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PART B: GUIDED WRITING

Paragraph Writing

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01. Natural Calamities of Bangladesh: An obstacle to progress

Bangladesh is called the land of natural calamities. The prime natural disasters of this country are flood, storm, cyclone, drought and famine. Flood visits our country every year due to heavy rainfall. It is the most devastating one of all natural calamities. It takes a serious turn in the monsoon. Due to heavy rain, most of the rivers overflow their banks and thus cause flood. It washes away different types of crops, cattle, homes and properties. The devastating floods in the years of 1988 and 1998 are very remarkable. Most of the districts in the southwest of Bangladesh had been inundated violently. Storm is not less destructive than flood. Storm causes abrupt damage to our life and property. Affected people cannot get the opportunity to save themselves nor their properties. It blows away our homes, trees, cattle and many things. But when a storm revolves violently round a centre, it is called cyclone. It moves at a high speed ranging from forty to more than hundred kilometres per hour. During the last few years, several cyclones swept over our country and caused immense harm to our people. Cyclone is a curse to the inhabitants of the coastal regions of Bangladesh. The tidal bore and the heavy showers wash away the stores of foodstuff and cause terrible damage. Drought causes serious harm to our crops and trees. Due to the want of water farmers cannot grow plants nor can produce bumper crops. As an aftermath, famine occurs. Many people die from hunger. However, we have to reduce the loss caused by various natural calamities. Using modern weather forecast, prior warning can be given to the people who are likely to be affected storm, cyclone etc. Moreover, the affected people and domestic livestock can be easily shifted to a safer place during flood and cyclone. Besides, a quick relief, medical treatment and essential medicines should be supplied among the affected people. Some effective measures should be taken by the govt. as well as different NGO's with a view to eliminating sufferings of the victims.

02. Culture and Cultural Assault: An adverse effect of satellites

Culture stands for the pre-determined notions, norms, values, beliefs, customs, conventions, music, language and ways of behaviour of persons living in a particular zone. It denotes what is good and bad, what is to be done and what is not to be done. It is determined by the society through the day-to-day activities. It does not stand still and it varies from society to society, country to country and time to time. We can rightly boast of an affluent cultural heritage. We have our own cultural traits and its identity. We have miscellaneous songs based on rural and idyllic pictures of life. We have jari, sari, kobi, bhatiali, polligeeti, Lalongeeti, Nazrulgeeti, Rabindrasangeet, marufoti, swariati, murshidi and local jatrapala. We have our own food habits like rice and fish as well as ways of eating. We have our traditional dress like longyi, dhuti, shirt and punjabi for the male and sharee and blouse for the female. Eid, puja, Buddha Purnima, Christmas Day, Victory Day, Pahela Baishakh, Nabanna and Halkhata are some of our distinguished festivals. All these are our culture and cultural traits. On the contrary, culture which is not known and practised in a society is called alien culture. All alien cultures are not detrimental to a society. A native culture may be enriched and ameliorated enough with the influence of some alien cultures. But some cultures have profound impact on other cultures that might be harmful and then it will be a cultural assault. Cultural assault means bad influence of foreign cultures on any native culture. In the present

global world it is quite tough to impede this cultural aggression. With the development of hi-tech media, it has been very easy for a society to be infiltrated by alien cultures. Many of the cultural elements may be influenced in this way. Our Bangladeshi culture is mostly affected because of cultural assault of other countries. Our dress pattern especially for teenagers and young generation has altered a lot. Now people like pop song and band music sung in the western style and with western musical instruments. Besides, our eating habits are also being changed. Today many of us like to take fast food outside home using chopstick, fork etc. Now our young generations prefer celebration of 31 December to that of Pahela Baishakh. They never mind celebrating the Valentine's Day. However, to get rid of the invasion of alien culture, we should be very much strict to exercise our own culture and flourish our cultural elements. In addition to that, we have to accept miscellaneous alien cultures selectively, which will make our traditional culture more affluent.

03. Environmental Pollution: A cause of health-hazard

Nature, air, water, land and all other things around us in which we live are called environment. Any unexpected and abnormal change in chemical, physical and biological characteristics in environment is called the environmental pollution. Now our environment is getting polluted every moment in many ways. In major cities and towns motor vehicles, mills and factories are creating fume and smoke and they pollute air. Man makes fires to cook food, to make bricks, to melt tar for road construction and to do many other things. Fires create smoke and pollute the air. Railway engines and powerhouses create smoke by burning coal and oil and this smoke pollutes the air. Water, another vital element of the environment like air, is also polluted in many ways. Man pollutes water by throwing waste into it. Chemicals, fertilisers and insecticides get mixed with water in rivers, canals and ponds, and thus pollute water. Mills and factories also throw their poisonous chemicals and waste products into rivers, canals and seas and water is polluted. Moreover, water vehicles, unsafe drains and unsanitary latrines are also responsible for water pollution. These days many rivers and lakes are getting filthy. Forests and trees are being cut down on a large scale. So, the ecosystem of the environment is now in great danger. The noise of motor vehicles, mills and factories, aeroplanes, domestic appliances, radios, cassette players, CDs, televisions etc pollutes sound and this polluted sound affects our hearing. The government must take effective steps to prevent the pollution. People of all classes should come forward to control this environmental pollution because it is necessary for our own existence.

04. Satellite TV Channels: A source of cultural interaction

Satellite TV is one of the greatest achievements of modern science. Now it is regarded as the medium of information, entertainment, telecast, education and many others. It can telecast any live programme from the remotest part of the world. Satellite TV can display many programmes at a time. With the help of satellite, world has turned into a global village. Now we can watch Australian, British or American TV programmes sitting before our own TV set. Satellite TV has added a new dimension in our oriented life providing many programmes through different channels. It's not only a good medium of recreation but also a source educational knowledge. Different channels telecast various educative dramas, movies, sports, cultural functions, news and articles. So we can easily collect educative information of agriculture, science and technology, politics, education, business, invention etc. Satellite TV helps us widespread the sight and outlook of the society. Coming to contact with the western societies, we are getting the opportunities to enrich our society and ourselves. But on the other hand, many people especially young generations are getting hampered and we all are now forgetting our own customs, traditions, music and culture. Very often obscene pictures and vulgar movies and programmes are shown in various satellite channels. Young generations are becoming more and more addicted to them. Moreover, most of us want to follow the dress-pattern, hairstyle, behaviour, music and nudity of the westerns. This mentality is leading our young generations to moral degradation. So, we all should be conscious of that.

05. Arsenic: A poison in natural resource

Arsenic pollution / problem has become one of the talked topics of our country at present. It has spread throughout whole Bangladesh in an epidemic form. Arsenic is a poisonous chemical element mixed with water. This poisonous element is found in ground water, such as tube-well water. In different countries, arsenic contamination in water supplies is known to have been caused by dissolving geological deposits which naturally occur from industrial discharges and from uses of pesticides. If a man drinks arsenic contaminated water, he is affected by disease and after many days the symptoms are found. The disease caused by arsenic is known as arsenicosis. Poisoning by arsenic is slow process. It damages the kidneys, the liver, the skin and even the nerves system of body. Long term poisoning might cause also death of the sufferers. Many people in our country are suffering from arsenicosis and many more are being affected everyday. For the prevention of arsenicosis, we should drink only arsenic-free water. Besides this, we have to eat a healthy and balanced diet. To ensure supply of arsenic-free water, we should sink deep tube-wells. Water treatment plant should be established in the rural areas and the arsenic contaminated tube-wells should be identified by red colour. We should remember that arsenic poison cannot be removed by boiling or filtering water. So, all of us should be conscious of arsenic poison and should be careful about using water. It is a hopeful matter that various agencies in the health and water sector such as NIPSOM, DPHE, BWDB and others have begun sampling well-water and looking for medical symptoms as evidence of arsenic contamination and its affected area and they are trying to solve the problem.

06. Globalisation: A new notion of global interaction

Globalisation means internationalisation. It is a phenomenon involving the integration of economics, cultures, governmental policies, and the movements around the world. Trade and investment between countries have promoted interdependence and the world's economies for centuries. What is now called globalisation, however, represents an exponential acceleration of the integration process. It has been formed by the leading countries of the world. Nowadays the world is linked as never before due to advances in communication and transportation and also due to trade agreements that have lowered or eliminated barriers or borders in the exchange of goods. So our world has become a global village. As a result, similar goods are sold around the world for similar prices. The highly integrated financial and commodity markets see price movements in one part of the world instantaneously reflected in other major markets. The BBC, CNN, MTV and the Internet have accelerated the integration of global culture. Science and technology have also accelerated this global process. So, teenagers around the world watch the same videos, listen to the same music and wear the same clothes. However, we can say that globalisation may bring happiness for us all only if we can make a mutual understanding, otherwise it will not only become a threat to a developing nation but also ruin our existence and may turn us into parasites.

07. Gender Disparity/Discrimination: A heinous social curse

Gender disparity means gender discrimination or difference between male and female in the field of observing rights as a human being. In the developed countries there is no gender disparity. But in our country this disparity is severe. It pervades both rural and urban communities. It is especially seen in the rural areas too much. Many girl students are deprived of getting educated both in towns and villages. Only boys are allowed to go to school, college and university and most of the conservative families do so. In many families of Bangladesh especially of the villages, boys and girls are not treated equally. Many parents love their sons more and always give them more facilities than their daughters. They usually think that educating a daughter is nothing but waste of time and money. After class seven or eight they think that they should marry their daughters off. Even many of the modern and educated families of our country

do not think higher education for their daughters or sisters. They do not allow their daughters, sisters and wives to do a job outside the home. They are kept busy with maintaining different household chores and bringing up children. But on the other hand, boys or male members of the family are allowed to go to school, college and to complete higher education and to do any job anywhere outside the home. However, both males and females should be considered equal, should be given equal rights and facilities and should be exploited equally so that women can play a vital role in the development of the country like men. For this, we have to educate all females and have to change the mentality. We have to make them aware that women can do the same thing of men. Like men, women can change their lives by working with men and earning a lot of money. After all, government should take effective measures to diminish gender disparity for the development of the country. So, if we want our own betterment, we, both males and females, have to work together.

08. A Moonlit Night: An eternal resource of beauty

A moonlit night really comes to us as a dream of enchanting beauty and eternal source of joy that stimulate our mind spontaneously. It offers a very charming view. If anybody enthusiastically wants to enjoy a moonlit night, he will see that it is just a thing of beauty and joy that he has never enjoyed. In the daylight some scenes are beautiful and others may not be so, but the same scene in the soft light of the moon looks beautiful as a poet's dream of fairyland. As forests, houses, rivers and buildings all such manmade or natural objects are beautiful by day, all these things are more beautiful at night. They look something extraordinary and something more in a moonlight night than our rigid reality. The scenic beauty of a river or an ocean in a moonlit night can better be enjoyed than described. It has a magical power of transporting us to a land of beauty and imagination and to arouse in us a centre feeling to sing in tune with the poet. With the fragrance of different flowers, the moonlight can overwhelm the poets' mind even the mind of the general. When the moon winks in the sky and gradually spreads her soft and alluring light, we cannot but lose ourselves in the tide of mind's stimulation. Poets write their poems with the enthusiasm of atmospheric setting and lovers and couples gossip forgetting their time-pass. Patients and fragile people can get new life in the new atmosphere of the moonlit night. So, a moonlit night is indeed a great achievement for us all deliberating her influence on human mind.

