

Model Question of HSC Examination 2020 for All Board

English (Compulsory) 2nd Paper

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Time : 3 hours

Total Marks : 100

[N.B. Figure in the margin indicate full marks]

Part A: Grammar: 60 Marks

1. Fill in the blanks in the following texts with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (×) in those blanks:

0.5×10=5

(a) — pious man is he who is very much religious. He does not run after name and fame. He is different from (b) — worldly man. (c) — religious minded people are quite different from (d) — people who want to have much (e) — wealth. (f) — virtuous people believe that there lies (g) — eternal life after death. (h) — greedy people give importance to this world. However (i) — virtuous man enjoys mental (j) — peace.

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

21st February is a red-letter day (a) — the history of Bangladesh. (b) — this day in 1952, (c) — half a dozen young souls sacrificed their lives (d) — making Bangla one of the state languages (e) — Pakistan. But the blood spilt was not (f) — vain. In 1956 the first Constitution (g) — Pakistan recognized this demand. This day was observed (h) — Shaheed Dibosh in Bangladesh (i) — 1999. But now (j) — many other international days, 21st February is observed worldwide as the International Mother Language Day.

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

What if	Would rather	No sooner had	As if
Had better	What's it like	Was born	What does..... look like
There	have to		

- (a) Sir Jagodish Chandro Bose, a Bengali Polymath, Physicist and Biologist, — on 30 November 1858.
- (b) A: I have only one pen with me.
B: — you lose it?
- (c) The storm was devastating — it were the end of the world.
- (d) I am very tired. I — take rest.
- (e) A: — a satellite —?
B: I have heard of it but never got a chance to see it.
- (f) Everybody respects him very much. — is no person as honest as he in our village.
- (g) — getting GPA-5 in the exam. You have got it in the SSC and HSC exam.
- (h) I have a severe headache. I — go and see a doctor.
- (i) It was thundering. — he heard the sound of thundering than he went out to bring the bull.
- (j) He was a kind hearted man. He — spend his money for the poor than save it.

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

- (a) Trees are our best friends. But dishonest people cut trees so that —.
- (b) Flower is a symbol of love, beauty and purity. There is hardly any person —.
- (c) In society people say many things. We should not give importance —.

- (d) I cannot permit my kid to go abroad. He is so young that —.
- (e) The dog attacked you because you frightened it. If you had not frightened the dog, it —.
- (f) Titumir whom — was a great hero.
- (g) His pitiful condition saddened me and made me —.
- (h) Sajid maintains a diary. Whenever he gets free time —.
- (i) We met the strange person while —. We were really amused at his behavior.
- (j) I do not like people —. Such kind of people are hated everywhere.

5. Read the following text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs. 0.5×10=5

While (a) — (eat) food we should bear in mind that we (b) — (not, eat) merely to satisfy our hunger or to fulfill the belly. We (c) — (eat) so that we (d) — (preserve) our health. For good health, we need (e) — (take) good food. Sometimes, it (f) — (happen) that people (g) — (live) even in plenty (h) — (not, eat) the foods they need for health; because, they (i) — (not, know) how to choose a balanced diet from the foods that (j) — (be) available to them.

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

(a) Fahima's college was going to introduce a debating club. (Passive) (b) She did not show less interest in the matter. (Affirmative) (c) The college gave her the responsibility of organizing the club. (Passive) (d) She was finding out people who were interested in debating. (Simple) (e) She went to every class in absence of the teacher. (Complex)

7. **Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches.** 5
The teacher became angry with the student and said, "Why have you again disturbed the class in this way? I have told you before that when I speak, you should be silent. Leave the room and do not return again today."
8. **Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentences so that all pronoun references are clear.**

1×5=5

Questions are set to assess your ability to make out a passage and answer questions on the basis of what is stated in it. One needs to read it so that you can identify the main idea of the passage. If the learners are not clear of the main idea, it will be difficult for them to answer the questions. It is because most of them are done based on the main idea.

9. **Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.**

0.5×10=5

Once there lived a (a) — (pre-modify the noun with an adjective) fox in a jungle. He was (b) — (pre-modify the adjective with an intensifier) hungry. He went out (c) — (post-modify the verb with infinitive) for food. But he did not get any food (d) — (post-modify the verb with infinitive). At last he entered a vineyard. There were ripe grapes (e) — (post-modify the noun with a present participle) on the vine. The grapes were too high for him (f) — (post-modify the verb with an infinitive phrase). (g) — (pre-modify the verb with a present participle) rest, he jumped to get the bunch of grapes. But he failed (h) — (post modify the verb with an infinitive phrase). (i) — (pre-modify the verb with a present participle), the fox went away. But he said he did not like (j) — (pre-modify the noun) grapes.

