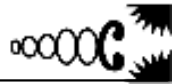




Story Writing (গথ লিখন)



গল্প উপস্থাপন একটি সৃজনশীল শিল্প। শিক্ষার্থীর স্মৃতিভার বিকাশ ও প্রকাশে Completing Story অনলাইন সহায়ক। তাই পাঠ্য সূচিতে ১০ নম্বরের এই Story Writing Item টি অন্তর্ভুক্ত করা হয়েছে।

প্রশ্নপত্রে কোনো একটি Moral Story, ঐতিহাসিক ঘটনা বা কথকাহিনীর প্রথম কয়েক লাইন দেয়া থাকবে, যার ওপর ভিত্তি করে শিক্ষার্থীকে মেধা খাটিয়ে বাকি অংশ লিখতে হবে।

Story Writing এর ক্ষেত্রে নিম্নলিখিত বিষয়গুলো মনে রাখা একান্ত জরুরি :

- ☑️ শুরুতে গল্পের বিষয়বস্তু অনুসারে একটি Title লিখতে হবে।
- ☑️ পূর্ণাঙ্গ Moral Story বা ঐতিহাসিক ঘটনার ক্ষেত্রে সাবলীল ভাষায় মূল Story বা ঘটনার আলোকেই বাকি অংশটি লিখতে হবে।
- ☑️ কথানাশ্রয়ী Story সম্পন্ন করতে ধারাবাহিকতা ঠিক রেখে নিজস্ব চিন্তা চেনার আলোকে বাকি অংশটি লিখতে হবে।
- ☑️ বাকি অংশটি একাধিক অনুচ্ছেদে সম্পন্ন করার চেষ্টা করবে।
- ☑️ Story এর ভাষা হবে গতিশীল, সাবলীল ও সহজ-সরল এবং মূলভাব (Theme) হবে পূর্ণাঙ্গ ও মৌলিক।
- ☑️ Story এর Conclusion এ প্রাসঙ্গিক কোনো Proverb অথবা Story হতে পাওয়া নৈতিক শিক্ষাটি লিখতে হবে।

[বি: দৃষ্টপূর্ণ শিক্ষার্থী, story writing বিগত বছরগুলোতে (২০০৩-২০১৫ সাল পর্যন্ত) দ্বিতীয় পত্রের অংশ হলেও NCTB পুনীত পরিবর্তিত প্রশ্নকাঠামো ও মানবর্গন অনুযায়ী তা প্রথম পত্রের অংশ হিসেবে সংযোজন করা হয়েছে। এখানে প্রদত্ত বোর্ড মার্কিংগুলো (২০১৫ সাল পর্যন্ত) স্ত্রীয় পত্রের পরীক্ষা অনুযায়ী।]

01 Read the following outlines and develop them into a complete story. Give a suitable title to it.

[DB '17; CB '14; DtnaB '13]

An ant lived on the bank of a river. The level of water in the river was increasing *gradually*. One day a wave stroke at the shore. At that moment the ant was walking. It slipped (পিছলিয়ে পড়া) into water and.....

Ans.

The Dove And the Ant

An ant lived on the bank of a river. The level of water in the river was increasing gradually. One day a wave stroke at the shore. At that moment the ant was walking. It slipped into water and could not reach the shore. A dove observed the matter. He felt for the ant and became very sympathetic (সহানুভূতিপ্রবণ).

He took a leaf of a jackfruit tree and spared it downward the water. The drowning ant caught it. Both the leaf and the ant were floating. At last the ant reached the shore. When he got back his life, he heard everything from the dove. He thanked the dove and soon they became friends.

One day, while the dove was sitting beside the bank, a hunter targeted it for hunting. At that moment, the grateful (কৃতজ্ঞ) ant hit upon a plan suddenly to save the dove. When the hunter aimed his gun at the dove, the ant bit his foot. As a result, the hunter jumped up and missed his target. Hearing the sound, the bird flew off. Thus the ant saved the life of his useful friend dove.

02 Read the following outlines and develop them into a complete story. Give a suitable title to it. [RB '17]

It was late at night. I was taking preparation for my ensuing examination. All the members of my family were sleeping. All on a sudden, my phone rang and it was an unknown number. I got frightened

Ans.

Fun Is Not Always Good

It was late at night. I was taking preparation for my ensuing examination. All the members of my family were sleeping. All on a sudden, my phone rang and it was an unknown number. I got frightened when he introduced himself as a robber.

This voice was soft at first but it was very ferocious later. He demanded at least ten lac taka within 24 hours. After saying this he cut the line. I was very nervous because he threatened to kill me if I don't give him the money. I was very sensitive about this issue, specially over unknown phone call. My mental condition was serious and I was admitted into the hospital by my parents.

Next night he phoned me again and my father received it and told him about my real condition. After hearing this he became ashamed and penitent. He apologised to my father telling him that he was one of my school friends and he had made a fun with me.

03 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

[Dtnaj B '17]

It was a bright sunny morning. I was going to college with some of my friends. We were in a hilarious mood as we were talking about our plan to go on a picnic. Suddenly.....

Ans.

Friend Is for Friend

It was a bright sunny morning. I was going to college with some of my friends. We were in a hilarious mood as we were talking about our plan to go on a picnic. Suddenly we were in a fix what to do. I, along with two others, lifted him up from the ground. I took a rickshaw. The rickshaw puller did not agree to go on usual fare. So we had to give him double fare.

However, we took our sick friend on the rickshaw to a nearby hospital. He was admitted there and treatment was going on. The doctors gave him saline and prescribed him to take rest on the hospital bed. In the afternoon, they released him giving some medicines.

We hurriedly went to college. The exam was already over. We met our Principal in his room, told him everything and requested him to give us another chance to sit for the exam. He pleasantly okayed our plea to sit for the exam on Friday. We thanked him and took our ailing friend to his house.

04 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it. [JB '17; '09]

There was a crow on a tree with a piece of meat in its beak. A hungry fox sat under the tree

Ans.

The Fox And the Crow

There was a crow on a tree with a piece of meat in its beak. A hungry fox sat under the tree. He saw the crow with the piece of meat in her beak. He wished to eat the piece of meat. So, he made a plan. In an attempt to materialise his plan he thought of several devices and finally he got one which seemed very suitable. He decided to take to flattery.

So the fox walked up to the foot of the tree, looked up and cried, "Good day beautiful crow. How well you are looking today : how glossy your feathers are; how bright your eyes are! I feel sure that your voice must surpass (হাড়িয়ে যাওয়া) in sweetness than that of other birds, just as your figure does: Let me hear but one song from you that I may greet you as the Queen of birds."

Each and every word that the fox uttered were the sweetest things of the world the crow had ever heard. She lifted up her head and began to caw her best. But the moment when she opened her mouth the piece of meat fell to the ground, and the fox snapped the piece of meat.

"That will do. That was all I wanted. In exchange for your meat I will give you a piece of advice." "No, that is not possible," said the fox, "But I must give you the advice for the future : Do Not Trust Flatterers."

05 Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a suitable title to it.

[CB '17]

Rahim was a meritorious boy. He read in a village school. His father's economic condition was not good. But he dreamt to be doctor.....

Determination Brings Success

Rahim was a meritorious boy. He read in a village school. His father's economic condition was not good. But he dreamt to be doctor so that he could remove all the miseries of his family. But there is always a gap between imagination and reality. When he was a student of class X, his father died.

After his father's death he fell into more difficulties. But he did not give up his hope. He promised to try his level best to materialize his dream. He appeared at the SSC and got GPA 5 from science group. A national newspaper published an article on him. There were some photographs of him, their home etc in the newspaper. Reading this article, a private bank extended its cooperative hands to assist Rahim.

One day a postman came to their house and delivered him a registered letter. After reading the letter, he became overwhelmed with joy and surprise. The bank offered him a big stipend. He called out his mother and his close friends. They all also became very happy at the good news. Rahim availed the chance and after a few days he met the chief of the bank. Then he got admission in B.S College, Comilla and began to study very sincerely and seriously. He also secured GPA 5 in his HSC examination. Then he got admitted into Dhaka Medical College.

Now Rahim is a very skilled and experienced doctor. He treats his patients humanly. He has been doing a lot of philanthropic and constructive works for the people of his village. The people also love and respect him very much.

06 Read the following outlines and develop them into a complete story. Give a suitable title to it.

[Ctg '17; RB '15; BB '13; Dinaj B '12; JB '12]

A shepherd boy — kept a flock of sheep near a forest — made a fun with villagers — shouted 'Wolf! Wolf! Help!' — villagers-ran to help — he laughed at them — made the same fun — but a wolf really came — killed the sheep — cried for help — none came.

Or, There lived a shepherd (মেস পালক) boy in a pastoral (গ্ৰাম্য) area. He kept a flock of sheep near a forest. In the forest, there lived a wolf. At times, the wolf would come out and kill lambs (মেস শাবক) and farmers. The shepherd boy had.....

Ans.

Punishment of a Liar

There lived a shepherd boy in a pastoral area. He kept a flock of sheep near a forest. In the forest, there lived a wolf. At times, the wolf would come out and kill lambs and farmers. The shepherd boy had a bad habit of telling lies. He used to make a fun with villagers shouting "Wolf! Wolf! help!" The villagers would think that the young shepherd boy might be in danger. The villagers would rush to save the shepherd boy with sticks, spears (বর্শা) and tools. But they would find no wolf.

Seeing the villagers, the shepherd would laugh at them. The villagers would become annoyed (বিরক্ত করা) and return to their work. The liar shepherd would make the same fun few and far between. The villagers would come forward to protect the boy and return home being annoyed.

But one day a wolf really came. The shepherd boy shouted to his highest voice. The villagers heard his shouting but they did not extend (প্ৰসারিত করা) their helping hands. They did not come to rescue the shepherd. The wolf killed all his sheep. The boy cried loudly and asked for help. But nobody came. The wolf also killed the shepherd. The poor unfortunate (হতভাগ্য) shepherd lost his life for telling lies.

So, we should never tell a lie.

07 Read the beginning of the following story. It is not complete. Use your imagination to complete it and give it a suitable title. [SB '17; DB '15, '11; Dinaj B '11; CB '09]

There lived a woodcutter in a village. One day he was cutting wood near a river. Suddenly his axe fell into the river. The river was very deep. The wood cutter did not know how to swim or dive. So, he was sitting there sadly. Then a wonderful thing happened. A beautiful fairy appeared before the woodcutter

Ans.

Reward for Honesty

There lived a woodcutter in a village. One day he was cutting wood near a river. Suddenly his axe fell into the river. The river was very deep. The woodcutter did not know how to swim or dive. So, he was sitting there sadly. Then a wonderful thing happened. A beautiful fairy appeared before the woodcutter. The fairy asked the woodcutter what had happened to him. The woodcutter informed the fairy about the incident. He informed her that he was a poor woodcutter and he earned his living by cutting wood. Now he would not be able to work anymore as he had lost his axe in the river water. It was out of his ability to buy a new one. Hearing all these, the fairy felt pity for him. The fairy dived into the river water and came out with a gold axe. She asked the poor woodcutter whether it was his axe. The poor man replied in the negative. The fairy dived again into the river water and raised her hand with a silver axe. She asked the woodcutter whether it was his axe. The woodcutter replied in the negative.

The fairy instantly dived into water and raised up with the axe which the woodcutter had lost. She asked him if it was his axe. The woodcutter was very glad and shouted that it was his axe. The fairy was surprised to see the honesty of the poor woodcutter. She rewarded him with all the three axes of gold, silver and iron.

08 Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a suitable title to it.

[CtgB'16; DB '14, '10; BB '12]

Once on a summer day a crow became very thirsty. It began to move here and there in search of drinking water but in vain. The crow did not lose hope. It, at last, noticed a jar at a little distance. It at once flew to it but.....

Or, Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a suitable title to it.

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Ans.

Where There Is a Will, There Is a Way/A Thirsty Crow

It was a summer day and a crow became very thirsty. It began to move here and there in search of drinking water but in vain. The crow did not lose hope. It, at last, noticed a jar at a little distance. It at once flew to it but there was a little water at the bottom of the jar. The water of the jar was not reachable to the crow.

He became very frustrated. He was at a loss what to do. He looked around and saw some pebbles. Then an excellent idea came to his mind.

He picked up the pebbles one by one with his beak. He dropped them into the pitcher. Soon the water came up to the mouth of the pitcher. The crow drank the water and flew away happily.

So, we learn from the story that we should never be frustrated in any situation.

09 Read the beginning of the following story. The story is not complete. Use your imagination and complete the story by giving a suitable title to it. [SB'16; SB '13]

A hare is a very speedy animal. It can run very fast. But a tortoise moves very slowly. Once upon a time a hare was very proud of his speed and cut a joke to a tortoise. Once the tortoise challenged.....

Ans. Slow And Steady Wins the Race/A Race between the Hare And the Tortoise

A hare is a very speedy animal. It can run very fast. But a tortoise moves very slowly. Once upon a time a hare was very proud of his speed and cut a joke to a tortoise. Once the tortoise challenged (শ্রেষ্ঠত্ব প্রমাণের জন্য প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বিতা করা) the hare and invited him to run a race with him. They both went to a fox and asked him to be the judge of their contest. The fox agreed and on an appointed day they met at cross road.

Finally the race began. The hare, from the beginning, started running at a top speed and soon left the tortoise far behind. Crossing almost half of the distance the hare looked back. There was no sign of the tortoise around.

The hare smiled and said to himself, "I am really a fool. Why should I run so fast in the hot sun with the slow, old tortoise? I will start again when the tortoise will catch up. Before that I will have a rest." So, he lay down to have a rest under a shady (ছায়াযুক্ত) tree. But, as he was a little tired, he soon fell asleep (ঘুমন্ত). The tortoise, on the other hand, went along his slow but steady way. He never stopped nor looked back and at last passed the proud hare and reached the finishing spot well ahead of the hare.

The hare knowing not when he fell asleep, awoke with a start and looking back found no sign of the tortoise. Still satisfied with himself he started running. But on reaching the finishing spot he saw the tortoise gossiping with the fox, the judge of the race.

Then the tortoise said, "You should know friend, slow and steady wins the race."

10 Read the following outlines and develop them into a complete story. Give a suitable title to it.

[BB'16; Dinaj B'15; BB '11; SB'09]

Bayazid was a small boy. His mother was ill. One day he was studying by the side of the bed of his ailing mother. All on a sudden his mother woke up, raised her head and told her son to give her a glass of water

Ans.