09. Independence Day: A long cherished day of ours

The Independence Day is a very climacteric event in our national life. On this day the independence of Bangladesh was declared and the people of this country began to march on forward with the aim of achieving independence. The then Pakistani Government ruled over this so-called East Pakistan with an iron hand and they oppressed the people of this country very fiercely. So, discrimination began to develop between the two countries on economical, political, social and religious sides. The people of East Pakistan came to comprehend this discrimination. They protested it at different times. But the government of West Pakistan ignored them and continued their misrule over this country. The main cause for which our nation began war was the refusal of the Pakistani rulers to acknowledge the electoral triumph of the Awami League in December 1970. However, very soon it became obvious to us all that there was an intrigue between the generals who then ruled Pakistan and politicians who were unwilling to see power pass into the hands of the Bengali leadership. For the denial of the results of election, we wanted our liberation. On March 25, 1971 the Pakistani military started genocide which led us to declare our liberation war on 26 March 1971. Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman declared the independence of Bangladesh on this date, just before his arrest by the Pakistani army. On March 27, 1971 Major Ziaur Rahman announced the independence of Bangladesh on behalf of Sheikh Mujib from Kalurghat Radio Station in Chittagong. Afterwards wartime temporary government led the war perfectly. So, the Independence Day is a red-letter day in our history and we celebrate this day with adequate grandeur and spirit of our Bengali identity.

10. The 21st February: International Mother Language Day

The role of language in human life is very important. Everybody in the world speaks and loves his own mother tongue. As we are Bangladeshis, our mother tongue is Bangla. We express our views and ideas to each other through this language. But we have not got this language easily. In 1947, the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh University Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed said, "Urdu may be the state language of Pakistan as Hindi is going to be the state language of India". Instantly Dr. Mohammad Shahidullah protested it. On 21 March, 1948 Mohammad Ali Jinnah declared, "Urdu and Urdu shall be the state language of Pakistan". People of East Pakistan protested it vigorously. Again, on 20 February in 1952, Nazim Uddin proclaimed that Urdu would be the state language. Consequently the alert and intelligent mass of East Pakistan, students, teachers and all organised people reacted and united under an umbrella for establishing Bangla as the state language. On the next day the language movement took the final shape. Violating section 144, they brought out a procession on 21 February 1952. In this movement many Bangalees including some students like Asad, Salam, Barkat, Rafiq, Jabbar, Shafiq and many others sacrificed their lives for mother tongue, Bangla. And that is why the 21st February is regarded as a red-letter day in our national life. Every year we remember this day with due respect. The day is declared as the Govt. holiday and on this day the National Flag remains half-mast and people go to Shaheed Minar barefooted for showing honour and sympathy to the martyrs. Now this day has been very significant because this day has been recognised by the UNESCO as the International Mother Language Day in its 30th General Assembly Meeting held on 17 November 1999. We can remember Abdul Gaffer's immortal sayings, "Blood stained of my brother of 21 February, can I forget it".

11. Terrorism/Anarchy/Violence: A threat to global peace

Terrorism or anarchy or violence is a fatal disease in society. It means the supreme reign of lawlessness for the inability of government to control. During a period of terrorism, lawlessness is seen to reign supreme. It demolishes tranquillity and peace in normal life. For the disturbance of peace, our civilised life falls into a great threat and our life becomes beck and call of terrorists. This ill condition of society urges others to extend the brutal passions of mind. It destroys the standard of social norms and behaviour which encourage the finer shades of feeling. On the other hand, in the absence of the law and order situation, man is compelled to become cruel, brutal, greedy, selfish and more concerned with personal than general welfare. In a state of anarchy, terrorism gets the upper hand. The law enforcing agencies also become passive. College and university students are being engaged in violence throwing their main duty of study to dust. Even the teachers are growing unconcerned about the welfare of the students. The basic principles of democracy for which they are shouting are going to be slaughtered at their hands. Everyone gets interested to take law in his own hand and most of us become passive spectators. Killing, looting, hijacking, kidnapping, teasing, threatening and other anti-social activities become the order of the day. Everywhere prevails a state of restlessness. Rules and regulations of every sector become polluted which bar all development works. So, if we want to develop and survive peacefully in the society, we have to endeavour all together to stop terrorism and to eradicate its root-source.

12. Cyber Café: A site for multidimensional communication

Cyber Café is the centre where the Internet users can have an easy access to get all types of information. In a cyber cafe there are arranged many computers with Internet connection. Here one can use Internet paying the required amount of money. Different types of people come to a cyber cafe in quest of different types of information. The modern cyber cafe is established providing the users with all sorts of facilities including fast food facilities. Most of the students go to a cyber cafe to get help from various educational corners. At times they collect information of different universities of the world for higher education and sometimes for better job. Those days are not so far when the students can take their class lecture from

anywhere of the worlds. It is also sure that some users go to a cyber cafe for gossiping with their friends through Internet. Again, one can have a telephone call with the help of net₂phone and with other popular programmes and devices. Some users go there with a view to checking their emails. Some are compelled to go to a cyber cafe because their telephone lines at home remain busy with normal phoning. Going to a cyber cafe the users can get the advantages of voicemail, email, telephone, web-phone, fax, telex and even videoconference. But for videoconference the cyber cafe requires a web camera or a digital video camera that gives the facility of enjoying movie-live pictures each other of the users. Nowadays a physician can treat a patient staying in other country through Internet. Moreover, the modern professional doctors are getting opportunities to make themselves up-to-date and becoming familiar with the new and latest systems of treatments. Besides these, all types of learners are to go to a cyber cafe not only for solving their perspective problems but also for having an acquisition of wisdom from the online Encarta Encyclopaedia, Britannica and many others. Browsing homepage and purchase-corner, the users can learn the price, quality etc of different products of different companies; and they can order them sending MasterCard, Visa-Card, Ready-Cash etc. through Internet. One can download freeware software, virus-protection tools and many other essentials from the web-site of Internet. Web-TV, 3-D games, virtual-reality, IRC (Internet Relay Chat) and so on cannot but excite our mind with entertainment. But the youngsters sometimes enjoy the taboo and obscene pictures and movies that may harm their moral characters. Moreover, they may spend time and money more than necessary. After all, we can say that cyber cafe is getting more and more popular day by day for its great importance.

13. Internet: A window of multidimensional communication

In the modern global world Internet is the easiest and cheapest way of communication. It is a new device for speedy transmission of notion, information, news, feelings etc. in the process of computer networks. De facto, Internet is the network of all Intranets and networks in the world. To have an Internet connection we need a speedy computer, modem, telephone line and the help of an ISP (Internet Service Provider). The ISP maintains all accounts of Internet users. When a user sends messages from his computer, the modem processes them and sends them to the ISP and finally the server of the ISP sends them to the destination. Nowadays this type of Internet connection is going to be obsolete because the new broadband Internet connection is providing the users with the advantages of Internet access without telephone wires. It is done with the help of an antenna and some other required devices. Moreover, the broadband Internet connection can provide the users with all types of modern communication facilities at the cheapest rate. Our T & T Board has already introduced VSAT in our country by which the users can have a connection without telephone line through wires. As a result, cellular telephone or mobile phone is being used in our country. Now cellular phone provides the advantages of Internet connection. However, through Internet we can access any information-zone of the world having only a click on the computer's mouse. We can exchange our views and ideas with others and simultaneously can have an Internet chat with the help of IRC (Internet Relay Chat) and with many other popular programmes. In modern transaction Internet is providing us with the facilities of Ready-Cash, MasterCard, Visa-Card and what not. Now text as well as image is possible to be sent simultaneously through Internet. Besides these, through Internet the users can get advantages of voicemail, email, telephone, web-phone, fax, telex, and videoconference. But for videoconference the users need a web-camera or a digital video camera. Through Internet videoconference one can enjoy the other's movie-live pictures with audio-visual options. Through Internet one can search / browse other's homepage and can download any information not only from the web-site but also from any corner of stored information. Except these, Internet plays a vital role in entertainment and education. Web-TV and 3-D online games cannot be ignored. Britannica, Encarta Encyclopaedia, online educational help have opened a new dimension of education. But sometimes the youngsters enjoy obscene pictures and movies that may hamper their moral characters. After all, we can opine that Internet communication is now regarded as a milestone in the modern communicative world.

14. Basic Human Rights: A global demand for establishing peace

In the present civilised world everybody has some rights to exercise. The rights to get food, shelter, education, medical treatment etc. are called fundamental rights. But the concept of basic human rights derives from the belief that a man cannot exist in this world without having certain rights in a particular tribe or in the society. The basic human rights are divided into different categories. They are social rights, civil rights, political rights, economic rights, religious rights and cultural rights. Social rights mean the rights to move freely, to arrange and attend any social function like meeting, conference, marriage ceremony, birthday party or any other social function. Civil rights refer to the rights of the citizens. Every citizen has the rights to be free from the interference, attack and disturbance of others. Political rights mean the rights to join trade union, to take part in the administration, to give vote and to have the freedom of speech including freedom of expression of opinions. An inhabitant will also exercise the cultural rights, religious rights and economic rights. A person can attend various cultural functions like Pahela Baishakh, carnival, jatra, snake charming, puppet show etc. as well as can arrange them at different times. In the same way people can enjoy various religious festivals like Eid-ul-Fitr, Eid-ul-Azha, Christmas day, Swarashati puja etc and all these are their religious rights. Moreover, people of different religions can independently say their respective prayers going to mosque, church, temple or pagoda, and perform other religious activities. Every person can possess properties, establish organisations, support others financially etc ----- all these are some examples of economic rights. In the constitution all rights of the people have been obviously mentioned. All citizens are equal in the eye of law and justice. But in many countries of the world including Bangladesh basic human rights are being violated brutally. This violation must be considered crime. And this type of crime is usually committed by the law-enforcing agencies, miscreants and politicians. Definitely they should be punished for violating fundamental human rights. So, some pragmatic measures should be adopted by the govt. as well as by all leading NGO's. All constitutional writings about basic human rights have to be materialised in no time. Moreover, we have to raise consciousness about the basic human rights among all people through different mass media like radio, television, cinema, newspaper, poster, internet etc. and through political activities, canvass and propaganda so that we can ensure the fundamental human rights for the overall betterment of all.

15. Dowry System: A heinous social curse

The most heinous system prevalent in our country is the dowry system. We often read in newspapers that wives especially newly married girls are tortured by their husbands in all possible ways. It is, therefore, regarded as a social evil and has become pressing problem to be solved. To eradicate this social evil, we must find the loophole and one should remain satisfied with mere laws and by-laws or enactment of some rules. Total change in the outlook of the society is the crying need at this moment. As it is a social evil, we are to tackle it socially. Society must be free from the idea of disparity and false feudal values, which do not recognise woman as the equal partner of man. Social and public boycotts are two of the main weapons that may be used. Additionally, strong legal measures should be taken against the erring parents who are indulging in this practice. Young men and women must come forward to put an end to this disgraceful system. Very often we move from one seminar to another, but there is no co-ordination between our words and our actions. We are not evaluating our movements, nor monitoring actions. While on one hand the dowry-related crimes continue to increase, on the other hand the programmes aimed at stopping dowry also continue to flourish. Of course, we should not belittle the struggle that has been continuing against dowry. As the problem of dowry springs from a male-dominated, poor and backward society, the movement against this issue must include socio-economic, cultural, political forces and women's organisations. The political parties and government must match word with action. General inequality is a major cause of dowry. Improving women's position in society would be an effective measure against dowry. The over-extravagant expenses for weddings and marriage-related functions must be curtailed as

the bridegrooms often take dowry so as to meet these costs. The girl's guardians must also be conscious about the issue. A girl should be brought up to be self-dependent. There is a tendency for the girl and the girl's family to simply tolerate the oppression because of risk the marriage's breaking up. The families must resort to legal action rather than encourage the girl to bear the oppression due to social shame and honour. Educated girls are also asked for dowry, but the poor illiterate girls have no alternative if abandoned by their husbands for dowry. Unfortunately in the rural areas, the daughters of poor farmers often study and work in order to earn enough money to pay dowry. The activists of all spheres against dowry must keep these factors in mind to eradicate dowry effectively.

