

B2**Question Type–11**
• Paragraph**None Textual**

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Our National Flag | 2. The Importance of Learning English |
| 3. A Tea Stall | 4. Traffic Jam |
| 5. A Street Accident | 6. A Village Fair |
| 7. Load Shedding | 8. Your School Library |
| 9. Your School Magazine | 10. A Village Doctor |
| 11. Tree Plantation | 12. A Book Fair |
| 13. A Railway Station | 14. The Life of a Farmer |
| 15. Mobile Phone | 16. Bad Effects of Smoking |
| 17. Drug Addiction | 18. Your Favourite Game |
| 19. Importance of Reading Newspapers. | 20. A Visit to a Historical Place |
| 21. A Rickshaw Puller | 22. A Winter Morning |
| 23. A Rainy Day | 24. A School Magazine |

Textual

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 25. The Tha Kha Floating Market | 26. How to Keep Good Health |
| 27. Dangers of Smoking | 28. Folk Songs of Bangladesh |
| 29. Nakshi Kantha | 30. Bangladeshi Cuisines |
| 31. Ethnic People in Bangladesh | 32. Pearls |
| 33. The Ama Divers | 34. River Gypsies in Bangladesh |
| 35. The Importance of Reading Newspaper | 36. The Wheel and Its History |
| 37. The Fastest Train You Like | 38. Paper |

Paragraph (প্যারাগ্রাফ) লেখার সহজ টিপস :

- প্রশ্নে প্রদত্ত প্রশ্নগুলোর আলোকে Answer লিখতে হবে।
- প্রশ্নগুলোর উত্তর একটি একটি করে না দিয়ে বরং এম ভাবে লিখতে হবে যাতে পুরো Paragraph জুড়ে প্রশ্নগুলোর উত্তর শ্রবণমধুরভাবে থাকে।
- প্রয়োজনে প্রশ্নের বাইরেও তথ্য দেওয়া যেতে পারে।
- পুরো Paragraph একটি প্যারায় লিখতে হবে।
- বোর্ডের প্রশ্নে 100 words অথবা 150 words-এ Paragraph লিখতে বলা হয়।

① Our National Flag

Write a paragraph on "**Our National Flag**" by answering the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed **100** words :

- What do you mean by a "National Flag"?
- How have we got Our National Flag?
- What is its width and breadth?
- How can we protect and uphold the honour of Our National Flag?

A flag represents a country over the world. As we are a free nation, we have a glorious national flag. It represents our freedom and sovereignty. But, we have not got our national flag overnight. There is a long history of achieving our national flag. Before 26 March 1971, Bangladesh was not an independent nation. She was a part of Pakistan and called East Pakistan then. We were deprived of our due rights. So, it was inevitable to fight against Pakistan. Our freedom fighters fled the national flag and went for fight against the oppressive rulers. After a freedom fight of nine months, Bangladesh wins victory by a great sacrifice. Then our national flag flies in the free sky of Bangladesh. Thus, we have got our national flag. Our national flag has a fixed ratio of length and width which is 10:6. Our flag is the combination of two colours-green and red. The green colour symbolizes evergreen beauty of our homeland while red colour symbolizes blood given by our freedom fighters. We use our national flag when our educational

institutions start every day. Different Govt. and non-Govt. offices also hoist the national flag. We also hoist our flag in different national days and traditional occasions of Bangladesh. We are proud of our national flag.

② The Importance of Learning English

Write a paragraph on '**The Importance of Learning English**' by answering the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 100 words.

- Why is English called an International Language?
- Why should we learn English?
- What do you think about the necessity of grammar in learning English?
- How does your English textbook help you learn English?
- How does your English help you in managing a job?