Devotion to Mother

Bayazid was a small boy. His mother was ill. One day he was studying by the side of the bed of his ailing mother. All on a sudden his mother woke up, raised her head and told her son to give her a glass of water. The boy Bayazid took the glass to pour water from the pitcher. But the pitcher was empty. There was not a single drop of water in the house.

Bayazid remembered a stream from where he could bring water. But it was far from his house and was in one corner of the village. The night was quite dark. Bayazid took the pitcher and went to fetch water from the stream. When he returned with water, he found his mother in deep sleep. Bayazid thought that if he made his mother awaken, she might feel disturbed. So, he decided to stand beside his mother's bed with the glass of water. When she woke up, he would serve her with the water.

The whole night passed. Bayazid's mother opened eyes in the morning and saw her son standing with a glass of water. Seeing that, her eyes became full of tears. She took him in her arms with motherly affection and blessed him from the core of her heart. Her blessings made him a great saint later.

11 Read the following outlines and develop them into a complete story. Give a suitable title to it.

[DinajB '15; CB '15, '13]

A farmer had three sons — he called his sons — farmer asked them to break it — untie the bundle — they broke — nobody can harm you.

Ans.

Unity Is Strength

A farmer had three sons. His sons were not in good terms with one another. They often quarrelled among themselves. So, the old farmer was unhappy with them. The old farmer wanted to teach them a good lesson. So, he hit upon a plan. He called all his sons and asked them to bring some sticks. According to their father's order, the sons collected some sticks (লাঠি) and took them to him. The farmer told the sons to tie the sticks in a bundle (আঁটি).

Then the farmer asked each of his sons to break the bundle. Each of them tried to break the bundle but failed. This time the old farmer asked them to untie the bundle. The sons did it at once. Then he gave a stick to each of his sons. He again asked them to break the sticks. The sons could break their sticks easily.

Then the farmer told his sons that if they remain (অবশিষ্ট থাকা) united like the bundle of sticks, nobody can harm them. He also warned them if they quarrelled again and remained separate (পৃথক করা), enemies would break down them like the single sticks. He taught his sons the importance of unity. The sons realized (বুঝতে পারা) and promised to remain united.

12 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

[JB '15; BB '10]

Once there lived a poor farmer who worked very hard to maintain his big family. But he could hardly manage two square meals a day. One day while working in the field, he found a basket. He picked it up and carried it

Ans.

Honesty Is the Best Policy

Once there lived a poor farmer who worked very hard to maintain his big family. But he could hardly manage two square meals a day. One day while working in the field, he found a basket. He picked it up and carried it home. He showed it to his wife. She opened it. Oh! It was full of huge amount of money.

The wife was greedy by nature. She advised her husband to use it or at least a part of it for themselves. But the farmer told his wife that to use it was nothing but great dishonesty. He added that he would first try to find out the person who had lost the basket.

He set out (শুরু করা) to find the owner of it. He moved here and there to find him or her. At last the farmer found the owner of the basket. He was an industrialist of the nearby town. He went to him and gave him the basket. Finding the basket, the rich man became very happy. He gave the farmer lots of thanks, but no reward.

Giving back the basket to its owner, the farmer became happy. Then he came back home. The farmer's wife looked at him very angrily and rebuked him for his foolishness. But the farmer did not change his motto and stand. He kept on saying, "Honesty is the best policy."

Some months went away (অতিক্রম করা). Suddenly one day the industrialist arrived at his house. Both he and his wife got astonished at this. They tried their level best to entertain him. He praised the farmer highly. Then he gave the farmer a handsome cash reward and gave him some plots of land, then took leave of them. The poor farmer and his wife became very glad at the greatness of the rich man.

Then the farmer called his wife and said to her, "Now have you understood that honesty is the best policy?" The wife felt very ashamed and said, "Really, honesty is the best policy."

13 Read the following outlines and develop them into a complete story. Give a suitable title to your story.

[Ctg B '15, '10]

Once some mice were having a good time in a rich man's house. There was the availability (পূর্ণতা) of rich and tasty foods. They ate cereal (খাদ্য শস্য) and made holes in the house. The mice also cut the clothes and.....

Ans.

Who Is to Bell the Cat?

Once some mice were having a good time in a rich man's house. There was the availability of rich and tasty foods. They ate cereal and made holes in the house. The mice also cut the clothes and bit the sleeping children. They were always shrieking (তীব্রস্বর করা) and squeaking (কিচির মিচির শব্দ করা) in the house. So, the owner brought a cat to get relief from that disturbance (অশান্তি). The cat started to hunt mice everyday. The mice were afraid of it.

So, all the mice sat together in a conference. Many of them put different opinions. But nothing was suitable (উপযোগী). The meeting was about to end. At that time, a young mouse stood up and asked permission to put his proposal. All agreed. It said, "We will tie a bell around the cat's neck. So, we will get warning (সতর্কতামূলক) when the cat comes. Then we can easily hide ourselves in safe place." All the mice greeted his proposal with applause (তুমুল হর্ষধ্বনি).

Then an old mouse stood up and asked others to be calm. He said, "Who will bell the cat?". There was pin drop silence. They were looking at one another. There was nobody who was brave to accomplish (সাফল্যের সঙ্গে শেষ করা) the task of belling the cat. Finally, the conference ended in smoke.

14 Read the beginning of the following story. The story is incomplete. Use your imagination and complete it. You have to give a suitable title to it :

[SB '15; 13]

Once there was a lion sleeping in a forest. Suddenly a mouse came there. It did not notice the sleeping lion. It was running about and playing happily. By chance, it ran over the face of the lion. It awoke the lion. At this, the lion grew.....

Ans.

A Small Creature Saves the Life of a Lion

Once there was a lion sleeping in a forest. Suddenly a mouse came there. It did not notice the sleeping lion. It was running about and playing happily. By chance, it ran over the face of the lion. It awoke the lion. At this, the lion grew very angry (রাগান্বিত). It roared (গর্জন করা) with anger. The mouse got frightened and started trembling. The lion said, "How dare you disturb me, the small evil? I will kill you." The mouse fell in great danger. It begged its life to the lion. It also promised to help the lion in future if he needed. Hearing this, the lion laughed at him. He said, "How a small creature like you will help me?" He mocked (বিদূষ করা) at the mouse and relieved (মুক্তি দেয়া) him.

After a few days a hunter set a trap and the lion was caught in it. The lion tried his utmost to escape (পলায়ন করা) from it but failed.

The mouse noticed (লক্ষ করা) the situation and decided to help the lion. It started to cut off the net with its sharp teeth. After sometimes, the lion was able to get out from the trap and thanked the mouse for saving his life. So, nobody should neglect anyone treating as a small creature (প্ৰাণী).

15 Read the following story. It is not complete. Use your imagination to complete it and give a suitable title.

[BB '15]

Rafiq got into the train. He found out his seat and sat down. A few minutes later, another passenger claimed the seat and to his utter surprise, Rafiq discovered that he had got into the wrong train. But it was too late.

Ans.

Misfortune of Rafiq

Rafiq got into the train. He found out his seat and sat down. A few minutes later, another passenger claimed the seat and to his utter surprise, Rafiq discovered that he had got into the wrong train. But it was too late. The train had already left the station. There was no way to get down. Rafiq left the seat for the man and told him about his mistake. The man felt sorry and suggested Rafiq getting down at the next station. Rafiq looked at his watch. It was almost 10 pm. So asked the man how much it would take to reach the next station. The man replied that it would take about an hour. Rafiq lost his heart and got

frightened thinking what he would do getting down there. Besides, he had two lac taka in his suitcase. He became pale thinking about upcoming danger. He was also fearful about the snatcher. Finding him thoughtful, the man said that he would also get down at the next station and assured that he would help him to get into an inn. In the meantime, ticket master came and Rafiq managed him showing his ticket. At last the train reached the station. Rafiq got down. The man showed Rafiq the way to the nearest inn. The town was very quiet and there was hardly any people. There were not enough street lights. The road was dark. He was walking along the street. Suddenly, two people emerged and pointed gun at him. They told him to give them all his belongings. As he refused, one of them loaded the gun and threatened his life. He started trembling. His suitcase fell down from his hand. He sat down. They snatched away his suitcase, moneybag everything.

16 Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a title to it:

[JB'15;CtgB-2009]

Once a dog stole a piece of meat from a butcher's shop. He ran away with it and at last went to a stream. There was a plank across the.....

Ans. **Too Much Greed, Too Much Sufferings**

Once a dog stole a piece of meat from a butcher's shop. He ran away with it and at last went to a stream. There was a plank across the stream. The dog was running over the plank. He looked down into the stream at the time of running over the plank across stream and saw clearly a dog's shadow in the water. The greedy dog thought that there was another dog carrying a piece of meat. So he quickly jumped into the water. In doing so the dog lost the piece of meat from its mouth. The piece of meat was carried away by the river. There was no other dog. The one it had attacked was its own shadow. The greedy dog was soaking wet and with great difficulties reached the shore.

The greedy dog went home sluggishly. His stomach was getting even hungrier. The dog thought that too much greed had resulted in such misery.

17 Read the following story. It is not completed. Complete it using your own imagination. Give a title to it.

[CtgB'15; JB'12]

Sheikh Saadi was a great poet of Iran. He led a very simple life. Once the king of the country invited (আমন্ত্রিত) him to the court. Walking all day long on foot, he.....

Ans. **Dress Does Not Make a Man Great**

Sheikh Saadi was a great poet of Iran. He led a very simple life. Once the king of the country invited him to the court. Walking all day long on foot, he became tired and took shelter in a rich man's house at night. Saadi had a very simple dress as usual. The rich man considered him an ordinary traveller and did not entertain (আপ্লায়ন করা) him well.

The next day, Saadi left the rich man's house and reached the king's court. The king received him well and presented him royal dress. On his way back home, Saadi again took shelter in the same rich man's house. Seeing his royal (রাজকীয়) dress, the rich man took great care of him and served him rich and delicious (সুস্বাদু) food item. Saadi started putting the food items into his pocket instead of eating. The rich man became astonished (বিস্ময়বিহ্বল হওয়া) at his strange behaviour and asked the reason of his doing so. Saadi gently told the host of his behaviour at the first day and the second day. "The delicious food was given to me for the dress. So I am putting this food in my dress," he said.

The man became very ashamed (লজ্জিত) of remembering his behaviour and begged pardon (ক্ষমা). Saadi then introduced himself to the rich man and took leave of him.

18 Read the following story. It is not complete. Use your imagination to complete it and give it a suitable title:

[BB'15;DnyB'10; SB'08]

Once a boy named Arif was coming home from the school on foot. Suddenly, he noticed a money bag lying beside the road. He thought for a while.....

Ans. **Responsibility of a Young Boy**

Once a boy named Arif was coming home from his school on foot. Suddenly he noticed a moneybag lying beside the road. He thought for a while. He was confused to take up the bag as somebody might treat him as a thief. Again he was not such irresponsible as to overlook the matter. So, he shook off hesitation and took the bag to his house.

At home, he consulted the fact with his parents and his younger sister. His parents advised him to search for the owner of the bag and he found a big amount of money. Inside the moneybag, he found a visiting card with phone number. Arif decided to call on the number. A grave male voice answered on the other end. Arif enclosed his identity and the fact of getting the moneybag. The receiver demanded that he owned that bag with money. Arif tried to test the man if he was speaking the truth. The conversation between them removed Arif's confusion. Arif became sure of his ownership of the bag.

He gave his residence's address to the man. The man met Arif and thanked him a lot for his responsibility. He also gifted Arif a nice story book.

19 Read the following story. It is not complete. Use your imagination to complete it and give a suitable title.

[RB '14, '09; DinajB '14; '10; CtgB '14; DB '13]

Once there lived a happy cobbler who passed his days in working and singing from morning till night. A rich man of his neighbour asked him one day "How much a year do you earn?" The cobbler laughed and said —

Ans.

Money Cannot Buy Happiness

Once there lived a happy cobbler who passed his days in working and singing from morning till night. A rich man of his neighbour asked him one day "How much a year do you earn?" The cobbler laughed and said, "I never reckon my money in that way. It goes as fast as it comes, but I am glad to be able to earn it. I cobble on from day to day and earn a living." "Well then, how much do you earn each day?" asked the rich man. "Why, sometimes more and sometimes less," answered the cobbler. "On many holidays I earn nothing but I manage to live." "You are a happy man now," said the rich man, "but I will make you happier," and he handed the cobbler one thousand dollar. "Go, spend this money carefully. It will supply your needs for many days," he said. The cobbler had never dreamt of so much money before. He thought it was enough to keep him in food and clothes all his life. He took the money home and hid it, but he hid his joy with it. He stopped singing and became sad. He could not sleep for fear of robbers. He thought that everyone who came into his shop was trying to find out his secret. When a cat ran over the floor, he thought a thief had slipped through the door.

20 Read the following story and complete it in your own way with a title.

[JB '14; SB '14; CB '10]

There lived a farmer in a village. He had a wonderful (বিস্ময়কর) goose. The goose laid an egg of gold everyday. The farmer was very greedy (লোভী). He thought that.....

Ans.

Grasp All, Lose All/A Greedy Farmer

There lived a farmer in a village. He had a wonderful (বিস্ময়কর) goose. The goose laid an egg of gold everyday. The farmer was very greedy. He thought that it was difficult for him to keep patience (ধৈর্য). He grew impatient (অস্থির) to have all the eggs at a time. If he got all the eggs in a day, he would be very rich quickly. He was quite tempted (প্ৰলুব্ধ) .

As a result, he hit upon a plan to cut the belly of the goose and collect all the eggs altogether. To implement (কার্যে পরিণত করা) his plan, he took a knife and cut the belly of the goose. To his utter surprise, he found no egg there. Another sad news for him was that the goose died for bleeding. The farmer was very shocked at the incident. He realised that he implemented a foolish plan. For his greed, he lost the wonderful goose forever.

21 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

[BB '14]

It was a fine sunny day. Almost all the workers were busy with their daily activities in a factory. Suddenly there was a crashing sound... ..

Ans.

Return from the Door of Death

It was a fine sunny day. Almost all the workers were busy with their daily activities in a factory. Suddenly there was a crashing sound. I noticed my colleagues running back and forth, screaming. It took me a moment or two to realise that something ominous (অপভ) was going to happen.

As soon as I along with others moved 20 feet towards the staircases (সিঁড়ি), the building began collapsing, giving me the feeling of a lift going down at speed.

