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## DHAKA 2019

### Seen Text-1

Read the passage. Then answer the questions no. 1 and 2.

[Dhaka '19]

[Unit – 6; Lesson – 3(B)]

The Maldives is famous as a tourist destination because of its enjoyable weather, heavenly beaches and lagoons, luxurious holiday resorts and the peace-loving people. Being an island country, it enjoys a pleasant weather throughout the year. The Maldives has been ranked as the best country brand for natural beauty.

The Maldives is well known for being the lowest country in the world. Unfortunately, this small country with idyllic natural beauty is under threat from rising sea levels due to global warming. Most of the country is just 1.5 meters above sea level with a highest point of 2.3 meters! Many predictions have been made with respect to the Maldives being swept away by the rising water level in the Indian Ocean. It was even seen during the tsunami of 2004, that many of the island's dry parts were flooded by waters shrinking the island. The government of the Maldives has begun to purchase land from nearby countries in case the islands go under water!

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1. Choose the correct answer from the following alternatives.

1 × 7 = 7

a) The tourists have a great \_\_\_\_\_ for visiting the Maldives.

i. devotion

iii. destination



ii. attraction

iv. attention

b) Which of the following words best describe the weather of the Maldives?

i. unpleasant

iii. warm

ii. tropical



iv. enjoyable

c) The Maldives is well recognized around the world for its \_\_\_\_\_.

i. smallness as a country

ii. Multi-racial culture



iii. lowest land

iv. threat of global warming

## Seen Text-1

d) During the tsunami of 2004, many parts of the country were \_\_\_\_\_.



i. submerged

iii. uprooted

ii. dried

iv. eroded

e) The word 'idyllic' in the phrase 'idyllic natural beauty' means \_\_\_\_\_.

i. ideal



ii. very beautiful

iii. very peaceful

iv. idol shaped

f) Global warming is a \_\_\_\_\_ to the Maldives.



i. threat

ii. victim

iii. dangerous

iv. warming

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g) The Maldives is faced with the threat of \_\_\_\_\_.

i. tsunami over and over  
again

ii. serious water pollution



iii. disappearing from the map

iv. extinction of its aquatic  
animals

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## Seen Text-1

2. Answer the following questions.

$2 \times 5 = 10$

a) Why is the Maldives a remarkable tourist spot?

The Maldives is a remarkable tourist spot because of its enjoyable weather, heavenly beaches and lagoons, luxurious holiday resorts and the peace-loving people.

b) Why is 2008 a significant year for the Maldives?

The year 2008 is a significant one for the Maldives as it was ranked as the best country brand for beautiful beaches as well as facilities for recreation and was also ranked second as the best country brand for natural beauty in that year.

## Seen Text-1

c) What may happen to the Maldives owing to global warming?

The Maldives may go under water following the rising sea level owing to the global warming.

d) What happened to the Maldives during the tsunami of 2004?

During the tsunami of 2004, Many of the island's dry parts were flooded by water resulting in the reduction of land area of the island.

e) Do you support the idea of having a cabinet meeting underwater?  
What could be the reason for holding such a strange meeting?

Yes, I wholeheartedly support the idea of having a cabinet meeting underwater. The reason behind holding such a strange meeting is to attract the attention of all the nations of the world so that they also become careful about the global warming and the dangerous consequences it bears.

## Seen Text-2

Read the following text and fill in each gap with a suitable word based on the information of the text.

[Dhaka '19]

[Unit – 7; Lesson – 1(A)]

The pioneer of Bangladeshi modern art Zainul Abedin is widely acclaimed for his Bengal 'Famine Sketches'. Through a series of sketches, Zainul not only documented the harsh famine of 1940 but also showed its sinister face through the skeletal figures of the people destined to die of starvation in a man-made plight. Zainul developed a knack for drawing and painting when he was a high school student. After completing high school, he got admission to the Government School of Art, Kolkata. He graduated with the first position in first class in 1938. He was appointed teacher of the Art School while he was still a student there. He also attended the Slade School of Arts, London in 1951-52. Zainul Abedin is considered the founding father of Bangladeshi art. He was an artist of outstanding talent and earned international reputation. For his artistic and visionary qualities, he referred to as Shilpacharya meaning 'great teacher' of art in Bangladesh.

He designed the pages of the Constitution of Bangladesh. He founded the Folk Art Museum at Sonargaon and also Zainul Abedin Shangrahasala, a gallery of his own works in Mymensingh in 1975.

**Seen Text-2**

$$1 \times 5 = 5$$

Zainul Abedin had (a) resulted potentiality to become an artist. He is the pioneer of Bangladeshi art. He loved nature and art from his (b) growth/production. He showed his artistic and visionary qualities in his student life. Graduating (c) extinction/elimination credit, he served as a teacher for many years. He showed his talent in different sketches. In his different sketches, (d) depending/relying sketches were acclaimed both nationally and internationally. He is also famous for designing the pages of constitution and (e) reduction/decrease the Folk Art Museum.

## Matching

Match the parts of the sentences in column A, B and C to write five complete sentences.

[Dhaka '19]

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## Paragraph

Answer the following questions to write a paragraph on 'Water Pollution'.

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[Dhaka '19]

- a) What is water pollution?
- b) Why is water called life?
- c) How is water polluted?
- d) What are the effects of water pollution?
- e) What measures should we take to prevent water pollution?

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### Water Pollution

There are a few primary elements that our world is made of, water being one of them. It is needless to state the importance of water in our lives as we cannot even pass a day without using water in one form or another. But water pollution has made our living difficult as an element of such importance when contaminated, can cause harm to our lives. Water pollution means contamination of surface and drinking water to the extent that they are harmful to use. The water filled with filth, dust and germs can be harmful to human life. Up to 60% of human body is water and it is required to break down our food so that our bodies can absorb nutrients. Because of its importance to our survival, water is called life. Water can be polluted in different ways. Humans pollute water by discharging domestic and industrial wastes and filth, poisonous chemicals without proper system and these wastes make their way into water bodies. Mills and factories throw their chemical wastes into rivers and canals and thus pollute water. In the rural areas, farmers use pesticides and chemical fertilizers which are washed away by rain and flood and pollute water. Discharging of oil from water vehicles pollutes water. Drinking polluted water can cause water-borne diseases like Cholera, Typhoid etc. which can even take lives. Moreover, polluted water used in day to day chores can cause long term diseases and pesticides found in polluted water can also harm our bodies. Through proper management of wastes, we can minimize water pollution. Water can be purified by boiling it for twenty minutes. Purification tablets can be used for this purpose. Pure water is free from all dangers and it is life blood of our existence and good health. So, we all should drink pure water.

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## Writing informal letters/emails

Suppose, you are Sohan/Sohana of 9, Mymensingh Road, Dhaka-1000. Recently you have enjoyed a picnic. Your friend Nahid/Nahida of 71/C, Broad Lane, Khulna wants to know about the picnic. Now, write a letter to your friend telling him/her how you have enjoyed the picnic. [Dhaka '19]

9, Mymensingh Road, Dhaka-1000  
15 November 2019

Dearest Nahid,

Your letter has just reached my hand. In your letter, you asked about our recent picnic. I will write about it all in this letter as I am eager to tell you how good it was!

It was the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. The day was Monday, a government holiday. We, about 50 students from our class, arranged a picnic at Mainamati, Cumilla. This place can be linked to the thousand years old history of the land we live in. As you know it is about fifty kilometers from here, we started at 8 am from our school compound by a big hired bus led by three of our teachers. We reached there at about 10 am. After having breakfast, we scattered around to see the relics of the past stored in there.

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The Shalban Bihar and the remnants of an old Buddhist civilization were really fascinating. We were amazed at the fact that in that very place students used to study their religion hundreds of years ago. After sight-seeing, we got pretty hungry and our teachers kindly arranged lunch for all of us. After lunch, we were re-energized to savor the historical beauty of the place again. As you know, there is a Buddhist temple just beside Mainamati, so we had to visit that too. The magnificent temple reminded us of the purity of religion and power of prayers. As it was getting late, our teachers gathered us all and we started towards home. I am certain you would have loved the picnic too. I wish with my heart that you could be there, my friend.

No more today. With regards for your parents and love for your siblings.

Yours ever,  
Sohana

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From	To	
Sohana Haque	Nahid Islam	
9, Mymensingh Road, Dhaka - 1000	71/C, Broad Lane, Khulna	

**RAJSHAHI 2019****Seen Text-1**

Read the passage. Then answer the questions no. 1 and 2.

[Rajshahi '19]

[Unit – 13; Lesson – 2(B)]

The advantages of the Internet technology have made a good number of websites to emerge to facilitate social relations among people around the world. These are known as social networking services or social networks. At present, Facebook is the most popular. Google+, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc. are other frequently used social services. Social network services are web-based and hence, provide ways for the users to interact through the Internet. These services make it possible to connect people sharing interests and activities across the borders and thus have made a lot for the users to feel that they really live in a global village.

Why are social networks expanding so fast? The answer is simple. Most of the social services are cost-free. You can make use of them free, paying a very little to your Internet service provider. Secondly, you can make your personal profile public before the entire

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online community. It is like presenting yourself before the entire world. You can also look into other people's profile if you are interested. It is simple and easy. Thirdly, social networks allow users to upload pictures, multimedia contents and modify the profile. Some services like Facebook allow users to update their profiles. Fourthly, networks allow users to post blog entries. User profiles have a section dedicated to comments from friends and other users. Finally, there are privacy protection measures too. A user himself or herself decides over the number of visitors/viewers, and what information should be shared with others.

## Seen Text-1

1. Choose the correct answer from the following alternatives.  $1 \times 7 = 7$

a) The word 'advantage' in the first line refers to \_\_\_\_\_.



i. convenience

ii. inconvenience

iii. inappropriate


iv. uncertain

b) The utility of website is \_\_\_\_\_.

i. abusing social network

ii. creating social awareness

iii. discouraging social relation

iv.  promoting universal brotherhood

c) Users' accounts have \_\_\_\_\_ protection measures.

i. virus

ii. identity



iii. personal secrecy

iv. network

d) The word 'content' stands for \_\_\_\_\_.

i. conversation

ii. agreement

iii. a rehearsal




iv. the things that are contained in something



## Seen Text-1


e) A lot of websites help \_\_\_\_\_.

- i. to worsen social relations among the world people
- ii. to dissuade the world people
-  iii. to develop social relations among the global people
- iv. to spread terrorism only in the world

f) This passage highlights the importance of \_\_\_\_\_.

- i. electronic media
- ii. information technology
-  iii. social networking services
- iv. completing education

g) \_\_\_\_\_ are sharing interests through Internet.

- i. only students
-  ii. people of the world
- iii. only the rich people
- iv. a privileged few

## Seen Text-1

2. Answer the following questions.

2 × 5 = 10

a) What do you mean by social networks?

Social networks mean a network system of connecting people around the globe sharing interests and activities.

b) How can a user take privacy protection measures?

A user himself or herself can decide the number of visitors/viewers and what information should be shared with others. In this way, she/he can take privacy protection measures.

c) Where can you make your personal profile?

We can make our personal profile on any social network website enabling us to present ourselves before the entire world.

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- d) Do you support the idea that a good number of websites facilitate social relations among people around the world? Why or why not? Explain in 2 or 3 sentences.

Yes, I support the idea that social networking services can play an important role in maintaining social relations among people around the world. Paying a very little to the Internet service provider, anyone can share interests and activities across the borders.

- e) Write the merits and demerits of Facebook.

Facebook is the most popular social networking site of all times. It helps connect people worldwide to maintain social and friendly relationship among them around the globe. It maintains privacy and security. It also provides online chatting. However, some of the demerits of Facebook are its addicting nature, psychological problems created from inferiority complex and dishonest people trying to earn money by conning innocent people.

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Read the passage. Then answer the questions no. 1 and 2.

[Cumilla '19]

[Unit – 3; Lesson – 4(B)]

21 February is observed as Shaheed Dibosh every year throughout the country in remembrance of the martyrs of Language Movement of 1952. The commemoration begins at the early hours of the day with mourning songs that recall the supreme sacrifices of our language martyrs.

People wear black badges and go to the Shaheed Minar in barefoot processions, singing mourning songs. They place wreaths at the Minar. Many of them visit the graves of the martyrs at Azimpur graveyard and pray for them. They also attend various programmes organized in remembrance of the language martyrs. The UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization) on 17 November in 1999 proclaimed February 21 as the “International Mother Language Day” in recognition of the sacrifices of the martyrs for the rightful place of Bangla. The day is now annually observed worldwide to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism.

## Seen Text-1

1. Choose the correct answer from the following alternatives.  $1 \times 7 = 7$

a) The word 'diversity' means \_\_\_\_\_.

i. similarity

iii. likeness



ii. variety

iv. comparison

b) On 21 February, people go to the Shaheed Minar in procession singing \_\_\_\_\_.

i. national anthem



ii. mourning songs

iii. bhatialee

iv. patriotic songs

c) Our language martyrs are those who \_\_\_\_\_.

i. Fought for Bengali language




ii. Died for Bengali language

iii. Led the Language Movement

iv. Fought for East Pakistan

## Seen Text-1


d) Who observe 'Shaheed Dibosh' every year?