16. Dengue Fever: A disease due to unhygienic environment

Dengue fever has become the 'talk of the country' of Bangladesh at present. It has spread throughout whole Bangladesh in an epidemic form. It is a virus fever. There are four different antigenic varieties of dengue viruses and all are transmitted by the daytime biting of *Aedes aegypti* mosquito. They are DEN-1, 2, 3 & 4 serotypes. From these viruses, two forms of dengue are recognised. One of them is classical dengue fever and the other is dengue haemorrhagic fever. Classical dengue fever is characterised by the abrupt onset of fever, malaise, headache, facial flushing, troubles pain. This pain is worse on eye movements, conjunctival suffusion and some backache that is a prominent symptom. Lymphadenopathy, petichiae on the soft palate and skin rashes may also occur. This classical dengue fever is recovered by seven days. The patient of classical dengue fever should drink adequate water, take complete rest, drink a lot of liquid food, wash whole body with wet-cloth and finally should take the tablets of paracetamol group to decrease the fever. Dengue haemorrhagic fever is very severe. It is believed to be the result of two or more sequential infections with different dengue serotypes. If the symptoms of dengue haemorrhagic fever of a patient are found, we should take him to the hospital and consult with a doctor immediately. We have to wash the patient's body again and again with a wet-cloth to mitigate fever. At the extreme case, it may be bleeding. The patient may be given paracetamol but never should be given aspirin group. It is a disease of children and has been found in South Asia and Africa. *Aedes* lays its eggs on standing or stagnant water in the holes of trees, plastic bottles, plastic cans, tin-pots, tyres, green coconut plates, polythene bags etc. All of us should be conscious about the eradication of *Aedes* mosquitoes and should take necessary steps for that. Besides, government should highlight it through different media and should take essential measures to protect dengue fever.

17. A Book Fair: An opportunity of spreading knowledge

These days the book fair has become very much popular. It has created a sense of interest for books among us. In a book fair hundreds of pavilions are set up. Miscellaneous books, fictions, textbook, dramas, children books, reference books etc. are displayed in a shop. The stalls are well decorated which enchant the mind of customers. There are also food and drink stalls. The tired customers take rest and refreshment there. The whole atmosphere wears a beautiful look. The main purpose of a book fair is not sale but it offers a rare opportunity to assess the advancement made in publication of books. It is heartening to see thousands of people coming to the fair and buying books according to their own interest. A book fair becomes crowded especially in the evening. Both male and female customers gather in a book fair. The writers also visit the fair regularly and sit in some stalls. Seminars and cultural programmes are also held in a book fair. A book fair bears the testimony of the refined culture of a country. A book fair reminds us that books are our best comrades. They can change our outlook of life and widen our domain of wisdom. It is book, which assists us to forget jealousy, malice, superstition and covetousness. After all, we get our most advantages from a book fair and that is why we should purchase book from a book fair or from a bookstall. A book fair bears the testimony of the refined culture of a country. A book reminds us that books are our best comrades.

18. A Bus Stand: A terminal for passengers

A bus stand is the place where the buses stop and where from they start. With the improvement of the roads and highways, the number of buses is increasing day by day. And the importance of the bus stand has become great. These stands can be seen by the roadside. There are a few big bus stands located at the district headquarters or in the big cities including the capital city. Besides these big bus-stands, there are other hundreds of bus stands scattered all over the country. At some bus stands, there are sheds for the convenience of the waiting passengers. Now some of the famous bus stands have ticket counters from where the passengers purchase tickets in advance to book a seat. Usually these are places of great din and bustle. Sometimes passengers are to wait under the open sky if there is no shed for their waiting. At most of the bus stands tea stalls are found nearby. Many passengers, while waiting for buses, go there and refresh themselves taking a cup of tea or coffee. Street hawkers are busy to draw the attention of the passengers. They sell betel leaves, biscuits, breads, cigarettes, pamphlets, magazines etc. Again, some street beggars cry in loud voice with a view to drawing the passengers' heed. When a bus comes up, there is a usual bustle and hurry among the passengers. Most of the buses are found jam-packed. Yet, people push one another to get on them. Some bus stands are filthy and noisy. Thieves, swindlers and pickpockets are also there in disguise. They sometimes try to misguide the innocent passengers for fulfilling their evil desires. All these pictures taken together remind us of the famous line of the poet, "Man may come and man may go, but I go on forever". This coming and going sustain the flow of life.

19. College Library: A storehouse of knowledge

A room or a building having a collection of books, periodicals etc. for the purpose of reading or selling or lending is called a library. A library can be seen to function in a college. In this manner we have a library in our college. It is the storehouse of knowledge and has great importance in respect of our learning and education. It is an inseparable part of our college. Our college library consists of three rooms. The biggest one has series of shelves with neatly arranged books, the second one is meant for reading and the third room is used as the librarian's room and office. In the reading room photos of the great scholars and poets have been hung on the wall. The library is well-lighted and airy. It has a large number of books on all disciplines to satisfy our requirement. Books can be borrowed by the students from the library. There are some books that are used only as reference books. They can be lent to anyone. During free hours students may use the library. There are about 10,000 books in our library. Every year new books are bought. It contains some rare books. It remains open from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. except on holidays. In our college library, there are sufficient number of dailies and magazines including English magazines. Students go through these and know the current affairs inside and outside the country. Most of the students read fiction including science fiction and novels of the native famous writers. Some of them read world famous books written by renowned writers. In fact, all types of students can fulfil their desires of knowledge coming to this library and can cut an expected figure in the examination. Actually, our college library is a source of knowledge and great attraction for us and we are really proud of it.

20. A Winter Morning: A panorama of natural beauty

Nature and her different phenomena are matters of wonder and mystery to us. The seasonal changes and the varieties never miss to draw our attention. In course of this the winter comes and a morning falling in this season is called a winter morning. Fog, mist, dew etc. are most common features of a winter morning. The sun shines very dimly. People like to remain comfortably wrapped up by the quilt till study or jobs do not force them to leave their bed. There is biting cold all around. The office goes and the school going children go out shivering in the chill. However, a winter morning presents a sad contrast between the rich and the poor. Walking or riding in the motor car with clothes to prevent the cold air the rich loiter here and

there comfortably, whereas the poor warm themselves sitting round a fire until the sun rises a little higher. It is a very common scene to see people of all ages basking in the sun. The birds and beasts feel happy to see the rays of the sun. Farmers go to the field with 'hooka' in their hands. Mothers prepare various kinds of cakes and serve them to the members of the family. Date juice is another attraction in the rural areas. Most of the people in our country are fond of drinking raw date juice. Besides, various types of native foods including cakes are prepared from date juice. Moreover, dewdrops on grass and leaves and numberless colourful flowers cannot but delight our mind on a winter morning. After a while the sunny day starts and people begin their day's work in full swing.

21. Pahela Baishakh: A token of Bengali identity

Pahela Baishakh is one of our festival days. In our Bengali year we celebrate Pahela Baishakh on the first Baishakh every year. The day is celebrated with traditional festivities across the country. On this day different types of people of different social classes come out from their respective residence and enjoy the carnival enthusiastically and publicly because it is a public holiday. Traders and shopkeepers open *halkhata* (fresh account books) and offer sweets to their customers and clients with a view to satisfying them keeping the age-old tradition. Children, young, adults, aged ----- all people of both male and female look forward to celebrating this day with great hope and aspiration. At the very dawn they go outside to celebrate Pahela Baishakh eating *panta vath*. Most of the girls adorn themselves wearing fresh dress and flowers in their locks. Young and adult boys like to sing with the traditional musical instruments like *ektara*, *dotara*, bamboo-flute, *sarinda* etc. and somebody likes to wear mask of different things. Different socio-cultural organisations draw up elaborate programmes to celebrate Pahela Baishakh. The day's first programme begins at dawn at Ramna Batamul where Chhayanat, a leading cultural organisation, organises it. Bangla Academy, Shilpakala Academy, Bulbul Lalitakala Academy, Jatiya Press Club, Liberation War Museum, Bangladesh National Museum, Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University and many other organisations bring out colourful processions with festoons, placards, posters, banners, masks etc. Bangladesh Betar, BTV, ETV telecast different lively programmes describing and showing the festival activities of Pahela Baishakh. We can't but memorise this day with great pleasure every year singing together -----

"Esho hei Baishakh
Esho hei Baishakh"

22. Load Shedding: A paucity of power generation

Load shedding has become a very common affair in our daily life these days. The people living in the areas supplied with electricity are quite familiar with the term load shedding. In the modern world electricity plays a very important role in regulating our life. Any interruption in the supply of this vital item of energy can put the whole system out of order and simultaneously can paralyse our daily activities. In our country there is hardly any area which is not affected by load shedding. Load shedding means the discontinuation of supply of electricity. Load shedding occurs when generation of power is less than the demand and when we distribute electricity wrongly. It creates many problems of far-reaching consequences in the economic and social development of the country. Most of the mills and factories become idle and for this reason industrial production declines and workers are retrenched. Social works and activities cannot go in order. Students cannot study properly because of the failure of electricity. During load shedding they are to study in dim candlelight. The housewife gropes in the darkness in the kitchen. The shops are to close down before the closing time. Spectators in the cinema hall spend hours in stuffy suffocation for load shedding. All types of productions stop and the entire life comes to a standstill during the period of load shedding. So, proper steps should be taken to stop load shedding. By establishing more power plants, power houses and by stopping unplanned distribution of electricity, illegal connection and reducing system loss, we can solve this problem.

23. Traffic Jam: An upshot of uncontrolled vehicles

Nowadays traffic jam is a very common affair in urban life. It is one of the major problems of our country. This problem is the result of rapid growth of population and the augment of vehicles. Very often this problem occurs in the congested areas where the roads are very narrow. Traffic jam occurs for many causes. With the growth of our population roads do not increase. Most of the roads of our country are all the same. Moreover, day by day the number of licensed vehicles is increasing leaps and bounds that should be controlled with the strict rule. Most of the drivers are not willing to abide by the traffic rules and regulations. They always want to overtake other vehicles, which causes not only traffic jam but also serious accidents. Besides, in our country the number of traffic police is inadequate. At the office time traffic jam occurs in the congested areas even in the spacious area. Sometimes traffic jam occurs so largely that it blocks one kilometre. So, it kills our most valuable time that causes great sufferings to the ambulance bearing dying patients and the fire brigade vehicles. Besides, our desired works are very often hampered for traffic jam. This problem can be solved by constructing adequate spacious roads and highways and controlling the number of vehicles and following the traffic rules. The proportion of wide road should be made and one way movement of vehicles should be introduced. After all, everybody of us ought to abide by the traffic rules to continue a good traffic system for our own interests.

24. Banning of Polythene Bags: A step to avert hazard

The menace of polythene is regarded as a threat to our environment because it cannot be burned or destroyed. It is a matter of congratulation that Bangladesh Government has banned polythene bags at length. People were demanding to stop the production, uses and black-marketing of polythene bags. At last in a meeting, presided over by the Prime Minister in the presence of the Environment and Forest Minister, this decision was taken. In this decision it was banned firstly from Dhaka City from 01 January 2002 and from 01 March from the whole country. On an average, 6 million polythene bags were being used everyday only in Dhaka City. About eighty percent of these bags were thrown out into dustbin. Forty percent of these polythene bags find their way into the drain, sewerage line and manhole. As polythene remains unchanged like a strong curtain through which nothing can pass, the dirty water of drains and manhole is overflowed. As a result, water clogs stagnantly in different places. About 5 million pieces of jute-bags were marketed as alternative immediate after the banning of polythene bags. These bags cost five to seven taka per piece. BJMC also delivers jute bags costing taka two only. After a few days multitude bags are marketed. People are now able to carry these bags in pocket. All types of polythene bags have many disadvantages. It cannot be mixed with soil and thus the fertility of cultivable land is lessened. It spreads skin diseases and causes harm to nutrition of trees. Besides, air is polluted while burning these polythene bags. It also causes some serious chronic diseases like tuberculosis and cancer. We should avoid using as well as producing polythene bags as early as possible with a view to liberating our natural environment from their disadvantages. The specialists think that it may take time to ensure not using the polythene bags anywhere. Now it has been a burning question for us all that we should stop the production, uses and marketing of polythene bags for our own betterment as soon as possible.