The importance of English can't be described in words. It is an international language. We need English for our higher education. All books on higher education are written in English. These books help us to acquire knowledge. Besides the knowledge of modern science and technology is available in English. Today more than 80% of all the information in the world's computers is in English. So if we do not know English, we will not be able to keep pace with the present world. Today organizations need employers who can speak and write a standard form of English. So it helps to get a good job and to earn more money. Moreover, to communicate with foreign countries and to run foreign business, English is essential. From this, we can say that we need to learn English for the progress of our individual as well as our national life.

③ A Tea Stall

Write a paragraph on '**A Tea Stall**' in about 150 words answering the following questions.

- Where is a tea stall found?
- How is it furnished?
- What things are sold there?
- Who serves tea?
- Where does the manager sit and what is his function?
- What is the condition of a tea-stall?
- How long does a tea-stall remain open?
- What do the customers do in the tea-stall?

A tea stall is a small shop where tea and other things are sold for the passers-by. It is a common place to all classes of people. It is usually found at the turn of the road, bus stands, railway stations, Bazar or even beside an office where the common people are available. It opens early in the morning and closes at late night. Biscuits, bread, banas, betel leaf and different kinds of handmade snacks are available there. A tea stall is furnished with some benches and tables. A boy is employed in a tea stall to serve the people. People who come to a tea stall usually do not leave it immediately after taking a cup of tea. People refresh themselves with a cup of tea in a tea stall. A tea stall is also a place where social disputes are settled. They mainly talk about politics and current affairs. This is why it is called a Mini Sangsad. Intact, tea stall is nowadays an important place of social gathering and at the same time a place of charm for the common people. So a tea stall occupies an important place in our day-to-day life.

④ Traffic Jam

Write a paragraph on '**Traffic Jam**' by answering the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 100 words.

- What is traffic jam?
- What are the main causes of traffic jam?
- Why is traffic jam a great problem to us?
- How can we get rid of this problem?
- What are the responsibilities of the government to solve this problem?

Traffic jam means a long line of different kinds of vehicles. It is one of the major problems of modern time. This problem is created by the rapid growth of population and the increasing number of vehicles. The roads of our country are very narrow. There are many unlicensed vehicles in our country. The drivers are not willing to obey traffic rules. They want to drive according to their freedom. As a result, traffic jam is created. Traffic jam is very harmful for our life. It kills our valuable time and our works are hampered widely. It causes great sufferings to the ambulance carrying dying patients and the fire brigade vehicles. However, this problem can be solved by taking some steps. We should obey the traffic rule. Our government should construct spacious roads. One way movement of vehicles should be introduced. Traffic rules should be imposed strictly so that the drivers are bound to obey traffic

rules. Sufficient traffic police should be posted on important points. Finally unlicensed vehicles should be removed. By doing the above things, we can be free from traffic jam.

⑤ A Street Accident

Write a paragraph on "A Street Accident" by answering the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 100 words.

- How did the accident take place?
- How was/were the victim/victims?
- What was your feeling?
- What are the main causes of street accident?
- What should we do to prevent it?

Street accident has become a major problem in our country. It is an unpleasant and unexpected event. It is caused by vehicles while moving on the street recklessly. There are many causes behind street accident in our country. The roads and streets of our country are narrow. They are not straight. Rush driving is a major cause of street accident. Overtaking tendency of the drivers is also responsible. Besides defective and old vehicles increase street accident. A few days ago, I saw a street accident. A bus driver failed the break and hit against a tree. Some of the passengers were injured lightly. I got panicked seeing the accident. Some measures can be taken to control street accident. Roads and streets need to be constructed on proper plan. Modern system of traffic control should be introduced. Defective vehicles should be removed. Driving license should be issued honestly and duly. Moreover people in general need to obey traffic street. And thus, we can hope for a better future.

⑥ A Village Fair

Write a paragraph on 'A Village Fair' by answering the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 100 words :

- What is a village fair?
- Where does it sit and on what occasion?
- How long does it last?
- What kinds of goods come here?
- What importance does it play on rural life?

