

Sylhet Board-2017

[English (Compulsory) 2nd Paper]

Part A : Grammar (60 marks)

1. Fill in the blanks with the words from the box. You may need to change the forms of some of the words. You may need to use one word more than once: 0.5 × 10=5

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| forward | at | up | in | move | a | for | the | number |
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Traffic jam is (a) — problem in all towns and cities (b) — Bangladesh. It occurs where a (c) — of vehicles crowd so close that (d) — becomes impossible (e) — sometime. It is more common where (f) — streets are narrow and have many bends. Weak traffic control system is also largely responsible (g) — it. It is very annoying and time killing. When caught in a traffic jam, we simply get stuck (h) — at one place. We can neither move (i) — nor backward. We have to wait and look repeatedly (j) — our watch.

2. Fill in the blanks with suitable words: 0.5×10=5

Trees bear a great impact (a) — the climate. If we destroy trees (b) — random, one day the country will turn (c) — a great desert. The country will bear the consequences of greenhouse (d) —. Again there will be no rain and as a result the country will face a great crisis because ours is (e) — agricultural country and our economy is dependent on (f) —. Again our agriculture (g) — on rain. So trees have a (h) — effect on our climate. Trees keep the soil strong. Trees save us (i) — flood and many other natural (j) —.

3. Make five meaningful sentences using parts of sentences from each column of the table below: 1×5=5

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| Ambition | work | to be competitive too. |
| Almost all of us | needs | successful in life if one sits idly. |
| One needs to | can never be | a particular ambition. |
| One's ambition | means | hard to materialize any ambition. |
| One | cherish | a desire to achieve something. |

4. Complete the following text with the right form of verbs given in the box. 0.5×10=5

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| get | be | refresh | enjoy | take |
| reap | walk | avail | keep | do |

A walk by the riverside in the evening (a) — very useful and pleasant. One (b) — not only beautiful sight but also (c) — fresh air. It (d) — the mind when one (e) — a walk by the river-side. Bangladesh is a reverine country and you can (f) — yourself of this opportunity of (g) — by the riverside. In the cities there are parks where you can go for a walk. This will help you (h) — fit. But if you (i) — it regularly, you will not be able to (j) — the benefit.

5. Change the narrative style of the following text. 5

"What are you doing now, Rashed?" I said. "I am watching an interesting program on television." "Aren't you wasting your time?" "No, I don't think so," he said. "Remember, too much watching of TV makes people lazy."

6. Change the sentences according to directions: 1×10=10

- We should read books to gain knowledge. (Make it a complex sentence)
- Books introduce us to the realm of knowledge. (Make it passive)
- The books of great writers contain noble thoughts and great ideas. (Make it an interrogative sentence)
- If we read books, we can enrich our minds. (Make it a simple sentence)
- Books are the greatest friends. (Make it positive)
- They give us both knowledge and pleasure. (Make it negative)
- As they are our real friends, they remain with us in time of danger. (Make it a compound sentence)
- Some books are very interesting. (Make it an exclamatory sentence)
- We can build up a developed society by reading books. (Make it a complex sentence)
- Nothing but books can remove the darkness of ignorance. (Make it an affirmative sentence)

7. **Complete the sentences:** 1×5=5
(a) Cricket is a game —.
(b) Boys and girls of our country —.
(c) Though cricket is a costly game, —.
(d) Bangladesh is a test playing country —.
(e) — to upgrade the standard.
8. **Complete the text adding suffixes, prefixes or the both with the underlined words:** 0.5×10=5
Food (a) adulterate is a crime. Adulterated food is (b) poison and causes (c) curable diseases. Some (d) greed businessmen are responsible for this (e) wicked. The steps so far taken by the government against those (f) honest businessmen (g) real deserve praise. (h) present, the fraudulent businessmen are much alarmed. (i) Hopeful, we will be able to shun this (j) practice very soon.
9. **Make tag questions of these following statements:** 1×5=5
(a) Mina is having a birthday party in the afternoon, —?
(b) Yes, she's been busy cleaning and dusting the drawing room, —?
(c) Yesterday her father bought her a lovely dress, —?
(d) And her mother wants to give her a pleasant surprise, —?
(e) Let's buy a nice gift for her, —?
10. **Complete the passage using suitable connectors:** 1×5=5
None can deny the importance of tree plantation (a) — our lives on earth directly or indirectly depend on it. (b) — it is a matter of sorrow that we are cutting down trees indiscriminately. (c) — trees are planted, soon our country will turn into desert (d) — there will be an adverse change in the climate. (e) —, we should plant more and more trees for our own sake.
11. **Use capitals and punctuation marks where necessary in the following text:** 1×5=5
Why don't you attend classes regularly the teacher said to the boy you cannot expect good result unless you attend classes be regular in class

Part B: Composition (40 marks)

12. Suppose, you are Limon/Lima, graduated in computer science. You have seen a vacancy for the post of a computer programmer in a renowned company named "Daffodil Computers". **Now, write a CV with a cover letter for the post. Your CV shouldn't exceed one page.** 8
13. Imagine you are Abid/Abida, of Isphahani School, Comilla. **Now, write an application to the Headmaster of your school for increasing common room facilities.** 10
14. Suppose, you are in a great trouble for load-shedding in your locality. **Now, write a paragraph on 'Load-shedding' in 150 words.** 10
15. Now-a-days people are suffering from various diseases. If they take physical exercise everyday, they can enjoy a sound health. **Now, write a composition on "The importance of physical exercise." (250 words)** 12