25. A Traffic Police: A regulator of traffics

A traffic police is a very familiar figure in towns and cities. He usually stands on the island at the crossing of roads. His duty is to control the traffic in the busy and crowded roads of the town. He puts on his specific uniform usually with a cap. He has also a white umbrella to protect him from the sun and the rain. He uses a whistle to draw the attention of the drivers and passers-by. As soon as he raises his hand across a road, all the vehicles passing along that road stop at once and passers-by are allowed to cross the road safely. Next he extends his hand in another direction and the traffic on that road comes to a standstill and

the stopped traffic on the previous road starts moving on. This goes on for the whole day. A traffic police maintains discipline in roads and highways and plays a vital role in road transports. Some of the traffic police are not well-trained and that's why they maintain the traffic whimsically that interrupts the normal speed of all traffics. He does not earn a lot because his salary is very poor. He cannot support his family well and cannot fulfil his desires as he is to lead a very simple life. However, he should be well-paid so that he need not adopt unfair means for his living. Only a few of the traffic police are involved in illegal operations and they unnecessarily halt buses, trucks or any kind of vehicles and demand money illegally. This may lead a country to destruction gradually. Rather, a traffic police should be a great friend of the passers-by and must be an important person of a nation.

26. A Street Accident: An unexpected episode

Among daily's unfortunate occurrences, street accident is very common. Despite all efforts to prevent accident, it happens everyday. Ours is a very over-populated country. Here roads are very busy and narrow. That is why street accidents take place very frequently. Careless driving is also responsible for this. Day before yesterday a terrible accident took place just before my eyes. It occurred in front of Dhaka College. I was going to the New Market. When I reached the college gate, suddenly I heard a scream of a boy. I found that a boy, who was crossing the Mirpur Road, was run over by a speedy truck. When the truck was a few feet away from him, the boy got puzzled and ran backwards and forwards. The driver tried desperately to hold the break but failed. The truck ran over the boy. He was crushed under the wheels of the truck and his body was changed into a lump of flesh. The truck was stopped. The passers-by crowded there. The boy was taken up from the pool of blood. A gentleman offered his car to carry the boy to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. In the evening I came to know that the boy had breathed his last on way to the hospital, and I was greatly shocked at this. The truck along with the driver had been taken to police custody. But that horrible scene still haunts my mind. However, we all should always bear in mind that life is more valuable than time. Moreover, some proper steps should be taken and some strict rules should be introduced to stop street accidents.

27. Deforestation: An unwise act leading to disasters

Deforestation means cutting down trees in large number. The causes of deforestation are many. Bangladesh is one of the most densely-populated countries in the world. Her population is much more in proportion to its area. This huge number of population needs more food, shelter, agricultural land, fuel, furniture, medicine etc. People cut trees for various purposes. Most of the villagers cut down trees to use them as fuel. Some of them use trees as wood, wooden furniture and some sell trees for getting quick profit. There are some dishonest people who cut trees in the forests to make money. The effects of deforestation are too many to describe. This destruction disturbs our ecological balance. The existence of wildlife is going to be threatened. Due to deforestation carbon dioxide is increasing worldwide. As a result, the world is becoming warmer. The sea level is rising and many parts of the world are going to be engulfed by the sea in near future. On the other hand, new areas of the world are turning into deserts as a result of deforestation. The removal of trees causes birds and other animals living on them to leave the place. It also causes serious damage to the soil, as trees give protection to soil as well. Aftermaths, the soil gets sediment in the riverbed and causes frequent floods. So, if we destroy trees at random, one day the country may turn into a great desert. All living animals and birds will not find any food or shelter to live in. That's why they will be destroyed. There will be no rain and as a result our agriculture will face a great crisis. The temperature will rise and it will cause green house effect. The country will be unsuitable for living and various natural calamities like flood, drought, storm, earthquake etc. will visit our country. Immediate measures should be taken to prevent deforestation. People should be made aware of tree plantation through mass media. And tree plantation programme should be extended throughout the country so that we can make our country evergreen, fruitful and prosperous.

28. A Hartal Day: A suspension of regular activities

In modern civilisation most of the states of the world face hartal in season and out of season. So we are quite familiar with it. Hartal is the rightful demand of the political parties. It is observed at the call of a political party or parties to press their demand to the ruling party. Sometimes the opposition political party or parties call hartal against the corruption, misgovernment, misuse of power and the evil deeds of the ruling party. At times students and people of a locality call hartal to expose their demand. On a hartal day the usual course of life is hampered. The communication system of the country is broken down as all vehicles and the other transports cannot move. Rickshaws are seen few and far between. Picketers burn cars and others on the road to stop the movement of the vehicles. People are to face a lot of troubles on a hartal day. They go on foot. The road looks desolate. The economical activities of the country come to a stand still. Most of the mills and factories, markets and shops remain closed. The foreign investors lose their interest to the country. Often clashes occur between the police and picketers or between the hartal activists and the anti-hartal activists. Sometimes these clashes bring loss of lives. The police are engaged in important spots to control the situation and to avert unwanted events. Yet harassment of man and women often becomes a common scene. On a hartal day students suffer a lot. We hope the peaceful solution of any problem arisen between the government and the opposition. Above all, we should consider the suffering of the people while calling hartal. We also ought to consider that the would-be hartal is so necessary? So we should abstain ourselves from calling hartal as far as possible.

29. A Railway Station: A terminal for passengers

A railway platform/station is the place where trains stop at and depart from. The passengers get on and get off a train from a railway station/platform. It usually occupies a large area. A railway station has a platform. However a big railway station has a number of platforms. Platforms are often covered with huge tin-shed. If there are more than one platform, an over-bridge connects them. In a railway station/platform there are some rooms too, namely station master's room, waiting room, restaurant, go-down, booking office, ticket counter. There are some benches in the railway station/platform for the convenience of the travelling passengers. One can also see some stalls in a row selling cheaper kinds of books, newspapers, magazines etc. snacks and tea and even stationary goods. Besides, a large number of hawkers can be seen busily moving from passengers to passengers with cigarettes, betel leaf, bread, chanachur etc. We find some beggars, thieves, swindlers and pickpockets in that place too. A railway platform/ station becomes very busy when a train arrives. Whistles of the train, rustling sound of the engine, movements of the passengers in a hurry, shouts of the hawkers and porters make the railway station/platform full of din and bustle. When the train whistles away, the station becomes calm and quiet. All these pictures taken together remind us of the famous line of the poet, "Man may come and man may go, I go on forever". This coming and going sustain the flow of life. Of course, a railway station/platform is a very busy and important place.

30. Greenhouse Effect: A catastrophe in days ahead

Greenhouse effect signifies gradual warming of the earth's atmosphere. It is thought to be caused by increased carbon dioxide in the air. The scientists are very much concerned about this natural phenomenon. In recent years there have been many alarming reports that the world's climate is undergoing a significant change. All these reports provide strong evidence that world temperatures are increasing day by day. This increase is known as global warming caused by increased amount of carbon dioxide around the earth. Most climatologists believe that the 'greenhouse effect' is the most likely cause of this global warming. Climatologists predict that by midway through the next century temperatures may have risen by as much as 4°C . This could catastrophically reduce mankind's ability to grow food, destroy or severely damage wildlife and wilderness, raise sea levels and thereby flood coastal areas and farmland.

As a result of the rise of the sea level, the lower southern part of the country may one day go under water. Scientists are now taking steps to isolate and destroy radioactive elements which are really dangerous for mankind. In fact, its damaging effect is so extensive that it is one of the most widely discussed topics nowadays. Sensing danger, the United Nations Environmental Programme is sponsoring 5th June of every year as the World Environmental Day to evolve fruitful possibilities. Seminars are being regularly held all over the world to make the people conscious of the impending danger to mankind. We must follow the guidelines to create a better environment and save life on this beautiful planet.

31. Women's Contribution to Society: An unveiled truth

Woman is an important part of the world. But woman is not given so much privilege, as she needs to express herself. However, the role of women in nation building cannot be denied any more in the context of present reality of the world. It is not possible for any nation to get to goal without allowing women to play an active role. There was a time when women were looked upon without any dignity and honour. They were mere instruments to serve the family affairs. But with the progress of civilisation, the outlook and the attitude of the world towards women have changed. This is true not only for the western countries but also for the Islamic countries as well. And Bangladesh is not an exception to this. It may be safely asserted that the development of a nation depends on the women-folk too. A number of women in our country are working in different garment factories. By working in the factory they earn their livelihood and maintain their family. There are also many women who are working in government and non-government offices with their professionals nowadays. They are working and earning a lot not only for supporting their own family but also for contributing to the whole development of our country. The women of Bangladesh are developing themselves in every stage of life. They are now more conscious, serious and professional. They are getting educated as well as preparing themselves for competing with the male. The women are now enjoying their fundamental rights. But it is a matter of great regret that a number of women in both villages and towns in our country have to face a lot of social and religious bindings. But according to Islam both men and women should be given equal rights. So, government as well as the educated circle of our population should come forward to establish the rights of the women so that they can actively take part in nation building. Thinking women's contribution to society, our national and rebel poet Kazi Nazrul Islam uttered, "What are great in this world, half has been done by woman half by man."

32. Female Education: A great stride towards development

Female education is very essential for the overall development of a nation. More or less half of the population of a country is female. Leaving the female uneducated and unemployed, no nation can prosper. That's why female education has been a crying need of the day. Once women were confined within the four walls of the house and were used to doing only household chores. At that time, they were deprived of the light of education because of the prejudice, unconsciousness, superstition, social backwardness, prejudiced outlook, social barrier, obstacle by the fundamentalists and so on. But now it has changed a lot and women are getting educated gradually. In our country about 7 crore people are women out of 14 crore in total. But most of the women are lagging far behind in education. The rate of female literacy is about 20%. This rate of female literacy is alarming because without their education, our satisfactory development is impossible. Napoleon Bonaparte said, "Give me an educated mother and I will give you an educated nation". From this line we can easily realise the importance of female education. Women need to be educated for different reasons. To be a conscious citizen of the country, to be an active member of the family and society, to be a good mother or wife and to lead a self-reliant better life, a woman should be educated properly. Besides, educated women have higher income potential than those who have had no schooling. Many people consider women inferior to men. But it is their wrong concept. Except the biological difference, a girl has every capacity to work and to achieve high position in life as a man can.

An educated woman is conscious of her duties, rights and responsibilities. So, we should take every necessary step to ensure an environment to educate our female force. Parents ought to be encouraged to send their daughters to school. The govt. and NGO's should patronise the education for girls in order that they can be educated and can play a vital role in the development of our country.

33. Sports and Entertainment: A way to mirthful life

Sports and entertainment are very often regarded as a means of keeping good health and leading a sound life. None can keep his body and mind sound without them. Among different types of outdoor sports, cricket and football are very popular. Nowadays these have become very popular with the young generations all over the world. Again out of different indoor sports, hadudu, gollasut, dariabadha, kanamachhi, jump, race and volleyball are noteworthy. Most of the sports require quick movement of the limbs. This helps blood-circulation and makes the body strong and healthy. Sports have certain rules that the participants have to abide by. Thus through games and sports people learn discipline that is very essential for practical life. So, sports are very beneficial in different ways. Different people like different sports. I like football best. Cricket seems to me lengthy and time-killing though it is interesting. Games and sports give us opportunities to meet many people of different countries. The sports venue becomes a meeting place of miscellaneous people. When people of different nations get together on the occasion of an international sporting event, they come closer to each other sharing views and opinions and thus they can make friendship as well as develop the sense of international brotherhood. However, except games and sports there are other types of entertainment though there have been significant changes in the types of entertainment over time. Snake charming, puppet show, jatragan, jarigan, sharigan and kabigan have lost their appeal to some extent. Radio, television, cinema, band and pop music, internet, videogame, mobile-vision etc. are some leading sources of entertainment in modern time. From all these sources we get a lot of pleasures. As sports and entertainment make our body and mind fit for work, we should regularly enjoy sports and entertainment.