A village fair is an occasion of the village people to enjoy a public gathering. It is one of the most important events for the villagers. The fair is held on a specific occasion including Pahela Baishakh, Chaitro Sangkranti, Eid, Durga Puja, etc. The village fair is organised by a village committee. The committee organises the fair at an open field. Hundreds of stalls and make-shift shops of various items are installed at the fair. Children wait for a long time for the fair. They count down the days and make a list of buying goods from the fair. Different forms of entertainments including circus show, mock fight, magic show, jatra, puppet show amuse the villagers. Men, women and children of all ages gather and buy many fancy things for their household purposes. They also arrange for a family get-together and invite their relatives centreing the event. The fair brings much pleasure to the villagers and gives them relaxed. But some evil practices including gambling in the fair must be discouraged.

⑦ Load-Shedding

Write a paragraph on 'Load Shedding' by answering the following questions.

- What is load shedding?
- Why does it occur?
- How does it cause a great harm to us?
- How can we solve this problem?

Load shedding means the discontinuity of supply of electricity for short or long time. Nowadays it has become a part of our daily life. There are many reasons for load-shedding. The insufficient production of electricity is the main reason of it. Misuse and illegal connection of electricity are the other reasons of it. It occurs mostly at night because the demand of electricity is more than in the daytime. The bad effects of load-shedding are beyond description. It creates problem in the socio-economic development of the country. Mills and factories, shops, hospitals etc. become paralyzed due to load shedding. The sufferings of the students know no bounds. They sit in the darkness closing their books during the load-shedding. They suffer a lot of if it occurs in the time of their examination. The patients also suffer terribly because operation stops in hospitals for load shedding. Load-shedding at night also encourages the thieves. However, this problem should be solved at any cost. The concerned authority must take necessary steps

to stop it. More power stations should be established. Illegal connection and system loss should also be stopped. After all, there is no alternative to be conscious about the misuse of electricity.

⑧ Your School Library

Write a paragraph on "**Your School Library**" by answering the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 100 words :

- What is a school library?
- Why is it needed for you?
- What kinds of books are there in your school library?
- Why is it called a store-house of knowledge?
- What is the role of a school library?

A library is a storehouse of knowledge. Library satisfies our eternal knowledge of the unknown and the unseen. A library plays an important role in the realm of knowledge. A library is a part and parcel of a school. No school is complete without library. Our school has a big library. It is housed in two separate two-storied building. The library has a good collection of books. There are many almirahs. The books are arranged in different shelves according to the subjects. The reading room and the office room of the librarian are separate. The librarian has some assistants. There is a big reading room. The reading room is well furnished. When we take the help of a catalogue, the assistants at once find the book and help us. We are issued library cards. We can borrow books from the library. In the reading room we can read as many as books as we like. Silence is must here. Nobody is allowed to make noise. The library is very helpful for us.

⑨ Your School Magazine

Write a paragraph about '**Your School Magazine**' in about 100-120 words by answering the following questions :

- What is a school magazine?
- Why does it contain?
- How are the topics for the magazine selected?
- Why is a school magazine important?

The name of our school is Jalalabad B.L High School. Like others, we have a school magazine. The name of our school magazine is "AL AMEEN". It is very beautiful. At first a magazine committee is formed in a general meeting for the publication of the magazine. The English teacher is the chief patron of the committee. Short stories, poems and jokes etc. are published in it. The reports of sports and games and other cultural works of the students find an opportunity to express their ideas. We write many features about life and man.

⑩ A Village Doctor

Write a paragraph on '**A Village Doctor**' by answering the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 100 words :

- Who is a village doctor?
- What is his qualification?
- What type of things are found in his dispensary?
- When does he come to his dispensary and see his patients?
- What is his importance in the society?