Darkness engulfed (গাস করা) the entire place with thick clouds of dust. I heard screams (চিৎকার) around me. My heart started pounding. After sometime, a ray of hope emerged when I saw a faint (ম্লান) light.

A lot of things and memories came across my mind. I was thinking about my wife and children. Suddenly I saw the hole of an exhaust fan around 20 feet away. With every bit of energy in me, I crawled to the hole.

Some rescuers (উদ্ধারকারী) saw me after I started screaming for help. They assured me that they would rescue me and told me not to worry. They tried their best to rescue me and finally I was able to come out.

I saw many of my colleagues trapped in debris (ধ্বংসস্তূপ) still alive and they could not move, as walls and machines had fallen on them. How terrible that moment was for me!

22 Read the following story. It is not complete. Use your imagination to complete it and give it a suitable title.

[DB '13, '11; JB '13; SB '11; DinajB '11; BB '10; RB '08]

There were two friends. They lived in a certain village. They promised that they would help each other at the time of danger. One day they were passing through a deep forest. Suddenly they heard.....

Ans.

A Friend in Need is a Friend Indeed

There were two friends. They lived in a certain village. They promised that they would help each other at the time of danger. One day they were passing through a deep forest. Suddenly they heard a loud sound. It was a bear. So, both of them were afraid and were at a loss what to do. One of them knew how to climb a tree. He left his friend in danger and took shelter on a tree. The other friend was helpless.

Suddenly a plan came up in his mind. He knew that the bear doesn't eat any dead animal. Finding no way, he decided to pretend (ভান করা) to be dead. According to his plan, he lay on the ground like a dead one. At last, the bear came and found him lying on the ground. The bear smelt the body and considered him to be dead. It went away without doing any harm.

When the bear went away, his friend got down from the tree. He asked what the bear had whispered (ফিসফিস করে বলা) to him. The friend replied that the bear forbade (নিষেধ করা) him to keep company with such a friend who leaves his friend in danger. Hearing this, his friend felt ashamed and went away.

23 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable Title to it.

[CtgB-'13]

Palakhal is a remote village in the district of Chandpur. There lived a poor farmer. He had three sons and a daughter. Her name was Shukhi. God knew why she was named so. She started going to a primary school three miles away from her village.....

Ans.

Shukhi : A Lovely Lotus in the Dung-hill

Palakhal is a remote village in the district of Chandpur. There lived a poor farmer. He had three sons and a daughter. Her name was Shukhi. God knew why she was named so. She started going to a primary school three miles away from her village. She was a very intelligent and meritorious girl. She always cherished a dream of having higher education so that she could be self-reliant and could support her family. As her father was extremely poor, he was not able to bear her educational expenses.

All the teachers of Shukhi loved her very much. They took special care of her. They took every possible step so that she could carry on her study smoothly. They had a firm belief that she would cut a good figure in the SSC examination. Shukhi really translated her teachers' expectation into reality by passing the examination in 2012 with GPA 5. The joys of her parents knew no bounds on her brilliant result.

The school authority accorded her a grand reception and paid her a cheque of Tk 50,000/- only to carry on her study. Hazi Md. Nazrul Islam, a rich man of that village, took the total responsibility of her higher education. Her parents could not believe what were happening. They only expressed their gratitude to all who came forward to support their daughter. Shukhi got herself admitted into Palakhal Rustom Ali Degree College, Chandpur and carried on with her study enthusiastically.

24 Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a suitable title to it :

[CB '12; SB '09]

Once there lived a king named Robert Bruce. He lost his kingdom being defeated by his enemies. He wished to regain his kingdom at any cost. He collected troops and made six attempts one after another to drive away the enemies. But by an irony of fate he was defeated each time. He then hid himself in a cave.....

Ans.

Perseverance Is the Key to Success

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It failed for seven times, but it was not disheartened.

Then it made another attempt. On the eighth attempt it succeeded. That is, on the eighth attempt at last, it was able to climb the roof of the cave.

The king was inspired at this and took a lesson from the activities of the spider that perseverance is the key to all success. Just then, he made up his mind to make an attempt more. He collected his troops again and encouraged them. With a firm determination, he along with his soldiers attacked his enemies once again.

This time he could defeat his enemies and got back his lost kingdom.

25 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable Title to it.

[JB '11]

Last year we had a tour to the Sundarbans. It was just 3:15 when we reached Katka. Under a forest guide and a coast guard we started going down to the deep forest. I was so beguiled with the wonderful green of the Sundarbans that even I forgot to follow our teammates. But when I came into sense.....

Ans.

The Danger I Faced in the Sundarbans

Last year we had a tour to the Sundarbans. It was just 3:15 when we reached Katka. Under a forest guide and a coast guard we started going down to the deep forest. I was so beguiled (মূগ্ধ হওয়া) with the wonderful green of the Sundarbans that even I forgot to follow our teammates. But when I came into sense, I felt uneasy

this place. I found nobody there. I was looking for my teammates but found none. The place seemed to me very strange and dark as the plants gathered. It seemed to me night. Suddenly, a strange voice came to me. I was shivering (ভয়ে থর থর করে কাঁপা) at that sound. The sound was wholly unknown to me. The sound came towards me slowly.

At that time I thought that sound would be of a strange beast. So I was trying to climb up a tree but unfortunately the tree broke down. I was shocked very much at that. Then I quickly tried to climb up another tree. I was slipping down again and again. After much trying I succeeded. From the tree I saw some beasts coming towards me with that strange voice. I was worried if they could break the tree and I would fall down. But I was lucky. I saw some monkeys coming to the tree and looking around.

After two or three minutes finding nothing they went away. I felt relieved (স্বস্তিবোধ করা). Then I got down from the tree. After walking for sometime I found a narrow way. I followed the way and found my teammates. When they found me, they became excited. They all embraced (জড়িয়ে ধরা) me. Finally we returned our home.

26 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable Title to it.

[SB '11]

Once there was a very powerful man in a city. He had everything under his disposal. He always boasted of his money and power. There lived another man in the same city who had neither power nor money, but what he had was immense love for the commoners who used to call him a Saint, a great lover of man. There began a rivalry between these two over a simple thing.

Ans.

Triumph of Love over Money And Power

Once there was a very powerful man in a city. He had everything under his disposal. He always boasted of his money and power. There lived another man in the same city who had neither power nor money, but what he had was immense love for the commoners who used to call him a Saint, a great lover of man. There began a rivalry between these two over a simple thing. The powerful man wanted to build a new palace in a very short time. He expressed his desire to his aides. One of them said, "Sir, you have money and power. So, don't worry." His associates started the work.

The saint on the other hand started digging a tank in order to mitigate (হ্রাস করা) the sufferings of the commoners for drinking water.

The palace builders soon realised that they were falling short of workers because of the saint's assignment. So they went to their master and informed him of the problem. The master said to them, "Well, go and say to the saint to stop his work for a few months."

The mercenaries went to the saint and told him of the advice of their master. The saint softly said to them, "Look, here people are working to mitigate their own sufferings. If they agree to your proposal, you will have enough workforce to hire. It's not me, you go to the workers." So they went to the workers and tried all means to convince them but none of them seemed convinced.

"Well, we are going back to our master. He will surely teach you a good lesson."

"Perhaps, your master may not get enough time to teach us a lesson," said the saint on the back of the departing mercenaries.

However, when they told their master everything, his ego got so hurt that it created tremendous pressure on his nerves and he fell down dead due to heart failure. The mercenaries heard the echo of what the saint had said. They whispered among themselves.

27 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable Title to it.

[DB '10]

Rahela is a village girl of a Muslim family. She is waiting for her HSC results. She dreams to read in a university after the end of her HSC examination. She would be a teacher and will take care of the young students. She is also anxious of her conservative parents. They think otherwise. Educating a daughter is more waste of time and money

Ans.

A Woman of Struggle

Rahela is a village girl of a Muslim family. She is waiting for her HSC results. She dreams to read in a university after the end of her HSC examination. She would be a teacher and will take care of the young students. She is also anxious of her conservative parents. They think otherwise. Educating a daughter is more waste of time and money they thought.

In the meantime the results of exam were published. She passed it with GPA 2. She got very upset and wanted to sit for the exam next year. But her parents did not permit her to do so.

Suddenly her parents married her off to an unemployed man. With a very unhappy mind, Rahela entered into her husband's house with the dreams and hopes of a young girl. There she found nothing but want and want. Rahela worked for food to feed herself, her mother-in-law and her husband. When her first son was born, she was only 19. The birth of a child was another mouth to feed. After two years her hard days became harder with the birth of her second child.

Her husband was still unwilling to do any work. Therefore, she had to work even harder to feed all the five mouths. From morning till dark she worked and worked. When she was 24, she gave birth to her third.

Days became more difficult for Rahela. She began to work harder but she could never earn enough to feed everyone.

Eight years passed and Rahela was still struggling for herself and her family. Then she came to learn about the Grameen Bank. She became a member of the bank, took a loan and started 'rice-husking' business. Gradually she managed to improve her condition. She repaid the loan in time. The bank became satisfied with her. It sanctioned her larger loan and she started a stationery shop alongside her rice husking business.

In some years, Rahela's worst days were over. She got solvency (আর্থিক স্বচ্ছলতা), security and happiness.

28 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable Title to it. [JB '10]

When I was five, my father took me to a school quite far away from our home. There I followed my father to a room where I saw a big bald-headed man. He looked pleased to see my father but I got frightened when.....

Ans.

My First Day at School

When I was five, my father took me to a school quite far away from our home. There I followed my father to a room where I saw a big bald-headed man. He looked pleased to see my father but I got frightened when the bald-headed man looked at me. I felt very shy also. Then the unknown man asked us to sit down. We sat down. In a few moments I remembered that he was the Headteacher of my first and new school.

Then he asked me some simple questions and I could answer them all well. The Headteacher became very pleased with me. Then I found that he was actually a very nice man. He looked grave outside but he was really a very kind and cooperative person.

Next, he called the class teacher of class one and asked her to admit me into class one. My class teacher was also a very nice and friendly lady. Suddenly the bell for the first period rang and I entered the first class of my school life. The class teacher took me to class one. All the students in the class welcomed me. I did not know anybody there. This time also I felt a bit nervous. But soon I felt easy and made friends with a few students.

When our class teacher called out my name, I became so excited that I could not understand what I should do. She stared at me for a while and asked me my name and my father's name. I answered and after that she introduced me to the whole class. The first period passed through introduction and some fun. Suddenly the bell rang and the period was over.

I at once joined my classmates and started shouting and enjoying.

It was my first day at school and it was a very interesting day in my life. Till now I cannot forget this day of my childhood.

29 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable Title to it. [SB '10]

It was twenty years ago when I was living in an apartment overlooking a cemetery. I was just living from hand to mouth. At that time a lady wrote a letter to me praising one of my writings just published in the newspaper.....

Ans.

Result of Being Flattered

It was twenty years ago when I was living in an apartment overlooking a cemetery (সমাধিক্ষেত্র). I was just living from hand to mouth. At that time a lady wrote a letter to me praising one of my writings just published in the newspaper. It made me so excited that I sent her a letter of thanks. Immediately after that she wrote her second letter saying that she was passing through the city and wanted to have a talk to me.

In the letter she wrote, the only free time she had was on the next Friday. She also wanted to know if I would mind giving her a little luncheon at Hotel A B International.

To speak the truth, Hotel A B International is a very expensive hotel. Only rich people go there. I never even thought of going there. But I was too young to have learnt to say 'no' to any woman. So, I wrote to her inviting her for a luncheon at Hotel A B International. I thought that I would be able to manage well if I cut my breakfast for the next two weeks. In fact, I had only taka 4000 with me for the rest of the month. And I thought, a moderate luncheon would not cost more than 1000 taka.

On the fixed day, I met her at the hotel. She was not so attractive and young as I thought her to be. Actually, she was a woman of about forty. It was the first blow to me. But I was yet to have the hardest reality. My lady guest herself wanted to choose the food items from the menu. And she began to choose the costliest items one after another.

I felt seriously anxious. I was in complete doubt whether I would have enough money to pay the bill. My mental torture resisted me from taking any meal there. I just took a soft drink. At last, she finished her meal. The waiter came with the bill. It was taka 3950.

After paying the bill, I gave the rest 50 taka to the waiter as tips. When I left the hotel, the whole month was before me. There was not a single taka left in my pocket. I was duly rewarded for my being foolishly flattered.

30 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable Title to it.

[DB '12]

Once there was a selfish giant who had a large and beautiful garden. The garden was full of soft green grass. Here and there all over the grass stood many colorful flowers like stars.

Ans.

A Selfish Giant

Once there was a selfish giant who had a large and beautiful garden. The garden was full of soft green grass. Here and there all over the grass stood many colorful flowers like stars. The garden was a nice playground for the beautiful children. There were many trees and birds sat on the trees and sang sweet songs. One day when the giant returned, he saw the children in his garden. He became angry and chased them away. He built a high wall around the garden.

After the children stopped coming to the garden, the garden lost its beauty. It became covered with snow and frost. No birds came to sing there. Spring was everywhere but in the giant's garden it was still winter. One morning the children entered the garden through a small hole in the wall. And spring arrived in the garden at last to express its happiness on seeing the children again. The giant saw the children and the environment of the garden. He realised that he had been selfish and felt sorry. The trees were covered with flowers. But the giant saw that only in a corner there was snow because a little child couldn't climb up a tree. The giant helped the child and put him on the top of the tree. Since then the child stopped coming there and the giant was sad. The giant grew old and in one winter he found the child again in one corner with a tree covered with blossoms. The child was Jesus Christ who took the giant to Paradise.

31 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable Title to it.

[RB '10]

Once upon a time two friends went on a journey. They had to go through a forest. As they came through the wood, they saw a bag lying on the ground.....

Ans.

Greed Begets Sin And Sin Begets Death

Once upon a time two friends went on a journey. They had to go through a forest. As they came through the wood, they saw a bag lying on the ground. The bag was full of valuable ornaments and gold coins. Probably the bag belonged to some robbers.

The two friends became overjoyed to find such a bag. They took the bag at a very secret place. They thought a lot on the bag and made many plans.

At last, they decided to divide the wealth of the bag equally into two parts between them. They thought that they would be very rich soon with the help of the bag.

At one stage there arose a quarrel between them, but after some agreement (বোঝাপড়া) it was over. In the meantime, they felt tired and hungry. After discussion, one of the friends went to the nearby market to buy some food. While he went away to buy food, the other friend planned to kill him so that he might get the whole wealth and become very rich soon.