34. Illiteracy: A crucial curse to society

Illiteracy means the state of being unable to read and write. It is a curse to any society because illiterate people cannot differentiate between right and wrong and so they cannot contribute to the development and welfare of the community. People being educated can go ahead to the right path and can lead a country to progress and prosperity. To give emphasis on literacy, the Prophet Mohammad (SM) equated one literate non-believer with ten illiterate believers. As education makes a man enlightened, illiterate people are deprived of the light of education. So, most often illiterate people cannot rectify themselves, cannot change their mentality and obsolete harmful habits, cannot adapt with the new and modern thoughts, cannot accept the positive social changes, cannot think all equal, cannot develop the sense of universal brotherhood and so on. That's why, illiteracy is often called a curse. It is a great impediment to the process of social development. It baffles all development efforts. It gives rise to poverty, unemployment problem, population problem, health and sanitation problem etc. It is compared to darkness. So, an illiterate man is always in the dark and is considered a burden to the society. On the contrary, an educated man is often enlightened and is considered a great asset to the country. He can do many things for the welfare of the country. And for these reasons, illiteracy should be annihilated. It is the responsibility of the literate people to make the illiterate literate and remove the darkness of ignorance from the country. We know that the concerted efforts of the literate and illiterate people can make a country developed. To remove illiteracy, the govt. must budget for the campaign of eradicating illiteracy. Night schools and mass literacy centres should be established at every village. Mass media like radio, television and newspaper can take some initiatives and effective programmes to educate the illiterate. In this way, if we can eradicate illiteracy from our society, we will be able to make ours a prosperous country.

35. Poverty: A barrier to social development

Poverty means the state in which man cannot meet up the fundamental needs of life. There are many causes of poverty. Illiteracy is the main cause of remaining poor. Superstition, early-marriage, over-population, scarcity of work, unemployment, unconsciousness etc. are also responsible for poverty. Poverty crates a lot of problems. It is also the root cause of many misdeeds. Poverty-affected people cannot lead a decent life. They go without better clothes, shelter, medical care and education. At times some of them are compelled to beg from door to door and from man to man. Begging is not a job and it is very disgraceful in the society. But some poor people instead of begging go on stealing, robbing, snatching and hijacking. They are treated as miscreants and terrorists. All these are the outcome of poverty. So, poverty alleviation is a must for establishing peace in a state. In our country most of the people are poor. They live below poverty line. They earn a little to keep body and soul together. Again many of them are involved in some unethical and heinous activities. These should not be allowed to continue. If we want to stop all unethical activities and corruption, at first we have to eradicate poverty from our society. But how can we wipe out poverty? The first step that we can take up is the diversification of the economy. As ours is an agro-based economy, it is imperative to diversify our agricultural output. Besides, we have to go for non-agricultural diversification. In order to do so, we can move into labour-intensive industries, as labour is very cheap in our country. Population control is a must and various positive incentives may be offered for small planned families. Illiteracy ought to be eradicated. After all micro-credit should be provided among the poor on easy terms so that they can change their lots. These few steps will surely help in reducing poverty that has plagued us for decades. According to Dr. Yunus, a Nobel laureate for peace rightly said, "If micro-credit were offered to all the poor people, poverty of all kinds would be sent to the museum."

36. Stephen Hawking: A scientist on a wheelchair

Stephen Hawking is considered the greatest physicist and scientist after Albert Einstein. He was born in 1942 in an educated family in the United States of America. He obtained his Ph.D. in Cosmology from Cambridge University by the time he was 26 years old. He got married in 1963. He was equally interested both in physics and mathematics from his boyhood. From an early age he was very skilled in mathematics. His book "A brief history of Time: From the Big Bang to the Present Times" made him famous and established his reputation as a great scientist. He is also famous for his investigations into the origins of the universe. In this book he explains cosmology for the general public. At the age of 32 he received the prestigious Albert Einstein Award for theoretical physics. In 1979 he joined Cambridge University as Lucasian professor of mathematics. But this great scientist gradually started losing control over muscles of his body as gradually became a victim of Gehrig's disease. Since 1972 he has been confined to the wheelchair with no power to control his body except for some limited movement of his head and hands only. He can speak only through a computer with a voice synthesiser that converts his messages into sounds. Despite all these physical disabilities, he continues his research work as well as his delivering lectures by using his special type of computer. He lives with his wife and three daughters. An American organisation provides him with twenty-four hour nursing facilities for his physical well being.

37. Acid Throwing: An awful social disease

Acid throwing is one of the most heinous crimes. Nowadays it has become very rampant in our country. Almost everyday we find the news of acid throwing in all the newspapers of our country. If we want to find out the cause of acid throwing, we will have to inspect all possible and related topics for which acid throwing may occur. Frustrated lovers are involved in this evil deed. When they fail to win the heart of their beloved, they try to have revenge. Finding no other way of taking revenge, they throw acid on them.

The effects of acid throwing are very detrimental. In most cases the victims succumb to injuries. And those who survive drag a very miserable and pathetic life. Either they are crippled or paralysed. The victims also look ugly because their appearance and body become deformed and very often they become inactive. Acid throwing is an inhuman and barbarous act. It turns a man into beast. This problem cannot be solved overnight. First of all law and order situation of the country should be improved. Law enforcing authorities should always remain alert. The criminals should be hard-heartedly dealt with. Exemplary punishment should be inflicted on the criminals. It's a matter of joy that government has already formulated a law for giving punishment to the acid throwers. Judicial system regarding the punishment of the criminals should be prompt because there goes a proverb that "Justice delayed justice denied". More law and enforcing agencies should be employed at important points. Besides, those people who may throw acid should be provided with suitable jobs so that they can give up this repulsive criminal activity. Moreover, people of all walks of life should come forward to develop their morality. After all, mass media should come forward to make people conscious about this outrageous act, the pathetic effects and punishment of acid throwing in order that they can avoid this heinous job.

38. Micro-credit: An approach to rural development

Micro-credit is the term, which is related to banks, finance and economics of a country. It was first introduced by a banker named Professor Muhammad Yunus. Micro-credit is the process of giving short and long-term loan to the poor people. In the developed countries, people can get different types of huge loan from different financial organisations and even from the government. They can use that loan-money for their business purposes, for constructing their residential buildings, for buying a brand car and many more. But in the poor and developing countries like ours, we cannot get a huge amount of money from any financial organisation and even not from the government. Living in the third-world countries we cannot afford to run a big business nor can we execute an industry because most of us live below the poverty line. On the other hand, we can't revive our cottage industries, small industries, handicrafts and our cultural products due to the lack of proper finance. That is why our national progress is retarded and not on the increase. In this case Grameen Banks and some other banks have come forward to take valiant and challenging steps for the development of our country. These banks give the poor the opportunity of micro-credit for their own development. Proper steps are taken to ensure the best use of money lent to the poor. The system of lending money of micro-credit process is so flexible that people can pay money from their profit. So, this process has gained popularity in our country particularly in rural areas and it has been acclaimed by many western countries. They are now following the micro-credit system to alleviate poverty of their countries. So, with the micro-credit system, the poor can be able to lessen poverty and change their lots. Gradually they can develop and play a vital role in the economical development of the country.

39. Grameen Bank: A bank for the poor

A bank is a financial institution that provides people with money for their economic development as well as takes money from them as deposit. But the Grameen Bank not only provides money but also arranges training for the rural poor people. Most of the efficient banks are not willing to lend money to the poorer section of the society whereas the Grameen Bank gives loan to the poor and to the downtrodden. Dr. Yunus, professor of Economics Department in Chittagong University, is the pioneer of micro-credit and the founder and managing director of the Grameen Bank. In 1976 Professor Yunus began a research-work about poverty alleviation and later established the Grameen Bank to help the poor people. The project first started working in a village of Chittagong district. Afterwards the Government declared the Grameen Bank in 1983. Now there are a lot of branches of the Grameen Bank all over the country. This bank gives

loan especially to the poor rural women. By proper using of that money, the poor women can change their lots. They can establish poultry firms and by selling eggs they can earn money to support the family. Before borrowing money the interested people are to make 5-6 groups of workers, each having five members. They should also have a centre, where the bank will work to give loans and receive payment of loans. Two or three thousand taka is given to each member to invest the money in a profitable business. People are to pay a small interest to the bank and are to follow certain rules and procedures of the bank. Besides giving loan and training, the bank also encourages the people to school their children, follow family planning etc. It cannot be denied that the Grameen Bank plays a vital role in alleviating poverty. Now many impoverished people coming above the poverty line are eating three square meals instead of one and are living with family members happily. To acknowledge this contribution, the Grameen Bank and Dr. Yunus recently have been awarded Nobel Peace Prize. It is undoubtedly a great achievement and a tremendous success in banking activities.

40. Bangladeshi Culture: An indigenous panorama

Culture means idea, behaviour, norm, language, music, function and tradition of the society of a particular zone. A society's culture is made up of all of its ideas and ways of behaving. It also includes ways of working and playing, and the tools and other objects made and used by people in the society. As studying a person's repeated actions is a good way to find out about that person, studying the important patterns of an entire society is a way to learn about the culture of that group. Patterns of behaviour and action vary from individual to individual, class to class, society to society and country to country. These differences are referred to as cultural differences. What is an appropriate mode of behaviour in one culture might prove inappropriate or even rude in another culture. As an independent country, we have our own national identity and our own culture. Our culture is very healthy and affluent in all respects. Its root goes in the long past. It has developed itself on the agriculture-based economy and in a charming way. People in Bangladesh are Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and some Christians. The major festivals are the two Eids of the Muslims, Durga Puja of the Hindus, Boudha Purnima of the Buddhists and the Christmas day of the Christians. Pahela Baishakh is the common festival day of all Bangalees irrespective of cast and creed. Foods that we eat are very clean, tasteful and good for health. Rice, fish, meat, vegetables, milk, different kinds of sweetmeats and delicious native fruits like mangoes, jackfruits, lichi, blackberry, banana, pineapple are our favourite foods. We speak Bengali and our literature is rich with Madhusudan Dutt, Rabindranath Tagore, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Farruk Ahmed, Sukanta Bhattacharja, Sunil Gangapadhye etc. All their writings have exposed our cultural identity. Apart from the patterns and styles of other cultures, we have our own cultural dress, taste and music. We put on pajama, panjabi, lungi, dhuti, sari, blouse and skirt. In our country we have many kinds of folk songs. Palligeeti, Lalongeeti, Bhatiali Bhawaiya, Gambhira, Marfoti, Murshidi, Jarigan, Sharigan, Kabigan, Gonosangeet etc. Moreover, we enjoy snake charming, puppet show, jatra, concert, cockfight, bullfighting, boat-racing etc. Besides these, Pahela Baishakh celebration, Baishakhi Mela, Nabannaya are no less important sides of our cultural events. Bangladeshi culture is different from other cultures of the world. The modes of life, behaviour patterns, cultural functions are significant and they expose our national criteria. But these days we are getting influenced by other cultures and so we are forgetting our own cultural events. But we can enjoy, express our views and ideas and lead our life happily in our own way and through our native culture. However, we are proud of our own culture.