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

International Networking system through cyber process is called Internet. (a) — it is a computer based global information system (b) — has created a mile-stone in the field of communication. (c) —, it is the fastest means of communication. (d) — it keeps us up to date with the latest news and views. (e) —, students can go through any books from any library of the world through internet. (f) —, it has also some demerits. (g) —, our young generation has become addicted to face book (h) — has become a matter of terror for the parents. (i) —, the criminals use it for performing their criminal activities. Thirdly, sitting for long hours while using internet causes damage to our eyes. (j) —, we cannot but use internet as it provides us with so many facilities.

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

To forgive an injury is often considered to be the sign of weakness. It is really a sign of strength. It is easy to allow one to be carried away by resentment and hatred into the act of vengeance but it takes strong character to restrain these natural passions. The man who forgives an injury proves himself to be superior to the man who wronged him. Forgiveness may even turn a foe into a friend. So, mercy is the noblest form of revenge.

(a) forgive (synonym) (b) considered (antonym) (c) resentment (synonym) (d) vengeance (antonym) (e) character (synonym) (f) restrain (synonym) (g) passion (synonym) (h) superior (antonym) (i) foe (antonym) (j) revenge (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

Aman : Hello Alif how are you

Alif : Well Aman aren't you worried

Aman : Of course, we should persuade them to give up smoking.

Alif : Right it's our duty we must tell them about the bad effects of smoking

Aman : It's in fact a suicidal habit

Part B: Composition: 40 Marks

13. Suppose, you are Tahsin and you are a student of class-XII of N.S Govt. College, Natore. Your college library does not have adequate number of books to meet your demand. Now, write an application to the Principal of your college for buying more books for the college library. 8
14. Imagine that you are a reporter of The Daily Star. You have interviewed a tortured housewife. Now, write a report of about 120 words on violence against woman in Bangladesh. Give a title to your report. 8
15. Write a paragraph on 'Blood Donation' following descriptive method in 150 words. 10
16. Write a short composition on "The Rising of The Prices of The Necessary Commodities and Its Effect on The Daily Life." Write at least 200 words but do not exceed 250 words. 14

Answer

- (a) a; (b) a; (c) the; (d) the; (e) ×; (f) The; (g) an; (h) The; (i) a; (j) ×.
- (a) in; (b) On; (c) about/around; (d) for; (e) of; (f) in; (g) of; (h) as; (i) in; (j) among.
- (a) was born; (b) What if; (c) as if; (d) had better; (e) What does look like; (f) There; (g) What's it like; (h) have to; (i) No sooner had; (j) would rather.
- (a) Trees are our best friends. But dishonest people cut trees so that **they can make quick profit.**

(b) Flower is a symbol of love, beauty and purity. There is hardly any person **who doesn't love flowers.**

(c) In society people say many things. We should not give importance to **all their sayings.**

(d) I cannot permit my kid to go abroad. He is so young that **he can't maintain himself.**

(e) The dog attacked you because you frightened it. If you had not frightened the dog, **it would not have attacked you.**

(f) Titumir whom we **remember with great respect** was a great hero.

(g) His pitiful condition saddened me and made me **very upset.**

(h) Sajid maintains a diary. Whenever he gets free time **he writes in his diary.**

(i) We met the strange person while **we were waiting in the railway station.** We were really amused at his behavior.

(j) I do not like people **who are dishonest.** Such kind of people are hated everywhere.
- (a) eating; (b) do not eat; (c) eat; (d) can preserve; (e) to take; (f) happens; (g) living; (h) do not eat; (i) do not know; (j) are.
- (a) A debating club was going to be introduced in Fahima's college/by Fahima's college.

(b) She showed much interest in the matter.

- (c) She was given the responsibility of organizing the club by the college.
- (d) She was finding out people interested in debating.
- (e) She went to every class when the teacher was absent.
7. The teacher became angry with the student and asked why he (s) had again disturbed the class in that way. The teacher again said that he (t) had told him (s) before that when he (t) spoke, he (s) should be silent. The teacher also ordered him to leave the room and not to return again that day.
8. Questions are set to assess one's ability to make out a passage and answer questions on the basis of what is stated in the passage. One needs to read the passage so that one can identify the main idea of the passage. If the learners are not clear of the main idea, it will be difficult for the learners to answer the questions. It is because most of the questions are done based on the main idea.
9. (a) cunning; (b) very; (c) to look/to search; (d) to eat; (e) hanging; (f) to reach them; (g) Taking; (h) to reach them; (i) Being unsuccessful; (j) sour.
10. (a) Mainly; (b) which/that; (c) In fact/Actually; (d) Besides/Moreover; (e) In addition; (f) On the contrary /However; (g) Firstly; (h) which/that; (i) Besides /Secondly/However; (j) Still/ Yet/In spite of all these.
11. (a) pardon/excuse; (b) unconsidered/disregarded; (c) annoyance/disgust/anger; (d) forgiveness/ reconciliation; (e) conduct/personality; (f) suppress/ prevent/ conceal; (g) emotion; (h) inferior/ subservient; (i) friend; (j) vengeance/punishment.
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 Aman : Of course, we should persuade them to give up smoking.
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 Aman : It's, in fact, a suicidal habit.