- i. Political persons
- ii. students
-  iii. People of all ages
- iv. The intellectuals

e) The International Mother Language Day is being observed \_\_\_\_\_.

- i. Only in our country
-  ii. All over the world
- iii. In Indian subcontinent
- iv. In western countries

f) What do you mean by the word 'supreme' in the phrase 'supreme sacrifice'?

- i. At any cost
- iii. suicide
-  ii. highest
- iv. utter

## Seen Text-1

g) What is the purpose of the author of this passage?



- i. to highlight how 21 February is observed and its International recognition
- ii. to highlight how the people go to the Shaheed Minar
- iii. to portray how the freedom fighters lost their lives
- iv. to state how the UNESCO approves Shaheed Dibosh

## Seen Text-1

2. Answer the following questions.

2 × 5 = 10

a) Why is 21 February observed as 'Shaheed Dibosh'?

21 February is observed as Shaheed Dibosh every year across the country recalling the supreme sacrifice of the martyrs of Language Movement of 1952.

b) Why do we go to the Shaheed Minar barefooted?

We go to the Shaheed Minar barefooted to show our due respect to the martyrs of Language Movement of 1952 for their sacrifice.

c) What is your idea about the significance of wearing black badges on the Shaheed Dibosh? Write in two sentences.

People from all walks of life put on black badges on the Shaheed Dibosh and go to Shaheed Minar singing mourning songs in processions. They put on black badges in remembrance of the supreme sacrifice of language martyrs to establish Bangla, their mother tongue, as one of the state languages.



## Seen Text-1

d) What do you understand by the phrase 'the rightful place of Bangla'?

Our Language Movement aimed at the establishment of Bangla as a state language. Our brave sons sacrificed their lives to realize this slogan and we were able to establish Bangla, putting it in its prestigious place.

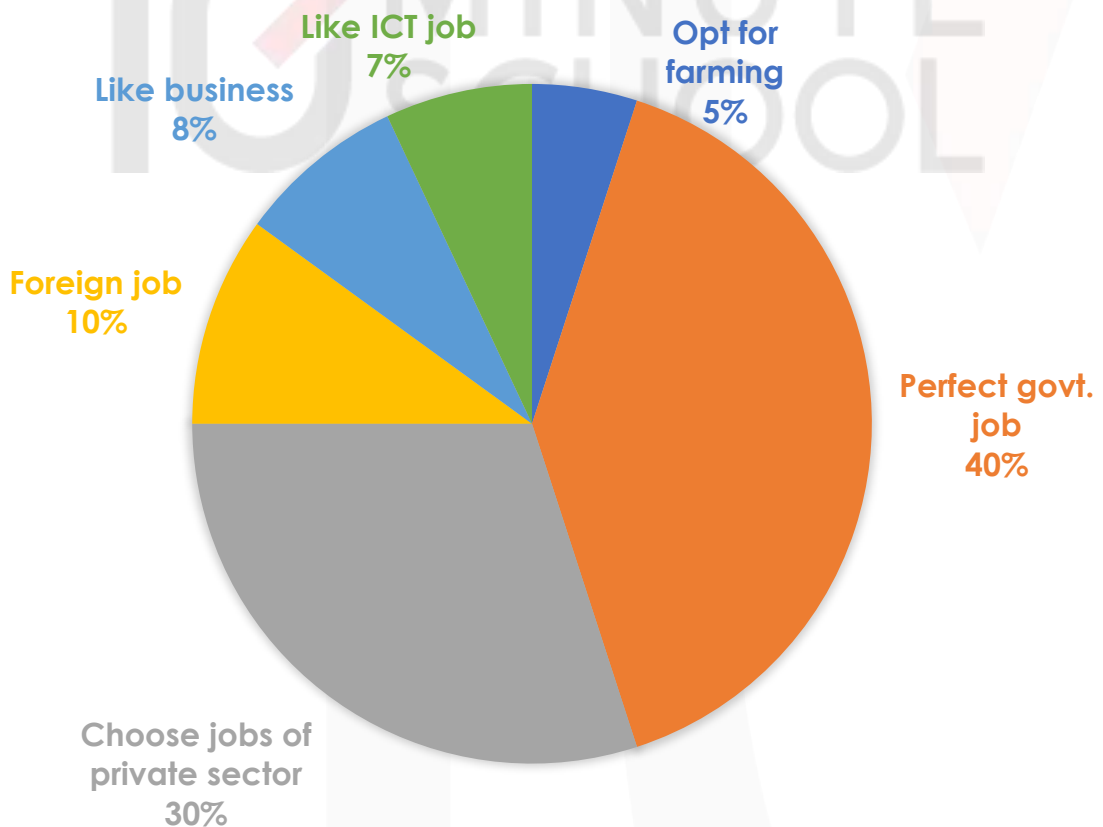
e) What is the importance of 'International Mother Language Day'?

The International Mother Language Day is one of our national achievements. It is basically the world recognition of our Language Movement Day. After the recognition of this day by the UNESCO, 21 February is being observed throughout the world.

## Describing Graphs/Charts

Look at the following pie chart. It shows the choice of profession by different educated youths in Bangladesh. Now, describe the pie chart in your own words in 150 words. You are advised to highlight and summarize the information given in the pie chart.

[Rajshahi '19]



## Describing Graphs/Charts

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### The choice of professions by different educated youths in Bangladesh

The given pie chart demonstrates the results of a survey recently carried out on the choice of professions by different categories of youths in Bangladesh. A number of six categories of professions are included in the survey– govt jobs, jobs of private sectors, foreign jobs, business, ICT jobs and farming.

The most preferred career choice of youths is govt. jobs, having 40% of the total support. The second preferred one is jobs in private sectors having 30% of choices. Foreign jobs are chosen by 10% job seekers. 8% of youths prefer to take up business as their profession. ICT, the most demanded sector around the globe is chosen by 7% of youth and finally, farming is chosen by only 5% of job seekers.

If we analyze the given data from a critical point of view, we can see that govt. jobs and private sector jobs are preferred the most by the youth. The other options like business is not that preferred because it lacks the promise of fixed income. Secondly, though ICT is the most prominent sector at the moment from a global perspective, only a small portion of the youth is actually interested in this sector. And despite of being an agricultural economy, the youth is not that interested in building a career in it. Thus, it can be concluded that the educated youth of our country needs to be made aware of the potentials of the less-preferred sectors and make them more eager to build their career in them.

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Suppose, you are Sajib and your friend is Tania who is living in Sylhet. Now, write an email to your friend describing the co-curricular activities of your school.

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[Rajshahi '19

From	<a href="mailto:sajib2003@gmail.com">sajib2003@gmail.com</a>
To	<a href="mailto:tania23@gmail.com">tania23@gmail.com</a>
Subject	Co-curricular activities of our school.

Dear Tania,

Hope this mail finds you in good health. This email will inform you about our co-curricular activities as you asked.

Apart from the academic activities, we regularly play football, cricket, table tennis, volleyball, etc. We read various books in our school library regularly. We take part in debates, extempore speeches and many other cultural activities. Our school arranges co-curricular competitions yearly and takes us on annual picnics.

Hope that answers your question. Let me know about your school. Take care.

With best regards,

Sajib

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### Matching

Match the parts of the sentences in column A, B and C to write five complete sentences.

[Chattogram '19]

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a) Education means	i. conscious of our rights	i. the individual
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c) Education makes us	iii. aims at	iii. from restrictions
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e) Education	v. the receiving of formal learning	v. and responsibilities

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$1 \times 5 = 5$

## Matching

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- The purpose of education is to enlighten the individual.
- Education makes us conscious of our rights and responsibilities.
- Education frees a man from restrictions.
- Education aims at removing the darkness.

## Paragraph

Answer the following questions to write a paragraph on 'A School Library'. 10  
[Chattogram '19]

- a) What is a school library?
- b) What kind of books are there in a school library?
- c) What is the use of a school library?
- d) How can it help students?
- e) What is the importance of a school library?

### Our School Library

A library is an inseparable part of any educational institution. A school library is a room of a building or a part of a school where books, newspapers, magazines and journals are kept for students to read, use or to borrow. In a usual school library, there are numerous books on various subjects such as science, history, philosophy, politics, our culture and so on. Students borrow books according to their interest, taste and curiosity. Books are arranged neatly and alphabetically in the shelves. The main purpose of a school library is to make study resources available to students so that they can study and

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enlighten themselves by taking help from the books in the library whenever they need. It will help them not only academically, but also when they want to learn about things outside their textbooks. The students can borrow various types of books from the library such as their academic reference books, story books, novels, etc. according to their need and interest. It can help the students to grow interest in various topics of the world and really learn about themselves as well. Moreover, the school library can help students who cannot afford to buy reference textbooks and borrow them for better learning of the academic topics. The importance of a school library is immense. The school library is meant for students and teachers who can use the library to enrich their knowledge. An enriched school library can help the student explore their interests beyond the textbooks and structured learning. This will allow them to grow up being more knowledgeable and kind citizens in future.



## Completing a Story

Read the beginning of the following story. This story is not complete. Write ten new sentences to complete the story and give a suitable title to it. 10

[Chattogram Board '19]

Robert Bruce was the king of Scotland. His army was defeated again and again against the king Edward-I of England. Being defeated for six times he lost his hope .....

### Failures are the Pillars of Success

**Robert Bruce was the king of Scotland. His army was defeated again and again against king Edward I of England. Being defeated for six times, he lost his hope** and took shelter in a remote cave. One day when he was lying in the cave, he was brooding over his misfortune.

Suddenly, he noticed a spider trying to reach the ceiling with the help of its silken thread to complete the cobweb. The spider tried again and again to go up but dropped down every time. Six attempts made by the spider failed one after another. But still it did not give up the struggle and went on trying. Bruce observed the spider with keen interest and saw that the seventh attempt of the spider succeeded. The perseverance of the spider encouraged

## Completing a Story

Bruce. He saw a ray of hope and with new hope, he brought together his scattered forces and faced his enemies once more with renewed energy. This time, he prevailed over his enemies and succeeded in defeating them. From the story, we learn that we should never give up trying no matter how many times we fail.

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## Writing informal letters/emails

Suppose, your father lives abroad. He wants to know your progress of studies for the coming SSC Exam. Now, write a letter to him about your progress of studies. Imagine, you are Rana/Rani and you live in Sonapur, Rangpur district.

[Chattogram '19]

13, Sonapur, Rangpur

9 October 2019

Dear Father,

Please take my salam. I hope this letter finds you healthy and happy. It has been a while since I heard last from you, but I was so busy with exams that I could not make time.

My test examination is over and the result has also been out. By the grace of Almighty, I have done well. Now I am trying to get a good preparation for the coming SSC Examination to be held in the month of February 2020. To prepare for all the subjects simultaneously, I have divided my time and work so that I can make a balanced progress. I've gone through all the chapters of my textbooks so

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that I can answer questions of any difficulty level. Moreover, I am solving test paper questions so that I can have a clear vision on how the questions are set in the examinations.

Overall, I think my preparations are good enough to get my desired grades in the examination. If I get good marks, intend to get admitted in a reputed college in Dhaka to study for my intermediate level academics.

Please pray to the Almighty for my good result. I ask the blessings of all my superiors.

I am well and hope you are all well at home. Expecting a sharp reply from you.

Yours affectionately,  
Rana

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FROM	To	
RANA MIA	IDRIS MIA	
SONAPUR, RANGPUR	71/C, BROOKLYN AVENUE, EAST LONDON	

## Seen Text-1

Read the passage. Then answer the questions no. 1 and 2.

[Jashore '19]

[Unit – 3; Lesson – 5(B)]

26 March, our Independence Day, is the biggest state festival. The day is celebrated every year in the country with great enthusiasm and fervour. It is a national holiday. All offices, educational institutions, shops and factories remain closed on this day. The day begins with a 31 gun salute.

Early in the morning the President and the Prime Minister on behalf of the nation place floral wreaths at the National Mausoleum at Savar. Then other leaders, political parties, diplomats, social and cultural organizations, educational institutions and freedom fighters pay homage to the martyrs. People from all walks of life also go there in rallies and processions. There are many cultural programs throughout the day, highlighting the heroic struggle and sacrifice in 1971.

## Seen Text-1

The country also witnesses a spectacular parade of defense forces, border guards, police, ansars and the VDP (Village Defense Party) at the National Parade Ground near the National Parliament. In Bangabandhu National Stadium, school children, scouts and girl guides take part in various displays to entertain thousands of spectators. Educational institutions also organize their individual programs. Sports meets and tournaments are also organized on the day, including the exciting boat race in the river Buriganga.