41. Influence of Western Civilisation: A threat to our culture

Civilisation means an advanced and organised state of human and social development. It exposes a society or a country, its culture and its way of life during a particular period of time. In fact, a country or a nation is known by its civilisation. The influence of western civilisation is the most talked topic. Western culture

is intruding into our culture in a very alarming way. This intrusion of western culture into our own culture has both advantages and disadvantages. Now young generation takes little interest in our own traditional folk song. Pop music gives them more pleasure. Very few people hear the 'ektara', 'dotara', Baul song, 'jari' and 'shari gan'. These days no more people go to see the 'jatra' that was a great source of entertainment in the past. The circus show is now less popular than before. Western civilisation has introduced us with the people, society, food, dress, education, history and culture of the whole of western world. Gradually we are changing our dress pattern and speaking style with English accent. Now the western hamburgers, sandwiches, hotdogs, yoghurt, dosa, pizza, kentucky fried chicken and rolls have become very popular. Western civilisation develops our consciousness of the western world and helps us to make a comparative study between western civilisation and ours and to judge the standard of our culture. It also helps to enrich our civilisation by accepting the good things of western civilisation. The disadvantages of western civilisation for our society are very remarkable. It has already created such bad effect on our youngsters. The young people are trying to imitate western gross and vulgar culture forgetting our own culture. If this continues, our own culture and tradition will be vanished immediately. In the present global world, we cannot discard western civilisation. So, we should try to grasp what is good and abandon what is bad in western civilisation.

42. Holy Eid-ul-fitr: The greatest Muslim festival

Eid-ul-fitr is the biggest religious festival of the Muslims. It comes to us marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan. The Muslims in our country as everywhere throughout the world celebrate it with religious fervour. During the holy month of Ramadan the Muslims keep fasting because it is regarded as one of the five pillars of Islam. The month-long fasting gives us the opportunity to reshape our life in accordance with the teachings of Islam. Moreover, it prohibits us from doing all wrong, inhuman and harmful acts and at the same time develops fellow feeling and philanthropic mentality in us. Eid-ul-fitr comes to us to establish peace and harmony in the society. So, all kinds of falsehood and wrongdoing, which bring anarchy in the society, must be eradicated. Eid comes to us not only for enjoyment but also for our self-judgement and purification. On Eid Day we should have our hearty thanks and devotions to the Almighty Creator. In fact, Eid awakens in us the spirit that stimulates us in giving a concrete shape to the worldly and spiritual life. The common scene on Eid Day is exchanging greeting and embracing after prayers. We also visit family members, friends and neighbours and exchange our greetings. Eid teaches us the great qualities of charity and sharing and it is a symbol of unity and fraternity. So, we should celebrate this Eid Day with a view to establishing an exploitation-free society.

43. Bangladesh: A beautiful land of nature

Bangladesh is a beautiful country lying on the shore of the Bay of Bengal. It is situated in South Asia surrounded by India on three sides where Myanmar is little away to the south of the country. Geographically Bangladesh is placed on a fertile land where there are many big and small rivers and few hills. Bangladesh earned her independence in 1971 from the Pakistani autocracy that imposed a rule of torture, oppression and discrimination since 1947 when the Indian subcontinent was divided into two parts by the British colonists. Bangladesh achieved the long-cherished independence on December 16, 1971 after a bloody war of nine months and established a separate identity on the world map. Her capital city is Dhaka. The people of Bangladesh speak in Bangla. The minor group of indigenous people who are scattered all over the country speak their aboriginal language along with Bangla. It is to be mentioned here that Bangalees are the only nation who laid down their lives for their language and established it as a prime language during the regime of Pakistani rule in 1952. Most of the people are Muslims but there are other religious people, i.e. Hindus, Christians and Buddhists who live in peace creating a tranquil brotherhood of one single national identity. They share and participate in each other's joys and sorrows

and celebrate each other's ceremonies without any religious dogmatism or prejudices. They celebrate Eids, Pujas and Christian festivals with traditional festivities. Geographical position of the country provides it with a moderate climate. Summer and winter are not extreme. In Bangladesh there are six seasons—summer, the rainy season, early autumn, late autumn, winter and spring. Our climate is very congenial for producing agricultural items like rice, jute, sugarcane, etc. The chief occupation of people is agriculture. Almost 80% people depend on agriculture while people of other professions are gradually rising. However, this rise is seen in the urban areas only but rural community can never part with agriculture. Cox's Bazar, the four hilly districts, Sylhet, Kuakata, Moynamoti, the Shat Gombuj Mosque, the Buddhist Vihara are some of the main tourist spots of Bangladesh.

44. Sidr: A ruinous natural disaster

According to the official language of Sri Lanka - Sinhalese, the word 'Sidr' stands for 'eye'. Definitely, the Sidr does not look like the eyes. The Sidr, the terrible eye, rushed with great signal number 10 and smashed the whole southern districts on the night of November 15, 2007. With wind speed up to 280 km per hour and tidal surge of 20 to 25 feet high, the Sidr flattened the Sundarbans, Mongla port, Khulna, Bhola, Patuakhali, Barguna, Jhalakhati, Pirospur, Satkhira, Shariatpur, Faridpur, Gopalganj, Bagerhat and Barisal. The Sidr has devastated crops, houses, trees, mangrove forest, livestock, birds, animals, infrastructures etc. The death has crossed eight thousand people. More than a thousand are reported dead according to the grief-stricken relatives. Preliminary investigations have suggested that nearly 60000 persons have been injured. It is also apparent that more than a million rural households have been seriously affected. Standing crops on 1.6 million acres have been fully ruined. Over 8000 educational institutions have been fully or partially destroyed. This has hampered educational activities of nearly 750,000 students. Preliminary assessment has indicated that nearly 20 percent of the vegetables have been destroyed. Almost one-third of the Sundarbans, a world heritage, has been totally demolished. The government of this country supplies relief to the affected people and ensures rehabilitation. The concerned authority must ensure information about the natural disasters, warn people and shift them to safe places. The young students can help people with rescue operation. They can raise awareness among the people so that they can take precautionary measures. They can also work in coordination with the govt. NGOs and donor agencies to assist the affected people of natural disasters like the Sidr.

45. Shaheed Minar: A symbol of respect to martyrs

The Central Shaheed Minar, designed by Hamidur Rahman, was built in honour of the martyrs who were killed in 1952 during the historical Language Movement. It is located at the premises of Dhaka University, beside the Dhaka Medical College. The Shaheed Minar is not simply a memorial but something more. It is of great importance and significance in our national life. The Shaheed Minar is the symbol of our national hopes and aspirations. It has been designed with a view to focussing on the Language Movement as the central concept. The Shaheed Minar conveys the aspirations of the people. The basic horizontal and vertical forms of the Shaheed Minar bring out the concept of Bengali solidarity and unity for her national identity. The vertical lines are the manifestations of inner strength and the four columns on both sides of the central structure reflect the balance and harmony of a united stand. Thus, the Shaheed Minar stands for the unified aspirations of Bengali identity and nationalism. The original design had included stained glass with hundreds of eyes, through which the sunlight could pass. The marble floor of the Shaheed Minar is to reflect the moving shadows of the columns showing an unending process of revolt from dawn to dusk. In the basement of the Minar, architect Rahman has designed a grand fresco work of 1500 square feet that depicts the language movement. Every year on 21 February, people with flowers and wreaths go to the Shaheed Minar early in the morning to show respect to the valiant language martyrs. When we stand before a Shaheed Minar, we feel honoured and proud of our own motherland. Our heart lifts with pride for those brave sons who dedicated their souls for our mother tongue and for our own identity.

46. Good Health: A valuable wealth of man

Good health is the prerequisite for living in this world happily. It refers to the physical and mental soundness that makes one healthy, fit and active and keeps one free from diseases. But it is not easy to maintain good health. In order to keep good health, one should follow certain rules of health. One should take regular physical exercise, proper rest or sleep and above all, a balanced diet. It is a matter of regret that most of our people, as they are living below the poverty line, cannot manage all the foods necessary for maintaining good health. Even the rich and educated people of our country, though they take a wide variety of foods, are not conscious of the rules of good health. The ever-increasing problems of our day-to-day life seem to affect our health greatly. They give rise to frustration, hopelessness, mental disorder and too much socio-economic confusion. All these factors take away the peace of our mind and affect our health. However, a healthy person with a simple and carefree life is likely to enjoy a sound mind. Since we know that a sound mind lives in a sound body, we should ensure sound body i.e. good health.

47. Living in a Nuclear or an Extended Family

Living in a family is the traditional trend of human beings. Some people live in nuclear families and some in extended families. Living both in nuclear families and extended families have some advantages as well as some disadvantages. I live in an extended family. I often face some problems. Nevertheless, I am happy there. But nowadays, nuclear families are increasing day by day. Our life has become very busy. At the same time, being bound to live in cities in search of income, people are going to be detached from their parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins. They live in cities with their wives and children only. But life in cities is not so easy nowadays. So, with the gradual increase of the price of daily commodities, they cannot send money to the extended families in villages. In a nuclear family, the children can grow up in a suitable environment. They are there brought up soundly. But in reality, the children in a nuclear family feel lonely. They cannot share their feelings with others. Their parents remain busy most of the time. So, they remain mentally upset. Human mind is very sensitive. So, everyone wants to have a partner to share his distress and happiness. I do not support a nuclear family because in it family members become self-centred in most cases. It is, in fact, a reality of modern life that people become compelled to form a nuclear family in the long distant cities being isolated from the near and dear ones.

48. Childhood Memories: A human domain of pleasure

We are fond of turning back from the present to the past again and again. The present may be good and enchanting but the past is golden. Nothing is more pleasant to us than the memories of our childhood. The memories of my childhood always haunt me like a passion. Whenever I am in a passive mood, I recollect the sweet memories of my childhood and find a lot of pleasure. I have some memorable events of childhood. Some events still thrill me and make me uplifted. My playground was the bank of the mighty Arial Khan, which had a great attraction for me. Whenever I was not at home, I could be found on its sweet alluring bank. At times I used to row on the river, jump into it and swim in it with my playmates. I was very fond of stealing mangoes, litchis, blackberries, coconuts, papaws and other fruits in the company of my friends. Sometimes we would forget to eat our meals. In some afternoons, I would walk from one grove to another in search of birds in the bush near our house. Hundreds of birds made their nests in that bush. Very often I went there with my playmates to catch birds. Sometimes we would cook and eat them with great pleasure like mini-picnic. At the age of five, I started my early education in a primary school situated in the neighbouring village. My playmates were also my classmates there. Thus my childhood was very enjoyable. When I remember my childhood, I feel very enthusiastic and happy. To recall those days of hunting, I cannot but quote few lines from the poem "The Earth in My Palm" of Hasan Hafizur Rahman, translated by Mohammad Ali, "There was a time/ When I used to go to a bird to know it, and/ My voice sang its song."

49. Earthquake: A catastrophic natural disaster

Earthquake is a natural disaster. It is also known as a tremor. It is the result of a sudden release of energy in the earth's crust that creates seismic waves. It manifests itself by shaking and sometimes displacing the ground. Earthquakes are most common in volcanic and mountainous regions. Bangladesh lies in the active earthquake zone. As a result, she has already experienced several mild earthquakes during the recent years and it becomes frequent in Bangladesh. Most of the people of our country know it well what will happen if a major earthquake hits Bangladesh. The experts cannot give straight answer to what extent damage Bangladesh will face if any major earthquake hits. However, experts believe that earthquake is a major threat for Bangladesh because she lies in the active earthquake zone and several mild earthquakes are recurring here. For this, they are giving more attention to the issue of earthquake. So, steps have to be taken immediately to minimize the losses. Increase of awareness, development of earthquake resistant buildings and many other steps must be implemented for reducing the loss of our lives and properties. Besides, different media should play an active role in this regard.

