worries. (f) -----, leisure helps us to break this chain and enable us to refresh ourselves and revive our spirit. Leisure breaks the monotony of existence with a touch of variety. (g) ----- we look into developed countries, we will see that people love to spend their leisure in different ways. In fact, they never idle away their leisure time. (h) -----, it is seen that some people love to go for travelling, some enjoy sight-seeing in different places. (i) -----, some people spend their free time playing different types of games. (j) ----- leisure is always a source of joy.

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

Books are the unique medium through which we contact mighty minds of ages. Books tell us about their feelings, what they said and what they did. Books are one of the greatest friends to us. They introduce us the best humanity. They are reliable records of the history. A book is a valuable living voice. We can know about the thoughts and rituals of past men through books. We should read good books and avoid worthless ones. A good book is a friend of loneliness and a nurse in ailment. We can find real happiness by reading good books.

(a) unique (antonym): (b) mighty (antonym); (c) humanity (synonym); (d) reliable (antonym); (e) valuable (antonym); (f) ritual (synonym); (g) worthless (synonym); (h) loneliness (synonym); (i) ailment (synonym); (j) happiness (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

Son : Did you keep a diary during the Liberation War
Father: Yes, I did.
Son : Can I have a look at it
Father: Im afraid Ive lost it.
Son: Do you remember anything about it
Father: Yes, I remember one event. there were lots of sounds and bangs outside one night you wanted to look out but we didnt let you.
Son: Why
Father: Because it was very dangerous. You were only four years old then.

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

13. Suppose, you are Shafayat. You want to get admitted into an English Language Course run by the British Council. Write an e-mail to the manager for detail. 8

14. Suppose, you are Mark, a staff reporter of The Daily Nation. You have been assigned to prepare a report on "Deforestation". Now, write the report with an eye-catching title. 8

15. Write a paragraph on "The Uses and Abuses of Internet". 10

16. Unemployment has been a great problem to the countries around the world. And this problem cannot be solved overnight. Now, write a composition on 'the Unemployment

Problem in Context of Bangladesh' suggesting some effective measures to solve it. (at least 250 words) 14

Answer Sheet

1. (a) a; (b) x; (c) the; (d) the; (e) a; (f) an; (g) an; (h) a; (i) the/x; (j) the.
2. (a) to; (b) for/ to; (c) from; (d) by; (e) on/ by; (f) in; (g) to; (h) with; (i) in; (j) of.
3. (a) Would you mind; (b) There; (c) was born; (d) have to; (e) let alone; (f) What does.....look like; (g) would rather; (h) as soon as; (i) had better; (j) as if.
4. (a) I feel sleepy, yet I am watching TV.
   (b) You cannot handle such a huge class if you don't have prior experience in teaching.
   (c) If the driver had been more careful, he could have avoided the fatal accident.
   (d) But it was so hot that we could not but postpone it.
   (e) It is a public place where villagers gather to buy and sell things.
   (f) Are you strong enough to lift it?
   (g) We must not encourage begging.
   (h) Whenever he speaks in English, he makes a lot of mistakes.
   (i) It will take you five minutes to walk there.
   (j) One should bear in mind that forming a bad habit is easy to do but difficult to give up.
5. (a) is; (b) long; (c) is called; (d) is created; (e) known; (f) is; (g) has proved; (h) are; (i) competing; (j) has gone.
6. (a) Tell me what your age is./Tell me how old you are.
   (b) Tennyson is not the greatest of all poets. Or, Tennyson is one of the greatest poets.
   (c) It does not matter though the field is lost.
   (d) I lost my watch.
   (e) He confessed his guilt.
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 told him respectfully that he (B) had gone there 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).
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9. (a) future; (b) largely/greatly; (c) developmental/future; (d) about their studies and responsibilities/in this regard; (e) valuable/precious; (f) everyday; (g) in their class/to their studies; (h) to succeed/to prosper/to shine; (i) hard; (j) to shine/to prosper.
10. (a) when; (b) not only; (c) Basically/Actually; (d) Needless to say/ Obviously/ Undoubtedly; (e) that; (f) But/However/In this regard; (g) If; (h) For example/Often; (i) Also /Besides/Moreover; (j) Thus/No doubt.
11. (a) common/general; (b) tiny/insignificant; (c) compassion/generosity/mercy; (d) unreliable; (e) cheap/inexpensive/ valueless; (f) ceremony/custom; (g) useless/valueless/bad; (h) solitude/solitariness/ aloneness; (i) sickness/disease; (j) sorrow/unhappiness.
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    Son: Why?
    Father: Because it was very dangerous. You were only four years old then.

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