

NCTB Prepared Sample Question [First Paper]

Set-1

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Sample Question

HSC Examination

English First Paper

Full Marks : 100

Time : 3 hours

[Answer all the questions. Figures in the margin indicate full marks.]

Part-I

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions A and B.

Tertiary education in Bangladesh comprises two categories of institutions: degree awarding universities and colleges affiliated with the National University (NU). There were only 4 universities in Bangladesh at the time of independence in 1971. All of those universities were publicly financed autonomous entities. At present, there are 35 such universities. Private universities are a relatively new phenomenon in this country. In the early 1990s, the private sector came forward to establish universities. Since then the country has experienced a spectacular growth in private universities mostly in and around Dhaka and couple of other large cities. At present, there are 79 private universities. The number of colleges providing tertiary level education is around 1,400. Most of them offer BA (pass) education of three year duration; only one-third of them offer B.A. (Honors) courses and some offer MA degrees as well. All of these colleges are affiliated with the National University.

Accessibility to higher education implies that students get the opportunity to get university education and sufficient support from educational institutions. Increasing enrolment at the secondary and higher secondary level puts pressure on higher educational institutions. But due to limited capacity, only a small number of students may be enrolled in universities. Thus, each year a large number of students are denied access to higher education. Also, due to poverty and increase in educational expenses, students of the lower middle class do not get easy access to higher education. Moreover, those who get places in the universities have limited access to avail all kinds of diversified educational facilities relating to their study fields.

A. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.

1 × 5 = 5

- a) "Tertiary education" refers to—
 - i. secondary education ii. university education
 - iii. primary education iv. higher secondary education
- b) The word "affiliated" stands for—
 - i. discarded ii. authorized iii. associated iv. supervised
- c) Public universities are funded by—
 - i. World Bank ii. government iii. private sector iv. other donors
- d) The private sector came ahead to set up universities in the—
 - i. early nineteen nineties ii. late nineteen seventies
 - iii. late nineteen eighties iv. early nineteen eighties
- e) "..... those who get places in the universities have limited access to avail all kinds of diversified educational facilities relating to their study fields."... What does it imply?
 - i. lack of teachers ii. technological support is not sufficient
 - iii. library facilitates are not enough iv. all the above answers

B. Answer the following questions.

2 × 5 = 10

- a) How do you differentiate National University from other public universities?
- b) What changes do you notice in tertiary education after Liberation War?
- c) Why did private universities emerge though there were public universities?
- d) How do you explain spectacular growth of private universities in Bangladesh?
- e) "University should be accessible to the very good students only". Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give reasons.

2. Read the passage and complete the table below with the given information.

1 × 10 = 10

Unsafe levels of pesticides are present in around half of the vegetables and more than a quarter of fruits sold in the capital's markets, a recent survey has found. A 15-member team of the National Food Safety Laboratory, with support from the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), came up with the findings after collecting and testing food samples from the capital's Gulshan, Karwanbazar and Mohakhali markets.

The survey report, a copy of which was acquired by the Dhaka Tribune, read that nearly 40% of 82 samples of milk, milk products, fish, fruits and vegetables contained banned pesticides such as DDT, Aldrin, Chlordane and Heptachlor. The amounts of pesticide in these samples were found to be 3 to 20 times greater than the limits set by the European Union. Around 50% vegetables and 35% fruits were found to be contaminated with unsafe level of pesticides.

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| i) | around half of the vegetables and ii) | the capital's markets | a recent survey |
| iii) | samples | iv) | research time |
| They | contamination of food | the National Food Safety Laboratory | v) |
| vi) such as DDT, Aldrin, Chlordane and Heptachlor | nearly 40% of 82 samples of milk, vii) | the capital's markets | after testing |
| The amount of pesticides | viii) set by the European Union | these samples | survey |
| They | ix) | around x) and 35% fruits | research time |

3. Write a summary of the following poem.

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I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,
 And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made;
 Nine bean rows will I have there, a hive for the honey bee
 And live alone in the bee loud glade.

 And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow
 Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;
 There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,
 And evening full of the linnet's wings

 I will arise and go now, for always night and day
 I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;
 While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,
 I hear it in the deep heart's core.

