

# 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 text with suitable articles as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross(x) in those blanks: 0.5×10=5

Hamlet, (a) — living person, was (b) — prince of Denmark. He was (c) — greatly shocked when his father was murdered and his mother hastily married his uncle Claudius who became (d) — king of Denmark. He expressed his grief by saying that even (e) — animal of two reasons would have mourned longer. He grieved over these (f) — sad events day after day. (g) — dreadful suspicion filled his mind. He had been told that while his father was sleeping in his garden, he had died from (h) — bite of (i) — snake. But finally Hamlet knew that (j) — real snake was Claudius.

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

A good student never learns things (a) — rote. He is very cautious (b) — his studies and always adheres (c) — his lessons and texts. He does not learn (d) — traditional guide books. He prepares notes (e) — taking help (f) — his teachers. He abides (g) — his teachers' advice and jots (h) — their lectures. He makes the best use (i) — his time and concentrates (j) — his studies according to his daily routine.

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

Let alone	Was born	There	We are
What if	Has to	It	As if
What does ..... look	Had better		

- (a) He treats me — I were his younger brother. Actually he is one of my distant relatives.
- (b) Nasima is a daughter of poor parents. She has no private tutor. So she — study hard.
- (c) — was a stormy night. It was raining also. I passed the night totally alone in the hostel.
- (d) I cannot ride a motorbike, — a car. I have no money to buy any of these two things.
- (e) Victor Hugo was a French novelist and dramatist. He — in 1802.
- (f) Salma: — a kangaroo —?  
Mita: Sorry friend, I have no idea about kangaroo. I have never seen it.
- (g) Today is holiday. — going to visit the zoo.
- (h) Your parents are bearing your educational expenses with great difficulty. But you are not attentive to your study. — you fail in the exam?
- (i) — flows a river by our village. We often swim in the river.
- (j) You — cross the river at this moment. The river is very calm now.

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

- (a) Bangladesh is called —?
- (b) — contribute a lot to our economy.
- (c) — are the two major rivers.
- (d) The Jamuna — is also a major river.
- (e) These rivers are not now —. Most of the rivers have changed their courses.

- (f) — brings a lot of damage.
- (g) Most of the rivers overflow —.
- (h) — causes flood.
- (i) People suffer most —.
- (j) — has now become a necessity.

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

Congratulation for (a) — (score) a good result in the examination. I (b) — (be) now in Chittagong. Next week I (c) — (go) to Dhaka. Then I (d) — (meet) you. You (e) — (choose) your career? I think you should (f) — (depend) on yourself for your own choice. If I were you, I (g) — (like) to be an agriculturist. Ours (h) — (be) an agricultural country. Most of the farmers (i) — (educate). They do not know how to cultivate good crops. They still depend on the plough. If they are given scientific instruments, they can grow more crops. Then our country (j) — (be) self-sufficient in food.

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

- (a) Hamidur Rahman, the man who gave shape to the concept and design of the Shaheed Minar, was the first student of Art. (Simple)
- (b) As a first student of Art, he went to Europe for studies at "Ecole de Beaux Art" in Paris. (Complex)
- (c) He is remembered for his remarkable design of the central Shaheed Minar. (Compound)
- (d) People consider him the pioneer of new painting movement. (Passive)
- (e) No other artist was as conscious as Hamidur Rahman. (Superlative)

7. Change the narrative style by using direct speeches. 5  
 The teacher inquired of the student where he was from. He replied that he was from Japan. He further inquired how he (S)

had found Cambridge when he had arrived first. He (S) replied that he liked it there and opined that the city was beautiful. Then the teacher said that he (S) was welcome there.

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

Women are nowadays as important as men in society. She constitutes half of our total population. No nation can make real progress keeping half of it in darkness. Without the uplift of women it is not at all possible. Again without education, women cannot be uplifted. So proper education should be given to her so that they can work hand in hand with them in all development programmes.

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

0.5×10=5

One day about noon I was walking (a) — (post-modify the verb) on the sea shore. I made a (b) — (use an intensifier to pre-modify the adjective) strange discovery. I was alarmed (c) — (use to infinitive to post-modify the adjective) the print of a man's barefoot on the sand. As it was a (d) — (pre-modify the noun) and clean beach, it was very clear. I stood there (e) — (post-modify the verb) and observed it neatly. I couldn't understand anything. I was (f) — (pre-modify the adjective with an intensifier) frightened. I climbed up a hill (g) — (post-modify the verb with an infinitive) further. (h) — (pre-modify the verb with present participle) the hill, I started for home. On my way home, I stopped every two or three steps (i) — (post-modify the verb with an infinitive) behind me. That night I couldn't sleep (j) — (post-modify the verb).

