

Part A : Reading Test (Marks-50)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions following it.

May Day or International Workers Day is observed on May 1 all over the world today to commemorate the historical struggle and sacrifices of the working people to establish an eight-hour workday. It is a public holiday in almost all the countries of the world.

Since the Industrial Revolution in the 18th and 19th centuries in Europe and the US, the workers in mills and factories have been working a long shift, fourteen or even more hours a day.

On May 1st in 1886, inspired by the trade unions, half of the workers at the McCormick Harvester Machine Company in Chicago went on strike demanding an eight-hour workday. Two days later, a workers rally was held near the McCormick Harvester Machine Company and about 6000 workers had joined it. The rally was addressed by the labour leaders. They urged the workers to stand together, to go on with their struggle and not to give in to their bosses. Just at this moment some strike breakers started leaving the meeting place. The strikers went down the street to bring them back. Suddenly about 200 policemen attacked them with clubs and revolvers. One striker was killed instantly, five or six others were seriously wounded and many of them were badly injured. The events of May 1, 1886 is a reminder that workers will continue to be exploited until they stand up and speak out to gain better working conditions, better pay and better lives.

1. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.

i) May Day signifies —

- a) the rights of working-class people
- b) the assurance of a day's holiday
- c) the inspiration of hard-working people
- d) none of them

ii) The — were working fourteen or even more hours a day.

- a) students
- b) farmers
- c) doctors
- d) workers

iii) How was May Day observed?

- a) Yearly
- b) Monthly
- c) Weekly
- d) Daily

iv) The rally was addressed by the —.

- a) labourers
- b) political leaders
- c) labour leaders
- d) public leaders

v) The word "Exploit" stands for —.

- a) kidnap
- b) trouble
- c) entrap
- d) usurp

vi) The weapons used by the police were —.

- a) swords and daggers
- b) clubs and revolvers
- c) pistol and gun
- d) all the above

vii) In the passage the word "Instantly" is a/an —.

- a) noun
- b) adjective
- c) verb
- d) adverb

2. Answer the following questions.

- a) What does May Day refer to?
- b) Why is May Day observed today?
- c) Who inspired the workers?
- d) How long did the workers have to work a day before May 1 strike?
- e) What do you learn from the events of May 1, 1886?

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

Mother Teresa was moved by the sight of the sick and dying on the streets of Kolkata. She founded a home for the dying destitute and named it "Nirmal Hriday", meaning "Pure Heart". She and her fellow nuns brought the dying people off the streets of Kolkata and to this home. They were lovingly looked after and cared for. Since then many men, women and children have been taken from the streets and carried to Nirmal Hriday. These unloved and uncared for people get an opportunity to die in an environment of kindness and love. In their last hours they get human and divine love, and can feel they are also children of God. The Missionaries of Charity try to find jobs for those who survive, or send them to homes where they can live happily for some more years in a caring environment. Regarding commitment to family, Mother Teresa said, "May be in our family, we have somebody, who is feeling lonely, who is feeling sick, who is feeling worried. Are we there? Are we willing to give until it hurts in order to be with our families, or do we put our interest first? We must remember that love begins at home and we must also remember that future of humanity passes through the family."

Mother Teresa (a) — touched by the (b) — condition of people on the (c) — of Kolkata. She then founded a (d) — for those people who really (e) — help.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below.

Hazrat Muhammad (Sm) was the Prophet of Islam. He was born at Makkah in the Quarish family in 570 AD. His father's name was Abdullah and he died before his birth, his mother Amina also died in his infancy. He was brought up by a wet-nurse, Halima by name, his grandfather and uncle were very kind to him and took care of him. From the very childhood Muhammad (Sm) was very thoughtful, truthful and honest. So, he was very much respected by the people. At the age of twenty-five, he married Khadija who was then forty. Muhammad (Sm) began to meditate in the cave of mount Hera. At last prophecy came to him at the age of forty and he preached, "There is no God except Allah." Khadija was the first to accept his new creed.

The Makkans were very angry with him. He suffered a great deal in their hands for his faith. They also tried to kill him. So, he went to Madina in 622 AD. It is known as Hizarat.

4. Complete the following table with information from the text.

Who/What	Activity	How/When	result
(i)	was	the last	Prophet of Islam.
His father	died	(ii)	his birth.
Hazrat Muhammad (Sm)	was	brought up	(iii)
The Makkans	were	(iv)	with him
Khadija	(v)	Islam at first	

5. Summarize the above passage.

6. Match the pair of sentences given in column A, B and C to make five meaningful sentences.

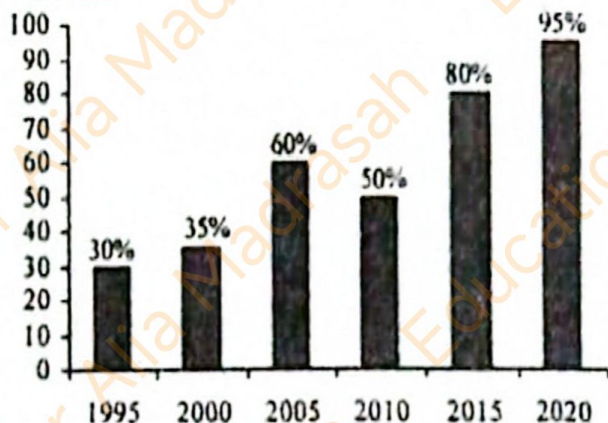
Column A	Column B	Column C
a) Morality develops the conscience	i) himself in a proper way and cultivate	i) which cannot ignore logic and reason.
b) It helps a man to guide	ii) is increasing and we are losing	ii) and right or wrong
c) It is such a great rational power	iii) from our childhood, we shall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

7. Re-arrange the following sentences according to sequence and rewrite them in a paragraph.

- The first friend climbed up a tree.
- Suddenly a bear came there.
- Once upon a time, two friends were passing through a forest talking about their love for each other.
- The latter could not climb up a tree.
- The bear smelt his ears, nose and face.
- He lay down on the ground and pretended to be dead.
- Then the bear went away.
- He thought him to be dead.