4. Read the following text and fill in the blanks with suitable word from the box. There are more words than needed. Make any grammatical change if necessary.

0.5 × 10 = 5

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| it | want | when | as | people | family |

Genealogy, the history of a family from the past to the present, is one of the most popular subjects on the Internet. Although genealogy has always been conducted professionally i) serious legal and financial reasons, as a hobby ii) began to take off in the 1990s when iii) started to use the Internet to share information. iv) embarking on genealogy as a hobby, though, one v) advised to decide on what it is one vi) to find out about one's family and what vii) will do with the information. Firstly, go from viii) one has already known and worked backwards. One ix) undertake to find out the basic facts about x) many relatives as possible: their date and place of birth, marriage, death and burial.

5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate word in each gap.

1 × 10 = 10

Bangladesh has made considerable progress in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), particularly in poverty alleviation. The goal was to reduce poverty to 29 i) by the year 2015. Two years ahead ii) time, in 2013, it has been possible iii) bring this down to 26.2 percent. Among iv) eight goals of MDG, it will be v) to fully meet the targets set for vi) infant mortality and improving maternal health. The vii) which will not be fully met are viii) extreme poverty and hunger, achieving universal primary ix), achieving gender equality and empowerment of women. x), Bangladesh is considering the achievements made in these sectors to be successful.

6. Rearrange the following sentences to make a coherent order.

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- It caused a great massacre in human history.
- The bombing of Hiroshima was executed after meticulous planning.
- It was a uranium gun-type atomic bomb.

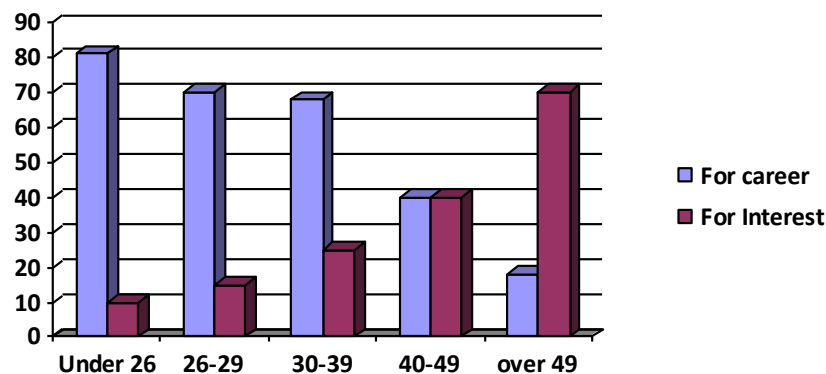
- iv. But there was no bang or an explosion.
- v. He flew hours before reaching the target.
- vi. The charge was given to a Colonel in the United States Air Force named Paul W. Tibbets.
- vii. Thus the new nuclear age began, not with a bang but with a whimper.
- viii. Then, the bomb was set to explode 2000 ft. above the town.
- ix. Only a brownish-purple mist all around.
- x. On the day of execution, Colonel Tibbets took off at a quarter to three in the morning.

Part-II

7. Write a paragraph on "My Best Friend" in about 200 words based on the answers to the following questions. 10
 - a. How many friends do you have?
 - b. Who is your best friend?
 - c. Why do you like him/her more than other friends?
 - d. Have you ever been angry with him?
 - e. What other things would you like to see in his/her character?
8. The following is the beginning of a story. Complete it in your own words. 7

One day I was going to college to take my final exam at 10 am. At 9, when I was 20 minutes away from my college, suddenly a sick old man fell down.....
9. Suppose your friend participated in an international photography exhibition and won the first prize. Write an e-mail congratulating him/her on his/her success. 5
10. The graph below shows the main reasons for study according to different age groups of the students. Describe the graph in at least 80 words. You should highlight the information and report the main features given in the graph. 10

Reasons for study according to age of student



11. Write down the theme of the following story (Not more than 50 words). 8

There once was a young boy with a very bad temper. The boy's father wanted to teach him a lesson, so he gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper he must hammer a nail into their wooden fence.