A village doctor is a physician who gives medical treatment to the rural people. He is a popular figure in the village. He is familiar (পরিচিত) to almost every villager. He is not a qualified (যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন) doctor. He is a quack. He starts his career with the experience he had gathered by working with a doctor or in a dispensary. So, he has a lot of practical experience. He can deal well with the common diseases. He has a dispensary with an almirah, a chair, a table and one or two benches. He sits in the dispensary, examines the patients and gives medicines. He receives the cost of medicine. Then he goes out in the village to see his patients (রোগী). Generally he goes on foot. In the absence of any qualified doctor, a village doctor renders useful services to the villagers. He is thus an important person to them.

⑪ Tree Plantation

Write a paragraph on '**Tree Plantation**' in about 150 words answering the following questions :

- What is tree plantation?
- What do we get from trees?
- Why should we plant more trees?
- When is the suitable time for tree plantation?
- How can we take care of them?

Tree Plantation means to plant trees in a fixed or different areas to produce wood. The importance of tree plantation can't be ignored any more. Through tree plantation our environment remains balanced properly. Natural calamities can't occur unexpectedly. Our demand of food is met up. Oxygen is properly balanced in air. The most important

thing is that ecological balance remains fit for the betterment of the maintenance of humans and animals and plants as well. If trees aren't planted, we can't get food, oxygen and different kinds of needful elements from the trees. So, there is a close relationship in between trees and humans. If there had been no trees, the environment would have lost balance. Floods and drought may occur repeatedly. Lands would turn into desert place. The rainy season is the best time for plantation of trees. We should take some effective measures to grow them well. We should take care of them properly as to the animals or other concerns can't damage them. We can get available trees from any nursery or govt. agriculture department. We can take part in tree plantation campaign. We should make the tree plantation program successful for a better habitat.

⑫ A book Fair

Write a paragraph on '**A Book Fair**' on the basis of the questions given below :

- What does a book fair mean?
- What is the occasion of the fair?
- Where is it held?
- How is the environment of the fair?
- What is the impact of the fair?

A book fair is a place where books of various kinds are brought for sale and display. It is a very popular fair. In fact, a book fair is considered to be an occasion of great festivity to the book-lovers. It is usually held in the winter season on an open place in most of the major cities of the country. The main thing about a book fair is not sale but display of books on different subjects. It is organized by various institutions on various occasions, namely, Martyrs Day, Victory Day, Independence Day etc. The leading publishers of the country set up stalls of their recent publications as well as old ones. Various kinds of novels, poetical works and science fictions are mainly available in a book fair. A festive look prevails all around. The renowned artists, poets' intellectuals gather there and take part in the seminars and cultural programmes. Last year, I paid a visit to the Ekushey Boimela, the most popular book fair held in the premises of the Bangla Academy. My personal impression about a book fair is that it can play an important role in developing the habit of reading books among the people. It is a device to spread culture, education and knowledge. It changes our outlook on life and widens our domain of learning.

⑬ A Railway Station

Write a paragraph on '**A Railway Station**' answering the questions.

- What is a railway station?
- What is the atmosphere of a railway station?
- What are found in a railway station?
- When does it become crowded?
- What facilities do the passengers get from there?

A railway station is place where trains stop for the passengers to get into and get off from the train. It is a busy place. It becomes very busy because of the arrival of trains. Here the passengers are found to stand in a queue to collect their tickets in front of the ticket counter. A big station is always crowded with passengers, hawkers, and posters. There are bookstalls, book-sellers and waiting rooms in such a stations. Vendors shout their trade cries. When a train reaches at the station, the passengers hurry to get off from the train. At the same time passengers waiting for the train want to get on the train. As a result, a collision of two groups of passengers takes place. The whistling sound of the departing train creates a situation of vacuum in the minds of the passengers. When the train leaves the station, it becomes deserted. A railway station is often a den for the anti-social elements. It is a suitable place for the beggars to carry on their trade. It is an unhygienic place too. The authority should look into it.

⑭ The Life of a Farmer

Write a paragraph on '**The Life of a Farmer**' answering the questions.

- Who is a farmer?
- What does he do?
- How does he do his work?
- How is his life?
- How should he be treated?