In the evening, all major public buildings are illuminated with colourful lights. Bangla Academy, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and other socio-cultural organizations hold cultural functions. Similar functions are also arranged in other places in the country.

## Seen Text-1

1. Choose the correct answer from the following alternatives.

1 × 7 = 7

a) Illuminate stands for \_\_\_\_\_.

i. put out



ii. light

iii. put on

iv. put off

b) \_\_\_\_\_ hold cultural functions on 26 March.

i. British Council



ii. Bangla Academy and Shilpakala Academy

iii. Nazrul Academy

iv. Children Academy

c) Various displays are arranged to \_\_\_\_\_ the spectators.

i. sadden

ii.

irritate

iii. annoy



amuse

## Seen Text-1

d) What is the main purpose of the author of the passage?



to highlight the celebration of Independence Day

ii. to show us the way of arranging programs

iii. to describe our tradition

iv. to show our nationalism

e) 'Enthusiasm' means \_\_\_\_\_.

i. ambition

ii. celebration

iii. dedication



iv. zeal

f) 26 March is observed in \_\_\_\_\_.

i. a normal way

ii. a simple way



a befitting manner

iv. an organized way



## Seen Text-1

g) Our biggest state festival is \_\_\_\_\_.

i. Shaheed Dibosh

ii. May Day



iii. Independence Day

iv. Pahela Boishakh

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## Seen Text-1

Read the passage. Then answer the questions no. 1 and 2.

[Jashore '19]

[Unit – 3; Lesson – 5(B)]

26 March, our Independence Day, is the biggest state festival. The day is celebrated every year in the country with great enthusiasm and fervour. It is a national holiday. All offices, educational institutions, shops and factories remain closed on this day. The day begins with a 31 gun salute.

Early in the morning the President and the Prime Minister on behalf of the nation place floral wreaths at the National Mausoleum at Savar. Then other leaders, political parties, diplomats, social and cultural organizations, educational institutions and freedom fighters pay homage to the martyrs. People from all walks of life also go there in rallies and processions. There are many cultural programs throughout the day, highlighting the heroic struggle and sacrifice in 1971.

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## Seen Text-1

3. Answer the following questions.

2 × 5 = 10

a) What is the significance of our Independence Day?

26 March, our Independence Day, is the biggest state festival and is also a national holiday. All offices, educational institutions, shops and factories remain closed on this day.

b) How do we pay homage to martyrs?

We pay homage to the martyrs in a number of ways. Firstly, through the gunshots and parades by different forces. Secondly, through placing floral wreaths by our VVIPs. Then, through chalking out various cultural programs and finally, through illuminating important buildings.



## Seen Text-1

c) What do the cultural programs highlight?

Cultural programs organized by Bangla Academy, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and other socio-cultural organizations across the country highlight the heroic struggle and sacrifice in our War of Independence in 1971.

d) Where is the parade held on 26 March? Who take part in the parade?

The highly impressive parade is held at the National Parade Ground near the National Parliament House on 26 March and the members of our defense forces, border guards, police, ansars and VDPs take part in the parade.



e) How do we become inspired from this passage?

We become immensely inspired from this passage as we come to know that we should love our country and if necessary, we should even sacrifice our valuable lives for our beloved motherland.

## Unseen Text

Read the following text carefully and answer the questions No. 4 and 5.

[Jashore '19]

The great men were born in different places of this world but their activities make them familiar and closer to us. Dr. Muhammad Shahidullah was one of those who contributed a lot towards Bangla language and literature. He was the greatest scholar of Bengal. This great scholar was born on July, 1885 at 24 Pargonas in West Bengal, India. He passed his Entrance Examination in 1904 and obtained his BA degree six years later. It took him two years to complete his MA and another two years for his Bachelor of Law Degree. He later joined the University of Dhaka in 1921 as a professor of Sanskrit and Bengali. He was awarded the Doctorate Degree from Sorborne University, Paris in 1928. "Bangla Shahitter Katha". the first well-arranged history of Bengali literature was composed by him that was published in 1953. This great scholar remained busy with his work till he

became seriously ill in 1967 and was confined to bed for about two and a half years. Dr. Shahidullah breathed his last on 13 July 1969 in Dhaka. We remember him with great respect and gratitude.

## Unseen Text

Complete the table below with information from the above passage.

1 × 5 = 5

Dr. Muhammad Shahidullah			
Speciality	Great contribution to Bengali literature		
Time	Dr. Muhammad Shahidullah was born in (i) <u>1885</u>		
Who/What	Event/Activity	When	Where
(ii) <u>Dr. Muhammad Shahidullah</u>	passed Entrance Examination	in 1904	
Dr. Muhammad Shahidullah	joined as Professor	in 1921	(iii) <u>the University of Dhaka</u>
He	(iv) <u>was awarded the Doctorate Degree</u>	in 1928	Sorborne University, Paris
"Bangla Shahitter Katha"	was published	in (v) <u>1953</u>	

## Unseen Text

Write a summary of the above passage in your own words.

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The great men born around the world have made themselves familiar to us through their noble contributions. Dr. Muhammad Shahidullah was one of such great men. He was a great scholar of Bengal. He was born in 1885 in West Bengal, India. He completed his MA in 1912. He joined Dhaka University as a professor of Sanskrit and Bengali in 1921. He was awarded the Doctorate Degree from Sorborne University, Paris in 1928. He composed 'Bangla Shahitter Katha' the first well arranged history of Bengali literature. He breathed his last in 1969.



## Matching

Match the parts of the sentences in column A, B and C to write five complete sentences.

[Jashore '19]

Column A	Column B	Column C
a) Morality develops the conscience	i. himself in a proper way and cultivate	i. which cannot ignore logic and reason
b) It helps a man guide	ii. is increasing and we are losing	ii. and right or wrong
c) It is such a great natural power	iii. from our childhood, we shall	iii. the invaluable virtue of morality
d) But nowadays, moral erosion	iv. that it grows naturally in human behaviour	iv. fall in every aspect of life
e) If we do not practise morality	v. by which man can judge good or bad	v. all the virtues to become a complete man

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1 × 5 = 5

## Matching

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- It helps a man guide himself in a proper way and cultivate all the virtues to become a complete man.
- It is such a great natural power that it grows naturally in human behaviour which cannot ignore logic and reason.
- But nowadays, moral erosion is increasing and we are losing the invaluable virtue of morality.
- If we do not practice morality from our childhood, we shall fall in every aspect of life.

## Writing dialogues

Nowadays, computer is used in different sections. It has become very essential to learn about computer. Your friend Nabil/Nabila wants to know a lot about it. Now, write a dialogue between you and your friend about the importance of learning computer.

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[Jashore '19]

A dialogue between my friend (Nabil) and me about the importance of learning computer :

Myself: Hello, Nabil, you look very cheerful. What's the matter?

Nabil : I bought a computer last night and I'm so happy. But I do not know much about the importance of learning computer.

Myself: As you've already bought one, I'm pretty sure you know computers are important for our everyday lives. They are not only an entertainment tool, but also they can open numerous opportunities for us to learn and grow.

Nabil : Exactly. In our daily life computer is used in every sector— business, medicine, banking, education, official activities, etc.

Myself: Totally. We can't even think today's date without the use of computer. Every technological advancement can be linked to the use of computers.

Nabil : I also think so. I think If I don't know anything about it, I won't do good in professional life.

## Writing dialogues

Myself: Right. Preference is given to the computer experts.

Nabil : You know there're many jobs in IT sector now.

Myself: And that is also why you should learn computer skills. It lets you become proficient

in many important sectors of today's era.

Nabil : That's why I've bought it. I'll learn about it.

Myself: I'm also learning computer and we can learn together.

Nabil : That's a good idea. Let's start from today.

Myself: Sure, Nabil. See you later at the computer class.

Nabil : Goodbye.

**BARISAL 2019****Seen Text-1**

Read the passage. Then answer the questions no. 1 and 2.

[Barishal '19]

[Unit – 10; Lesson – 4(B)]

Zahir Raihan was one of the most talented film makers in Bangladesh. He was born on 19 August 1935 in the village Majupur in Feni district. He was an active worker of the Language Movement. He was one of the ten students to go out in a procession on 21 February 1952 despite a ban on such activities imposed by the authorities. As a result, he and many others were arrested and taken to prison. Raihan was also present at the historical meeting of Amtala on 21 February 1952. He also took part in the mass movement in 1969. In 1971, he joined the Liberation War. All through his life, Zahir Raihan dreamt of democratic society, a society that would ensure freedom of speech. He had many dreams about our film industry too. He made a legendary film *Jibon Theke Neya* based on the Language Movement of 1952. It was a protest against the autocratic government then ruling our country.

## Seen Text-1

The family portrayed in that film symbolically represented East Pakistan. The family was ruled by an autocrat who had to go to prison for her conspiracy. During the Liberation War in 1971, this film was shown outside Bangladesh. Celebrated film makers like Satyajit Ray, Mrinal Sen, and Ritwik Ghatak appreciated the film. Raihan gave all the money the film made to the Freedom Fighters Trust. Besides, his great documentary on Pakistani atrocities, *Stop Genocide*, helped create world sentiment in favour of our liberation war. On 30 December 1971, someone informed Raihan about an address somewhere at Mirpur where he might find his brother, the famous writer Shahidullah Kaiser, who had gone missing from 14 December 1971. Kaiser was captured and killed by the Pakistani army and the local collaborators during the last days of the war. Accordingly, Raihan left home to get his brother back but he never returned. Zahir Raihan's dream was fulfilled. He could see the emergence of an independent Bangladesh though he did not get back his brother. And it's a pity that this dreamer could not live to see his dream come true.

## Seen Text-1

1. Choose the correct answer from the following alternatives.  $1 \times 7 = 7$

a) Which of the following words describes Zahir best?

i. brilliant

ii. polite

iii. energetic

iv.  revolutionary

b) "Stop Genocide" was a \_\_\_\_\_.

i. novel

ii. film

iii.  documentary

iv. drama

c) In the passage, the word 'inception' means \_\_\_\_\_.

i. end


ii. finish

iii.  beginning

iv. conclusion

## Seen Text-1

d) What is the main theme of the passage?

- i. about Zahir's last day
- ii. about Zahir's activities
- iii. about Zahir's life
- iv.  about Zahir's contribution

e) Zahir Raihan \_\_\_\_\_ in Liberation War.

- i.  took part
- ii. fled away
- iii. escaped
- iv. avoided

f) The film "Jibon Theke Neya" is a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_.

- i. barbarism
- ii. autocracy
- iii.  revolt against autocratic government
- iv. brutalism

g) 'Jibon Theke Neya' is based on \_\_\_\_\_.

- i. the mass movement
- ii. the freedom fight
- iii. the Liberation War
- iv.  the Language Movement



## Seen Text-1

2. Answer the following questions.

2 × 5 = 10

a) Who is Zahir Raihan?

Zahir Raihan is one of the most talented film makers in Bangladesh.

b) Why did Zahir leave home?

Upon receiving an information about the location of his missing brother Shahidullah Kaiser at Mirpur, Zahir left home on 30 December 1971 with the hope to find his brother.

c) Who was Shahidullah Kaiser? What happened to him?

Shahidullah Kaiser was a brother of Zahir Raihan. He was a Bangladeshi novelist and writer. At the end of Bangladesh Liberation War of 1971, the Pakistani army and its local collaborators planned to kill the leading Bengali intellectuals. As a part of it, Kaiser was rounded up on 14 December 1971. He never returned, nor was his body ever found.

## Seen Text-1

d) What was the effect of "Stop Genocide"?

"Stop Genocide" had a great effect because it focused on Pakistani atrocities and helped create world sentiment in favor of our Liberation War.

e) Where did Zahir contribute all his earning?

Zahir contributed all his earnings from the film "Jibon Theke Neya" to the "Freedom Fighters Trust".

## Unseen Text

Read the following passage and answer the questions No. 4 and 5.

[Barishal '19]

Charles Babbage was an English mathematician. He was also a mechanical engineer who is well known for originating the concept of computer. He was born on 26 December 1791 in London. He entered Trinity College in October 1810. He was transferred to Peterhouse, Cambridge. He was the top mathematician there. He received an honours degree without examination in 1814. He was elected a fellow of the Royal University in 1816. Babbage is famous for inventing the first mechanical computer in 1822 that eventually led to today's computer. He died at his home in London on 18 October 1871.

## Unseen Text

Complete the table below with information from the above passage.

1 × 5 = 5

Name of Events	Place	Year/Time	Contribution
Born	(i) <u>London</u>	(ii) <u>26 December</u> <u>1791</u>	
Received honours degree		(iii) <u>1814</u>	
(iv) <u>Elected a fellow of the Royal University</u>		1816	
Death	(v) <u>London</u>		

## Unseen Text

Write a summary of the above passage in your own words.

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Charles Babbage, an English mathematician and mechanical engineer, first originated the concept of computer. He invented first mechanical computer that eventually developed into today's computer. Born in 1791 in London, he entered Trinity College in 1810, but was soon transferred to Peterhouse Cambridge. He received an honours degree without exam in 1814. He was elected a fellow of the Royal University in 1816. He died in London in 1871.