On the first day of this lesson, the little boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. He was really mad! Over the course of the next few weeks, the little boy began to control his temper, so the number of nails that were hammered into the fence dramatically decreased.

It wasn't long before the little boy discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

Then, the day finally came when the little boy didn't lose his temper even once, and he became so proud of himself, he couldn't wait to tell his father.

Pleased, his father suggested that he now pull out one nail for each day that he could hold his temper.

Several weeks went by and the day finally came when the young boy was able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

Very gently, the father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence.

"You have done very well, my son," he smiled, "but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same."

The little boy listened carefully as his father continued to speak.

"When you say things in anger, they leave permanent scars just like these. And no matter how many times you say you're sorry, the wounds will still be there."

Set-2

Sample Question

HSC Examination
English First Paper

Full marks : 100

Time : 3 hours

[Answer all the questions. Figures in the margin indicate full marks]

Part I

1. Read the following text and answer the questions A and B.

Conflict can be described as a disagreement among groups or individuals characterized by antagonism and hostility. This is usually fueled by the opposition of one party to another in an attempt to reach an objective different from that of the other party. The elements involved in the conflict have varied sets of principles and values, thus allowing a conflict to arise.

Conflict can be defined in many ways but one of the simplest is that it pertains to the opposing ideas and actions of different entities, resulting in an antagonistic state. Conflict is an inevitable part of life. All of us possess our own opinions, ideas and sets of beliefs. We have our own ways of looking at things and we act according to what we think is proper. Hence, we often find ourselves in conflict in different scenarios; it may involve other individuals, groups of people, or a struggle within our own selves. Consequently, conflict influences our actions and decisions in one way or another.

Conflict comes naturally; the clashing of thoughts and ideas is a part of the human experience. It is true that it can be destructive if left uncontrolled. However, it shouldn't be seen as something that can only cause negative things to transpire. It is a way to come up with more meaningful realizations that can certainly be helpful to the individuals involved.

A. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.

1 × 5 = 5

a. What could be the closest meaning for 'fueled by' in the first paragraph?

- (i) added by (ii) supported by (iii) fired by (iv) increased by

b. The word 'principle' in the first paragraph refers to—.

- (i) ethics (ii) morality (iii) belief (iv) law

c. 'Pertain' in the second paragraph could be best replaced by—

- (i) differ (ii) relate (iii) disclose (iv) contain

d. Conflict is — part of our life.

- (i) an essential (ii) a unique (iii) an exterior (iv) an external

e. The best synonym of 'transpire' is—.

- (i) to stop (ii) to happen (iii) to publish (iv) to clarify

B. Answer the following questions.

2 × 5 = 10

- (a) What, according to the text, is conflict?
 (b) Mention three causes of conflict.
 (c) Why are our actions and decisions influenced by conflict?
 (d) What does the expression 'conflict comes naturally' mean?
 (e) Do you find any positive aspect of conflict? If any, mention.

2. Read the following text and make a flow chart showing the importance of the Hakaluki Haor. (one is done for you)

2 × 5 = 10

Hakaluki Haor is one of the major wetlands of Bangladesh. The Haor system provides a wide range of economic and non-economic benefits to the local people as well as to the people of Bangladesh. These include fish production, rice production, cattle and buffalo rearing, duck rearing, collection of reeds and grasses, and collection of aquatic and other plants. The Haor system also protects the lower floodplains from flash floods occurring in the months of April-May, maintains the supply of fish in other lower water bodies and provides habitat for migratory and local waterfowls.

Providing economic benefits → → → → →

3. Summarize the following text.

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A most important truth, which we are apt to forget, is that a teacher can never truly teach unless he is still learning himself. A lamp can never light another lamp unless it continues to burn its own flame. The teacher who has come to the end of his subject, who has no living traffic with his knowledge, but merely repeats his lessons to his students, can only load their minds; he cannot quicken them. Truth not only must inform but inspire. If the inspiration dies out, and the information only accumulates, then truth loses its infinity. The greater part of our learning in the schools has been waste because, for most of our teachers, their subjects are like dead specimens of once living things, with which they have a learned acquaintance, but no communication of life and love.

4. Read the following text and fill in the blanks with suitable words from the box. There are more words than necessary. You may change the form of the words if necessary.

