

JSC Exam, DHAKA BOARD-2016

English First Paper

Subject Code

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[N.B. The figures in the right margin indicate full marks.]

Section-A : Reading Test

Seen Passage [Marks : 25]

Read the text and answer questions 1, 2 and 3.

At the farthest corner of Bangladesh there is a village called Tarapur. In this village, there lives a man named Kartik Pormanik. He is a hairdresser by profession, but a nature lover at heart. His passion is to plant saplings, which grow into gigantic trees. He started planting trees when he was only 10 years old. He remembers what his father once told him, "My son, you can earn the blessings of God by planting trees". He has never forgotten what his father told him. At present he is 63 years old. He has planted hundreds of trees in his village. Many of the trees are now 35-40 years old.

Once there were hardly any trees in this village. Kartik used to go to different houses for his job. At times he would get tired in the scorching sun, but there were no trees under which he could sit and rest for a while. Thinking how people suffer in the heat, Kartik began his tree-planting mission.

Occasionally Kartik would wake up early in the morning, take one or two labourers with him and set out to plant trees. He would walk long distances to plant trees, carrying with him some dry food and water. He would pay all the expenses from his own pocket. Kartik has planted trees beside the roads, in and around the bazar, schools and colleges, open fields and many other places.

At times it so happened that Kartik would go to water his plants at 10 or 11 pm. People asked him, "Kartik, are you mad? What are you doing so late at night?" Kartik would smile and say, "What to do, sir. I have to work hard the whole day to earn money for my family. I don't get time during the day. But my trees would die if I don't water them. So I come late at night to look after them."

Even today this old man continues planting trees as many as he can. A man, who can hardly sign his name, is leaving his signature all around in nature. [Total Words : 350] [Unit-5; Lesson-4(A)]

1. Choose the best answer from the alternatives : $1 \times 5 = 5$

- (a) Kartik Poramanik was a — by profession.
i. cultivator ii. treeplanter
iii. daylabourer iv. barber
- (b) In the passage 'water' is used as a/ an —
i. noun ii. adjective
iii. noun and verb iv. noun and adjective
- (c) The similar meaning of the phrase 'set out' is —
i. awarded ii. went
iii. planting trees iv. wanted
- (d) To plant saplings is his —
i. profession ii. passion
iii. addiction iv. whim
- (e) The word 'gigantic' in the passage means —
i. large ii. miniature
iii. tiny iv. small

2. Give short answers to the following questions : $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) What is Kartik Poramanik?
(b) How do you understand that he is a nature lover?
(c) How can we get the blessing of God?
(d) From when did Kartik start planting saplings?
(e) Why did he not get time to take care of the trees during the day?

3. Read the text in A again. Now, write the summary of it in around 80 words. 10

Unseen Passage [Marks : 10]

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

Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir was an officer in the Bangladesh Army during Liberation War in 1971. He was born on 7 March 1949 at Rahimganj village under Babuganj Upazilla in Barisal district. He finished his H.S.C from the Barisal B.M. College. In 1967 he took admission in the Department of Statistics at the University of Dhaka. On 5 October 1967 he joined the armed forces as a Cadet at the Pakistan Military Academy. He obtained

commissioned rank in the Engineering Corps in 1968. He. was promoted to the rank of Captain on 30 August in 1970. He was an officer in sector 7 of the Mukti Bahini. He was given the responsibility to fight at Chapainawabganj border in Rajshahi district. On 14 December, he was killed in an attempt to break through enemy defences on the bank of the Mohananda river. He was buried near Sona Masjid-premises. In recognition of his valour and sacrifice in the War of Liberation, Mohiuddin Jahangir was awarded with the highest state honour of Bir Shreshtha.

4. Complete the following table with the information given in the passage. 1 × 5 = 5

Who/ What	Events	Where	When
Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir	was born	(i) —	1949
He	(ii) —	Barisal BM College	
He	(iii) —	Statistics Department in Dhaka University	1967
He	was promoted to the rank of Captain		(iv) —
He	was killed	(v) —	14 December in 1971

5. Read the passage again and write True or False beside the following statements. Give answers for the false statements. 1 × 5 = 5

- (a) Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir was a freedom fighter.
- (b) He was a student of Dhaka University.
- (c) He obtained commissioned rank in 1970.
- (d) During Liberation War, Rajshahi district was in sector 11.
- (e) He was a police Officer.