## Rearranging

Put the following parts of the story in correct order to make the whole story.  
Only the corresponding numbers of sentences need to be written.

[Barishal Board '19]

- a) Mandela joined the African National Congress in 1942.
- b) In 1993, Mandela was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
- c) For 20 years, he directed a campaign of peaceful, non-violent defiance against the South African government and its racist policies.
- d) Mandela died at his home in Johannesburg on December 5, 2013 at the age of 95.
- e) In 1993, South African President F.W. de Klerk was also awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
- f) In 2009, Mandela's birthday was declared "Mandela Day" to promote global peace.
- g) Nelson Mandela was born on July 18, 1918 in South Africa.
- h) In 1994, Mandela was celebrated as South Africa's first black President.

g	a	c	b	e	h	f	d
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## Rearranging

$$1 \times 8 = 8$$

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## Completing a Story

Read the beginning of a story. Add at least ten new sentences to complete the story. Give a suitable title to it.

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[Barishal Board '19]

One day, a crow became very thirsty. He flew from place to place in search of water. But he found no water. He continued his search for water

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### Where There is a Will, There is a Way

**One day, a crow became very thirsty. He flew from place to place in search of water. But he found no water. He continued his search for water.** Finally he found a jar at a little distance. When he reached the jar, he found a little water at the bottom of the jar. But the level of the water was beyond the reach of the crow. The extremely thirsty crow tried its level best to drink the water from the jar, but all his attempts ended in smoke.

Looking around, he saw some pebbles near the jar. Thinking for a while, he came up with an idea. According to his idea, the thirsty crow started to drop the pebbles into the jar one by one. After some time, he noticed the level of the water was coming up. When the water level came within his reach, he drank water to its heart's content and flew away with a fully contented mind. From this story, we learn that if we have strong will to do something, we can manage a way of doing it.



## Completing a Story

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## COMILLA 2019

### Seen Text-2

Read the following text and fill in each gap with a suitable word based on the information of the text.

[Cumilla '19]

[Unit – 4; Lesson – 5(D)]

Today there are many jobs where you need English. This is because the world has become smaller. Vast distances are shortened by speedy transports. We can talk to a person thousands of kilometers away on the phone or on the internet. So, we can communicate with the whole world easily. English has made this communication easier. There are many countries in the world with many languages, but to communicate with them, you cannot use all the languages. So, you need a common language that you can use with more or less all the people in the world. English is that common language. English for us in Bangladesh is all the more important. As we have seen earlier, we are too many people in a small country. So, if you learn English, you have the best opportunity to find a good job, both within and outside the country. And that is good news for millions of our unemployed youths.

## Seen Text-2

1 × 5 = 5

Globalization has made the world smaller and so it requires a (a) common language for international communication. The lingua franca of the world is (b) English. English provides us with the (c) opportunities/scopes to pursue a good job. Being a densely (d) populated country, Bangladesh is cursed with unemployment. Proficiency in English may help (e) solve unemployment problem and bring economic development.

## Seen Text-2

Read the passage on Altaf Mahmud. Complete the following table with information from the passage.

[Cumilla '19]

Altaf Mahmud was a musician, cultural activist and martyred freedom fighter of the Liberation War of Bangladesh. He was born on 23 December 1933. He was also a language activist of the Language Movement and composer of 'Amar Bhaier Rokte Rangano', the famous song written by Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury, a famous journalist. In 1950, he sang gonoshongit in many places to inspire the activists of the Language Movement. Along with his singing, Mahmud continued to support the movement. He tuned the song 'Amar Bhaier Rokte Rangano' in 1969, in Zahir Raihan's film 'Jibon theke Neya'. Altaf Mahmud took part in the Bangladesh Liberation War in 1971. He created a secret camp inside his house for the freedom fighters. But as the secret revealed, Pakistan army caught him on August 30, 1971. He was tortured by them. A lot of other guerrilla war fighters like Shafi Imam Rumi were also captured by the Pak army on that day. Along with most of them he was lost ever since. His patriotic songs, which were then broadcast at the 'Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra' also inspired the war fighters at that time. In 1977, Altaf Mahmud was awarded the Ekushey Padak for his valuable contribution to Bengali Culture and the War of Liberation.

## Unseen Text

Complete the table below with information from the above passage.  $1 \times 5 = 5$

Altaf Mahmud			
Role	Musician, cultural activist and freedom fighter		
Life-time	From 1933 to (i) <u>30 August 1971</u>		
Who/What	Activities	Type of work/Name	Time
Altaf Mahmud	sang	(ii) <u>gonoshongit</u>	1950
<del>(iii) Amar Bhaier Rokte Rangano</del> —	was tuned	song	1969
Altaf Mahmud	<u>(iv) took part in the Liberation War</u>		1971
Bangladesh Government	awarded him	Ekushey Padak	(v) <u>1977</u>

## Unseen Text

Write a summary of the above passage in your own words.

10

Altaf Mahmud composed a famous song 'Amar Bhaier Rokte Rangano' which was tuned in Zahir Raihan's film, 'Jibon Theke Neya'. After taking part in the Bangladesh Liberation War in 1971, he created a secret camp inside his house for the freedom fighters. But Pakistan Army discovered this camp and caught him. Later, he along with other fighters could not be found ever since. However, his patriotic songs inspired the freedom fighters. He was also awarded the Ekushey Padak in 1977.

## Completing a Story

Read the beginning of a story. Write at least ten new sentences to complete the story.

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[Cumilla Board '19]

It was a holiday. Rimi was staying at home alone as her parents had gone to their village home. They told Rimi to remain careful and also assured that they would come back before evening. She thought of making a good use of her lonely time. She was fond of reading adventure stories and so started reading one. Suddenly, she heard a sound .....

### Rimi's Kindness Towards a Poor Old Woman

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## Completing a Story

She went to the main gate and opened it. She found an old poor woman standing there. When Rimi asked her what she wanted, the old woman just burst into tears. Then she requested Rimi to give her some food to eat. Because, she had been starving since the previous day. Rimi was, by nature, very kind-hearted. She took the old woman inside their house and gave her some food to eat. The woman ate the food to her heart's content and prayed to the Almighty for Rimi. Seeing her situation, Rimi gave her some money. Then the old woman went away with a happy heart

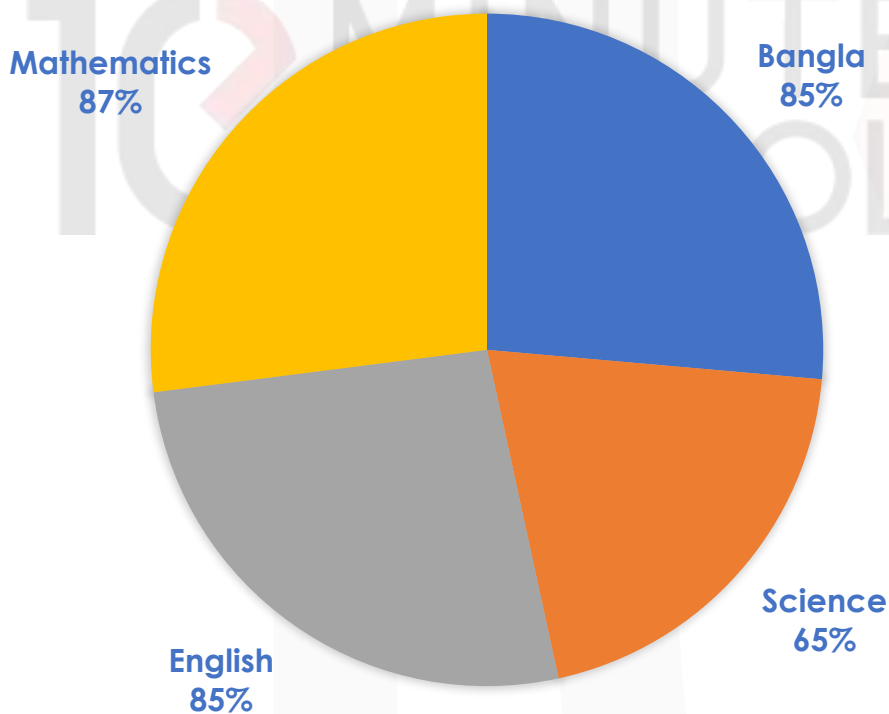


## Describing Graphs/Charts

Look at the following pie chart. It represents the passing rates of different subjects of the students of a school. Now, describe the chart in your own language.

[Cumilla '19]

### PASSING RATES OF DIFFERENT SUBJECTS



## Describing Graphs/Charts

### Passing rates of different subjects

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The pie chart given in the question paper presents the passing rates of different subjects of the students in a high school. The subjects included in the given chart are English, Bangla, Science and Mathematics.

As per the version of the chart, 85% of the students of the school passed in Bangla and English both. 87% of them passed in Mathematics and 65% of the students passed in Science.

However, the overall performance of the school was not up to the mark. Students did very poor in Science, a vital subject. The poor performance in science caused their overall grades to fall. So, it can be concluded that science is the weak point of the students and the school authority needs to improve the teaching and learning process so that the students can overcome this weakness and improve their performance in science.

## Writing dialogues

Suppose, you are Nabil/Nabila. You have a friend Nabeen/Nabeena. Both of you are very interested in different types of games and sports. Now, write a dialogue between you and your friend emphasizing the importance of games and sports in our life.

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[Cumilla '19]

A dialogue between two friends Nabil and Nabeen about the importance of games and sports :

Nabil : Good morning, Nabeen.

Nabeen : Good morning. How are you, Nabil?

Nabil : I'm fine. What about you?

Nabeen : I'm also fine. Do you like games and sports?

Nabil : Of course. You know, cricket is my most favorite game. I enjoy playing cricket very much.

Do you enjoy it?

Nabeen : Oh, sure! Cricket is also my most favorite game. I also like football. And, I regularly

participate in games and sports in the afternoon.

Nabil : Actually, all of us should like games and sports. Because it helps one be disciplined, bold, co-operative, etc.

## Writing dialogues

Nabeen: Games and sports keep us physically and mentally sound. Physical fitness is just like

                    blessing in our day-to-day life.

Nabil : Games and sports make us lively, energetic and punctual as well. To me, the other name

                    of games and sports is life. Because to enjoy life in the real sense, everyone should take

                    part in games and sports. They give us mental peace which is badly required for a happy  
                    life.

Nabeen: I'm also at one with you. The importance of games and sports can't be described in

                    words. In fact, they're unique, they can't be replaced by anything else in enjoying life.

Nabil : Thank you so much for your lively discussion.

Nabeen: You're most welcome. Bye.

## DINAJPUR 2019

### Matching

Match the parts of the sentences in column A, B and C to write five complete sentences.

[Dinajpur '19]

Column A	Column B	Column C
a) Our Parliament House	i. by an artificial lake called	i. in 1982
b) It has been designed	ii. is one of the most spectacular	ii. buildings in the world
c) The building is surrounded	iii. was held in February in	iii. the same year
d) It	iv. was inaugurated	iv. Louis I Kahn
e) The first parliamentary session	v. by a famous American architect	v. Crescent Lake

## Matching

Match the parts of the sentences in column A, B and C to write five complete sentences.

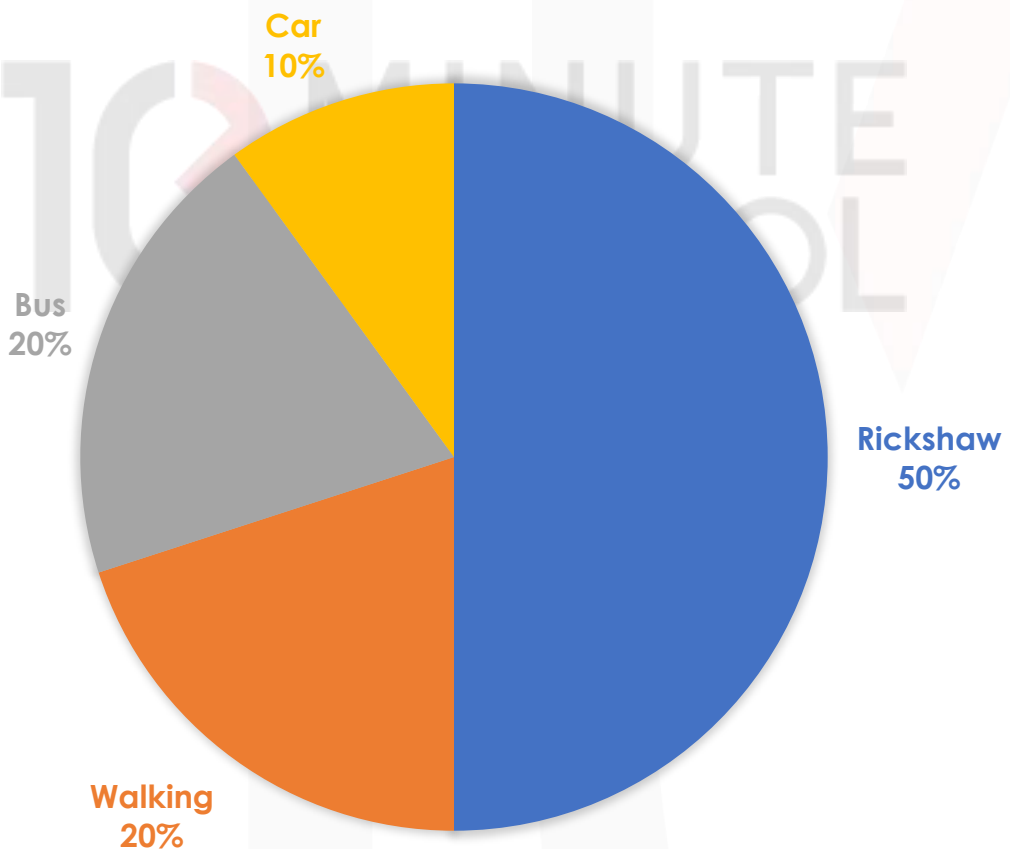
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## Describing Graphs/Charts

The pie chart below shows the percentage of transportation used by the students to come to their school. Describe the chart in 150 words. You should highlight and summarize the information given in the chart.