On the other hand, the other friend in the market planned to poison the food secretly and kill his friend. If he could do so, he would be a rich man quickly. So he poisoned the food he bought and came back to the other.

As soon as he came back, the other friend killed him. After killing he felt very happy and sat down to eat the food bought from the market. But alas! The food was poisoned. Just after eating the food, he fell down and died. Now the bag of valuable ornaments and gold coins remained lying on the ground as it was some moments ago.

32 Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a title to it.

[DB '09]

Mr Rahman is a retired officer. Usually he goes for a walk everyday early in the morning. One day while walking in the morning he saw a man lying senseless by the side of the road. He went nearer to the man.....

Ans.

Responsibility of a Kind Hearted Person

Mr. Rahman is a retired officer. Usually he goes for a walk everyday early in the morning. One day while walking in the morning he saw a man lying senseless by the side of a road. He went nearer to the man. Mr. Rahman recognized the man easily. It was one of his neighbours Mr. Samad. What he saw was frightening. The lying man had an accident. He fell down from a rickshaw and broke his leg.

Mr. Samad was seriously injured and failed to stand up. Mr. Rahman requested a passer-by to help them by hiring a taxi-cab.

Within a few minutes they got a taxi and Mr. Rahman lifted his neighbour on it. He took him to the hospital and admitted him for treatment.

Later, he phoned to Mr. Samad's family members about the accident. They hurried to the hospital. Mr. Rahman tried to ease them and spoke with condolence.

In a few days, Mr. Samad came round (সুস্থ হল). He and his family members showed gratitude to Mr. Rahman for his kindness and responsibility.

33 Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a title to it: [DB'08]

Kashem is a poor rickshaw puller in Dhaka. He drives his rickshaw to different areas of the city. One day he saw some men selling lottery tickets enticing the passersby. Kashem felt tempted and bought a ticket. He knew the date of the draw. He was waiting eagerly for the day. Then the much awaited day came and he purchased a daily newspaper.....

Ans.**Fortunate Rickshaw Puller**

Kashem is a poor rickshaw Puller in Dhaka. He drives his rickshaw to different areas of the city. One day he saw some men selling lottery tickets enticing the passersby. Kashem felt tempted and bought a ticket. He knew the date of the draw. He was waiting eagerly for the day. Then the much awaited day came and he purchased a daily newspaper. As he received primary education in childhood, he could read and write a bit. He started to search the page in which the result of the lottery was published. He was trying to find out his ticket number with excitement. It was a great surprise for him when he found the number on the top of the list. Kashem won the first prize of the lottery. He was so excited that he burst into tears with joy. But he was at a loss how he would get the money.

Kashem contacted with one of his neighbours who was a school teacher. The teacher assured him every help. He took Kashem to the nearest police station and asked for their security. Then they communicated with the authority of the lottery. The authority checked the ticket and paid twenty five lac taka as the first prize. Kashem came back home with police protection.

The joys of Kashem knew no bounds. Kashem decided to do something for self-employment. He went back to his village and started a poultry farm. He also started a stationery shop alongside his poultry business. He deposited the rest of the money in a bank. The bad days of Kashem were gone and he became solvent and self-employed.

34 Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a suitable title to it.**[JB '09; DB '07]**

Once a boy named Ahsanullah was going home after his class. When he was crossing the road, he saw an old woman lying on the road. She was senseless. He rushed.....

Ans.**A Responsible And Kind Hearted Boy**

Once a boy named Ahsanullah was going home after his class. When he was crossing the road, he saw an old woman lying on the road. She was senseless. He rushed (তীব্র বেগে ছুটে যাওয়া) *to the spot. He could recognize* (চিনতে পারা) *the sick* (অসুস্থ) *woman. She was the grandmother of Karim. Ahsanullah was at a loss how he would help the poor woman. In the mean time, a lot of people crowded there. Ahsanullah asked a woman to look after her. He rushed to manage a carriage* (পরিবহন).

The woman poured water on her head to bring her sense back. Ahsanullah came back with a push-cart (ঠেলাগাড়ি). He pulled her on the cart with the help of other people. Then he took her to the nearby hospital for better treatment. Afterwards (পরবর্তীতে), he went to Karim's house to give the message of his grandmother's accident. Karim's parents went to the hospital with Ahsanullah. They expressed their gratitude (কৃতজ্ঞতা) to Ahsanullah for his kindness. Karim's grandmother came round gradually and prayed to God for the welfare of Ahsanullah.

35 Read the following story. It is not complete. Use your imagination to complete it and give it a suitable title.**[RB '09]**

One day some boys were playing cricket in a school ground. Suddenly they heard a hue and cry nearby. The boys stopped playing then and they went to the spot. They found.....

Ans.**Responsible Young Boys**

One day some boys were playing cricket in a school ground. Suddenly they heard a hue and cry nearby. The boys stopped playing then and they went to the spot. They found a house set on fire. Instantly (তৎক্ষণাৎ) they decided to do something for blowing out the destructive fire. They shouted altogether "Fire! Fire! Help!". The boys tried to gather people to extinguish (নেতানো) the fire. They rushed to the neighbouring houses to collect pitcher, buckets and some other pots to fetch water. They rushed (তীব্র বেগে যাওয়া) to the nearby pond and river. They poured water continuously to put out the devastating (ধ্বংসাত্মক) fire.

Within a moment two houses were fully burnt and damaged. Three others were damaged to some extent. The young boys with other adult people did their best to extinguish the fire and rescue (উদ্ধার করা) the dwellers of the house. Every people present there greeted the young boys for their responsible activities.

36 Read the following story. It is not complete. Complete the story by using your imagination and give it a suitable title :**[CB '10]**

Once there lived two cats in a house. They were very intimate (অন্তরঙ্গ) to each other. One day the two cats stole a piece of cake from a neighbouring house. Each of them demanded

Ans.**Dividing the Bread/Cake**

Once there lived two cats in a house. They were very intimate to each other. One day the two cats stole a piece of cake from a neighbouring house. Each of them demanded the larger share of the cake. None of them agreed to compromise (আপোসে মীমাংসা করা) a bit. So, they decided to go to the monkey for fair justice. The monkey assured (নিশ্চিত করা) them about equal dividing. He brought a scale for it.

At first, he broke the cake into two pieces and put them on the scales. To equalize the portions he bit the larger part. That time the larger part became smaller and the smaller part became larger. The monkey continued that process and bit again and again. Within a few moments, the piece of cake became very small. The two cats were frustrated (হতাশ হওয়া) to see the incident. They asked the monkey to stop his work and return them the rest of the cake. But the monkey denied to return the cake. He demanded the rest of the piece of cake as his remuneration (পারিশ্রমিক). The two cats realised their mistake and lamented for the cake. They promised never to do such a mistake and keep a mutual understanding.

37 Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a suitable title to it :

Once there lived a very clever fox in a jungle. One day while walking through the jungle, he fell into a trap and lost his tail. Without a tail he looked very strange and he felt ashamed.....

Ans.

The Fox without Tail

Once there lived a very clever fox in a jungle. One day while walking through the jungle, he fell into a trap and lost his tail. Without a tail he looked very strange and he felt ashamed. He also felt very unhappy and sad. But the fox was very cunning. He was thinking and thinking. At last, an idea crossed his mind. He invited all his neighbouring foxes to come to a meeting under a tree. All of them arrived there in time and took their seats.

Then the fox without tail said, "My dear friends, listen to me, please. I've discovered a new thing. It's that our tails are completely useless. They look very odd and ugly. Also, they are always dirty. So, we all should cut off our tails, shouldn't we?"

All the foxes listened to the cunning fox eagerly. Most of them agreed to cut off their tails. They were convinced by the cunning fox that they would look nice if they cut off their tails. So, they were almost ready to move on to the right action.

However, in the meeting, there was also an old and wise fox. He had been listening to the fox without tail. He said to him, "My friend, your plan is very nice but very evil. Actually, you want us to cut off our own tails because you've lost your one."

Hearing this, all other foxes could understand the evil plan of the cunning fox. They all shouted at him loudly and chased him. Guessing the unfavourable situation, the cunning fox ran away quickly and saved his life.

38 Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a title to it :

There was a dense forest beside a village. There lived a lot of animals including fox. Among all the animals, one fox was very cunning (খুঁত). It was so clever that.....

Ans.

The Grapes Are Sour

There was a dense forest beside a village. There lived a lot of animals including fox. Among all the animals, one fox was very cunning. It was so clever that he could make the best use of any situation. The farmers of that village were very much concerned (উদ্বেগ) about this fox, because he might steal (চুরি করা) their hens and cocks at any time.

In a hot summer day, the fox was passing through a forest. He was very thirsty (তৃষ্ণার্ত) and looking for water. But he could not find any source (উৎস) of water. Suddenly he saw a bunch (থোকা) of ripe, juicy grapes hanging down from a branch at quite high up from the ground. The fox jumped over again and again but failed to reach there. Then he began to repeat.

He became more hungry (ক্ষুধার্ত) and thirsty. He felt weak. He was unhappy not to eat it. The fox could not satisfy its desire to taste the delicious grapes.

The cunning fox then tried to console (সান্ত্বনা দেয়া) himself saying "The grapes are sour and harmful for health."

39 Read the following story. It is not complete. Use your imagination and complete it. Give it a title: [BB'07]

Jamal is an HSC examinee. He is not attentive (মনোযোগ) to his lessons specially to English because he is very weak in English. Moreover, he is lazy. So his preparation in English is not good. A month ago.....

Ans.

Laziness Brings Miseries

Jamal is an HSC examinee. He is not attentive to his lessons specially to English because he is very weak in English. Moreover, he is lazy. So his preparation in English is not good. A month ago before his examination he managed a suggestion. There were only a few questions. The examination was knocking at the door (সর প্রান্তে). Jamal had a little time to take a good preparation for the exam. So, he started cramming the questions found in the suggestion. At last, the appointed day for the exam came. Jamal entered the exam hall with trembling (ভীত সন্ত্রস্ত) heart. The examination began. Jamal got his question paper at hand. Most of the questions were unknown to him and he could not answer them.

He felt quite nervous and his hand was trembling. Even he failed to answer the questions properly which he had learnt well. The bell rang. Jamal had many questions yet to answer. He left the hall with frustration. After a few months, the result was published. Most of his friends had made good results. But Jamal found his roll number in the list of 'F' grade. He was worried. Then he swore that he would never neglect his studies in future. He would be attentive and regular in his studies.

40 Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a suitable title to it :

A poor girl, named Khadiza worked in a rich man's house. The house master was kind to her but the mistress was very cruel. She used to scold her now and then. One day while serving tea Khadiza broke a cup of tea

Ans.**Ill fate of a Maid**

A poor girl, named Khadiza worked in a rich man's house. The house master was kind to her but the mistress was very cruel. She used to scold her now and then. One day while serving tea, Khadiza broke a cup of tea. The mistress of the house became very furious. She rushed to her and started beating up her. Poor Khadiza had nothing to do but silently bear the pain of every hit. Soon tears started rolling down her cheeks. But she did not utter a word. But the mistress became angrier when she saw tears in her eyes. She pushed her violently and Khadiza fell on the floor. When she rose, her forehead was bleeding profusely.

At this time the house master returned home. He saw everything and listened to what had happened. He became very angry when he saw blood on Khadiza's forehead. He scolded his wife severely and told her, "Thanks to the Almighty that we're rich. But have you ever thought if we were poor like Khadiza and our daughter had to work at someone's house? How would you feel as a mother if the mistress of that house beat up her like this?"

The mistress of the house felt incredibly ashamed of her deed. She realised her fault and said sorry to both her husband and Khadiza. She dressed her injury, took her to the nearest hospital and bought her a nice dress.

She promised that she would never mistreat Khadiza and from that day on she became very kind to her.

41 Read the following outlines and develop them into a complete story. Give a suitable title to it :

Once upon a time, there was a king called Midas. He was very rich and loved gold more than anything else. He had a large kingdom, and a lovely little daughter. But he was not happy because he.....

Ans.**The Golden Touch**

Once upon a time, there was a king called Midas. He was very rich and loved gold more than anything else. He had a large kingdom, and a lovely little daughter. But he was not happy because he was never content with (সন্তুষ্ট) the heap of (রাশি রাশি) gold he had. He always wished for a golden touch. A wish god granted him the golden touch.

One morning, he got up early in the morning. He started walking about his garden as usual. He touched a white rose in the garden, and saw, it turned into gold. He was amazed. It was really amusing (আনন্দদায়ক) to him.

Right at this moment, his only daughter entered (প্রবেশ করা) the garden. He took her into his arms to share his delight (আনন্দ) with her. But as soon as he touched her, she turned into gold. He became very shocked (মর্মান্বিত হওয়া) at this turn. He could not bear the pain caused by the loss of his daughter. He prayed to God to take back the destructive (ধ্বংসাত্মক) blessing. After a few moments, the girl came to life. Then the king became very happy.

42 Read the beginning of the following story. Use your imagination to complete it. Give a suitable title to it:

Once there lived an old farmer. He had two sons. They were strong but lazy

Ans.**The Hidden Treasure**

Once there lived an old farmer. He had two sons. They were strong but lazy. They slept all day long. They did not bother to help their old father to plough or water and cultivate the field. Just before he died, the farmer said to his sons: "My dear boys, I have a secret, I always hide it from you. I was afraid to tell you earlier lest you should waste the money hidden in my field. But now, before I die, I have to tell you the truth."

Soon after their father's death, the boys met together and argued: "Dad said that in the field there is a treasure, that if we dig it out, we would find it. Most likely, the treasure is hidden close to the house, so that robbers might not easily take it away. Come on! Let us begin our work!" The two sons took their spades and started digging the field. They dug hard but could not find any treasure. So they gave up work and out of anger they threw melon seeds in the field that were kept beside. Now that the field was so well dug, the melons grew big and juicy. The sons picked the melons and sold them at the market. They earned a lot of money selling the melons.

The sons realised that the melons were the treasure. From that day, they started working hard in the field.

43 Read the following story. It is not complete. Use your imagination to complete it and give a suitable title to it.

A long time ago, the town of Hamelin in Germany was faced with a great problem. It became full of rats. The rats were so big and fierce that they fought the dogs

Ans.

The Pied Piper of Hamelin

A long time ago, the town of Hamelin in Germany was faced with a great problem. It became full of rats. The rats were so big and fierce that they fought the dogs, killed the cats and bit the babies in the cradles. People left no stone unturned to protect themselves and their belonging from the attack of the rats but they failed. So, they were leaving the town in groups.