0.5 × 10 = 05

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| inequality | transform | urban | many | resource | coexist |
| swell | also | sustainable | town | and | people |

The world is undergoing the largest wave of urban growth in history. More than half of the world's population lives in (a) — and cities and by 2030 this number will (b) — to about 5 million. Much of this urbanization will unfold in Africa (c) — Asia bringing huge social, economic and environmental (d) —. Urbanization has the potential to usher in a new era of wellbeing, (e) — efficiency and economic

growth. Again, cities are (f) — home to high concentration of poverty. Nowhere the rise of poverty, (g) — etc. are clearer than in cities. Here wealthy communities (h) — along with poor people and slums dwellers. For this reason, (i) — nongovernment organizations are working with government to increase the welfare and (j) — of fast urbanizing communities.

5. Fill in the gaps using suitable words.

1 × 10 = 10

Every school student has to carry different sizes of backpacks loaded with various items from home to school or school to home, but very few of us think about the amount of loading and appropriate wearing method of backpacks. Carrying too much (a) — in the backpack and wearing it in wrong way can (b) — to pain and strain. Every school-going student has the individual (c) — capacity in regard of his/her body structure and fitness level. Recent (d) — on many school students reveals that they were (e) — from some health problems such as back, neck and (f) — pain, tingling arms, muscular weakness and imbalance. Most of the (g) — we usually ignore their such types of (h) — but the reality is serious. Sometimes these symptoms are so (i) — that they do not like to go to school, even most of the time they are (j) — to carry backpacks.

6. The following sentences are jumbled. Rearrange them in proper sequence.

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- i) Moreover, she always has a positive attitude and encourages her teammates to work harder and do their best.
- ii) She cries out in pain but it is unusual for her.
- iii) As she licks her nutty chocolate chip ice-cream, she says, "Today I love basketball practice more than ever."
- iv) The others help her off the court and she sits down to rest.
- v) Farah loves basketball and always looks forward to basketball practice.
- vi) But today she twists her ankle and falls down.
- vii) One of her teammates runs to get ice for her ankle.
- viii) The coach says, "As usual, I'm impressed with your attitude and team spirit. In honour of Farah, we should all go to get ice-cream."
- ix) She enjoys the times with her teammates and follows her coach's instructions properly.
- x) When the coach asks Farah if she is ok, she replies, "I'm fine, Ankle heals".

Part II

7. Write a paragraph on "Group Work" on the basis of the answers to the following questions in about 200 words.

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- a) What do you mean by group work?
- b) What are the benefits of group work?
- c) When could it be more effective?
- d) Does sometimes group work fail? Why?
- e) How will you evaluate group work?

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

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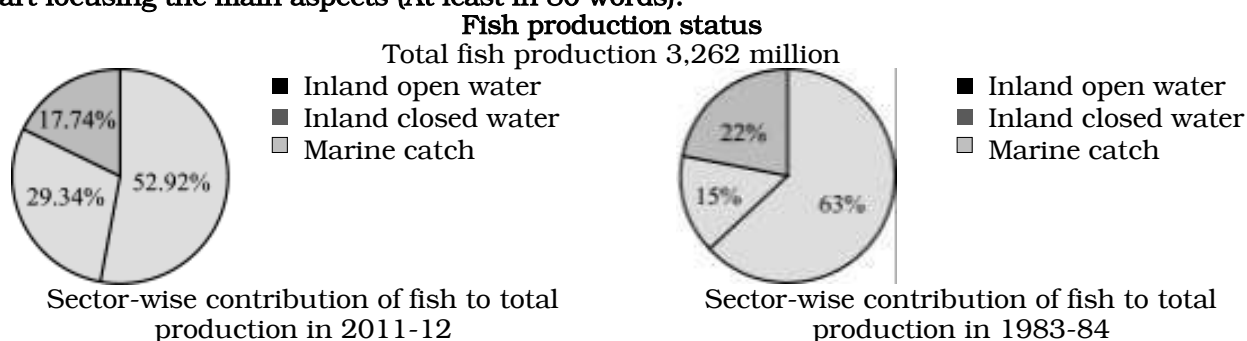
Koli is a little talented girl of a village. All the times she dreams of becoming a famous singer. One day, she got a chance

9. Suppose you are Afsana/Belal. You received a letter from your mother yesterday. In the letter, you were advised not to waste your valuable time surfing the Internet. Now write a reply to the letter.