Part B : Writing Test (Marks-50)

- Write a paragraph on "Tree Plantation".
- Read the beginning of the story and complete it in your own words. Give a suitable title to it.
Once there lived a king named Robert Bruce. His kingdom was invaded by his enemies. He fought courageously but lost many battles.....
- The pie chart below shows the percentage of the Internet Users from 1995 to 2020. Describe the chart in 150 words. You should highlight and summarize the information given in the chart.



- Suppose, you are Rubel/Rumana. Write a letter to your friend to join a picnic with you.
- Or, Write an email to your younger brother about the importance of physical exercise.
- Write a dialogue between you and your friend, Shafiq, about future plan in life.

Part A : Grammar (Marks-60)

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

man	to	sure	a	do
repent	make	of	life	late

Man is the (a) — of his own fate. If he makes (b) — proper division of time and (c) — his duties accordingly, he will (d) — improve and prosper in life. But if he does otherwise, he is sure (e) — suffer when it is too (f) —. To waste time is as bad as to commit suicide. In fact (g) — is nothing but the sum total (h) — hours, days and years. If we waste (i) — morning hours of life, we shall have to (j) — afterwards.

2. Complete the following passage using suitable words. Use only one word for each gap:

A flower is the best creation (a) — nature. It is (b) — symbol of beauty and purity. It (c) — us pleasure. There is nobody but loves (d) —. But it is a matter of sorrow that (e) — flower does not last long. It blooms (f) — the morning and (g) — away very soon. Nowadays, flowers are (h) — in our country. Many people earn their (i) — by flower cultivation. At present, flower cultivation is increasing (j) — our country.

3. Make five sentences using parts of sentences from each column of the table below.

Addiction	is	taking heroin, opium etc.
The drug addiction	are	a man to death.
The drugs	have	strong attraction for any harmful thing.
Young boys and girls	leads	grasped the young generation of our country.
The frequent taking of these drugs	means	not only a national but also a global problem.

4. Complete the following text with right forms of verbs given in the box.

inspire	honour	remember	be	cherish
think	die	defend	sacrifice	respect

Patriotism is a noble virtue. It (a) — a man to shed the last drop of blood to (b) — the freedom of his country. It should be (c) — in the core of heart and materialized in our deeds. A man without patriotism (d) — not better than a beast. A true patriot (e) — by all. He always (f) — for the welfare of his country. Those who (g) — for their country are true patriots. They (h) — even after their death. That is why, the freedom fighters who (i) — their lives in 1971 are remembered and (j) — forever.

5. Change the narrative style of the following text:

The old man said, "Can you give me some food? I have been starving for three days." The maid said, "Why do you beg? Can't you work?" "No. I am unable to work." the old man replied.

Change the sentences according to directions:

- Cricket is a very exciting game. (Exclamatory)
- This game is enjoyed by the people of all ages. (Active)
- No other game in our country is as popular as cricket. (Superlative)
- It is more popular than football. (Positive)
- Though cricket is a costly game, all classes of people enjoy playing it. (Compound)
- Bangladesh is a test playing country but its standard is not high. (Complex)
- If the players practice hard, they can improve their standard. (Simple)
- The team should improve its management. (Passive)
- Cricket has a better future in our country. (Interrogative)
- People are showing more interest in it. (Negative)

7. Complete the following sentences.

- A proverb goes that
- If we want to build up our career
- we can reach our expected career.
- A hard working student is sure to
- It is high time

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

Mobile phone is a great (a) (invent) of modern science. The (b) (consume) of mobile phone are increasing day by day. People are getting benefits. But it is (c) (fortune) that mobile phone sometimes (d) (comes) a cause of health hazard, especially the (e) (child) are affected much. According to the (f) (science), mobile phone causes brain tumors, genetic damage and many other (g) (cure) diseases. They believe that invisible (h) (controlled) radioactivity of mobile phone causes (i) (reparable) damage of human body. They say that the (j) (govern) should control radioactive sources.

9. Make tag questions of these sentences.

- Everyone wishes to be happy,?
- Telling lies is a great sin,?
- The mother rose in her,?
- My friend hardly visits me,?
- Let's arrange a picnic,?

10. Complete the following passage using suitable connectors.

Honesty is a divine virtue. The man (a) — possesses this quality is the happiest person in the world. To be honest, man should have trustworthiness (b) — nobody trusts a liar. (c) —, Allah helps the honest people. (d) —, children should be taught honesty from the very beginning of life. (e) —, they should be taught discipline.

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

Were you on the boat asked the teacher. No teacher seeing the boat, overcrowded i waited for the next boat replied jamil.

Part- B: Composition (Marks-40)

12. Suppose, a news reporter for a famous daily "New Sun" will be appointed by the Editor of the newspaper. You are interested for this post. Now, write a CV with a cover letter to the Editor for the post. Your CV should not exceed one page.

13. Suppose, you are a student of Rashidiya Fazil Degree Madrasah, Rangpur. You need a seat in the madrasah hostel due to some unexpected issues. Now, write an application to the Principal for a seat in the madrasah hostel.

Or, Suppose, you are a Principal of a madrasah. Your madrasah is going to celebrate the Independence Day on 26th March. Now, write a notice for the students of your madrasah.

14. Write a paragraph on "A Book Fair You Have Recently Visited"

15. Write a composition on any one of the following:

- Aim in Life
- Duties of A Student
- Your Favorite hobby