The mayor of the town called a meeting with the councillors and elite persons to discuss the problem. The meeting came to a close without result. At that time, a strange person with a colourful flute in hand appeared before the meeting. He declared that he would drive the rats from the town. He demanded one thousand guilders for the job. The mayor accepted his demand. Then the strange man went out on the road. He started playing his flute. Hearing the sound of his flute, the rats jumped out to the roads in thousands. The man started walking and the rats followed him. He suddenly stopped beside the river. The rats jumped into the current of the river and all were drowned.

He went to the mayor and demanded the expected money. But the mayor refused to give him thousand guilders. Becoming angry, the pied piper stepped into the street and started playing another tune. At the sound of the music, the children came running, laughing and dancing.

The parents stood dumb. They thought that the piper would never be able to cross the hill. When the piper reached the hill with the children, it opened up and he walked into it with the children. Then the hill closed and they were never seen again.

44 Read the following story. It is not complete. Use your imagination and complete it in your own way. Give a suitable title to it :

There was a king in a country. He was fond of knowing about his future from the astrologers. One day an intelligent astrologer came to his country. Hearing about him the king

Ans.

The King And the Astrologer

There was a king in a country. He was fond of knowing about his future from the astrologers. One day an intelligent astrologer came to his country. Hearing about him the king called on him. The king asked, "I have heard you can see future. Is it true?" "Is there anyone who can, your majesty?" replied the astrologer, "I only make some predictions, future is in Almighty's hand. But, you should take care your highness lest you should be in trouble within this year." The king returned to his palace. He was very much worried. What trouble is ensuing? What did the astrologer see in his fate? The king became more worried. Nothing pleased him anymore. He gave up going to the court. At the top of one of his towers he confined himself. He looked out one of the windows sitting on a chair. He forgot everything. Days passed into weeks, weeks passed into months. The whole kingdom went astray. The neighbouring kings took hold of good parts of his kingdom. The palace was in ruin. The peasants were fleeing. His reign fell down. Then a year was over. The king came down of his tower. He went to the astrologer again. "You were right, O wise sage! I believe you." said the king. "You fool, you listened to the last part of my words but didn't care to remember the previous part," said the astrologer, "It's your belief that has caused your ruin."

45 Read the following story. It is not complete. Use your Imagination to complete it and give it a suitable title.

One day a boy was going to school. Suddenly he saw smoke. It was coming out of a house. He went in. He saw the house on fire. There was nobody else near the fire.....

Ans.

The Bravery of Young Boy

One day a boy was going to school. Suddenly he saw smoke. It was coming out of a house. He went in. He saw the house on fire. There was nobody else near the fire. Only a few women were running to and fro. They were crying bitterly. The boy thought that there might be somebody in the house. He could not come out from the house as the fire spread its wings.

The boy thought for a while. Suddenly he rushed into the house which was on fire. The women were at a loss to see this sort of activity. The boy found a baby crying on the floor. The baby was surrounded by the fire. The boy had a very few moments to save the life of the baby. Without thinking of his own safety, he ran into the fire and took the baby in his arms. He rushed out of the house within a few seconds. Then he handed over the baby to the crowding women. The mother of the boy was crying loudly. She took the baby in her lap and kissed continuously. The boy was slightly injured. His left hand and right leg were burnt a bit.

In the meantime, a lot of people gathered in the spot. They saw the bravery of a young boy. Everyone was praising for his noble and brave work who saved the baby with the risk of his own life.

46 Read the beginning of a story. Write ten new sentences to complete the story.

Long ago, a young man found life in the family in his village full of problems and sufferings. Quarrels, ill-feelings, jealousy, enmity all were part of everyday life there.....

Ans.**Man Cannot Live Alone**

Long ago, a young man found life in the family in his village full of problems and sufferings. Quarrels, ill-feelings, jealousy, enmity—all were part of everyday life there.

So he left his house and went to a jungle to live by himself. There he made a nice little hut with wood, bamboo and reeds. "Ah, how happy I am here!" said the man to himself.

But one day he found some mice in his hut. The little creatures soon made holes in his blanket. So he brought a cat to kill the mice. The cat needed milk. So he brought a cow. The cow needed grass and hay. So he brought a cowboy.

The cowboy needed food. So he took a wife to cook meals. Then children were born to them, and the man found himself again in a family.

So nobody can live alone, unless they are either angels or devils. People need food, shelter, companions and cooperation. They need to help each other. And if they live in a family or community, their need can be fulfilled. Hence living in society can make people good and happy citizens.

47 Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a title to it :

Once there lived a middle-aged woman named Bilkis. She had three sons. Her husband was very lazy and he did not do any work. She had to work all day long to earn money for the family. One day she met a group of people who came to her village from the Grameen Bank. They

Ans.**The Story of a Successful Woman**

Once there lived a middle-aged woman named Bilkis. She had three sons. Her husband was very lazy and he did not do any work. She had to work all day long to earn money for the family. One day she met a group of people who came to her village from the Grameen Bank. They said that they were interested in helping the poor people, the landless and the helpless.

She learnt from them that they would provide loans to the poor and helpless people. No news could be so good to Bilkis more than it. Because, she could try to change her lot with their financial support.

Once she went to the bank with some of her neighbours. An officer of the bank greeted them and made them understand the activities of the bank and the eligibility of getting loan. The officer advised them to form five or six groups. Each group would contain five or six members.

Bilkis communicated with her neighbours and managed some people to form groups. A centre was set up. Bilkis was elected chairperson of her group. The bank would conduct business with the members through the chairperson.

At first, the bank approved a loan of five thousand taka for Bilkis. With that money Bilkis started rice-husking business. She also conducted a stationary shop beside the school. Bilkis gained a good profit by dint of hard labour. She succeeded to repay the installations.

Subsequently, she got a larger loan and enlarged her business. Within two years, her bad days were gone by. She built a new house and was able to feed her children and family members properly. She became solvent with the loan and her hard work.

48 Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a suitable title to it:

Long long ago, there was a cloth trader who did business in a shop in a far away market. His home was two or three districts away. He had a boy shop assistant who did not know where his master's home was. One day, on some emergency, the trader quickly left the shop for home entrusting the boy with his business for a few days. Days, months, years passed by but there was no trace of his master.....

Ans.**Honesty Never Goes in Vain**

Long long ago, there was a cloth trader who did business in a shop in a far away market. His home was two or three districts away. He had a boy shop assistant who did not know where his master's home was. One day, on some emergency, the trader quickly left the shop for home entrusting the boy with his business for a few days. Days, months, years passed by but there was no trace of his master.

The boy cherished the hope that one day the master would come. Every morning he came and opened the shop and sold goods to the customers until he closed it at 10 o'clock at night. He saved the money earned from selling goods in order to give it to the master. He had all chances to take it for himself, but he did not adopt any dishonest means. His good behaviour and honesty brought more and more customers to the shop; the number of public interest increased day by day.

One day after many years the master came back. He had grown old and his appearance had changed in those years. He introduced himself to the assistant boy. He recognized his master and handed over all the money he had obtained from the business. The master was overwhelmed with gratefulness to the boy; he made the boy the owner of the shop and blessed him from the bottom of his heart.

49 Complete the following story following the cue.

There lived an old king named Lear in England. He had three daughters; Regan, Goneril and Cordelia. Once he decided to divide his kingdom among three daughters

Ans. King Lear, a Tragic Hero/ A King without a Kingdom

There lived an old king named Lear in England. He had three daughters, Regan, Goneril and Cordelia. Once he decided to divide his kingdom among three daughters. Rather childish he proposed to divide his kingdom in proportion to declaration of love made by his daughters. The two elder daughters, Goneril and Regan enthusiastically showed their love, much to the satisfaction of the old and vain king. The youngest daughter Cordelia was loved most by King Lear. She was sincere, honest and lacked the hypocrisy of her elder sisters. She displayed her love simply and sincerely which was misunderstood by the arrogant king. In his foolishness the king divided his kingdom into two shares and allotted to Regan and Goneril, and decided to live with each of them by turns. He left Cordelia and cursed her. The king of France offered his love to Cordelia and took her as his wife.

The wicked daughters conspired (যড়যন্ত্র) against their father. Goneril and Regan treated their father with complete disrespect. The two sisters refused to accept King Lear. The old king was enraged and heart-broken. He walked out into the stormy night.

In the meantime the discord (বিরোধ) between the two sisters and their kingdom erupted (প্রকাশ পাওয়া). In addition there was also news of an army from France slowly making its way to England. On the deserted health, the old and weak king boldly faced the storm. By this time he was already mad and was brought to the refuge by a loyal servant Kent. He took the king towards France where help and friends waited for them.

In the meantime the Army of France landed on the shores of England where Cordelia learnt that her mad father was near the shore. She sent her man to search for the old king. He was soon brought in front of Cordelia. Tenderly, she brought him back to a resemblance (সাদৃশ্য) of sanity. The two sisters jointly advanced to protect England against the invading French Army. In the battle that ensued, the French were defeated and Lear and Cordelia were taken to the prison. Meanwhile Cordelia was murdered. The broken-hearted King Lear was unable to see her innocent daughter's death and he too died in utter grief.

50 Read the beginning of a story. Write ten new sentences to complete the story.

Rahmat Mia is a rickshaw puller. He is only 23 years old. He is very poor. One day a lady from Australia hired his rickshaw. When she got down, she forgot her purse. Rahmat saw the purse after a while. He took it and thought.....

Ans. Honesty Is Always Rewarded

Rahmat Mia is a rickshaw puller. He is only 23 years old. He is very poor. One day a lady from Australia hired his rickshaw. When she got down, she forgot her purse. Rahmat saw the purse after a while. He took it and thought for a while what he would do with the purse. He thought he might find money in that purse, so he could have it for himself. But after some moments another thought came to his mind. He realized that such an act would mean dishonesty. As he believed in the Creator, he became worried with the thought that he might be punished in the afterlife for such a misdeed. And it would definitely not differ from stealing. So he went to the place where he had dropped the Australian lady. It was the house of the lady's friend who gave her address to the rickshaw puller. Then he found out the addressee, i.e. the lady, and returned her the purse. The lady was pleased at the rickshaw puller's honesty and gave him a lot of money as his reward.

51 Complete the following story following the cue.

Once in a cold winter morning when a villager was going to his field he found a snake half dead with cold, lying by the side of the road

Ans. Black Will Take No Other Hue

Once in a cold winter morning when a villager was going to his field he found a snake half dead with cold, lying by the side of the road. He felt a great pity for the miserable snake. He put it into his basket and brought it home. He placed it with care by a fire-place, gave it warm milk and made it comfortable. It was all right with it and it got quite well very soon. It began to play with the children of the farmer. For some time it played and behaved very well.

One day while playing with the children of the farmer, it bit one of them. Now, the farmer realised his mistake. Actually, what was inherent in its blood could not go off. He understood that an evil always remains an evil. So he became very angry and killed the snake with a stick.

"Oh," cried the farmer with his last breath, "I am rightly served for pitying a scoundrel. The greatest kindness will not change the ungrateful."

Then he started saying "Black will take no other hue, black will take no other hue."

52 Read the following story. It is not complete. Complete the story by using your imagination with a suitable title to it :

You are a student of class 12. You live in the hostel of your school. During the Ramadan vacation you came to our.....

Ans.

A Memorable Night

I am a student of class 12. I live in the hostel of our school. During the Ramadan vacation I came to our village house and spent the whole vacation there. After the Ramadan vacation had been over I went to the railway station at a distance of twenty kilometres from my house on foot. I reached the station at 9 o'clock at night.

After reaching the station I came to know that the train had left the station a few minutes before.

I decided to wait for the next train. The station master informed me that there was no scheduled train for that night. I became frustrated to some extent. It was quite impossible for me to return home on that dark night. Actually there was no suitable transport by which I could return home. There was no residential hotel where I could take shelter. I could not think anything more.

In the meantime, the station master was preparing to leave the station. He noticed me and proposed to spend the night in his house. Nothing could be a more pleasant to me than that proposal.

The next morning I started for my destination. I would never forget such a night and remain grateful to such a kind-hearted man.

53 Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a suitable title to it.

One sunny morning a boy of eleven years was tending cattle by the side of a railway line. Suddenly he noticed that.....

Ans.

A Boy with Ready Wit

One sunny morning a boy of eleven years was tending cattle by the side of a railway line. Suddenly he noticed that a small railway slipper was about to collapse. A little while later, he remembered that a mail train was supposed to cross in about half an hour. He was at a loss thinking about what to do. He discussed the matter with his friends. But nobody could give an exact solution so that they could save the next train to come immediately.

Suddenly a fantastic plan came into the mind of Ratan. Once he heard that by showing something red, one can stop train. By his ready wit he put off his red shirt and hoisted it in the air when he heard a train coming along the crack line. He tried to attract the attention of the driver. Unbelievably the driver saw the red shirt of the boy and stopped the train just before the crack. The driver got down from the train and noticed the line. All the passengers and the driver praised the witty boy for whom all of them got a new life.

54 Read the beginning of the given story and complete it in your own way with a title to it.

Once upon a time, in my childhood, I went to a village fair with my father. It was a big fair with lots of attractions for the children.....

Ans.

A Memorable Event in My Life

Once upon a time, in my childhood, I went to a village fair with my father. It was a big fair with lots of attractions for the children. Father started to take me from here to there. Due to heavy crowd, suddenly I was lost. I searched for my father for an hour, but failed. I started to weep in a corner of the fair. Suddenly an old man saw me. He came to me and asked the reason of my crying. I told him that I had lost my father. He told me not to cry.

Then we began to search my father here and there. Suddenly I noticed that my father was talking to a stranger. When my father looked at me, he took me in his arm and gave me a lot of kisses. From that incident I came to know how much my father loved me. After that we resumed our visit. My father bought me sweets and many other things. He also bought me some toys. He took me to enjoy the puppet show.

After visiting for a long time we returned home safely. I will never forget this event in my life.

55 Read the following story. It is not complete. Use your imagination to complete it and give a suitable title to it.

Rahim comes of an extremely poor family. He has come to Dhaka with his family in quest of living. His parents and his elder brother do some odd jobs and he

Ans.