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10. Look at the chart. It shows fish production of Bangladesh in the fiscal year 2011-12. Now analyze the chart focusing the main aspects (At least in 80 words).

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11. Write down the theme of the following poem (Not more than 50 words).

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I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay.
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

Solution to Sample Question Set–1

Answer to the Question No 1 (A)

(a) (ii) university education (b) (iii) associated (c) (ii) government (d) (i) early nineteen nineties (e) (iv) all the above answers

Answer to the Question No 1 (B)

- (a) Public universities are publicly financed autonomous entities but National University is an institution which runs different colleges associated with it. It is not an autonomous entity.
- (b) I find dramatic changes in tertiary education after Liberation War. The number of universities has increased. Even, there are a good number of private universities. Besides, 1400 colleges are providing tertiary level education.
- (c) The number of public universities is insufficient compared to the number of students. So, private universities emerged.
- (d) The growth of private universities is spectacular because there are 79 private universities while there are only 35 public universities.
- (e) I disagree with the statement 'University should be accessible to the very good students only', because proper education can turn every citizen into human resource.

Answer to the Question No 2

(i) Pesticides (ii) more than a quarter of fruits (iii) A 15-member team (iv) Gulshan, Karwanbazar and Mohakhali markets (v) recently (vi) Banned pesticides (vii) milk products, fish, fruits and vegetables (viii) 3 to 20 times greater than the limits (ix) unsafe level of pesticides (x) 50% vegetables

Answer to the Question No 3

The speaker says he is going to Innisfree to build a small, simple cabin. He will have a little bean garden and a honeybee hive. He wants to live alone in peace with nature and the slow pace of country living. The speaker restates that he is leaving and explains it is because every night he hears the water lapping against the shore of Innisfree. Even though he lives in a more urban place with paved roads, deep down inside he is drawn to the rural sounds of Innisfree. It is all about rustling trees, not bustling buses for this speaker.

Answer to the Question No 4

(i) for (ii) it (iii) people (iv) When (v) is (vi) wants (vii) one (viii) what (ix) should (x) as

Answer to the Question No 5

(i) percent (ii) of (iii) to (iv) the (v) possible (vi) reducing (vii) goals (viii) eradicating (ix) education (x) However

Answer to the Question No 6

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Answer to the Question No 7

My Best Friend

I have many friends but one of them has become the best because of her being intelligent, responsible, and gregarious. Her name is Samia Akter. She knows when I feel happy and when I feel very sad. There is no relative between us, but there are many similarities in our characteristics. She is like myself and I am also like herself. We cannot get angry with each other. We read in the same college. She helps me in a chemistry class that I find difficult. It is easy for her to understand chemistry and help me with the homework. Besides being intelligent, she is also responsible. Her mother died when she was young, so she has taken responsibility for her younger siblings. She wakes them up in the morning and gets them ready for school. In the evening she cooks dinner for the family and helps her siblings with their homework. Although she has a difficult life, she is cheerful and gregarious. Every day she greets me with a smile and has a funny story to tell me. She loves going to parties where she makes new friends. For her intelligence, responsibility, and gregariousness, I love and admire my best friend.

Answer to the Question No 8

Service for humanity first

One day I was going to college to take my final exam at 10 am. At 9, when I was 20 minutes away from my college, suddenly a sick old man fell down on the road. He was a few feet ahead of me. I rushed (তীব্র বেগে ছুটে যাওয়া) to the spot. I found the man senseless. I could recognize (চিনতে পারা) the sick (অসুস্থ) man. He was the grandfather of Karim, my neighbour. I was at a loss how I would help the poor man. In the meantime, a lot of people crowded there. I asked a man to look after him. I rushed to manage a carriage (পরিবহন).