[Dinajpur '19]

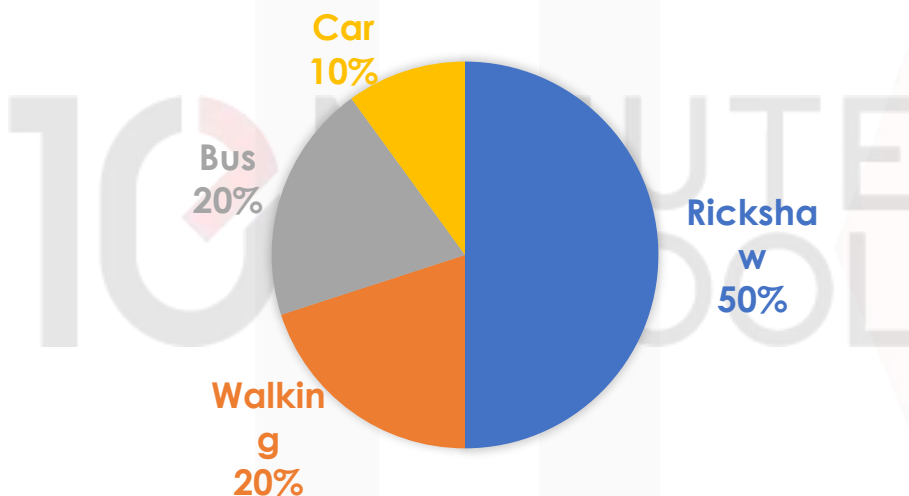


## Describing Graphs/Charts

### The percentage of transportation used by students

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The given pie chart shows the percentage of various types of transports usually used by the students of a school to come to their school. Four types of transports including walking are mentioned in the chart.



From the chart, we can see that 50% of the students use rickshaw to come to their school. 20% of the students come to their school by bus.

and another 20% prefer walking. Finally, only 10% of the students can afford to use cars for the same



## Describing Graphs/Charts

A critical analysis of the information provides us with a clear view of the transports used by the students to come to their school. The rickshaws being affordable and available, this is the highest percentage in respect of the use of transports to come to school. Bus and walking each hold the second highest position to go to school, the percentage being 20% each. Finally, 10% of the students have the ability to use cars to come to school, holding the smallest portion of the results.

## Writing informal letters/emails

Imagine, you are Rafi/Rafia and your friend is Swapon /Swapna. You are an SSC examinee of 2019. After your examination you will have enough time for leisure. Now, write a letter to your friend telling him/her what you intend to do after your SSC Examination.

[Dinajpur '19]

Kalabagan, Dhaka  
30 October 2019

My dear Swapna,

I have received your letter just now. In your letter, you have wanted to know what I intend to do after the SSC Examination. Now, I am telling you about my plans after my SSC Exams are over.

After the exam, I want to learn basic computer skills. You know that at present the world is moving faster than ever and that is because of constant improvement in the information and technology sector. To keep up with the world, I want to be proficient in the technological arena and that is why I intend to learn basic computer skills so that I can later improve my skills to a professional level. As the

## Writing informal letters/emails

Vacation after SSC will be quite stress-free, I want to do something productive in this time which will help me in the future. For this, I have already talked a senior in my area who is studying CSE at undergraduate level. I believe I will learn loads from him. Apart from this, I plan on relaxing and enjoying my vacation before I start classes at college.

Please let me know how you found my plan. Write to me soon.

Lovingly yours,  
Rafia

From	To	Stamp
Rafia Haque	Swapna Islam	
Kalabagan, Dhaka	Station Road, Chittagong	

## Writing informal letters/emails

Suppose, you are Bakul and your friend is Nayon. Recently you have noticed that road accident is on the rise horribly in our country. Everyday many people fall victim to road accidents. Now, write a dialogue between you and your friend about the causes and remedies of road accidents.

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[Dinajpur '19]

A dialogue between my friend Nayon and me about the causes and the remedies of recent road accident in our country :

Myself: Hello Nayon, how are you?

Nayon : Not that good, Bakul.

Myself: Why, what happened?

Nayon : One of my uncles died last night in a tragic road accident near Savar. It's really sad. Road

accidents are occurring frequently nowadays.

Myself: You're right. It has become a matter of serious concern but our policy-makers seem to be

indifferent. Why do you think so many accidents are happening?

Nayon : I think the causes are manifold. Reckless driving, ignorance of the drivers,

overtaking tendency, violating traffic signals and rules, etc. contribute greatly to the

frequent accidents.

## Writing informal letters/emails

Myself: Moreover, the traffic legislations aren't implemented properly.

Nayon : Also, our highways and roads are not well planned.

Myself: Exactly. Most of the roads are also in a very bad condition. They are not repaired for long.

Nayon : It's true. But things can't go like this.

Myself: Right you're. But steps should be taken immediately to control it. I wonder what we could do about it.

Nayon : Strict laws must be enacted in this regard. The process of issuing driving license needs to

be made more robust so that the drivers become adequately qualified. Roads and

highways department should be more cautious.

Myself: You're right. We all should come forward to raise public awareness in this regard.

Nayon : Exactly. I have to go now, talk to you later.

Myself: Take care, bye.

**SYLHET 2019****Seen Text-2**

Read the following text and fill in each gap with a suitable word based on the information of the text.

[Sylhet '19]

[Unit – 5; Lesson – 3(A)]

As human beings, we have ability to bring about a great change in our social, national and international life. But we cannot change everything. For example, we neither change the sun's radiation nor the earth's orbit around the sun. But we can control the increase in the amount of greenhouse gases and its effect on the atmosphere. It is a matter of great sorrow that only during the last hundred years the carbon dioxide concentration has been raised alarmingly in the atmosphere and we humans can be held responsible for this.

Carbon dioxide level in the atmosphere is increasing due to burning of fossil fuels. Since the 19<sup>th</sup> century, industrial activities and the number of industries have been increased. So, for energy combustion of coal increased. Natural gas and oil

are also burnt for different purposes. Thus, we are generating more and more greenhouse gases worldwide.

So, it is our duty to stop cutting down trees indiscriminately. We should also inspire the general mass to plant more and more trees for our existence on earth.

## Seen Text-2

1 × 5 = 5

There are several reasons why the carbon dioxide concentration has been (a) increasing/raised in the atmosphere. Our mills and factories burn coal, mineral oil, natural gas, etc. with a view to (b) producing/creating energy, we also burn these materials to (c) meet/satisfy our everyday needs. But for our own safety, we have to encourage (d) afforestation. Otherwise, our existence on earth will be at (e) stake/risk.

## Rearranging

Put the following parts of the story in correct order to make the whole story.  
Only the corresponding numbers of sentences need to be written.

[Sylhet Board '19]

- a) But his heart was not in medicine and he felt that he was born to be a poet.
- b) This great poet met a premature death on February 23, 1821.
- c) Finally, he abandoned surgery for literature.
- d) John Keats was born on October 31, 1795.
- e) He lost his father in 1804 and his mother in 1810.
- f) His finest poems like 'Ode To a Nightingale', 'Ode On a Grecian Urn', etc. were published in 1820.
- g) In 1811, Keats became an apprentice to a surgeon at Edmonton.
- h) He was the eldest son of his parents.

d	h	e	g	a	c	f	b
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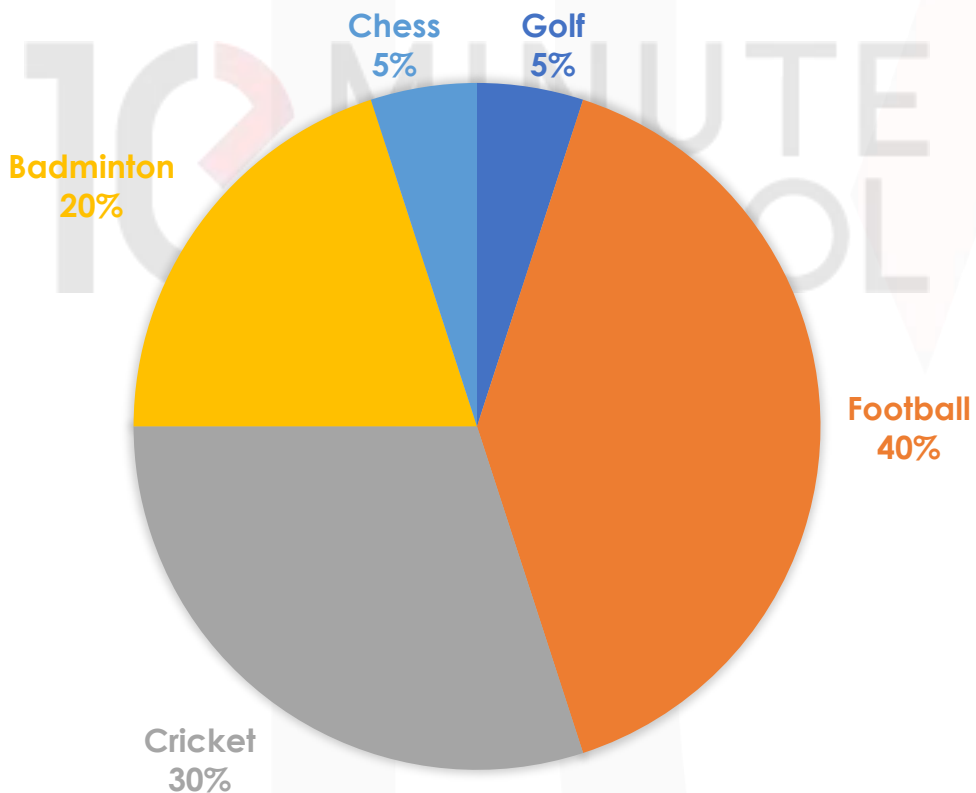
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## Describing Graphs/Charts

The pie chart below shows the percentage of supporters of different games of a country. Now describe the chart in about 150 words. You should highlight and summarize the information given in the chart.

[Sylhet '19]

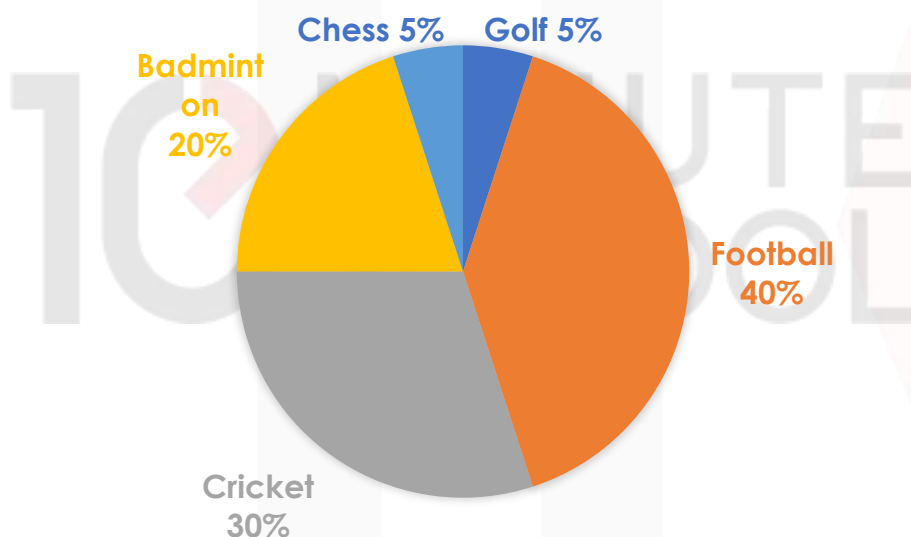


## Describing Graphs/Charts

### Percentage of supporters of different games

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The pie chart given in the question paper depicts the result of a survey conducted on the percentage of supporters of different games and sports.