10. Use sentence connectors in the blanks of the following passage: 0.5×10=5

Our college canteen is the most significant (a) — the busiest place in the college. It is the place (b) — every student pays at least one or two visits a day, (c) — that do not just to have a taste of some delicacies, (d) — to brush himself or herself up with the latest information, real (e) — based on some rumour. (f) — there is free and frank discussion of various topics. (g) — discussion can centre on some political or economic matter also. (h) —, the senior students may discuss some new world development or new government policy on some matter. This doesn't mean, (i) —, that our college canteen is only a place of discussion. It caters food to the teachers (j) — the students.

11. Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below. 1×5=5

The rapid advancement of science has made life easy and less complicated, the inventions made by science are many. Computer is the latest addition to them. It has now become an essential part of modern life. Any device helping people performs mathematical calculation may be called a computer. It is a special kind of electronic machine that can perform mathematical calculation and process large message of information at a great speed. Computer is now used in all sectors of life. It is widely used in the field of space administration, telecommunication, air traffic control, navigation of ship and aircrafts. In fact, computer is doing a great job by substituting human brain and thus preventing misuse of time and energy.

- (a) advancement (Synonym) (b) complicated (Antonym)  
(c) latest (Synonym) (d) essential (Antonym) (e) perform  
(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

There goes a proverb "A barking dog seldom bites" When a dog is powerless to bite, it wants to show its ability by barking. It thinks that, if it barks people will be scared, but people are always more intelligent than dogs. Instead of being afraid, people laugh at the barking of the powerless dogs. In our society, there are also many powerless person, but they pretend to be powerful. By this pretension they want to serve their purpose. Such causes are not rare rather many in number. We all should be careful of those powerlessly powerful persons.

### Part B: Composition: 40 Marks

13. Suppose, you would like to participate in an 'Essay Writing Competition' organized by a national daily. Write an e-mail to the Editor requesting him to send you the guidelines and details of the competition. 8
14. Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. You have witnessed a massive fire in a garment factory. Now, write a report of about 120 words on it. Give a title to your report. 8
15. Write a paragraph about 'If You were A Billionaire'. Use 100-150 words. 10
16. Drug is an essential element of human life. But abuse of drugs has devastating impact on life. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer and show the ways of saving us from the dangers of drug. Write at least 200 words but don't exceed 250 words. 14

## Answer

- (a) a; (b) the; (c) ×; (d) the; (e) an; (f) ×; (g) A; (h) the; (i) a; (j) the.
- (a) by; (b) about; (c) to; (d) from; (e) by; (f) from/of; (g) by; (h) down; (i) of; (j) on.
- (a) as if; (b) has to; (c) It; (d) let alone; (e) was born; (f) What does ..... look like; (g) We are; (h) What if; (i) There; (j) had better.
- (a) Bangladesh is called a riverine country, isn't she?  
(b) The rivers contribute a lot to our economy.  
(c) The Padma and the Meghna are the two major rivers.  
(d) The Jamuna which flows from India is also a major river.  
(e) These rivers are not now as wide as they were before. Most of the rivers have changed their courses.  
(f) River erosion brings a lot of damage.  
(g) Most of the rivers overflow their bank in the rainy season.  
(h) Excessive rainfall causes flood.  
(i) People suffer most when flood occurs.  
(j) The removal of sediments and debris from the bottom of the rivers has now become a necessity.
- (a) scoring; (b) am; (c) will go; (d) will meet; (e) Have .... chosen; (f) depend; (g) would like; (h) is; (i) are not educated; (j) will be.
- (a) Hamidur Rahman, the first student of art, gave shape to the concept and design of the Shaheed Minar.  
(b) He was the first student of art, who went to Europe for studies at "Ecole de Beaux Art" in Paris.  
(c) He designed the central Shaheed Minar remarkably and so he is remembered.

(d) He is considered the pioneer of new painting movement.

(e) Hamidur Rahman was the most conscious artist.

7. "Where are you from?" the teacher said to the boy. "I am from Japan," he replied. "How have you found Cambridge when you have arrived first?" he said to the boy. "I like it here and to my opinion the city is beautiful," said the boy. Then the teacher said, "You are welcome here."

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9. (a) alone; (b) very; (c) to see; (d) dry; (e) motionless/thunder-struck; (f) very/extremely; (g) to look; (h) Climbing down from; (i) to see/to watch; (j) well/soundly/peacefully.

10. (a) and; (b) where; (c) and; (d) but also; (e) or; (f) Thus; (g) Sometimes; (h) Particularly; (i) however; (j) and/as well as.

11. (a) progress; (b) easy/simple; (c) last; (d) unnecessary; (e) do.

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