6. **Fill in the gaps with appropriate words :** $1 \times 5 = 5$
 We (a) — in Bangladesh. We (b) — Bangla. The area of our country (c) — very small but her population is huge. Most of the people of the (d) — are Muslims. There (e) — also Hindus, Buddhists and Christians.
7. **Re-arrange the following sentences in correct order :** 10
 (a) The angel took down his request and went away.
 (b) His name was Abu Ben Adham.
 (c) Abu then requested him to write his name in the list as he loved mankind.
 (d) The angel again appeared next night and showed his name at the top of the list.
 (e) The angel was writing the names of those persons who loved God.
 (f) Once upon a time there lived an honest man.
 (g) He asked the angel if his name was there.
 (h) Once he was sleeping peacefully.
 (i) In reply, the angel said that his name was not there.
 (j) Suddenly he woke up and saw an angel.

8. **Fill in the gaps using clues from the boxes. There are more words than necessary :** $0.5 \times 10 = 5$

duties	leads	himself	of	give	social
life	financial	society	others	do	for

Shyamol is a student (a) — class eight. His aim in (b) — is to become a (c) — worker. He knows that social (d) — are not done for (e) — gain or fame. It is (f) — self-satisfaction. He believes that he (g) — his life for (h) —, not for (i) —. Social work means to (j) — a helping hand to the needy and poor.

9. The phrases in column A are the beginnings of some sentences. The phrases in column B are the endings. Match the phrases in column A with the phrases in column B to make complete sentences : $1 \times 5 = 5$

Column-A	Column-B
(a) Truthfulness is one	i. likes a liar.
(b) It means the quality	ii. in order to prosper in life.
(c) Nobody	iii. of speaking the truth in all situations.
(d) A truthful person	iv. of the greatest virtues of human being.
(e) We should practise this habit regularly	v. is respected by all.

Section-B : Writing Test [Marks : 40]

10. Suppose, you are Akib/ Akiba and your friend is Abir. He wants to make a good result in the J.S.C. examination. Now, make a dialogue between you and your friend about how to make a good result. 10
11. Write a paragraph on 'Your School Library' by answering following questions. 10
(a) What is a school library? (b) Where is it situated? (c) When do you go there? (d) What do you do in the library? (e) Why is it useful?
12. Read the beginning of a story. Now, complete it in your own way : 10
There lived a wood cutter in a village. One day he was cutting wood near a pond. Suddenly, his axe fell
13. Suppose, you are Rahim/ Rahima. Your father lives in Dhaka. He wants to know about the result of your Annual Examination. Now, write a letter to your father, informing him the result of Annual Examination and requesting him to send you some money in order to buy new books and school uniform. 10

Answer Sheet

Section–A : Reading Test

1. (a) iv. barber (b) ii. noun and verb (c) iii. went (d) ii. passion (e) i. large
2. (a) Kartik Poramanik is a hairdresser by profession but a naturelover at heart.
(b) We understand that he is a naturelover as his passion is to plant saplings.
(c) We can get the blessings of God by planting trees.
(d) Kartik started planting saplings when he was only ten years old.
(e) As he remained busy the whole day to earn money for his family, he did not get time to take care of the trees during the day.
3. Kartik Poramanik, living at the remotest village of Bangladesh, is a lover of nature. His passion is to plant saplings for the wellbeing of human beings. He was inspired by his father to do this philanthropic deed. He plants trees and takes care of them at his own cost. Even at 63 at present, he continues planting trees as many as possible. /Total Words : 62/
4. (i) At Rahimganj village under Babuganj Upazilla, Barisal (ii) completed HSC (iii) took admission (iv) in 1970 (v) on the bank of the Mohananda river
5. (a) True.
(b) True.
(c) False. He obtained commissioned rank in 1968.
(d) False. During Liberation War, Rajshahi district was in sector 7.
(e) False. He was an army officer.
6. (a) live (b) speak in (c) is (d) country (e) are
7.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
f	b	h	j	e	g	i	c	a	d
8. (a) of (b) life (c) social (d) duties (e) financial (f) for (g) leads (h) others (i) himself (j) give
9. (a) + iv → Truthfulness is one of the greatest virtues of human being.
(b) + iii → It means the quality of speaking the truth in all situations.
(c) + i → Nobody likes a liar.
(d) + v → A truthful person is respected by all.
(e) + ii → We should practice this habit regularly in order to prosper in life.