The man poured water on the old man's head to bring his sense back. I came back with a push-cart (ঢোলাগাড়ি). I pulled the sick man on the cart with the help of other people. Then I took him to the nearby hospital for better treatment. Afterwards (পরবর্তীতে), I went to Karim's house to give the message of his grandfather's accident. Karim's parents went to the hospital with me. They expressed their gratitude (কৃতজ্ঞতা) to me. Karim's grandfather came round gradually and prayed to God for my welfare.

I am happy that I could help the helpless old man. But I was one our late in my exam hall. Anyway, as it was the exam of English first paper, I could manage time. The interesting fact is that the story that was set in the exam just the same incident as I happened to meet.

Answer to the Question No 9

From : salam_rahman@gmail.com

To : badhon_sahamirpur@yahoo.com

Subject : Congratulations!

Dear Badhon

Hope you are well. I am very glad to know that you have won the first prize in the international photography exhibition competition 2015. I am sorry that I could not go to the exhibition. Your success is my joy! You are a pride of our country.

I personally congratulate you on this grand achievement. Congratulations and very well done!

Hope you will come to visit us whenever you get time.

Your bosom friend

Salam

Answer to the Question No 10

The graph shows the main reasons for study according to different age groups of the students. It can be clearly seen that the number of students studying for career is higher than those studying for interest in the under 26 age group. The ratio changes gradually and turns opposite in the over 49 age group.

80 percent of under 26 age group of students study for career; whereas 10 percent for interest. This ratio changes to 70 percent and 15 percent respectively in the 26-29 age group. 58 percent of the 30-39 age group of students study for career and 22 percent for interest. The ratio of students who study for career and those who study for interest is the same and it is 40 percent in the 40-49 age group. The ratio just gets opposite in the over 49 age group of students. In that group, only 20 percent study for career whereas 70 percent study for interest.

In conclusion, we can see that career is more important than interest to the under 26 age group of students; whereas it is just opposite in the over 49 age group of students.

Answer to the Question No 11

We should control our anger because out of anger, we often maltreat others. Any maltreatment leaves permanent scars. We cannot remove them completely even though we try heart and soul. We should bear in mind that anger brings nothing but destruction.

Solution to Sample Question Set-2**Answer to the Question No 1 (A)**

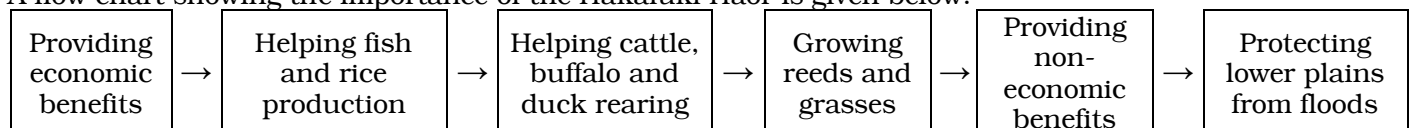
(a) (iv) increased by (b) (iii) belief (c) (ii) relate (d) (i) an essential (e) (ii) to happen

Answer to the Question No 1 (B)

- (a) Conflict is a disagreement among groups or individuals due to their antagonism and hostility over their needs, interests and concerns.
- (b) The three causes of conflict are: (i) opposition of one party to another (ii) varied sets of principles and values (iii) opposing ideas and actions.
- (c) All of us have our own thoughts, ideas and beliefs. We act as we think proper. There are always conflicts among groups of people. So, our actions and decisions are influenced by conflict.
- (d) The expression 'conflict comes naturally' means that we naturally differ from one another in thoughts, ideas and beliefs. So it is natural that there will be conflict among us.
- (e) There is a positive aspect of conflict. It provides numerous opportunities for realization and development through improved understanding and insight.

Answer to the Question No 2

A flow chart showing the importance of the Hakaluki Haor is given below:

**Answer to the Question No 3**

The text gives light on a true teacher. A teacher cannot teach if he does not keep his knowledge up-to-date. Delivering his previously learnt knowledge can only load his students but cannot inspire him. In fact, a teacher should impart living knowledge to a student for the sake of communication of life and love.