In the pie chart, we can see that 40% of the people take interest in football and so football is the most preferred sport of the people. After football, 30% of the people prefer cricket. So it occupies the second position in order of preference of the people. 20% of the people support badminton. Finally, only 5% of the people prefer chess and the rest 5% of the people show preference to golf.

## Describing Graphs/Charts

It is evident from the survey that people support football and cricket the most and the other three sports are less supported by the people of the country who took part in the survey.

and cricket the most and the other three sports are less supported by the people of the country who took part in the survey.

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## Writing informal letters/emails

Suppose, you are Roushan/Roushanara living at 64, Pragpur Road, Kushtia. Your younger brother does not take physical exercise at all. Now, write a letter telling him the importance of taking physical exercise.

[Sylhet '19]

Kushtia

20 November 2019

Dear brother,

I have received a letter from mother. From the letter I have come to learn that you do not exercise at all. Let me tell you how important it is to exercise regularly.

Physical exercise is essential for us to keep in good health. It keeps our metabolism strong and any kind of harm away. It is also said that a person who exercises in a regular basis generally stays in a healthy mind as well. There are many sorts of exercises, such as walking, riding, swimming, running, playing games and sports, etc. You may start with walking. And, if you do so, you will remain free from diseases and will be able to study more with great interest and enthusiasm. Moreover, being

## Describing Graphs/Charts

physically active will help you to keep fit and save you from obesity and other health related issues.

No more today. Let me know about any change in your mind as well as body after you have started to exercise in a daily basis.

Your elder brother,  
Roushan

		Stamp
FROM	To	
Roushan Khan	Rishal Khan	
64, Pragpur Road, Kushtia	71, Banani, Dhaka	



# ENGLISH 2<sup>ND</sup> PAPER

## DHAKA 2019

### Fill in the blanks with clues (Article, Prepositions, Parts of Speech)

Fill in the blanks with the words from the box. You may need to change the form of the words. You may need to use one word more than once.

5 × 10 = 5

[Dhaka '19]

Indiscriminate	for	an	sustain	anticipate
disaster	the	to	erosion	imperative

It is (a) anticipated that the new century is now facing various challenges specially environmental (b) disaster. Feeding the ever growing population is (c) the first and foremost challenge for Bangladesh. It is very difficult to (d) sustain the current level of agricultural production. Because our agricultural land is being reduced due (e) to human habitat, industrialization, river (f) erosion etc. Besides, we are losing our forests gradually. Trees are being cut down (g) indiscriminately resulting in (h) an increase of pollution. So, it is (i) imperative to check the reckless alarming condition (j) for our own existence.+

## Fill in the blanks **without** clues (Article, Prepositions, Parts of Speech)

Fill in the blanks with suitable words.

5 × 10 = 5

[Dhaka '19]

Once a farmer had a great desire (a) for land. One day (b) going to the landlord, he wanted some land (c) so that he might live in comfort. The landlord was very wise. So, he told him to have as much land as he could cover by running (d) till/until sunset. The farmer became very pleased (e) with that. Next morning he started running as (f) fast/quickly as he could to cover more area. He ran till evening and the sun was (g) about/going to set. He ran with his last strength but became very tired and fell (h) down dead. He was (i) buried there. Then the wise man remarked— a man needs just as much land as will be enough (j) for his grave.



## Right Forms of Verbs

Complete the following text with right form of verbs given in the box. You can use one verb more than once.

5 × 10 = 5

[Dhaka '19]

think	die	be	defend	honour	inspire	sacrifice	remember
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Patriotism is a noble virtue. It (a) inspires a man to shed the last drop of blood to (b) defend the freedom of his country. A man without patriotism (c) is not better than a beast. A true patriot (d) is honoured by all. He always (e) thinks for the welfare of his country. On the other hand, the unpatriotic men (f) think only for their own interest. Those who (g) die for the country, are true patriots. They (h) are remembered even after their death. That is why, the freedom fighters who (i) sacrificed their lives in 1971 are remembered and (j) honoured forever.

## Completing Sentences

Complete the sentences.

$1 \times 5 = 5$

[Dhaka '19]

- a) Where there is a will, there is a way
- b) If a man does not work hard, he cannot shine in life.
- c) As the people of Bangladesh are hard-working,  
they are becoming self-dependent day by day.
- d) Once Bangladesh had poor GDP, but now she has made a remarkable  
development in her GDP.
- e) So, it is our bounden duty to maintain this development trend.

## Uses of Prefixes and Suffixes

Complete the text adding suffixes, prefixes or the both with the root words given in the parenthesis.

$1 \times 5 = 5$

[Dhaka '19]

A good student is always (a) mindful (mind) of his studies. He is (b) respectful (respect) of his (c) teachers (teach) and superiors. He never (d) dishonours (honour) anybody. He is free from (e) misbehaviour (behavior) and never rude to his classmates. As he is (f) studious (study) he never wastes his time in vain. He is also sincere and listens to his teachers (g) attentively (attentive) so that he can be (h) successful (success) in life. His punctuality and (i) determination (determine) help him to (j) undertake (take) and solve any difficult work or job.

## Tag Questions

Make tag questions of the following statements.

$1 \times 5 = 5$

[Dhaka '19]

- a) I am an SSC examinee, aren't I?
- b) My expectation is getting A<sup>+</sup>, isn't it?
- c) Some of my classmates became addicted to using mobile phones,  
didn't they?
- d) They could not pass the test exam, couldn't they?
- e) Everybody hates them for this reason, don't they?

## Changing Sentences

Change the sentences according to directions.

1 × 10 = 10  
[Rajshahi '19]

- a) Patriotism is a noble virtue. (Interrogative)
- b) It is the greatest of all virtues in a man's life. (Comparative)
- c) It persuades a man to do everything just. (Negative)
- d) This quality highly motivates a man so that he can sacrifice his life for the country. (Simple)
- e) What an outstanding quality it is! (Assertive)
- f) A man having patriotic zeal is called a patriot. (Complex)
- g) A patriot fears none but the Creator. (Affirmative)
- h) By paying taxes he obeys the law. (Compound)
- i) He is respected by all. (Active)
- j) So, we should be patriots. (Imperative)

## Changing Sentences

### Changing sentences:

a) Patriotism is a noble virtue. (Interrogative)

⇒ Isn't patriotism a noble virtue?

b) It is the greatest of all virtues in a man's life. (Comparative)

⇒ It is greater than all other virtues in a man's life.

c) It persuades a man to do everything just. (Negative)

⇒ It does not persuade a man to do anything unjust.

Or, It persuades a man to do nothing unjust.

Or, It persuades a man to do anything but unjust.

d) This quality highly motivates a man so that he can sacrifice his life for the country. (Simple)

⇒ This quality highly motivates a man to sacrifice his life for the country.

e) What an outstanding quality it is! (Assertive)

⇒ It is a very outstanding quality.

## Changing Sentences

f) A man having patriotic zeal is called a patriot. (Complex)

⇒ A man who has patriotic zeal is called a patriot.

g) A patriot fears none but the Creator. (Affirmative)

⇒ A patriot fears only the Creator.

h) By paying taxes he obeys the law. (Compound)

⇒ He pays taxes and thus obeys the law.

i) He is respected by all. (Active)

⇒ All respect him.

j) So, we should be patriots. (Imperative)

⇒ So, let's be patriots.

Or, So, let us be patriots.

## Changing Sentences

Complete the following sentences.

$$1 \times 5 = 5$$

[Jashore '17]

- a) Five years have passed since I saw you last.
- b) Hardly had the assembly began  
when an unknown person entered the assembly house.
- c) Drive fast/Hurry up/Walk fast lest you should miss the plane.
- d) Danger often comes where it is feared.
- e) The lady speaks as if she knew everything well.



## Uses of Prefixes and Suffixes

Complete the text adding suffixes, prefixes or the both with the root words given in the parenthesis.

$$1 \times 5 = 5$$

[Rajshahi '19]

Bangladesh is a (a) riverine (river) and (b) agricultural (agriculture) country. So, we cannot ignore the (c) importance (important) of rivers. Our agriculture is largely (d) dependent (depend) on the rivers. But we get (e) insufficient (sufficient) water for use from the rivers. There are (f) different (differ) reasons behind it. At first the water of many rivers (g) dries (dry) up in summer. Again, the water of some rivers is (h) extremely (extreme) poisonous. This poisonous water is (i) unsuitable (suit) for our agriculture. So, water pollution should be prevented at any cost for the (j) betterment (better) of our agriculture.

## Paragraph Writing

All the living beings depend on tree for their existence, So we should plant trees more and more. Now, write a paragraph on "Tree Plantation". 10  
[Rajshahi Board '19]

### Tree Plantation

Tree plantation means planting trees in large numbers throughout the country. Trees help us in maintaining the ecological balance which is essential for the preservation of life on earth. Trees are helpful to us in many ways. They provide immense wealth and riches for us. Trees produce oxygen and take in carbon dioxide. And thus they help maintain ecological balance. Trees give us food, oxygen, furniture and fuel. We are aware how woods and forests bring rain, help our agriculture and prevent floods. If there were no trees, there would be no oxygen and life would cease to exist. The thoughtless destruction of our trees, woods and forests has put the country to a great disadvantage. They are destroyed mostly for being used as firewood. This destruction disturbs our ecological balance. It leads to soil erosion. It deprives us of fruits and timber and causes economic loss. As a result, people die of starvation. Besides, heat, pollution, flood, famine, diseases, etc. are the results of deforestation.

## Paragraph Writing

So, to save mankind, we should take care of them. We should plant more and more plants. This initiative may be taken jointly by government and non-government organizations. We can plant trees in the vacant space around our houses in the months of June and July. Trees can also be planted by the side of roads, railway lines and highways. We should take care of trees by taking strict steps against destroying or cutting trees illegally or indiscriminately. To protect trees and increase forests, deforestation should be discouraged. Government should create awareness about the importance of trees among the general masses to keep the earth greener, cleaner and safer for the future. The awareness of the general masses can play an effective role in protecting trees and increasing forests.

## CHITTAGONG 2019

Fill in the blanks **with** clues (Article,  
Prepositions, Parts of Speech)

Fill in the blanks with suitable words.

.5 × 10 = 5  
[Rajshahi '17]

Man is the (a) architect/maker of his own fate. If he makes a proper (b) division of time and does his duties (c) accordingly he is sure to improve and (d) prosper/succeed in life. But if he does not (e) follow/do it, he is sure to (f) suffer/fail. Then he will be (g) compelled/bound to drag a miserable (h) life. To spoil time is (i) dangerous/bad for a person. For, our life is nothing (j) but the sum total of hours, days and years.

## Narration

Change the narrative style of the following text.

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[Chattogram '19]

"How lovely the doll is! I'll buy it," said Mona. "No, it is not durable. Tomorrow we'll visit another village fair. Then you can buy another doll. Let's go now," said mother. "You must buy me a good doll," said Mona. "Yes", replied mother.

### Changing the form of speech

Mona exclaimed with joy that the doll was very lovely. She told her mother that she would buy it. Mother replied in the negative saying that it was not durable. She added that the next day they would visit another village fair and then she (Mona) could buy another doll. Saying that mother proposed to her (Mona) that they should go there. Then Mona told her mother that she had to buy her (Mona) a good doll. Mother agreed with her.

## Completing Sentences

Complete the sentences.

1 × 5 = 5

[Chattogram'19]

- a) Walk fast lest you should be late for your school/class.
- b) It is high time we built up good character.
- c) The man was so weak that he could not speak.
- d) A stitch in time saves nine.
- e) As he was meritorious he made a brilliant result in the examination.

## Uses of Prefixes and Suffixes

Complete the text adding suffixes, prefixes or the both with the root words given in the parenthesis.

$$1 \times 5 = 5$$

[Chattogram '19]

Load-shedding is not (a) desirable (desire). It is harmful to the (b) civilization (civil). It makes our life (c) intolerable (tolerable) and boring. Because of (d) deficiency (difficient) of electricity load-shedding occurs. Our country is densely (e) peopled (people). The storage of electricity is (f) insufficient (sufficient) to provide all with electricity. As a result, load-shedding is seen (g) repeatedly (repeat). But this problem must be removed (h) immediately (immediate). So, the (i) government (govern) must be conscious of it. Only pragmatic steps can (j) remove (move) this serious problem from the country.

## Formal Letters/Emails

Suppose, you are Samir/Samira. You read in Jhalakathi Govt. High School. The students of your class want to go on a study tour. So, you need permission of the Head teacher. Now, write an application to the Head teacher of your school seeking permission to go on a study tour.

[Chattogram Board '19]

18 November 2019

The Headmaster

Jhalakathi Govt. High School

Subject : Seeking permission to go on a study tour.

