

English (Compulsory) 2nd Paper

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Time : 3 hours

Total Marks : 100

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

Part-A : Grammar (Marks-60)

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

Robi is (a) — indigent boy. He comes of (b) — needy family. But he is diligent and upright. He has (c) — unique vision for life. He believes that honesty is (d) — key to success. Moreover, he has (e) — deep sense of patriotism. Being imbued with these ideals, he shapes (f) — dream of his life. From (g) — dawn to dusk, he works hard. He never squanders time, wastes money and dissipates (h) — energy. His only aim is to reach (i) — apex of success. We need (j) — ideal boy like Robi.

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

I caught sight (a) — him while crossing the road. I tried to talk (b) — him. But he was (c) — a hurry. He was one (d) — my best friends. Both of us studied (e) — the same school. I had an intimacy (f) — him. Both of us got separated (g) — each other after the completion (h) — S.S.C. Examination. Though my heart bleeds (i) — him. I hardly meet (j) — him. This is the go of the world.

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

had better	let alone	as if	as soon as	was born
what does look like	there	would you mind	it	would rather

- (a) The room appears to be suffocating — opening the windows.
 (b) It is raining outside. You — take an umbrella.
 (c) He cannot read newspaper, — edit a newspaper.
 (d) — lived a wise man but he was not well known to all.
 (e) You look tired. — appears to me that you have worked hard.
 (f) Ismail is a symbol of versatile genius. He — in a needy family.
 (g) — a dinosaur —? Have you ever seen it?
 (h) He proceeded — he had never seen me. His defiant behaviour offended me.
 (i) Panic seized me — I heard his roaring voice.
 (j) Though I am in dire need of moeny. I — die than seek any financial help from him.

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

- (a) Honesty is the best policy. If you maintain honesty, —.
 (b) Patriotism is a noble virtue. It is high time —.
 (c) English is an international language. I wish —.
 (d) If I had much money, —.
 (e) There goes a proverb that —. So, you have to make friendship with a gentleman.
 (f) Hardly had he seen his friend —.
 (g) It is a long time since we —.
 (h) All of us have to work hard with a view to —.
 (i) I was too young to —.
 (j) A student has to be punctual. He has to study regularly lest he —.

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

Jerry is an orphan. He (a) (come) — to the orphanage at the age of four. He (b) (lose) — his parents in his infancy. Then, he (c) (commit) — to the care of the orphanage. He could hardly (d) (recollect) — his parents' memory. In spite of (e) (be) — an orphan, he had developed a strong fabric of morality. His inimitable morality (f) (draw) — him close to the writer. The writer (g) (impress) — with him. She started (h) (show) — affection for him. Jerry (i) (take) — her for his mother. He fabricated a lie (j) (win) — her heart.

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

- (a) Most of the people of our country are living in the rural areas. (Make it interrogative without the change of meaning)

- (b) They are peace loving. (Make it complex)
 (c) They are more patriotic and industrious. (Make it positive)
 (d) They love their motherland profoundly. (Make it passive)
 (e) Although they are insolvent, they do not adopt any unfair means to become rich overnight. (Make it simple)

7. **Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches.** 5
 "Why are you crying? Do you have any problem?" asked the passerby. "I am crying because I have none to look after me" said the street child. "Are you hungry?" "Yes, I am." said the boy.
8. **Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.** 5
 Books are the medium through which human beings talk with enlightened minds, the great men of the world. They are our best friends. They introduce them to the life and the world. Books are the mirrors of past, present and even future. These are having an active voice. We know about the thoughts and deeds of our ancestors through it. They make the noble men alive in the world for ever.
9. **Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces :** 0.5×10 = 5
 Kazi Nazrul Islam is called the Shelley of Bengali literature. He was a (a) — (pre-modify the noun) poet. He wrote (b) — (post-modify the verb) in every branch of Bengali Literature. Nazrul, (c) — (use an appositive), won the attention of everyone in his early childhood. He wrote ceaselessly until the death of (d) — (use possessive pronoun) poetic flair. He composed his songs (e) — (use an infinitive phrase to post modify the verb). His songs are (f) — (use an intensifier to pre-modify the adjective) melodious. He enriched the Bengali literature (g) — (use an adverb to pre-modify the verb). His literary works have enriched (h) — (use an noun adjective) literature. He was (i) — (use an article) secular poet. He sang the songs of equality (j) — (use an adverbial phrase).
10. **Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage :** 0.5×10 = 5
 Honesty is a noble virtue. The man possessing this invaluable quality is the happiest man on earth, (a) —. To be honest, a man should have trust worthiness. (b) —, nobody trusts a liar. A liar may prosper for the time being. (c) —, he goes to the dogs. (d) — we should be honest. It is said that honesty is the best policy. (e) — dishonesty is the sign of downfall. God helps those who are honest. (f) — dishonest people are cursed. (g) —, children should be taught honesty from childhood. It is widely observed that children follow their parents. (h) —, parents should be honest and upright in their business of life. (i) —, children should be allowed to mix with those friends who are honest. (j) — they can mould their characters.
11. **Read the passage and write the antonyms and synonym of the words as directed below :** 0.5×10 = 5
 Bangladesh is an agro-based country. The soil of Bengal is purer than gold. Most of her land is fertile. The farmers of this country are industrious. They work ceaselessly from dawn to dusk. They are not lazy. They love their motherland. They have a strong attachment to their motherland. Their diligence and perseverance keep the wheel of economy moving. We must respect them. We are grateful to them. We must follow their devotion to duty and country.
 (a) fertile (synonym); (b) industrious (antonym); (c) ceaselessly (synonym); (d) lazy (synonym), (e) love (antonym); (f) strong (synonym); (g) moving (antonym); (h) respect (synonym); (i) grateful (antonym) (j) devotion (synonym).
12. **There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Re-write the text correcting the errors :** 0.5×10 = 5
 Entering the study my elder brother looked around and burst out in disgust How dirty you have made the room! Why do you use it if you cant keep it tidy.
 I said, i am extremely sorry I have been a nuisance In future youll never see the room in such a bad condition I promise

Part-B : Composition (Marks-40)

13. Suppose, you are the student of class XII in ABC college. You are highly interested in debating. Now, write an application to your Principal for seeking permission to organise a debating club. 8
14. Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily. Now, write a report on a book fair you have visited recently. 8
15. Write a paragraph on "Food Adulteration" showing its causes, effects and solution. 10
16. Bangladesh is our dear motherland. To ensure her overall development, we all are struggling hard. 14
 To love one's country means to get ready to makes one's supreme sacrifice. Now, write a composition on **Patriotism** within 250 words.