A person who does the work of farming is known as a farmer. A farmer is a common figure in our country. He has a little land, a pair of bullocks and some hand-made tools. Most of the farmers have no land. They cultivate other lands. A farmer generally gets up early in the morning and goes to his land. He ploughs his land, sows the seeds and weeds out. He comes home at noon. Then he eats his meals, takes rest and again goes to the field. He works hard in the field from morning till evening. He gets little crops. He does not know how to plough his land scientifically. He cannot buy seeds and fertilizer for lack money. As a result, he cannot produce more food for himself. He has both pleasures and pains. If he gets a good a harvest, his face looks happy. On the other hand, if crops are grown well, he

knows no bounds. Actually the life of a farmer is very miserable. Sorrows and sufferings are his constant companions. He does not know what is joy and happiness. He leads a simple life. In fine, a farmer is an asset of our country. He grows crops for country. So, our government should give the farmers financial help or loan.

⑮ Mobile Phone

Write a paragraph on '**Mobile Phone**' in about 150 words answering the following questions.

- What is a mobile phone?
- Who are the users of it?
- Where can it be used?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of it?

Mobile phone is a wonderful invention of science. It has added a new dimension to our life and to communication system. It works without any wire. It can be moved easily. Through mobile phone we can send messages to distant places. At present the popularity of the mobile phone is increasing rapidly. The price of mobile phone is also decreasing. Now a very single moment we can communicate with the people living in a very distant place. However, scientists have recently discovered that mobile can cause some incurable diseases like cancer to the users. Terrorists are using it to spread out terrorism all around the world. Teenagers and students sometimes misuse it. But in spite of all these disadvantages, the necessity of a mobile phone in exchanging messages cannot be denied in our practical life.

⑯ Bad Effects of Smoking

Write a paragraph of about 150 words based on the following questions. Your answer to the questions should give as much details as possible.

- What is smoking?
- Which poisonous substance is present on cigarettes?
- How does it affect our body?
- How does a non-smoker get affected by a smoker?
- How can we give up this habit?

Smoking is a very dangerous habit. It causes many fatal diseases such as cancer, high blood pressure, kidney and heart diseases. Cigarettes are made from tobacco leaves. There is a poisonous substance called nicotine in tobacco leaves. When a person smokes cigarettes, this nicotine enters into his lungs with every puff. If anybody smokes cigarettes for years, this deadly nicotine causes lung cancer. Nicotine also obstructs the flow of blood through the veins. This hampers the supply of oxygen in the body. It causes the rise of blood pressure and increases the heart beat. The ultimate result is heart attack. The habit of smoking pollutes our environment. If a smoker smokes before a non-smoker, the non-smoker is affected by the smoke which is harmful to health. So by smoking in the public places, a smoker can cause harm to the environment and also the non-smokers. A smoker spends a lot of money for buying cigarettes. When young people are addicted to smoking, they adopt unfair ways to manage the money for buying cigarettes. We all should be conscious of the harmful consequences of smoking. We should keep ourselves away from this habit.

⑰ Drug Addiction

Write a paragraph on '**Drug Addiction**' in about 150 words answering the following questions :

- What does drug addiction mean?
- How do young people become addicted to drug?
- How do the drug addicted people manage money?
- How does it affect human body?
- How can we get rid of the problem?

Drug addiction means taking opium, marijuana, phensedyl, heroin, etc. for stimulating effects. Drug addiction is a curse of modern civilization. It is now a global problem. Frustration is the cause of this addiction. When there is no hope left for the young people, they become addicted to drug. The drugs are very expensive. Young boys cannot afford to buy them. In order to arrange money, they have to commit many kinds of social crimes. Drug addiction has a terrible effect on human body. People feel drowsy and lose appetite. It may damage the brain and all internal functions of the body. The addicts feel intensive pain in the body. The treatment of the drug addicts is expensive and difficult. In Bangladesh the drug addiction problem has become so acute. Thousands of families are directly or indirectly affected by it. The remedy for drug addiction is not so easy. All concerned must create awareness at personal and family levels. When all people will be sincere to drive this curse, the human beings can get rid of it.