Sir,

I on behalf of the students of class X of your school, would like to draw your kind attention to the fact that we want to go on a study tour of Mahasthangarh, the oldest archaeological site in Bangladesh. The tour will enable us to learn about the glorious past. Our Agriculture teacher has kindly consented to go with us as our guide. The tour will hopefully be very useful to enrich our knowledge.

I, therefore, pray and hope that you would be kind enough to permit us to go on the study tour and oblige thereby.

Yours most obediently

Rahat

On behalf of the students of class X of your school.



## Paragraph Writing

Write a paragraph on 'A Book Fair'.

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[Chattogram Board '19]

### A Book Fair

A book fair which is organized to display and sell books is called a book fair. A book fair is usually held annually in our country on the premises of Bangla Academy. It is called Ekushey Boi Mela. It is organized in memory of the martyrs to the causes of defending our mother tongue, Bengali in 1952. Moreover, it is held to promote our language, literature and culture, creating enthusiasm of reading in the general people. I visited the Ekushey Boi Mela organized on the 21st of February last year in the Bangla Academy. I went there with some of my close friends who were also great book-lovers like me. The fair looked very grand, large and nice. We moved round the fair. We saw different book stalls, a huge crowd of people. Most of the people were seen to be very eager to buy books. There was an extremely great variety of books in the fair such as novels, rhymes, adventure series and so on. I saw children, students, middle-aged people and the old buying books according to their likings or taste. I along with my friends purchased some books on literature and science. I saw some of the famous literary figures of our country such as Selina Hossain, Imdadul Haque Milon and so on. They were surrounded by a lot of fans. Some reporters from various TV channels and newspapers asked them many questions and they answered the questions. I listened to their conversation and learnt many

## Paragraph Writing

things. These literary personalities seemed to feel tired of giving autographs. Moreover, many foreigners were also seen visiting the fair and conversing with the people of our country. Actually, the fair assumed a grand environment. I felt very amused there. The seminar held at the foot of a tree attracted me most. I have gathered immense experience through visiting the fair.

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## Composition/ Personal Experience

Write a composition on 'Your Favourite Game'.

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[Chattogram Board '19]

### The Game I Like Most

Football is my favourite game. It is not basically our country game. It came to our country during the British rule in this subcontinent. At present, this game is played all the year round. It is a highly popular game all over the world.

I played this game first when I was ten years old. Before that I played this game with little children at home with an artificial ball made of straw and cloth. During my school life, I took part in this game. I enjoyed this game very much.

I like this game because it is full of thrills and excitement. Not only that, this game has some value as well. It teaches us discipline and gives us delight. There is a competition between two teams. Each team consists of eleven players. All the players obey the referee. It teaches us to be obedient and hard-working. It has also some important physical values. It is the only, game that helps us grow both mentally and physically. It develops our body and refreshes mind. It also teaches us to be smart.

It injects in us the habit of team spirit and team work. It also makes us strong and stout. It makes the players prompt, strong and hardy. It has also some risks. The players may be hurt at any moment. Yet the game is exciting and a source of great pleasure and recreation. It is also within our means. For all these reasons, I like this game most.

## JESSORE 2019

Fill in the blanks **without** clues (Article,  
Prepositions, Parts of Speech)

Fill in the blanks with suitable words.

5 × 10 = 5  
[Jashore '19]

Language plays a very important (a) role in the life of human beings. We use language from the (b) time/moment we wake up in the morning (c) till we go to bed at night. We use (d) language for different purposes. We use language to (e) reveal/express our ideas, thoughts and feelings, to (f) send our message or to pass (g) our/any information to others. In short, language is (h) ever/always present in our activities. It is (i) who inseparable part of (j) an we are, what we do and believe.

## Substitution Table

Make five sentences using parts of sentences from each column of the table below.  
[Jashore '19]

Unemployment	should not depend	idle after completing their studies
It	remain	a curse
There	is	on the government to provide them with jobs
Educated youths	are	the body and mind of our young population
They	weakens	more people in our country than jobs

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### Producing sentences from a substitution table to make a text

- i. Unemployment is a curse.
- ii. It weakens the body and mind of our young population.
- iii. There are more people in our country than jobs.
- iv. Educated youths remain idle after completing their studies.
- v. They should not depend on the government to provide them with jobs.

## Narration

Change the narrative style of the following text.

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[Jashore '19]

The teacher said to the boy," "Why are you disturbing the class in this way? Don't you know that it is an important class? Get out of the room and don't come back today," "Excuse me, sir," said the boy. "I'll never disturb the class," he promised.

### Changing the form of speech

The teacher asked the boy why he was disturbing the class in that way. He (t) again asked him (b) if he (b) did not know that it was an important class. The teacher also ordered him (b) to get out of the room and not to go back that day. The boy respectfully apologized and promised that he would never disturb the class.

## Changing Sentences

Change the sentences according to directions.

1 × 10 = 10

[Jashore '19]

- a) Terrorism is a devastating phenomenon of the modern world.  
(Exclamatory)
- b) At present, it is increasing alarmingly. (Interrogative)
- c) Nothing is as disastrous as terrorism. (Comparative)
- d) It is one of the most corrosive problems of the modern world. (Positive)
- e) A terrorist is hated by people. (Active)
- f) Who is not now in the threat of violence? (Assertive)
- g) Though there are laws to punish the terrorists, they are not properly applied. (Compound)
- h) By applying the laws properly, we can get rid of terrorism. (Complex)
- i) What a miserable life a terrorist leads! (Assertive)
- j) They should be brought to book. (Active)



## Changing Sentences

### Changing sentences:

a) Terrorism is a devastating phenomenon of the modern world.

(Exclamatory)

⇒ What a devastating phenomenon of the modern world terrorism is!

b) At present, it is increasing alarmingly. (Interrogative)

⇒ Isn't it increasing alarmingly at present?

c) Nothing is as disastrous as terrorism. (Comparative)

⇒ Terrorism is more disastrous than anything.

d) It is one of the most corrosive problems of the modern world. (Positive)

⇒ Very few problems of the modern world are so/as corrosive as it.

e) A terrorist is hated by people. (Active)

⇒ People hate a terrorist.

## Changing Sentences

f) Who is not now in the threat of violence? (Assertive)

⇒ Everybody is now in the threat of violence.

g) Though there are laws to punish the terrorists, they are not properly applied. (Compound)

⇒ There are laws to punish the terrorists but they are not properly applied.

h) By applying the laws properly, we can get rid of terrorism. (Complex)

⇒ If we apply the laws properly, we can get rid of terrorism.

i) What a miserable life a terrorist leads! (Assertive)

⇒ A terrorist leads a very miserable life.

j) They should be brought to book. (Active)

⇒ We should bring them to book.

## Tag Questions

Make tag questions of the following statements.

$1 \times 5 = 5$

[Jashore'19]

- a) You had better drink cold water, hadn't you ?
- b) The father rose in him at this sight, didn't it ?
- c) Thank you very much, don't I ?
- d) He as well as his brother come here, didn't he ?
- e) Let us go home, shall we ?

## Punctuation

Use capitals and punctuation marks where necessary in the following text.

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[Jashore '19]

zaman can you tell me what i am teaching the teacher asked i m sorry sir i  
can't follow replied zaman you can't because you are not attentive the  
teacher said

### Capitalization and punctuation:

"Zaman, can you tell me what I am teaching?" the teacher asked. "I'm  
sorry, sir, I can't follow," replied Zaman. "You can't because you are not  
attentive," the teacher said.

## BARISAL 2019

Fill in the blanks **with** clues (Article,  
Prepositions, Parts of Speech)

Fill in the blanks with the words from the box. You may need to change the form of the words. You may need to use one word more than once.

5 × 10 = 5

[Barishal '19]

charm	mangrove	the	beauty	sight
longest	bewitching	wild	rising	within

The seabeach of Cox's Bazar is a (a) beautiful gift of nature. The blue water of the sea and its (b) rising waves are always a pleasant (c) sight which cools our mind (d) within a moment. It is the (e) longest seabeach in the world. (f) The Saint Martin's Island is also a gift of nature in the Bay of Bengal. The beauty of the island is simply (g) bewitching. The Sundarbans, the largest (h) mangrove, forest of the world, is another beautiful gift of nature. Its (i) wild life and mysterious setting make it more (j) charming.

## Narration

Change the narrative style of the following text.

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[Barishal '19]

Rifat said to Munir, "You didn't attend my birthday party." "Extremely sorry, friend," Munir replied, "I had to go to my uncle's house in Dhaka. How was the programme?" "Let me show you the photographs," said Rifat.

### Changing the form of speech

Rifat told Munir that he (M) hadn't attended his (R) birthday party. Addressing as friend, Munir replied that he was extremely sorry. He added that he (M) had to go to his uncle's house in Dhaka. Munir then asked Rifat how the programme had been. In reply, Rifat said that he might be allowed to show him (M) the photographs.

## Changing Sentences

Change the sentences according to directions.

1 × 10 = 10  
[Barishal '19]

- a) Internet is a computer-based networking system. (Interrogative)
- b) It is a speedy transmitting system of information. (Complex)
- c) Its functions are smooth and rapid. (Negative)
- d) A man has an Internet Connection and gets a link soon according to his expectation. (Simple)
- e) Many educational institutions are greatly benefited through the use of Internet. (Complex)
- f) A student can visit all the renowned libraries of the world without going there. (Passive)
- g) It plays an effective role in the field of trade and commerce. (Exclamatory)
- h) E-commerce has become one of the most popular topics to the customers. (Positive)
- i) It helps the customers to buy or choose anything without going to market. (Compound)
- j) What an amazing milestone it is in the modern world of communication! (Assertive)

## Changing Sentences

### Changing sentences:

a) Internet is a computer-based networking system. (Interrogative)

⇒ Isn't Internet a computer-based networking system?

b) It is a speedy transmitting system of information. (Complex)

⇒ It is a transmitting system of information which is speedy.

c) Its functions are smooth and rapid. (Negative)

⇒ Its functions are not only smooth but also rapid.

d) A man has an Internet Connection and gets a link soon according to his expectation. (Simple)

⇒ A man having an Internet connection, gets a link soon according to his expectation.

e) Many educational institutions are greatly benefited through the use of Internet. (Complex)

⇒ There are many educational institutions which are greatly benefited through the use of Internet.

Or, Many educational institutions are greatly benefited if they use Internet.

Or, As many educational institutions use Internet, they are greatly benefited.



## Changing Sentences

f) A student can visit all the renowned libraries of the world without going there. (Passive)

⇒ All the renowned libraries of the world can be visited by a student without going there.

g) It plays an effective role in the field of trade and commerce. (Exclamatory)

⇒ What an effective role in the field of trade and commerce it plays!

h) E-commerce has become one of the most popular topics to the customers. (Positive)

⇒ Very few topics have become so popular to the customers as e-commerce.

i) It helps the customers to buy or choose anything without going to market. (Compound)

⇒ The customers want to buy or choose anything without going to market and it helps them to do so.

Or, The customers can buy or choose anything without going to market and it helps them.

j) What an amazing milestone it is in the modern world of communication! (Assertive)

⇒ It is a very amazing milestone in the modern world of communication.

## CV with cover letter

Suppose, you are Habib/Habiba and you have recently completed your HSC Examination. The Computer Zone Ltd. has published a vacancy advertisement in "The Daily Star" for the post of Junior Sales Officer. Now, write a CV with a cover letter for the above-mentioned post. Your CV should not exceed one page.

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[Barishal '19]

farhan444@yahoo.com

The Managing Director  
Computer Zone Ltd.  
2/1, Gulshan Circle, Dhaka.  
Dear Sir,

33, Station Road, Cumilla

Mobile : 01715494\*\*\*

Email :

06 November 2019

## CV with cover letter

I would like to offer myself as a candidate for the post of a salesman as advertised in the "Daily Star" of 03 November 2019.

As you will see from my enclosed CV, I am currently a salesman in Keya Group of Industries. I have extraordinary convincing ability by which the customers are easily convinced to purchase the products.

I am particularly interested in the post as it would enable me to deal with different categories of people. In addition to my skills and experience as a salesman, I have the ability to deal successfully and tactfully with customers and clients.

If called for an interview, I would be available at any time convenient to you.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

*Farhan*

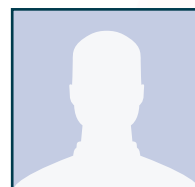
Farhan

Enclosure: CV

## CV with cover letter

### CURRICULUM VITAE

**Name** Farhan  
**Address** 33, Station Road, Cumilla  
**Mobile** 01715494\*\*\*  
**Email** farhan444@yahoo.com



Photo

**Objective** To work as a salesman in a multinational company.

**Profile** Highly motivated, analytical and creative with excellent communication skill.

#### **Personal details**

Father's name : Jamil Ahmed  
Mother's name : Rajia Begum  
Permanent address : Vill- Kumarkhali, Post- Dariakandi, Upazila-  
Ashansole, Dist.- Manikganj.  
Date of birth : 25 January 1999  
Nationality : Bangladeshi (by birth)

## CV with cover letter

Marital status : Unmarried

Religion : Islam

### Education

2015 SSC—Cumilla Govt. High School, Cumilla, GPA 3.50

**Working experience** : Working as a salesman in Keya Group of Industries for two years

**Language Skills** : Fluent in Bangla

### Interests

Gardening, Computers, Cricket

- References**
1. Md. Rafiqul Islam  
Senior Teacher, Cumilla Govt. High School, Cumilla  
Tel : 81295\*\*
  2. Md. Hasibul Hasan  
General Manager, AB Bank, Gulshan Branch, Dhaka  
Tel : 81290\*\*

## COMILLA 2019

### Fill in the blanks **with** clues (Article, Prepositions, Parts of Speech)

Fill in the blanks with the words from the box. You may need to change the form of the words. You may need to use one word more than once.