50. My First Day at College: A memorable event

In my life, some happenings have remained vivid in my memory. My first day at college is one of them and it has occupied an abiding place in the core of my heart. It was August 05, 1991. That day I had my bath and breakfast earlier. I put on my new cloths and went out for the college at 9 AM, with my parents' blessings. When the college building came into my view, my heart leapt up with pleasure. The large building, though I saw it before, appeared new to me. I felt freer, experienced boundless joy and thought myself in a new world. I went to the notice board and took down the routine. The bell rang. It was 10 AM. According to the routine, I entered a room numbered four. After a few moments, a gentleman entered. We all stood up and honoured him. He was the professor of English. When we sat down, he called over the rolls. His speech was mainly on our responsibility as college students. Then I attended Bangla and Computer classes. In the interval, I with one of my new classmates walked round the different blocks of the college building. I went to the student's common room. I noticed many differences between my school and college. In my school, all classes held in a row but in college there are intervals between classes. Moreover, teachers in college are very experienced. In my college, there are a huge library and a large common room, which are different from my school ones. I liked the teachers and the library most. I left the college. I returned home with a happy heart, a broad outlook and rich insight and experience.

51. Smoking: A detrimental human habit

Smoking is a habit of taking smoke from tobacco-made materials like cigarette, biri, heroin etc. It is a dangerous habit. People generally smoke to find pleasure for the time being. Some smoke only as a fashion which later turns into a habit. Many young people just try to imitate seniors and some are addicted by the influence of bad companions. However, taking smoke for few days for just curiosity is the starting of smoking habit formation. Very soon, one becomes addicted to smoking. Smoking is harmful to human health. Our younger generation is becoming addicted to smoking without knowing what damages they are causing to their health. It may cause cancer, heart attack, bronchitis, numbness, loss of memory etc. One puff of cigarette smoke contains a huge amount of injurious matters like nicotine, carbon monoxide, methyl alcohol and many other harmful elements. Nicotine obstructs the flow of blood through veins. This reduces the supply of oxygen in our body. As a result, blood pressure rises and heart beat increases, which cause heart attack. Besides, carbon monoxide of tobacco smoke absorbs the oxygen from our blood. Thus, smoking poisons our body slowly. Smoking is equally harmful to a non-smoker who stays beside a smoker. So, the younger generation should avoid smoking cigarettes. Our government should take initiative to stop smoking. Young people should be made conscious of the pernicious effects of smoking.

In order to avoid the attraction of smoking, they can engage themselves in games and sports, helping the poor and constructive work for our society.

52. Importance of Learning English

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English as International Language

The language, which is used all over the world for smooth communication, is called an international language. For many different reasons, English has kept the prestige of being an international language. For centuries, English has been being used for international communication in many countries. Now it has created its appeal all over the world and become necessary for multilateral communication. So, English is called an International Language. In order to keep pace with the present world, we should have a good command over English. For maintaining communication with foreign countries and international organisations, we should learn English. Then, in order to have an access to the latest knowledge, research of the world we need to learn English. Besides, for the sake of higher education, we should learn it. Apart from these, we should learn English because it can ensure our future career. However, learning English is an easy task. In case of learning English, one should learn the grammatical rules very carefully. Without learning grammar, it is not possible to have a good command over English. Our present English textbook, which is based on the communicative purposes, is very helpful for learning English. It introduces us with the communicative functions of English and helps us use it in practical situations. As a result, people having a good command over English are highly valued in the job market. Most of the job exams give priority on English section. However, if we have good knowledge of English, we can easily manage a good job.

53. Digital Bangladesh: Our long-cherished vision

“Digital Bangladesh” means an ICT based modern country where there will be adequate power supply, well-networked infrastructure, use of internet, use of open-source software, e-banking, e-commerce and e-governance. Of late, the phrase “Digital Bangladesh” has been much talked about. On the eve of the election, Bangladesh Awami League, first declared vision 2021 with the aim to turn Bangladesh into a digital country by the next decade. However, it refers to an e-state where all its activities of governance, commerce, education, agriculture etc will be powered by computer and internet. To cherish such a dream is easy, but it is too much difficult to materialize this dream. Land phone, mobile, computer, laptop, e-magazine and diary, e-book reader and many more tools of information technology will be available in every nook and corner of the country. People will no more have to stand in queue to collect tickets, results etc or to deposit and withdraw money or to buy and sell things. Broadly speaking, a digital society ensures an ICT driven knowledge-based society where information will be readily available online and where all possible tasks of the government, semi-government and also private spheres will be processed using the modern technology. So, “Digital Bangladesh” must guarantee efficient and effective use of modern ICT in all spheres of the society with a view to establishing good governance. For materializing the plan, we need to ensure power sufficiency, better network infrastructure, proper use of internet, use of open source software, high English literacy rate, use of modern technology in agriculture, e-learning and e-commerce etc. Time has come for Bangladesh to develop her information technology and to turn her “Digital Bangladesh”. We need to bear in mind that to be away from enriched information technology means to live like a frog living in a well. We should look at the advanced countries of the world so that we can get modern ways and strategies from them to bring about a revolution for our ICT based society. Like Mahathir Muhammad’s Malaysia, we have to have our all-out efforts to materialise our desired Vision-2021 for our betterment and own existence.

54. Vision-2021: Our desired vision

In the last ninth parliamentary election, almost all the mainstream political parties made up with a lot of election promises and commitments to attract the voters. In the manifesto, the Bangladesh Awami league mentioned some distinct and unique promises. The special two promises of them are Digital Bangladesh and Vision-2021. By Digital Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina means a country with all the facilities of modern technology and by Vision-2021 she means that Bangladesh will achieve a number of goals between 2010 and 2021. The government of the Bangladesh Awami League is very firm to ensure 100% net student enrolment at primary level within 2021. Supply of pure drinking water for the entire population will be ensured within 2011. Bangladesh will gain self-sufficiency in food within 2012. Each house of Bangladesh will be brought under hygienic sanitation in 2013. 87% annual growth rate will be attained within this year. Moreover, within this same year Bangladesh will generate 7000 megawatt of electricity, which will be further increased to 8000 megawatt in 2015. And in 2021, 20000 megawatt of electricity will be generated. In 2013, degree level education will be made tuition-free especially for women. And then in 2021 a number of goals will be achieved. Contribution of agriculture, industry and service sector to GDP will stand at 15, 40 and 45 percent respectively. Unemployment rate will be reduced to 15% from 40% at present. Labour in agriculture will come down to 30% from 48% at present. Labour in industry will be increased to 25% from 16% at present, in service 45% from 36% at present. Poverty rate will be reduced to 15% from 45% at present. Bangladesh will be known as a country of educated people with skills in information technology. 85% of the population will have standard nutritional food. The poorer section of the people will have at least 2122 calories of food. All types of contagious diseases will be eliminated; longevity of life expectancy will increase up to 70 years. Infant mortality will come down to 15 from 54 per thousand at present. Maternal death rate will come down to 1.5% from 3.8%. Use of birth control methods will be increased to 80% and many more targets will be fulfilled. However, we have to have our all-out efforts to materialise our desired Vision-2021 for our own betterment.

55. World Cup Cricket in Bangladesh

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ICC Cricket World Cup-2011

It is prestigious and glorious news for us that Bangladesh arranged the World Cup Cricket 2011. The ICC Cricket World Cup was the tenth Cricket World cup. It was played in India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. It was a first time co-hosting World Cup for Bangladesh. Fourteen national cricket teams competed in the tournament including ten full members and four associate members. The world cup started with a magnificent opening ceremony which was held at Bangabandhu National Stadium, Dhaka on 17 February, 2011. This world cup showed Bangladesh as a new host in the world's cricket. The Prime Minister of Bangladesh declared the world cup opening by placing her hand on a plain-scanner. This was followed by an aerial and audio-visual cricket act on a nearby building, and cultural programmes. Expectedly the Bangladesh Cultural Programme got more time than Co-hosts India and Sri Lanka. Eight matches out of forty-nine were played in Bangladesh. Bangladesh hosted these eight matches very successfully and won three matches against Ireland, England and Netherlands. This is for the first time that the final was contested by two teams from South Asia, and for the first time too that a team won the trophy on home soil. The tournament was won by India who defeated Sri Lanka by 6 wickets in the final. Indian captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni scored an unbeaten 91 in the final and was declared the man of the match. India's Yuvraj Singh was declared the man of the tournament. Pakistan captain Shahid Afridi and Zaheer Khan of India were jointly most wicket takers of the tournament. And Tillakaratne Dilshan of Sri Lanka did most runs in the tournament. ICC Cricket World Cup brought magnificent glory for Bangladesh as Bangladesh was one of the co-hosting members of organising this giant sporting event. As Bangladeshis, we all feel

proud of co-hosting this tremendous event. However, we have to go a long way before our dense and thick sleep in the realm of cricket. The cricket players must be given particular and proper training in cricket in support of their demands as well as the suitability of the environment concerned so that they can bring glory to us all.

56. Patriotism: A noble quality for country

Patriotism is often considered a very noble virtue. It inspires a man to do everything just and fair for the wellbeing and betterment of the country. It is the quality that impels a person to sacrifice his own interest, comfort, pleasure and even his life for the sake of his country. Patriotic zeal makes a man dutiful, energetic and enthusiastic. He obeys the laws, pays taxes and thinks for the country. Patriotism teaches a person fellow-feeling, fraternity, love and sympathy for the countrymen. A patriot is also praised and honoured by his countrymen. An unpatriotic man, on the other hand, is an ignoble person. He is self-centred. He engages all his time in achieving his evil or mean end. He causes harm to the country by his unyielding and reckless activities. He is an enemy to the liberty and sovereignty of the country. He gets his return in the same way. He may have high titles, immense wealth, high social prestige and noble birth. But despite his worldly achievements, he remains a worthless person. His power and pelf fail to bring him any glory. Because, during his lifetime such a man is never honoured by anybody. Rather, he is despised because of his treachery. No minstrel ever sings for him. Such a man dies a double death. During his lifetime, he possesses a dead soul and he remains completely forgotten by the people. This is his first death. Then comes his natural demise. After his physical death, his body is mixed with the vile dust from which it sprang. Nobody remembers him or shows any honour to him. Nobody sheds tears for him. He sinks into oblivion. Thus an unpatriotic man dies for the second time, and ultimately he dies forever whereas a patriotic man lives in the heart of the people perpetually.

57. Premature Marriage: An unexpected social event

Premature marriage is a common feature in the poorer counties of the world. Ours is a poor country. Here premature marriage is out of control. It means the marriage of the boys and girls before attaining their physical and mental maturity. In our country, girls are the victims of premature marriage. In the existing socio-economic set up, girls are neglected from their birth. They are regarded as liability. So, when a girl child is born, it is not regarded as a happy event. Instead of being delighted, the male members think that she has come to add to their misery. So, the parents try to look for a husband for her even before she attains physical and mental maturity. Obviously, there are many causes of premature marriage. First of all Bangladesh is an agricultural country. For agricultural work female children can't contribute much. Secondly poverty is an ever present spectre in our country. So the father of a girl thinks that his burden will be less if he can marry his daughter off early. Thirdly, religious misinterpretation and social structures discourage, often prevent girls from going to co-education schools. As a result, the girls can't receive proper education. Fourthly, our evil dowry system is also responsible for premature marriage. Many problems are created because of premature marriage. As they are not matured, they can't adjust with the environment of their in-laws' house. They cannot serve the family. Sometimes, it so happens that if the father of the girl fails to fulfil the demand of the dowry, she is maltreated, tortured and in extreme cases killed by the husband. So, they suffer from both physically and mentally. This should not be allowed to continue. A proper solution to this problem must be found out. Our govt. has already made a law. Early marriage is a punishable deed. According to the law, a girl before eighteen and a boy before twenty one cannot marry. But the premature marriage occurs everywhere. Every conscious citizen must come forward against it. Different mass media can play a vital role in this regard. They should create awareness among people about the bad effects of premature marriage. After all, parents should be very much conscious of their children's career. If we can do all these things, we will be able to curb this evil act.