Struggle for Livelihood

Rahim comes of an extremely poor family. He has come to Dhaka with his family in quest of living. His parents and his elder brother do some odd jobs and he collects polythene bags, scrap paper and other materials from the Motijheel area. He sells them at a shop for Tk 5 to 10 a bag. He earns Tk 20 to 50 a day, which he gives to his mother. Rahim and his family live in a slum near Kamalapur Railway Station. This house is a tiny shelter with a sheet of polythene for a roof. They sleep on the dirty floor. Rahim has a bath in a creek near their home. He usually has his meals at home but sometimes begs for food at restaurants. Once he got diarrhoea and had to stay at home for a few days. He could not afford to go to a doctor or buy medicine for himself. He once went to a free school near his home at Tongi but did not continue. He was in the school for about a year and now he wants to go back to school and start his studies again.

56 Read the following story. The story is incomplete. Use your imagination to complete the story and give a suitable title to it.

Salman was born in a poor working class family. His father was a landless farmer. But he wanted his son to be educated and one.....

Ans.

Sincerity Is the Key to Success

Salman was born in a poor working class family. His father was a landless farmer. But he wanted his son to be educated and one day he would get a job and solvency would come to his family. Salman's father got him admitted to a local free primary school and Salman did a very good result in Primary Education Completion Exam.

This paved the way for his further study. He was then admitted to a nearby High School and most surprisingly he got a place in the board merit list. Salman's name and fame as a brilliant student spread in his locality. Many people extended their help for his study. During his school life every teacher helped him very much. Teachers always gave him extra care. Everything went fine until university entrance. He could not manage a good institution for higher study. However he got admitted to a college with Honours in Accounting. He was a bit disheartened but he continued his struggle. He could manage his expenses by teaching some students of various classes. Even he could help his poor parents from his income.

He graduated with honours and was placed in the first class. Soon he got an offer from a private college as a lecturer. Thus the long cherished dream of his father came true. Now Salman earns enough to maintain himself and his parents.

57 Read the following outlines and develop them into a complete story. Give a suitable title to your story.

King Solomon's fame spread — Queen of Sheba wanted to test his wisdom— the queen placed two garlands — It was difficult to identify the real rose — open the window — Bees entered — identification of real rose—the queen became pleased.

Ans.

Wisdom of King Solomon

Many many days ago there was a wise king among the Jews. His name was Solomon. He was famous for his wisdom and judgement. His fame spread everywhere. The Queen of Sheba came to know about his wisdom.

The queen wanted to test his wisdom. So, she decided to pay a visit to King Solomon's court with a scheme in her mind. When she reached the King's court, she paid the respect worthy of a queen to a king. The king also greeted her with royal grandeur. However, the queen respectfully told the king that she had brought a little gift for the king. The king asked what it was. And the queen asked her attendants to bring two garlands of flowers. The King was surprised to see such a gift. The queen told him that one of the garlands was not real, and she hoped that the king would be able to say which one.

The king understood the matter, but he didn't get angry. He accepted the challenge. But it was very difficult to say which was the real one and which was not. They looked so alike! They even had the same fragrance! It was spring season and the king noticed that some bees were humming around flowers outside the garden.

The king then ordered the attendants to open the windows and let the bees enter the court. The bees along with the breeze of spring hummed inside the courtroom. They at once went for the garland made up of real flowers and settled there. The king pointed at the garland of real flowers. The queen was very much pleased to witness the wisdom of the king. She paid her tribute to the wise king and returned to Sheba.

58 Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a title to it.

There lived three friends in a village. One day one of the three friends planned to steal a bag of gold from a house. The second friend, at.....

Ans.

Three Friends And the Gold Bag

There lived three friends in a village. One day, one of the three friends planned to steal a bag of gold from a house. The second friend, at once agreed to the proposal but the third friend refused and requested them not to do it. Two others were very greedy and they decided to steal it.

This was for the first time that they were going to steal something. They were worried too. So they sat together and made a plan. The next night they went to that house at midnight and found everybody sleeping. Then they opened the almirah and found an ornament box. The gold owner was a very clever man and he kept the gold in a place where nobody could guess. He also kept a blank ornament box in his almirah and the thieves thought it might be their desired gold box.

When the thieves were coming out, the dog of the owner saw them and it barked with a high sound. Consequently the gold owner and his neighbours woke up and caught the thieves. They beat them mercilessly and handed them over to police. They were thinking that if they followed their friend's advice, they would not face this ugly situation.

59 Read the beginning of a story. Write ten new sentences to complete the story.

Once there lived a girl named Reshma in Ghoraghat Upazilla under Dinajpur district. Her father, Jamal married her off with an.....

Ans.

Reshma– A Lucky Girl

Once there lived a girl named Reshma in Ghoraghat Upazilla under Dinajpur district. Her father, Jamal married her off with an unemployed man named Rafique at her early age. Their conjugal life was not happy because of their poverty. One day she went out of her home and took a job as a garment worker in Rana Plaza at Savar. She was passing her days well. Like other days, she went to her working place on the 24th April 2013. About 9 am the building collapsed with a horrible sound and turned into a place of destruction. About one thousand and two hundred people lost their valuable lives and many people were seriously injured. But it is a miracle that Reshma was pulled out alive after 391 hours from the disastrous Rana plaza whereas one is not supposed to remain alive after 72 hours, after being trapped in a collapsed building. Reshma was found alive and unhurt on the basement of the eight storeyed building and pulled out by the rescuers at about 4:26 pm and became the part of history. It is proved that if Allah wants to save one, none can destroy him/her. Because of Allah's mercy Reshma got a new life.

60 Read the beginning of a story. Write ten new sentences to complete the story.

Once a gold necklace was lost from the house of a rich man. A few servants used to work in that house. Normally it was suspected that one of the servants had stolen the necklace

Ans.

Misdeed Is Always Punished

Once a gold necklace was lost from the house of a rich man. A few servants used to work in that house. Normally it was suspected that one of the servants had stolen the necklace. The rich man made a plan to identify the real thief. He called all the servants. He gave each of them a bamboo stick. He said, "Every one of you take a stick. I shall take back everyone's stick tomorrow. The stick of the real thief will be larger by 1 inch by tomorrow morning." The servant, who stole the necklace, was a fool. He thought that if he cut short the stick by 1 inch that night, it would get larger by night and thus would still get its normal size. He did so and was identified by the rich man to have stolen the necklace.

61 Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a suitable title to it.

Once upon a time in Venice there was a very rich merchant named Antonio. He was a good and kind man. He had a close friend named Bassanio. Bassanio went

Ans.

A Noble man Never Blames His Friend.

Once upon a time in Venice there was a very rich merchant named Antonio. He was a good and kind man. He had a close friend named Bassanio. Bassanio went to Antonio for borrowing money. But he had no cash at that time. So, Antonio lent money from Shylock with a bond and gave his friend Bassanio. Bassanio was glad. His heart was filled with gratefulness for his friend Antonio. He went to Portia's house to impress her. There all suitors had to choose one of the three cascades. The cascades were made of gold, silver and lead. Bassanio cunningly chose the third one and won Portia as his wife. Meanwhile the news came that Antonio's all ships had sunk in the sea. He could no more pay his debt to Shylock. Now he had to cut his flesh as it had been mentioned in the bond. But he did not blame his friend Bassanio for this unexpected happening.

62 Read the beginning of a story. Write ten new sentences to complete the story.

Once I with my friends went out for a long journey during our vacation. We went to a nearby forest one day. With extreme curiosity we all.....

Ans.

An Evening Full of Thrills

Once I with my friends went out for a long journey during our vacation. We went to a nearby forest one day. With extreme curiosity we all went inside the forest when the sun was about to set. Soon darkness fell and the wild animals were howling in the forest. We got nervous. We had soon to climb up the hill where the rest-house was. We used a torch-light to walk in the dark. The path was sometimes slippery as a rain had made it wet. One of my friends had an air-gun with him and he shot in the air. No wild animal approached to us hearing that sound. However, they howled again and again after short breaks. We reached the rest-house in an hour. We vowed never to return after sunset whenever we went to a forest in future.

63 Read the beginning of a story. Write ten new sentences to complete the story :

Once a man had a son who had some bad friends and he passed all his time with them. The father was very sorry for his son. He gave his son much advice to.....

Ans.

Bad Company Ruins a Man

Once a man had a son who had some bad friends and he passed all his time with them. The father was very sorry for his son. He gave his son much advice to leave the bad company and to give attention to study. But all the advice went in vain. The boy continued to mix with bad boys. His character was

growing worse day by day; he started gambling and drinking. He soon started taking drugs. Once his father stopped providing him with money. He found himself in an awkward situation. He joined a group of smugglers for money. He even began to hijack on the street. One day while hijacking, he fell in the grip of the police; they took him to the police station and filed a case against him for criminal act. At the local court, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment.

64 Read the beginning of a story. Now complete the story and give a title of it.

Once, there lived a rich man in a village. He had a mango orchard. He engaged a caretaker for his orchard.....

Ans.

The Honest Caretaker

Once, there lived a rich man in a village. He had a mango orchard. He engaged a caretaker for his orchard. He always had a look over the garden and its trees. The rich man usually ate mangoes everyday in season. One day he became irritated when eating mangoes in the morning. He called the caretaker. He asked him, "Why are the mangoes so sour?" He expressed his anger that the caretaker could not bring him some sweet mangoes. The caretaker was pale. The rich man began to scold him in indecent language. The caretaker mildly said, "Sir, you allowed me to look after the garden but didn't allow to have a taste of the mangoes."

65 Complete the following story following the cue.

There lived a wolf / tiger in a wood. He killed a lamb, but as he went on eating the flesh, a bone stuck.....

Ans.

Ungratefulness/A Wolf And a Crane

There lived a wolf in a wood. He killed a lamb, but as he went on eating the flesh, a bone stuck in his throat. This gave him pain and he went about not knowing what to do.

He was howling on in agony. While moving here and there, suddenly he saw a crane (সারস পাখি) at a distance. He asked the crane towards him and requested it to help him in his great trouble. The wolf lured (পুলী করা) the crane that it would give lot of rewards.

The greedy crane immediately agreed. It put its long beak (ঠোঁট) into the wolf's throat and removed the piece of bone.

The wolf was relieved of his pain. Then the crane asked for (চাওয়া) the rewards.

The wolf laughed at the crane and said, "Why? You have already had sufficient rewards in having been permitted to draw out your beak and head in safety from the mouth and jaws of a wolf." "So I have already rewarded you without biting your head. Run away from here, else I will kill you." The crane was very much disappointed and ran away to save its life.

66 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

In a small village once a scholar was crossing a river on a boat. The weather was very pleasing. The river was very cool and calm.....

Ans.

A Scholar And an Illiterate Boatman

In a small village once a scholar was crossing a river on a boat. The weather was very pleasing. The river was very cool and calm. The scholar was enjoying a lot. The boatman was a simple illiterate man. His bookish knowledge was nil.

The scholar started talking to him when he was sailing the boat. The scholar asked the boatman whether he had read the Gita and whether he could explain the verse of the Gita. The boatman replied that he had heard about that but had not read that. The scholar then said that he had wasted one fourth of his life. The scholar again said, "But tell me have you read the Arthashastra?" Again the boatman showed his ignorance. The scholar then undervalued the boatman and arrogantly (উদ্ধতভাবে) said, "Then my friend, you have wasted two-fourths of your life." It was about to become dark as the sun was going to set.

Noticing the sun the scholar again asked the boatman if he knew the reason behind the sun rise and sun set. Being helpless the boatman again expressed his ignorance. The scholar haughtily said, "Then my friend, you have wasted three-fourths of your life."

After sometime suddenly a thick cloud covered the sky and a storm rose from the river bed. Being anxious the boatman asked the scholar, "Sir, do you know swimming?" "No I don't know how to swim," the scholar answered with anxiety. The boatman said with sigh, "Then my friend, I see your whole life is going to be wasted and meaningless."

67 Complete the following story following the cue.

There was a little pond beside the play ground. There lived some frogs in the pond. One day some boys were playing beside the pond. They were disturbed by the croaking of some frogs.....

Ans.

What Is Fun to One Is Death to Another

There was a little pond beside the play ground. There lived some frogs in the pond. One day some boys were playing beside the pond. They were disturbed by the croaking of some frogs. So they made a plan and said to each other, "Let us throw stones at them."

They began to throw stones at the frogs. Soon some were injured. All the frogs were in danger. There was an old frog. It planned a wise plan. It put its head out of the water and said, "Boys, why are you throwing stones at us?" The boys replied, "We are making fun only." At this the old frog said, "What is fun to you is death to us."

But the boys did not stop. They kept throwing stones at the frogs. At one stage, a frog was so hurt that it died on the spot. The other frogs said, "Oh boys! Please stop the cruel game. One of us has died. Please stop throwing stones at us."

The boys were ashamed of this. They stopped their funny games. Being repentant the boys stopped throwing stones.

68 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

Once a crocodile wanted her ten children to be educated. So she went to a fox and asked him to educate her children. The fox willingly agreed to

Ans.

Tit for Tat

Once a crocodile wanted her ten children to be educated. So she went to a fox and asked him to educate her children. The fox willingly agreed to teach the crocodile's children.

So the crocodile left all her children with the fox and went back to the river. The fox liked to eat crocodiles. So he ate one of them and kept other nine. After some days, the crocodile came to see her children. Then the cunning fox showed her the nine kids and showed one of them twice. The foolish crocodile thought that she saw all her ten children and went away.

After some days, the fox ate another baby crocodile. When the mother crocodile again came to see her children, the fox showed her eight crocodiles and showed one of them thrice. The mother thought that she had seen all her ten children and she went away happily.

At last when the mother crocodile came, the fox showed her the only one baby left ten times. The crocodile could not understand the trick. But when the crocodile came again after some days the fox was not able to show any of the babies because he had already eaten up the last one. The crocodile could understand the cunning trick (কৌশল) of the fox. She got furious (ক্ষিপ্ত), jumped on the fox and ate him up.

69 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

Zaman and Mintu are two friends and lived near a deep forest. One day they decided to see elephant. So they went into the forest. As they were talking, walking,.....

Ans.

Curiosity of Two/Three Friends to See Elephant

Zaman and Mintu are two friends and lived near a deep forest. One day they decided to see elephant. So they went into the forest. As they were talking, walking, gossiping and discussing about the biggest animal of the world, it made them curious.

At the time of their gossiping and walking into the forest they saw many animals but did not see any elephant. Walking a few minutes, suddenly they saw a lion and they became very afraid and hid beside a big tree. And so they saved them from the ferociousness of the lion. Now they were discussing each other about the fearlessness and made some tricks how to face upcoming problem. However, they were able to save themselves and started to walk again. But they walked, walked and walked through the forest, could not find any elephant. They became hopeless but God granted their hope. At the time of their walking suddenly they heard the high sound of leg on the earth. Firstly, they did not understand what it was and then they understood that it was nothing but an elephant.

