

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

Section A : Reading Test (Seen passage)

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

Shamima's misery started the day she was married. Her husband was a greedy person and he used to abuse her verbally and physically. Within a few months into her marriage she had to leave her husband Kamal Uddin Joardar.

Now Shamima vows to work with women, who are ill-fated like her. She has 43 female members in her organization working for her. She herself trains the members and then provides them with work. She designs fabrics, makes block-print, bush-paint and hand-embroidered saris. She also makes three-piece dresses for women and fatuas for men. She sells these products in her shop and supplies them outside.

Shamima has a dream now, a dream to do something for the helpless people. She wants them to feel useful. They can live with self-respect and dignity. With this in view, she goes out looking for such people. Shamima finished her story with a smile. Shamima has no complaints, no regrets, no grudges. Her husband could destroy her outward beauty but not the beauty of her mind. All she wants to do is to bring a smile on the faces of those women who are unfortunate. Shamima wants to become a famous designer.

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

a. Shamima's husband was a/an — person.

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| i) hardworking | ii) kind |
| iii) covetous | iv) indolent |

b. The word 'ill-fated' refers to —.

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| i) unfortunate | ii) lucky |
| iii) fortunate | iv) dignity |

c. Shamima wants to be a — designer.

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| i) in famous | ii) renowned |
| iii) poor | iv) wealthy |

- 2. Give short answers to the following questions. $2 \times 5 = 10$**
- (a) What kind of man was Shamima's husband?
 - (b) What does Shamima dream now?
 - (c) What are the things that she produces in her organization?
 - (d) Why is Shamima working for the helpless women?
 - (e) Is Shamima a successful woman in society? If yes, how?
- 3. Read the text in 'A' again and write the summary of it in around 50 words. 10**

4. Now, complete the following table with the information given in the passage. $1 \times 5 = 5$

Who/What	Event	Year	Place
Washington's family	(i) —		in Virginia
Washington	took over these estates.	(ii) —	in Virginia
(iii) —	were attacked and a war broke out	in 1775	
The colonies	(iv) —	in 1776	in America
Washington	became the first President	in 1789	(v) —

5. Read the above passage again and write whether the following statements are true or false. Write correct answers for the false statements. $1 \times 5 = 5$

- (a) In his early life, Washington was a politician.
- (b) He was the pioneer President of the U.S.A.
- (c) He was acknowledged as a meritorious officer.
- (d) A peace treaty was signed between America and Britain.
- (e) When the war broke out, he joined the American force.

6. Fill in the gaps of the following passage with an appropriate word. $1 \times 5 = 5$

There are so many trees and plants in Bangladesh. Trees are (a) — for human life. They are also needed for the (b) — of environment. Trees (c) — us with wood, fruits, oxygen, medicine, shadow and so on. But we (d) — been cutting down trees for timber, cultivable land and housing. We must not forget that trees (e) — ecological balance.

7. Re-arrange the following sentences in correct order. 10

- (a) Then the leader of the robbers came to Saadi.
- (b) The merchants had their goods and a lot of money.
- (c) He had a bundle of books and some money with him.
- (d) They travelled for twelve days without any trouble.
- (e) He ordered Saadi to give all he had with him.
- (f) On the thirteenth day, a gang of robbers attacked them.
- (g) Sheikh Saadi handed him the bundle of books and also the little money he had without any fear.
- (h) Once Sheikh Saadi was going to Baghdad with a group of rich merchants.
- (i) Saadi then said, "I hope that you will make good use of these books".
- (j) The robbers took away all the goods and money from the merchants.

8. Fill in the gaps of the following passage using the clues given in the box below. There are more words than necessary. $0.5 \times 10 = 5$

population	enjoy	develop	dark
progress	nation	would	imparted
uplift	missions	possess	constitute

Women are now-a-days as important as men in society. They (a) — nearly half of our total (b) —. So, there can be no denying the fact that they too (c) — equal rights and duties as men (d) —. They have noble (e) — to fulfil as men. No nation can make real (f) — keeping half of its population in the (g) —. So, education should be (h) — to our women folk. Without the (i) — of women, the progress of the (j) — is not possible at all.

9. The phrases in Column A are the beginning 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) Illiteracy is a curse	i. can't contribute to the betterment of his country.
(b) It greatly hinders	ii. the whole nation suffers.
(c) An illiterate person	iii. the prosperity of a nation.
(d) As a result	iv. for a developing country like ours.
(e) So, we all should come	v. forward to educate the general mass.

Section B : Writing Test

10. Suppose, you are Upom/Upoma. Your friend is Rana/Runa. Now, write a dialogue between you and your friend about "The importance of Learning English." 10
11. Write a paragraph on "A winter morning" in about 150 words answering the following questions:
 (a) How is a winter morning?
 (b) When does the sun peep?
 (c) How do people feel in a winter morning?
 (d) When do people get up in a winter morning?
 (e) What kind of food do people eat?
12. Read the beginning of a story. Now, complete it in 150 words. 10
 Once there lived a farmer in a village. He had a wonderful goose and it laid a golden egg every morning. One day.....
13. Suppose, you are Tanim/Tonima. You have a friend named Saadi/Sadia who lives in Rajshahi. He/She wants to know about the prize giving ceremony of your school. Now, write a letter to your friend describing the prize giving ceremony of your school. 10

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1. a. iii) covetous; b. i) unfortunate; c. ii) renowned; d. i) offer; e. iv) the members of her organization.
2. (a) Shamima's husband was a greedy man who used to abuse Shamima verbally and physically.
(b) Shamima now dreams to make the helpless and unfortunate people feel useful and bring smile on their faces.
(c) In her organization, Shamima produces three piece dresses for women and fatuas for men.
(d) Shamima is working for the helpless women because she wants to make them feel useful.
(e) Yes, Shamima is a successful woman in society. Even after the bitter experience, she owns an organization and supervises a group of people who work under her supervision.
3. Shamima being a poor woman, had to suffer a lot in her husband's house. One day she had to leave her husband as he tortured her verbally and physically. As she was self-confident, she could overcome all the difficulties by hardworking. She intended to work with ill-fated woman like her and she wanted to do everything for them. She trained them herself and appointed them in her organisation so that they could live with self-respect and dignity.
4. i) Used to cultivate tobacco; ii) in 1752; iii) Some English troops; iv) formally declared themselves independent; v) of The United States.
5. (a) False. **Corr. Infor.** In his early life, Washington was a brilliant officer. (b) True. (c) True. (d) True. (e) True.
6. (a) useful/beneficial/helpful necessary/essential; (b) protection/security/safety; (c) provide; (d) have; (e) maintain/ keep/ retain/ensure.
7. $h + b + d + f + j + a + e + c + g + i$.
8. (a) constitute; (b) population; (c) possess; (d) enjoy; (e) missions; (f) progress; (g) dark; (h) imparted; (i) uplift; (j) nation.
9. (a + iv) Illiteracy is a curse for a developing country like ours.
(b + iii) It greatly hinders the prosperity of a nation.
(c + i) An illiterate person can't contribute to the betterment of his country.
(d + ii) As a result the whole nation suffers.
(e + v) So, we all should come forward to educate the general mass.