Answer to the Question No 4

(a) towns (b) swell (c) and (d) transformations (e) resource (f) also (g) inequality (h) coexist (i) many (j) sustainability

Answer to the Question No 5

(a) weight (b) lead (c) loading (d) survey (e) suffering (f) shoulder (g) time (h) complains (i) severe (j) unable

Answer to the Question No 6

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Answer to the Question No 7

Group work involves students working collaboratively on set tasks, in or out of the classroom. Group work includes any learning and teaching tasks or activities that require students to work in groups or any formal assessment tasks that require students to work in groups. Group sizes can vary from pairs to large groups of students. Group work is effective for learning. Students are encouraged to become active rather than passive learners by developing collaborative and co-operative skills, and life long learning skills. It encourages the development of critical thinking skills. Students have the opportunity to learn from and to teach each other. Quiet students have an opportunity to speak and be heard in small groups thus overcoming the anonymity and passivity associated with large groups. It can save time and requires a shared workload. Students develop and practice skills in decision making, problem solving, values clarification, communication, critical thinking, negotiation, conflict resolution, and teamwork. A teamwork is more effective when students of different merits form a group, because weak students can be benefitted. Anyway, sometimes group work may fail to achieve the target. Structure plays an important role in the success or failure of a group. In fact, groups should be formed based on the task. Group performance must be translated into individual grades – which raises issues of fairness and equity. However, group work makes the Unit of Study challenging, interesting, motivating, engaging and fun for everyone!

Answer to the Question No 8**Music in heart**

Koli is a talented girl of a village. All the times she dreams of becoming a famous singer. One day, she got a chance to prove herself. While watching TV in her neighbor's house, there was an advertisement of Closeup 1 competition. The neighbor told her to participate in the competition. At first she felt reluctant because she had no knowledge about the grammar of music. But the neighbor encouraged her saying 'Music is in her heart, so she does not need any formal training'.

The next day, Koli registered herself for the competition sending SMS. Her journey in Closeup 1 starts. Eight contestants were selected from a pool of about 500 contestants from her zone to compete in the final rounds. Among the eight, she was the first from her district to get the green light to go to Dhaka. The song she rendered in front of the judges was, Shoachan pakhi, composed by Ukil Munshi, a renowned Baul from Netrakona.

In the final round, she received as many as 17 lakh 96 thousand 980 of votes from the viewers and 40 marks from the three honorable judges: Kumar Biswajit, Fahmida Nabi and Ahmed Imtiaz Bulbul with total marks of 86 to win this competition quite convincingly.

As a winner, Koli received a cheque for 10 lakh taka sponsored by Unilever Bangladesh, a brand new 'Nissan' car sponsored by BRAC Bank and 2 lakh taka as a scholarship for higher education in music by Western Money Transfer Ltd.

Now Koli is a famous singer across the country.

Answer to the Question No 9

12/05/17

Dear mom

I received your letter yesterday. How are you? You are very worried about me. Please mom, don't be worried. I'm studying well. I don't waste time surfing the internet. In my free time, I surf the net. Besides, for the sake of my study, I have to surf the net now and then. I've got the result of 2nd term exam. I've stood first in my shift. I think now you will be free from tension. I promise I will not waste valuable time.

I hope to see you soon in the coming vacation.

With love and respect

Your son

Bakul

Answer to the Question No 10

The two pie charts show the different sectors of fish production in Bangladesh in two years. We find that sector-wise fish production is different in two years.

In 1983-84, we find that contribution of fish production from inland open water is 22 percent which has decreased to 17.74 percent in 2011-12. Inland closed water contributed to fish production more in 1983-84 than in 2011-12 which is respectively 63% and 29.34%. On the contrary, Marine catch has less contribution in 1983-84 than in 2011-12 that is respectively 15 % and 52.92% of total fish production.

In conclusion, we can see that inland open water as well as inland closed water fish production is decreasing very fast while marine catch fish production is increasing day by day.

Answer to the Question No 11

"I wandered lonely as a cloud" is a poem that just makes you feel good about life. It says that even when you are lonely and missing your friends, you can use your imagination to find new friends in the world around you. The speaker of this poem makes a heaven out of a windy day and a bunch of daffodils. His happiness does not last forever – he's not that unrealistic – but the daffodils give him a little boost of joy whenever he needs it.