As they knew the elephant textually but not practically, their joys knew no bounds. So they started to walk toward the elephant and became very curious and attractive. But, as soon as they were near the elephant it tried to attack them. So they ran very fast and saved themselves again from the ferociousness of the biggest animal of the world.

70 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

Once a farmer had a donkey. He thought himself to be very clever. He used to carry heavy load of his master alone to a market.....

Ans.

A Farmer And a Donkey

Once a farmer had a donkey. He thought himself to be very clever. He used to carry heavy load of his master alone to a market which was on the other side of the river. One morning when the donkey reached the river, he decided to shorten his journey by wading across the water.

But at one stage he reached a very deep spot. He had to swim to cross the river. Fortunately, he was carrying sacks of salt on that day. So, a large portion of the salt diluted in the water. As a result the load became light and he could easily cross the river. He felt very proud of himself. He decided that next time onwards he would follow the same way.

But the donkey did not know that the next day he was carrying a load of sponge. When he reached the river, he started wading through the river. But this time the load became so heavy soaking water that the donkey was drowned. Though he thought himself clever, really he was foolish. And for his foolishness, he died.

71 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

There lived a man in a village. His name was Rafiq. He had a great attraction for English.....

Ans.

Perseverance Is the Key to Success

There lived a man in a village. His name was Rafiq. He had a great attraction for English and so he went to a teacher. The teacher began to teach him, but Rafiq was dull-headed and it was difficult for him to follow his teacher. The teacher was very dedicated and sincere. He always took special care for the weaker students like Rafiq. When the teacher saw that his new student was very enthusiastic but dull, he took the matter seriously because he believed that if a man sticks to his goal he must succeed in his life.

Then the teacher made a routine for Rafiq to follow regularly. He started giving lessons in all four skills of a language. These were reading, writing, listening and speaking. At the beginning Rafiq seemed very dull but he started showing his ability within a few months. He used to follow the routine very meticulously and never got disheartened if he failed in his first attempt. He took learning English as a motto of his life. Every day he would practise the skills of learning English. Though he was not a regular student, he followed the syllabus of SSC English. Within six months he got a reasonable hold on the syllabus. And at the end of the year he became an authority on the subject.

This encouraged him to resume his study again and he got himself admitted into Bangladesh Open University (BOU) SSC Course. He continued his study on his own and with the help of a tutor. He also attended classes in the Regional Resources Centre of BOU. Through his perseverance and diligence he got A+ in the final examination and now he is planning to start his college education.

72 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

Once there was a king in Yemen. He was very powerful, wealthy and magnificent. He was renowned for his charitable and generous activities.....

Ans.

The Greatness of Hatemtai

Once there was a king in Yemen. He was very powerful, wealthy and magnificent. He was renowned for his charitable and generous activities. He tried his best to love the countrymen. But people of the country were great admirer of Hatemtai, a benevolent young man in his country.

One day the king invited the rich and honourable persons of the country in a feast. The honourable persons went to the feast. They were served with delicious dishes and valuable gifts. People started praising the king. At that time, a man started to praise Hatemtai. Hearing it, the king became furious and sent an assassin to kill Hatemtai.

The assassin did not know Hatemtai. He roamed (উদ্দেশ্যহীনভাবে ঘুরা) in search of Hatemtai all day long. In the evening, he took shelter in a young man's house. The man was very modest, honest, flexible and great. His kindness attracted the heart of the assassin. He gave him rich food and excused pardon with modesty for his wrong.

Observing his great behaviour the assassin told the man the reason of his coming there. He then told the assassin that he himself was his expected man. Hatemtai then requested him to kill him to fulfill his desire to take the valuable reward from the king.

The assassin became puzzled with the greatness of Hatemtai. He went to the king and told him the story from top to bottom.

The king felt ashamed. He became overwhelmed with surprise. He bowed (অভিবাদন জানানো) down his head when he realized that Hatemtai was not an ordinary man but truly a generous man. He became fond of Hatemtai.

73 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

Once there lived two women in a village. One of them had a baby. But the other woman claimed that baby.....

Ans.

The Mother Arouses in a Real Mother

Once there lived two women in a village. One of them had a baby. But the other woman claimed that baby. As a result both of them were entangled in a quarrel. To settle the dispute they went to the court of King Solomon.

The king was very famous for his wisdom and justice. On hearing the arguments over the claim of the child of both of the women, the king tried to find out the real mother. But both of the women's claims were so strong and seemingly perfect that no one could be confirmed of the authenticity of the claims.

The king found no other way. However an idea flashed in his mind. The king gave his verdict and ordered his men to cut the baby into two equal halves and give one half to each of the women. At this a woman became satisfied and told the king to give her portion to her. But the other woman shouted crying hearing the order of the king and entreated the king not to cut the baby and give it to the woman fully.

The king then understood and recognised the real mother and ordered to give the child to the latter woman. He also punished the first woman for her false claim.

74 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

Hazrat Abdul Quader was a famous religious figure in Islam. He was born in Jilan in Iraq. His father died even before his birth. His mother decided to send him to Baghdad.....

Ans. Hazrat Abdul Quader And His Truthfulness

Hazrat Abdul Quader was a famous religious figure in Islam. He was born in Jilan in Iraq. His father died even before his birth. His mother decided to send him to Baghdad with a view to educating him there. She was very pious and taught him many important and religious things. At the time of sending, his mother sewed (সেলাই করে জুড়ে দেওয়া) forty gold coins in his shirt and advised him never to tell a lie. That time the roads were unsafe; often gangs of robbers fell upon the travellers and plundered (লুণ্ঠন করা) their belongings and money.

The boy left for Baghdad with a caravan of merchants, but on their way a gang of robbers fell upon them and looted their money. One of the robbers said that the small boy might have something with him. The gang leader said that perhaps the boy had nothing with him. Boy Abdul Quader spoke out, "No, no, I have forty gold coins sewed in my shirt." The leader felt surprised and said, "You might not have disclosed the fact." The boy said, "Mother has advised me never to tell a lie even in danger." The robbers felt ashamed of their deeds and gave up robbery.

75 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

Once a lion in a jungle started killing the innocent animals at random. All the animals remained afraid and passed their days in great tension. One day.....

Ans. Foolishness of a Lion

Once a lion in a jungle started killing the innocent animals at random. All the animals remained afraid and passed their days in great tension. One day the animals arranged a meeting with other animals in the jungle. They fixed that everyday one animal would go to the cave of the lion. Serially everyday the lion got at least one animal to meet up his hunger. One day it was the day for a rat. The rat was pensively (বিষাদক্রিষ্ট) going towards the cave.

Suddenly it hit upon a plan. The rat went very late to the cave. Going there it saw that the lion was very angry. The lion was grumbling (মুদু গর্জন করা) and said to the rat, "Why are you so late and why do you make me so hungry?" The rat said, "I met the same lion like you on the way." The lion then got angry and shouted, "It is impossible that there would be some like me in this jungle." The rat then accompanied the lion to show another lion in the jungle and took him near a well. The rat said that inside the well it would find another lion. The lion then peeped over the well and found the reflection of his own image. Getting very angry but foolishly the lion jumped over the well and got lost. And the rat then got relieved.

In this way, all animals in the jungle were relieved. Actually, the lion is a very strong animal but not at all clever whether being a very tiny and weak animal the rat is very clever. Ultimately, the body strength of the lion gets defeated by the intelligence of the tiny rat.

76 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

One day a grocer borrowed a balance and some weights from a fruit-seller. After a few days, the fruit-seller asked the grocer to return his balance with weights to him. The grocer desired not to return those borrowed things. Rather he said to the fruit seller

Ans. A Grocer And a Fruit Seller

One day a grocer borrowed a balance and some weights from a fruit-seller. After a few days the fruit seller asked the grocer to return his balance with weights to him. The grocer desired not to return those borrowed things. Rather he said to the fruit seller that mice had eaten up his balance and weights. The lame excuse of the dishonest grocer made the fruit seller very angry. But he controlled his temper and told him that it was his bad luck. The cunning grocer took him to be a fool. But the fruit seller was thinking of a plan to teach him a good lesson.

Accordingly, once the fruit seller requested the grocer to allow his son to go with him to the town as he was going there to do some shopping. The grocer allowed his son to go with him. The next day the fruit seller returned alone from the town. The grocer asked him about his son. The fruit seller replied that a crow had carried his son away. At this the grocer grew very angry and called him a liar and asked him how a crow could carry his son away. The fruit seller instantly replied that it carried his son away in the same way as mice could eat up his balance and weights. The grocer understood what the fruit seller meant. He returned the balance and the weights to the fruit seller and requested the fruit seller to pardon him for telling a lie to him and also implored upon him to give him back his son. The fruit seller sent the boy back to his father.

Thus the fruit seller taught a good lesson to the grocer so that he (grocer) might not practise such evil habits.

77 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

A pious man named Abu Ben Adhem was very good and honest. One night Abu said his prayers and

Ans. Allah Loves Those Who Love the Mankind

A pious man named Abu Ben Adhem was very good and honest. One night Abu said his prayers and after that he found an angel writing in a book of gold. He then asked the angel what he was writing. The angel told him that he was making a list of those who love the Lord. Abu asked whether his name was on the list. He told that it is not. Abu became very frustrated and asked why his name was not there. The angel

said, 'The list includes those who love the mankind. A man may be dishonest and tell lies always, no matter you should love them. You should not discriminate between rich and poor, white and black, believers and non-believers. Allah loves those who love His creation. A man may be wicked (খারাপ) but he is also created by the same Allah who has created a good man.'

Abu realized his fault that he was not well behaved though he was honest and sincere. His mind was full of repentance and took a vow that he would never be ill-behaved. He thought this incident a warning from the Creator. May be the Almighty Allah wanted to purify him through this event. Abu became very well behaved since then and he took apology (অপরাধ স্বীকার) from those whom he mistreated.

After a few months the angel came in the same manner and told him that he was tabulating information about those whom Allah loves and Abu Ben Adhem's name was at the top of the list.

78 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

Once upon a time a poor widow lived in Arabia. She had a daughter and a son. She had to maintain her family with great hardship

Ans.

The Widow And Her Donation

Once upon a time a poor widow lived in Arabia. She had a daughter and a son. She had to maintain her family with great hardship (কষ্ট). She was a faithful Christian. She had only one coin in her possession but she gave it away as a tithe for the church. There was a rich man also to donate money to the church. He donated half of his belongings to church, that was a lot and people looked up to him and respected him.

No one laid eyes on this poor widow.

Jesus Christ was sitting nearby. Then Jesus asked his disciples, 'Who is more faithful to almighty God?' Everyone answered - the rich man. But, Jesus said, 'No, it's the poor widow, she gave more than she could survive. She had faith that God will provide her, so she put the hope & trust in Him.

But the rich man only gave a half. He was still worried. How much you donate is not important. The important thing is how much have been donated proportionately. Please give it from the hearts, not by pressure, not for showing others how generous you are helping, not doing a show, just do it heartily, God will appreciate (সঠিকভাবে মূল্যায়ন করা) it.' People then became astonished (হতবাক হওয়া) and could understand their faulty way of thinking. He also told them that the rich people gave money they did not need, but the poor widow gave all that she had to live on. 'It is the intention (উদ্দেশ্য) which is above everything' Jesus added.

79 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

Somal is a remote village with a population of three hundred nestling away in the Mempi forest which is cut off from the rest of the world. The nearest bus stop was 10 miles away.....

Ans.

A Story Teller Nambi

Somal is a remote village with a population of three hundred nestling away in the Mempi forest which is cut off from the rest of the world. The nearest bus stop was 10 miles away. Yet the villagers lived in a kind of perpetual enchantment. The enchanter was Nambi, the storyteller. He was a man of sixty or seventy. He was illiterate in the sense that the written word was a mystery to him; but he could make up a story in his head, at the rate of one a month. Each story took nearly ten days to narrate. His home was in the little temple of the village and he spent most of the time under a banyan tree in front of the temple. He used to light the lamp in the niche of banyan tree in the moonlit nights and the villagers gathered to hear the story. He never repeated the same story.

One moon, he lit the lamp in the tree. The audience came. The old man took his seat and began the story. ".....when king Vikramaditya lived, his minister was....." He paused. He could not go beyond it. He tried again and again but the story did not come. Nambi bowed on the ground and everyone went away except his friend Mari. He said, "Age, age it has come on me suddenly." Next day, he again lit the lamp in the niche. The villagers came but he could not tell the story. The villagers went away.

The next moon, Nambi again lit the lamp in the niche but only a handful villagers came. Nambi told the villagers that they all had to come the next day because he had a great story to tell. The villagers came next day. They thought that the storyteller had regained his power. Nambi started his story, "It is the goddess who gives the gifts, and it is she who takes them away. What is the lamp for when all the oil is gone? Goddess be thanked.....These are my last words on this earth and this is my greatest story." After that Nambi never spoke again. The rest of his life was one great consummate silence.

80 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

Robi is a poor boy. He lives in the streets of Dhaka. Layers of dirt and grime have turned his fair skin almost brown. His age is now more than 12 but.....

Ans.

A Street Child Robi

Robi is a poor boy. He lives in the streets of Dhaka. Layers of dirt and grime have turned his fair skin almost brown. His age is now not more than 12 but he looks smaller for years of undernourishment. In ragged shorts, he looks hardly 10. He could have been a pretty child under proper care. He was left away by his parents at the early age and he doesn't know where they live.

Robi usually wanders in Motijheel area and lives by collecting old scrap papers, bottles and so on. He also seeks for food in the garbage and collects the good ones. He then sells the papers and bottles to the shop and earns 100 or 150 taka a day. Sometimes, he is seen begging food from the hotel or money from the public when he cannot find anything to sell. He usually buys a slice of bread by his sold money and also eats some leftover rice from hospital attendants.

Sujan, a journalist, sees him almost everyday in Motijheel to collect papers and bottles. One day out of his curiosity, he called Robi and asked about him. After hearing all these sad things, Sujan became very swelled up. He thought that Robi the 'Sun' a street child has almost eclipsed by the dirt and negligence of the society. He then asked Robi, "What's your dream?" Robi told that he had a dream of a plate full of rice, big pieces of chicken and sweets. He also told that he wanted to read and write. Sujan became surprised to hear such a little dream but pleased to hear his eagerness for reading and writing. He told Robi, "Come on. I am going to make your dream come true." Robi couldn't believe his ears.