58. Eve-Teasing: A vulgar deed of man

At present Eve-Teasing has become one of the most talked topics across the country. The very term “Eve Teasing” consists of two words – ‘Eve’ and ‘Teasing’ in which “Eve” represents girls or women folk and “Teasing” represents disturbance. So ‘Eve-Teasing’ means to disturb the girls or women intentionally through vulgar words, impolite comments, teasing stares, sly whistles, unethical love offers, unpolished gestures, sexual offers and so on. Even the disturbance to girls through mobile phone or internet is also regarded as eve-teasing. The young girls are the worst sufferers of eve-teasing. There are several reasons behind eve-teasing and they are: negative attitude towards girls, moral degradation, impact of satellite television, gender discrimination, lack of proper education, religious misinterpretation, unemployment problem etc. The consequences of eve-teasing are very dreadful. It becomes a great barrier to the participation of women in our nation-building activities. Women cannot think, move and work freely in the society due to eve-teasing. The girls cannot go to school or college. As a result, their education is hampered and often stopped. Very often they are assaulted by the eve-teasers. Even the guardians are attacked and killed by the eve-teasers in some cases. The girls often go to commit suicide to save themselves from the disturbance of the eve-teasers. The recent news regarding eve-teasing in different media bears testimony to this. In fact, eve-teasing is a great social vice. It should be removed from our society at any cost. Public awareness and social movement are necessary to uproot this vice. New strict and pragmatic law should be introduced and enforced immediately. The present government has introduced mobile court to punish the eve-teasers and they are being punished in different parts of our country. Besides, the 13th June has been designated “Eve Teasing Protection Day” by the Ministry of Education in Bangladesh. However, we all should come forward to stop eve-teasing for building up a nice society.

59. Cell Phone: An essential device for communication

In modern global world, mobile phone has been a part and parcel of our life. It is a great invention of modern science. It is called so because a user can carry it wherever he goes out. It has brought about multidimensional changes in our daily life. Nowadays it is regarded not only as a communicative device but also as an inseparable part of modern life. Using mobile phone, one can take a snap of anything, record voices and videos, compose songs and ring-tones, edit wallpapers and what not. Moreover, GPRS or WAP enabled mobile sets have created multifarious possibilities providing us with the opportunities of internet chatting, gaming, exchanging MMS, mailing, browsing etc. Besides, Bluetooth and Wi-Fi technologies of mobile phone can create PAN (Personal Area Network) in which the intended mobile users can easily and instantly exchange all sorts of data and information from one mobile device to another. It has made the interpersonal communication very easy and fast. One can communicate with the expected person within a few seconds through a mobile phone. Business communication has become easier because of the use of this device. Actually most of the businesses are depended on this speedy mode of communication. It is also helpful for the students. They can get suggestion of their studies from their friends and teachers. So, the number of consumers of mobile phone is increasing day by day. It makes the world smaller and brings all closer. But, it is unfortunate that it has some negative aspects too. Criminals also use it for their activities. It causes some health hazard. Scientists believe that it causes brain tumours by its invisible and uncontrolled radiation. Particularly the pregnant women and children should not use it at all. Despite all these, mobile phone is a blessing for us.

60. Price Hike: A suffering to common people

Price hike has now become one of the greatest problems of our country. The price of all the daily necessary commodities has gone beyond the reach of the poor and middle class people. Most of the people

of our country cannot maintain their families with their poor income. It has created many other problems in the country. As the days go, the price is going up. Middle class people are seen to take meals two times instead of three times. Students are suffering a lot. The price of coarse rice is 24 taka and the fine rice 36 taka. Vegetables, soyabean, sugar, fish, meat, etc are sold at a very high price. There is no single item, the price of which is under control. The price is rising on a regular basis. The indifference of government, syndicate of business, corruption of businessmen and political leaders, unconsciousness of people are all responsible for this problem. Almost all the people are suffering. Government should immediately take necessary steps to solve this problem. The guilty should be fined and punished strictly. People should be made conscious. Moreover, government should introduce vigilant monitoring cell to get actual market condition and control price of every commodity.

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01. Dengue Fever	10. Mosquito Menace	19. Robbery	28. Illiteracy
02. Acid Throwing / Rain	11. Campus Violence	20. Bribery	29. Traffic Jam
03. Drug Addiction	12. Black Money	21. Rape	30. Might is Right
04. Danger of Smoking	13. Street Quarrel	22. Natural Disaster	31. Dowry System
05. Environment Pollution	14. Poverty / Begging	23. A Hartal Day	32. Greenhouse Effect
06. Air / Water Pollution	15. Political Crisis/Anarchy	24. Load Shedding	33. Unfair Means in Exam
07. Sound Pollution	16. Deforestation	25. Corruption	34. Bomb Blast
08. Arsenic Contamination	17. Price Spiral	26. Terrorism	35. War / Quarrel
09. Loud Speaker	18. Computer Virus	27. Hijacking	36. World War

----- is a great problem. Our life is full of different problems. Moreover, there are many troubles that we are to face everyday. ----- is one of them. It is a regular problem in our daily life. It is disclosed about everyday in the newspaper. Really it is a thoughtful problem in our society. At present it is going out of control rapidly. ----- creates many other problems too. We can never think our normal life due to it. It hampers our lives, over all development and progress. People are to suffer untold sufferings for this reason. In modern time ----- has been considered as a curse of our country. Because it destroys the

standard of living and demolishes the peace and happiness of the common people. But this situation should not be continued for long. Men want to get relief from this ----- . This problem should be controlled as early as possible because it leads us to destruction. The government as well as the conscious people should come forward to take necessary steps to solve this problem. At first public opinion and their concern must be taken in this regard. In this purpose all sorts of people in our country have to be alert and the government must take effective measures to eradicate this problem from the society. Moreover, the law enforcing agencies must have to be active and sincere in this concern. We have to bear in mind that --- ----- cannot give any advantages and benefits to us, to the society nor even to the nation. Rather it takes away many things. So, at any cost we will have to uproot this ----- from the society for our own betterment.

01. Smoking	09. Loneliness	17. Stealing / Theft	25. Demoralisation
02. Frustration / Tension	10. Child Labour	18. Stupidity	26. Day Dreaming
03. Reckless Driving	11. Laziness / Idleness	19. Abnormality	27. Hypercriticism
04. Bad Temper / Anger	12. Disobedience	20. Brutality	28. Greed
05. Procrastination	13. Cheating	21. Conspiracy	29. Dependence
06. Rumour	14. Hostility	22. Negligence	30. Dishonesty
07. Flattery	15. Ignorance	23. Egoism / Vanity	31. Lechery
08. Selfishness	16. Impatience	24. Falsehood	32. Misanthropy

----- is considered to be heinous. As a social being, we have different shortcomings. ----- is one of them. It is very harmful in one's life. It is natural that man wants to live happily and peacefully. He does not want to fall in danger even for a single moment. But he cannot keep himself in such a better position due to ----- . It hampers our lives and progress. People are to suffer untold sufferings for this reason. It can be regarded as a curse in our lives. Because it destroys the standard of living and demolishes the peace and happiness of all sorts of people. If anybody possesses this bad quality, day by day he is sure to go to dogs and once he will not be able to come back to his previous better position. However, this type of mean mentality should not be possessed any longer. Only conscious men want to get relief from this bad mania. It should be controlled as early as possible because it leads us to destruction. Having such kind of worse quality or evil intention in mind, none can desire to be a well famous and honourable person even in his own family let alone in the country. So everybody should endeavour to avoid or shun it. We find that this bad element was not present in great persons of the world. That is why, they are known as the famous persons all over the world. They are alive in all ages including past, present and future. So it is undoubtedly said that ----- is one of the worst attributes of all worse elements. No man can achieve other's respect or faith due to it. That is why, he cannot succeed in life. So all must have to avoid or give up ----- to be a successful person in the world.

01. Character	14. Friendship	27. Amusement	40. Intelligence
02. Truthfulness	15. Courtesy	28. Obedience	41. Idealism
03. Discipline	16. Kindness	29. Integrity	42. Reality
04. Politeness/Decency	17. Goodwill	30. Contentment	43. Simplicity
05. Honesty	18. Self-reliance	31. Morning Walk	44. Self-criticism
06. Justice	19. Education	32. Physical Exercise	45. Common-sense
07. Morality	20. Patience	33. Confidence	46. Tolerance
08. Cleanliness	21. Dignity of Labour	34. Co-operation	47. High Ambition
09. Patriotism	22. Modesty	35. Curiosity	48. Sacrifice/Dedication
10. Perseverance	23. Good Manner	36. Awareness	49. Culture
11. Industry	24. Humanity	37. Wisdom/Knowledge	50. Early Rising
12. Charity	25. Civility	38. Personality	51. Faithfulness

13. Dutifulness	26. Self-employment	39. Hospitality	52. Philanthropy
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----- is one of the greatest qualities of human being. We are the best creation of God. We are different from and superior to other creations by some good qualities. ----- is one of them. It is natural that man wants to live happily and peacefully. He does not want to fall in danger even for a single moment. That is why man is always alert to keep himself free from any trouble. Good qualities can ensure his trouble-free, peaceful and independent life. ----- is one of the best ways to build up trouble-free life. Without ----- nobody can succeed in life nor get to the goal. It costs nothing but it gives many things. It shows us the perfect way of living. It makes us dutiful, truthful, punctual, honest, industrious, polite, ambitious, confident etc. We may live ordinarily but it is quite impossible to live better without this noble quality. The man who has possessed this is known as an honourable and important person in his society or even in the world. None can hope to be a well famous and respectable person without having this. I think that soul satisfaction is much better than worldly happiness. Wealth can be gained again if one loses it but ----- can never be easily gained or found again if one loses it once. So it is undoubtedly said that ----- is one of the most valuable elements of all good manners. In absence of it man cannot achieve other's respect or faith. If a student fails to achieve this noble virtue, he cannot draw attention of the teachers. As a result, he cuts a sorry figure in the exam. If a businessman fails to achieve the same, he cannot draw attention of the customers. As a result, he cannot progress. In this way it is the same for all sorts of people. So, every man should have to awake in him the above virtue in order to shine in life.

01. Computer	09. Wireless / Cordless	17. Watch / Clock	25. Calculator
02. Internet	10. Cassette Player	18. Refrigerator / Freeze	26. Steam Engine
03. Television	11. CD / DVD Player	19. Cinema	27. Microchip
04. Satellite	12. Animation Movie	20. 3D Movie	28. Scanner
05. Radio	13. Aeroplane / Rocket	21. Printer / Typewriter	29. Microphone
06. Electricity	14. Helicopter	22. Solar Energy	30. Remote Controller
07. Mobile Phone	15. Vehicle / Motor Car	23. Generator	31. Speaker / Amplifier
08. Telephone	16. Fountain Pen	24. Paper	32. Stapler

In the modern global world ----- has been part and parcel of our life. It is an ultra modern (electronic) device which is used for giving a lot of services to the people all over the world. Though it is a very powerful device, it cannot work itself. We are to make it active and then it can give us service. Without it we cannot pass a single day. The invention of it has a long history. It was not invented overnight. It took long time and hard labour to invent this valuable device. This device consists of some important components. Except one of the components, it cannot work properly. ----- is of great use to us. It renders great service to mankind. It is like Aladdin's magic lamp. It has lessened our boredom providing a lot of facilities and enjoyment. It also gives us mental energy refreshing our mind. It has made our life easy and comfortable. It also helps us perform our own duty perfectly. Once it was not widely used and very few people could get the opportunity to use it. But now everybody can get it easily and can utilise it according to his own choice. Once this device was found only in the house of the rich but now the price of it or the cost of its use has decreased a lot. So, it is becoming an ordinary device in our day to day life. But it is a matter of regret that some of our rural illiterate people still cannot use it or dare not use it. We have to remember that if we want our own progress and development and even the development of the whole nation, we have to come forward to use this modern device in our daily life. When we'll be able to ensure its use for everyone, we can then demand our personal, social, economical as well as cultural progress. So, we can say that ----- plays a vital role in our modern life.