5 × 10 = 5  
[Cumilla '19]

a	hinder	in	development	with
joint	of	boon	eradicate	lag

Bangladesh is beset (a) with many problems. Illiteracy is one of them. It is not a (b) boon to us. It is undoubtedly (c) a curse. It (d) hinders all kinds of developments of a country. It also causes many other problems (e) in our society. As most of our people are not conscious (f) of the importance of education, we cannot take proper step to (g) eradicate illiteracy. As a result, we are (h) lagging behind. We have to depend on the foreign aids. All of us should come forward (i) jointly to remove illiteracy from the society. Then the (j) development of the country will be possible.

## Tag Questions

Make tag questions of the following statements.

$1 \times 5 = 5$

[Cumilla'19]

- a) Sincerity is a great virtue. A sincere man always succeeds in life,  
doesn't he ?
- b) The people who are insincere can hardly succeed, can they ?
- c) Nobody is as successful as a sincere man, are they ?
- d) Every student should be sincere to shine in life, shouldn't they ?
- e) Let's be sincere in our life, shall we ?

## Sentence Connectors

Complete the passage using suitable connectors.

1 × 5 = 5

[Cumilla '19]

Morning walk is a good habit for all classes of people. (a) Though/Although it is a simple exercise, it is good for health both physically (b) and mentally. (c) As/Since the morning air is fresh and free from any kind of noise and pollutions, it keeps us sound and healthy. Morning walk costs nothing (d) but gives more. (e) Therefore/For this we should make the habit of morning walk.



## Paragraph Writing

Suppose, you experienced a traffic jam last week. Now write a paragraph on "A Traffic Jam You Experienced".

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[Cumilla Board'19]

### A Traffic Jam I Experienced

Traffic jam is such a situation in which vehicles cannot move or can move very slowly and there occurs a long line of vehicles. In Dhaka city, it is a very common phenomenon and almost everyone has the experience of being caught in a traffic jam. I am a student of class ten. Almost everyday, I face this problem but last week, I became a victim of a terrible traffic jam at Kalabagan area. The duration of that traffic jam was about two hours. Falling victim to it, I felt like a fish out of water. I was returning home from my school by rickshaw. In front of my rickshaw, there was a bus which was emitting black smoke. The smoke flowed towards me as the direction of wind. I tried to lessen the effect of smoke upon me putting my handkerchief on my nose but could not struggle for long. The constant horns of vehicles around me almost turned me to be a deaf. As it was summer, the heat of the sun got added to trouble me. The roof of the rickshaw was not well enough to protect me from the scorching sun.

In this situation, I felt giddy. I was about to vomit two times. The unbearable traffic jam left me in a dilemma. I was not able to take any decision whether I should leave the rickshaw and go to my house on foot or not. At one time, I

## Paragraph Writing

found the vehicles moving. When I reached home, it was two hours late. The members of my family were all very anxious. Meanwhile, they made phone call to my school. However, getting me, they felt relaxed. On that day, I could realize how terrible and unbearable traffic jam is!

**10** MINUTE  
SCHOOL

## DINAJPUR 2019

### Fill in the blanks **with** clues (Article, Prepositions, Parts of Speech)

Fill in the blanks with the words from the box. You may need to change the form of the words. You may need to use one word more than once.

5 × 10 = 5

[Dinajpur '19]

miracle	thirst	network	of	within
advance	short	connect	with	small

Internet is the latest discovery of science. It is the greatest (a) advancement in this field. It is a computerized process (b) with a telephone set. To get Internet (c) connection it requires a modem, telephone line and a different sort of software for using the (d) network system. Nowadays, an Internet is (e) of great use to us. It has made the world (f) smaller and brought the world (g) within our reach. We can get any information in a very (h) short time. It has not only widened our knowledge but also made us (i) thirsty for the unknown. It's a (j) miracle like Aladin's magic lamp.

## Narration

Change the narrative style of the following text.

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[Dinajpur '19]

“My sons, listen to me. A great treasure lies hidden in the land. I am going to leave it to you.” “How will we find it?” said the sons. “You must dig the land for it,” said the old man.

### Changing the form of speech

The old man ordered his sons to listen to him and told them that a great treasure lay hidden in the land. He added that he was going to leave it to them. At that, the sons asked their father how they would find it. Then the old man told them that they had to dig the land for it.

## Completing Sentences

Complete the following sentences.

1 × 5 = 5

[Dinajpur '19]

- a) Leisure means the time when we are free from our routine work.
- b) As we live in a materialistic world, we have to work hard.
- c) But it should be kept in mind that  
leisure is also a part of our daily activities.
- d) If a man does not take rest after a work,  
he becomes weak and spiritless.
- e) So, we should take a rest so that we can keep fit.

## CV with cover letter

Suppose, you are Rubina/Raihan, working as a medical representative. You looked in an advertisement in "The Daily Star" that Navana Pharmaceuticals Ltd. seeks a senior medical representative. Now, write a CV with a cover letter for this post. Your CV should not exceed one page.

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[Dinajpur '19]

3, Puran Thana Road,  
Kishoreganj

Mobile : 01671-328\*\*\*

Email : raihan55@gmail.com

05 November 2019

Managing Director  
Beximco Pharma  
House # 41, Road # 10/A  
Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209  
Dear Sir,

## CV with cover letter

I have recently learnt about the vacant posts of Medical Representative from the advertisement in "The Daily Star" published on 02 November 2019. I would like to be an earnest candidate for the post.

As you will see from my enclosed CV. I am currently working as a Medical Representative at Drug International.

I have a sound knowledge of Medical Representative as well as the ability to follow detailed instructions and protocols. I am particularly interested in the post as it would enable me to gain experience of working in a larger company. In addition, I have the ability to deal successfully and tactfully with doctors, customers and clients.

I would like to have an appointment to talk further with you about how my skills and experience could benefit Beximco Pharmaceuticals Ltd. I will contact you, if allowed, to see about this possibility at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours faithfully,

*Raihan*

Raihan

Enclosure: CV

## CV with cover letter

### CURRICULUM VITAE

**Name** Raihan

**Address** 3, Puran Thana Road, Kishoreganj

**Mobile** 01671-328\*\*\*

**Email** raihan55@gmail.com

**Objective** To work as a Medical Representative with the goal of becoming a Sales Director

**Profile** An outgoing and articulate post graduate with work experience as a Medical Representative.

#### **Personal details**

Father's name : Anisur Rahman

Mother's name : Rajia Begum

Permanent address : Vill- Kumarkhali, Post- Dariakandi, Upazila- Ashansole, Dist.- Manikganj.



## CV with cover letter

Date of birth : 25 January 1999

Nationality : Bangladeshi (by birth)

Marital status : Unmarried

Religion : Islam

### Education

2007-2011 BSc, Dhaka University, CGPA- 3.48 (on a scale of 4)

2012 MSc, Dhaka University, CGPA- 3.58 = do =

### Working experience

2013—Present Drug International

**Language Skills** Fluent in English and Bangla

### Interests

Teaching, travelling, cooking and entertaining friends.

- References**
1. Dr. K. T. Hossain  
Professor  
Department of Chemical Engineering, BUET, Dhaka  
Tel : 81295\*\*
  2. M. Abu Hanif  
Managing Director  
Dutch Bangla Bank Limited, Banani, Dhaka  
Tel : 81295\*\*

## SYLHET 2019

### Narration

Change the narrative style of the following text.

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[Sylhet '19]

The stranger said to the boy, "Can you tell me the way to the nearest hotel?" "Yes, sir, I can. Do you want a residential one in which you can spend the night?" said the boy. "I do not want to stay there but I only want a meal," replied the man. "Paradise Garden will be better for you," said the boy.

#### Changing the form of speech

The stranger asked the boy if he (b) could tell him (s) the way to the nearest hotel. The boy replied respectfully saying that he (b) could. The boy then asked the stranger if he (s) wanted a residential one in which he (s) could spend the night. The stranger replied that he (s) did not want to stay there but he (s) only wanted a meal. The boy said that Paradise Garden would be better for him (s).

## Changing Sentences

Change the sentences according to directions.

1 × 10 = 10

[Sylhet '19]

- a) Corruption is one of the worst evils. (Positive)
- b) A corrupt man can do anything against morality. (Complex)
- c) People hate a corrupt man. (Passive)
- d) Nobody respects him. (Interrogative)
- e) The man who takes bribe, is next to devil. (Simple)
- f) Though we have strict law, we are still affected by this evil. (Compound)
- g) No other person is as hated as a corrupt man. (Superlative)
- h) We hope that Bangladesh will be free from this evil. (Simple)
- i) Everybody avoids a corrupt man. (Negative)
- j) A corrupt man leads a very unhappy life. (Exclamatory)

## Changing Sentences

### Changing sentences:

a) Corruption is one of the worst evils. (Positive)

⇒ Very few evils are as/so bad as corruption.

b) A corrupt man can do anything against morality. (Complex)

⇒ A corrupt man can do anything which is against morality.

Or, A man who is corrupt, can do anything against morality.

c) People hate a corrupt man. (Passive)

⇒ A corrupt man is hated by people.

d) Nobody respects him. (Interrogative)

⇒ Does anybody respect him?

Or, Who respects him?

e) The man who takes bribe, is next to devil. (Simple)

⇒ The man taking bribe is next to devil.

Or, A bribe taker is next to devil.

## Changing Sentences

f) Though we have strict law, we are still affected by this evil. (Compound)

⇒ We have strict law, but we are still affected by this evil.

g) No other person is as hated as a corrupt man. (Superlative)

⇒ A corrupt man is the most hated person.

h) We hope that Bangladesh will be free from this evil. (Simple)

⇒ We hope Bangladesh to be free from this evil.

i) Everybody avoids a corrupt man. (Negative)

⇒ There is nobody but avoids a corrupt man.

Or, Nobody mixes with a corrupt man.

Or, Who does not avoid a corrupt man?

j) A corrupt man leads a very unhappy life. (Exclamatory)

⇒ What an unhappy life a corrupt man leads!

## Changing Sentences

Complete the sentences.

1 × 5 = 5

[Sylhet '19]

- a) Acid rain is harmful because it contains pollutants.
- b) The wind so strong that it frequently blew off my hat.
- c) Had he been a little careful he could have avoided the accident.
- d) They were frightened when the earthquake had struck.
- e) Take your umbrella lest you should get wet.

## Changing Sentences

Complete the passage using suitable connectors in the blanks.  $1 \times 5 = 5$   
[Sylhet '19]

Honesty is a divine virtue. The man (a) who possesses this quality, is the happiest person in the world. To be honest, a man should have trustworthiness. (b) In fact/Moreover nobody trusts a liar. (c) Because So Allah helps the honest people. (d) At the same time/In time children should be taught honesty from the very beginning of life. (e) \_\_\_\_\_, they should be taught discipline too.

## Paragraph Writing

Write a paragraph on 'The Life of a Farmer'.

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[Sylhet Board '19]

### The Life of a Farmer

Bangladesh is an agricultural country. The people who are engaged in agricultural activities are called farmers. The farmers live in the village and work on their agricultural fields to grow paddy wheat, pulses, onion, green chillies, oil seeds, sugarcane, etc. The life of a farmer in Bangladesh is a tale of hardship. Usually he has some land, two bullocks and some handmade agricultural tools. Having a small area of land, he has to cultivate on other land and after reaping the crops he has to share these crops with the owners in half. He has to work all day long. He tills the land and prepares it properly for sowing seeds of different crops. He pulls out the weeds from the land. The farmer has to work hard during the and the harvesting seasons. He gets up early in the morning, eats some watered rice and goes to work in the fields After so much hardship when he finds his field full of crops, he becomes very happy. But drought, excessive rainfall, floods, cyclones and pests often destroy the crops. Then his sorrows know no bounds. He maintains his family with much hardship. Generally, a farmer lives and dies in poverty. As he is illiterate, he has a big family and finds it difficult to make both ends meet. The government should take steps to educate them and provide them with good



## Paragraph Writing

seed, fertilizer and better agricultural knowledge. His contribution towards the economy of the country is great. It is the farmers who keep the wheels of economy of the country running by toiling hard in the field to grow paddy and other cereals to feed the nation.

**10** MINUTE  
SCHOOL