In ten minutes Robi found himself seated on the chair and a table with bowls full of rice, beef and chicken curry spread before him in a famous restaurant. Robi delightfully took gulps of rice and meat and uttered Aha! Aha! Sitting among the respectable people, he ate to his heart's content. Next day Sujan took Robi to a Night School and admitted him. Now Robi earns his livelihood on the day and attends the night school. Sujan, now, dreams of a better future of Robi.

81 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

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Plight of Sadia's Life

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One day she was going to her college on foot. One of the boys tore her with some ill words. Sadia avoided the event for her shyness. Another evening she was going to the national park with her cousin. Some boys touched her hand. She slapped one of the boys. The terrible thing happened for the situation.

Next day when she was passing through the road outside of her college, the boys threw acid towards her and they ran away seeing the crowd coming towards them. Sadia was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. But terrible things happened in Sadia's life. Sadia's face was burned completely.

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Ans.

A Tragic Accident

In the 15th of June, 1999. I got back home from my college at 5 p.m. In the evening I said my prayer. Then I studied for three hours as usual. Next, I had my supper and went to bed at about 11 p.m. I was in a deep sleep. Suddenly, I woke up with a hue and cry at dead of night at a little distance. I got up from bed and ran to the spot.

I saw that a cottage was burning. It was the darling place of a poor family. Fire engulfed (গাস করছিল) each and every corner of the cottage. Everywhere of the cottage, there was nothing but the hungry flame of the fire.

Hearing the hue and cry (শোরগোল) of the domestic help, the inmates of the house woke up and somehow managed to save their lives. But the only son of the family, an infant, was left in the burning fire. The mother of the infant was wailing madly. She was crying for help to rescue (উদ্ধার করা) her son. Everybody gathered there was trying to extinguish (নেড়ানো) the fire. But no one dared go into the cottage to rescue the infant.

There was a universal distress all around about the fate of the infant. At this all the people became wordless. There was a pin drop silence for some moments. Then everyone saw a young man springing out of the cottage with the little baby in his bosom. There was fire in the dress of the young man. The mother ran quickly to the young man and took her baby in her lap. Some men rushed to the young man with gunny sack and somehow managed to save the life of an innocent infant. Though all the belongings were burnt to ashes, the couple seemed to be happy getting their son alive.

83 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

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Ans.

Plight of Ayesha Begum

Ayesha Begum has three sons and two daughters. Her husband was a landless (ভূমিহীন) farmer who used to work on other people's land. With great effort they married their daughters off by the time they reached teenage. The sons also started working with their father as day labourers when they were old enough to help.

By the time they were about seventeen years old and all of them had left to work in nearby towns to earn money. At first they used to send money to their parents occasionally. But after getting married they barely had enough to support their own families. Ayesha Begum and her husband are now old and feeble (দুর্বল). Years of malnutrition and deprivation have made them look older than their years. All they are left with now is their broken little thatched house. Out of desperation (মরিয়া হয়ে ওঠা অবস্থা) Ayesha Begum has started begging in the village to feed her old, invalid husband and herself. She does not know what ails him neither does she have the means to find out. She is too busy collecting food for survival.

Now, she is experiencing the curse of poverty in her last period of life.

84 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

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Ans.

Ferocity of a Tiger

Once I was passing through a jungle. I was enjoying some charming deer. It was almost in the evening. I lost my way. Suddenly I saw a tiger walking in the jungle. Deer are dear to tiger. It is their great feast. But I know tigers are ferocious (হিংস্র). They never leave people alive. I felt nervous. I thought for a while. I found the tiger looking at the deer. The deer turned its fear and found the dangerous animal. The deer can jump and run. It is very speedy. But there were trees here and there. The tiger tried to jump but it could not reach the deer because of many trees. The hungry tiger did not see me first. As I saw the tiger, I tried to climb (উঠা) a tree.

Climbing a tree was very tough (কঠিন) for me. But it was the question of my living in the world. The Almighty Creator helped me. Very quickly I reached the top of the tree. By this time, the ferocious tiger caught the deer and started eating it. I thanked the Almighty. He saved me. The tiger went into the deep jungle slowly. I gazed (স্থির দৃষ্টিতে তাকিয়ে থাকা) and gazed at it. Very slowly I returned home.

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Ans.

Shefali : An Ill-fated Girl

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Once Shefali had everything. She had dreams like all other girls. But her dreams went in vain because of the cruelty of Padma river. Her house was on the bank of the mighty Padma. She lived happily with her parents and a younger brother. They were a solvent peasant family. But the hungry Padma was snatching many houses away. As a result of river erosion, Shefali's family lost everything as flood took away all their harvest.

After losing everything they came to Dhaka. Now, Shefali's family lives at a slum in the city. Her father died by a road accident. So her mother has to work in the other people's house to earn their livelihood. Her mother's little income is not sufficient to maintain their family. Sometimes they have to starve. They have no relatives in the city to help them. So, Shefali has taken a decision to help her mother earning some money. According to her plan, she starts selling flowers in the street. Now, Shefali roams about in the roads of Dhaka saying "Ful niben Sir, ekta ful."

86 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

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Ans.

Birbal's Wisdom

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He said, "Your Majesty, the ring is in this court itself. It is with one of the courtiers. The courtier who has a straw in his beard has your ring." The courtier who had the emperor's ring was shocked and immediately moved his hand over his beard. Birbal noticed this act of the courtier. He immediately pointed towards the courtier and said, "Please search this man. He has the emperor's ring."

Akbar could not understand how Birbal had managed to find the ring. Birbal then told Akbar that a guilty person is always scared.

87 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

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Ans. True Justice

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Kazi told the Sultan to pay for the loss that he had committed to the widow as his punishment. Hearing this the Sultan stood up and came to the Kazi and said, "Kazi, I am proud of your honesty and bravery. You are really eligible (যোগ্য) for the post. My country needs man like you." In reply the Kazi said, "Believe me the Sultan, if you disobeyed (আদেশ অমান্য করা) my judgment, I would beat you with my stick as I do to other ordinary people." The Sultan then gave a lot of wealth to the widow for the loss of her child.

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Ans. A Benevolent Person Earns All's Thanks

Yesterday I was going to college. When I crossed the bus stand at Lalbagh, I witnessed that a huge crowd was standing in a circle. Out of curiosity, I went there and peeped through the crowd to see what was happening. To my utter surprise, I found a boy lying there. I went nearer and saw it was Tareq, a boy of my neighbourhood. The people there told me that a babi-taxi had hit him from behind. He was bleeding. On the instant, I called a rickshaw and took him to the hospital nearby. The doctors there had him bandaged and gave him some treatment. They released him in the evening. Supporting him on my shoulders, I took an auto rickshaw and took him to his house at Malibagh.

His mother was anxious as he had not yet reached home. All the family members began to cry as they saw him in such a condition. However, I tried to console them and asked them to thank their luck as he is safe now. I was about to leave. All the family members of Tareq thanked me sincerely.

89 Complete the following story with the cue. Give a suitable title to it.

Lima works for a private firm in Dhaka. She lives alone in a small apartment near her office. Last Friday when she was cooking chicken curry for a leisurely holiday lunch, her phone rang. She rushed to her bedroom to receive the phone. It was her boss. He told her to turn up immediately. Lima got dressed and went out in a hurry. She took a rickshaw to her office. As she was about to get into her boss's room she remembered that she had not turned off the gas stove before leaving for office.

Ans. Consequence of Carelessness

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However, she entered her boss's room and gave him salam. He told her to take a seat. She sat. Then he began to criticize a work she had done recently. He told her that her language was not good in the file. He told her to rewrite it again at home that day. Lima agreed to do and left for home.

As soon as Lima entered her apartment, she found there was smoke inside. She timidly went to the kitchen and saw her pan burning with blazing fire. She immediately called the security men by intercom phone. They came and extinguished fire using the fire box.

Lima vowed never to be careless again about her kitchen. She understood it was her duty to turn off the stove before leaving. It was a new lesson in her life.

90 Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a title to it.

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Ans. Feeding a Poor Boy

Zayed saw him, a little slip of boy, regularly in the Medical College Gate. The boy wouldn't be more than 10 years but he looked smaller than his age for undernourishment. It seemed he hadn't have one time square meal for many days.

Zayed called him and said, "What's your name? Why are you standing here?" The boy replied, "I'm Rahim. I'm searching for food. If anyone arranges my square meal"

Zayed took him to the nearest restaurant and fed him with rice, chicken, vegetables and polao. Rahim ate with full satisfaction. He seemed grateful to Zayed in his looks and expression. He only wished if he could have such square meals everyday.

Zayed bought him a weight-scale and told him to measure the weight of passers-by in exchange of money. Rahim did so and started to make his livelihood in a way suitable for a child. He now eats three square-meals a day.

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Ans. Good Behaviour Is Always Rewarded

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92 The following is the beginning of a story. Complete it in your own words.

It was a strange day for Aronnya as he had to start for a totally unknown place to join a farm. It was a fruit farm located deep in a jungle. He had to travel to the extreme south of this country. He had received the appointment letter two days back. After thinking a lot finally he opted to join there. But still he felt a weird feeling haunting his mind.....

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He thought he had everything in Dhaka his ancestral house, his family, his friends, his roots, what not?..... It was hard for him to leave this city.

He thought and thought and began to make himself understand it is a tough age. One cannot get a job any time one wishes. It would be a big folly not to go.

He got on a train the day before his joining date. With a sorrowful mind he took a seat beside a window. Soon the fresh air filled his mind with joy. He was now confident about his job.

In the afternoon, the train reached the Khulna railway station. Oh! What a beauty! The natural setting of the southern Bengal made him jolly. He thanked his fortune that he had got a job at such a charming place.

The next day he went to join his office. He thought himself the luckiest man in the world. A new period of his life began.

93 The following is the beginning of a story. Complete it in your own words.

Once, a little lamb was grazing on a meadow, along with a flock of sheep. Being very mischievous.....

Ans. Ready Wit of a Lamb

Once, a little lamb was grazing on a meadow, along with a flock of sheep. Being very mischievous, the little lamb wandered some distance away from the sheep. It began to enjoy the fresh and delicious grass that it found there. It had come a long way from its group, but was unaware of that.

The lamb was also unaware of another fact: a wolf was closely following it!

When the lamb realized that it had lost its way and was far away from the flock, it decided to return and join them. However, the lamb was stunned to see a hungry and cunning wolf standing behind it.

The lamb realized that there was no option except to surrender itself to the wolf.

The lamb asked the wolf, "Are you going to eat me?"

The wolf said, "Yes, at any cost!"

The lamb said again, "But can you please wait for some more time? I have eaten a lot of grass now and my stomach is filled with grass. If you eat me now, you will feel as though you were eating grass! So please wait until the grass is digested."

The wolf agreed, "Oh yes, I will wait. You are here before me and I can wait for some more time!"

The lamb thanked the wolf.

After some time, the wolf got ready to kill lamb, but the lamb stopped him again.

"Dear wolf, please wait for some more time. The grass is yet to be digested. If you eat me now, you will see a lot of grass in my stomach! Let me dance and then it will be digested easily."

The wolf agreed.

The little lamb danced crazily for a while, and then suddenly stopped.

The wolf enquired what had happened.

The lamb said, "I cannot dance properly because there is no music. You see this bell around my neck? Can you untie this bell and ring it loudly? Then I can dance fast and the grass in my stomach also will get digested fast."

The wolf, overcome with the desire to eat the lamb, was ready to do anything. He removed the bell tied to the lamb's neck and rang it with all his might.

Meanwhile, the shepherd was searching for the little lamb and heard the bell ringing. He saw the wolf and the lamb. He ran towards the wolf with a stick. Seeing the shepherd with a stick, the wolf ran away, and the lamb was saved!

94 Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a suitable title to it :

One day a little boy of class four found a note of 500 taka in the school premises. At once he took it to his class teacher. He said.....

Ans.

Honesty Is Always Praised

One day a little boy.....He said, "Oh, thank you, my boy. I shall try to know whose money it was." The class teacher informed the matter to the Head teacher. He called the boy to his chamber. When he (b) went, the Head teacher praised him a lot. On the following day, he (H) announced before all students and guardians that a 500 taka note had been found. He said that he/she should take it that really owned it and also pleaded to all not to claim it dishonestly. A guardian came to meet the Headmaster and said that he had lost 500 taka a day ago. He took the money, met that boy and gifted him a book of fairy tales.

95 Complete the following incomplete story and give a suitable title to it :

As I was walking home yesterday, a grey bearded man with one arm only suddenly stopped me and asked me the way to 'Shanti Neer'.

Ans.

In Search of Shanti Neer

As I was walking home yesterday, a grey bearded man with one arm only suddenly stopped me and asked me the way to 'Shanti Neer'. I was very surprised because that is my own house. But I could not recognize the man nor I remembered if I had ever seen him. However, I asked him about his whereabouts. Surprisingly he told me that he was one of my grand fathers whom I had never seen. He looked very joyous to know about my identity. He told me that he had been to Malaysia for a long time. He had been living there with his family and doing business. However, he felt the tense attraction to see his roasts and came to Bangladesh after a very long time. But everything he saw was quite unfamiliar to him. I gave him my identity and took him to our house. My mother could identity him after a long time and was overwhelmed with surprise. She introduced herself to him and a heavenly atmosphere prevailed for some time. We entertained him with all our ability. He felt satisfied and homely. On our request he stayed with us for about a fortnight and left for his home in Malaysia. The farewell scene was very pathetic and he desired to come again next year.

96 The following is the beginning of a story. Complete it in your own words.

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Ans.

Industry Is The Key to Success

Abdul Alim is a young man. He comes of a very poor family. Some days ago. he came to Dhaka to find a job. He had a friend in Dhaka city who works in a garment factory. He first contacted with him. His friend managed a job for him in his garment factory. But he was not fully satisfied at the job. So, he decided to make some savings and leave the job. After a few months he left the job and started a tea stall near a bus stand. First, he could not get enough profit. But as days were passing by he became popular and got much profit. Then he started a stationery shop along with the tea stall. Both the shops were going on in full speed/swing. He benefited a lot from both the shops. So, he saved the money for a year more and returned to his native village. He then first recovered the mortgaged land of his father and started farming cattle and fish. Now he has three ponds and eight cows and many more chickens and ducks. He took a training from an institute about farming and fishing. After a few years he earned name and fame and become a affluent businessman. So, only the self-motivation or industry brings about a success in one's life.