⑱ Your Favourite Game

Write a paragraph about '**Your Favourite Game**' answering the following questions :

- What is your favourite game? Why do you like the game?

- b) How many teams and players are needed to play the game?
- c) How is it played?
- d) What do you learn from the game?

Cricket is my favourite game. I like it because it gives me recreation and keeps my body fit. The game of cricket needs two teams, each having eleven players. Two umpires conduct the game and sometimes, a third umpire is called to solve confusion. At the beginning of the match a toss is conducted to select a fielding group and a batting group. A batsman may be bowled out, run out, run out, stumped out or caught out. When a bowler bowls, a batsman hits the ball away and runs to the opposite wicket. The batsman of the other side runs to his place. Thus one run is scored. If the ball crosses the boundary line, four runs are made. If it flies over the boundary line, six runs are scored. If a batsman is out, another player takes his place. After interval the fielding group comes to bat and the batting group goes to field. The team which scores more runs wins the game. The duration of the game is guided by the fall of wicket or completion of the over. Cricket is a very popular game all over the world. It teaches us patience and discipline.

⑲ Importance of Reading Newspapers Or, Newspaper Reading

Write a paragraph about the 'Importance of Reading Newspapers' by answering the following questions :

- a) Why do you read newspapers?
- b) What newspapers do you read?
- c) How does it improve your knowledge?
- d) What kind of news can you get in a newspaper?
- e) How can you be benefited by reading newspapers?

I read newspapers. I think it is necessary for all to read newspapers. Because by reading newspapers we can know the news of the current world. I read both Bangla and English newspapers. Reading newspapers enriches our knowledge. A newspaper is called the storehouse of knowledge. It contains the news of the happenings all over the world. A newspaper publishes the news of various sectors of life. It focuses on politics, economics, business, sports, culture, literature, natural disasters, accident, etc. So reading newspapers is of great importance. A political leader can know the news of world politics, an economist and businessman can know the news of world economy and business respectively. Similarly any other person can find his favourite news and information in newspapers. People become conscious of their respective sectors by reading newspapers. For all these reasons, we should read newspapers regularly.

⑳ A Visit to a Historical Place

Suppose you have visited a historical place. Read the questions and write a paragraph by answering the questions given below :

- a) When did you go?
- b) Who went with you?
- c) Where did you go?
- d) How long did you stay there?
- e) What did you see there?
- f) What is the place famous for?

Man is not satisfied with what he has seen and known. A visit to a place of historical interest is really interesting and attractive. Dhaka is a place of historical interest. During the last summer vacation I, along with some of my friends, decided to go to Savar to see the National Memorial. Accordingly we fixed a date and started our journey from Gabtali to Savar at 10 p.m. by bus. We reached at the National Memorial just after 45 minute. Actually the National Memorial at Savar is the symbol of the nation's respect for the martyrs of the war of liberation. It contains the history of our independence. It is built with concrete, but made of blood. It stands 150 feet tall, but every martyr it stands for stands so much taller. There is actually a series of 7 towers that rise by stages to a height of 150 feet. The foundation was laid on the first anniversary of the victory day. Reaching there we felt a great respect to the freedom fighters who sacrificed their valuable lives for us. We took some snaps taking the view of the memorial. However, we visited the place and the surrounding area for about an hour. The most moving sight of the complex is the several graves of the martyred freedom fighters just close to the tower. However, we left the place paying our glowing tribute to the freedom fighters. Through this visit we experienced a lot.

㉑ A Rickshaw Puller

Write a paragraph on mobile phone in about 150 words answering the following questions.

- a) Who is a rickshaw puller?

- b) Who are the characteristics of a rickshaw puller?
- c) How does he lead his life?
- d) How does he serve people?

The man who pulls rickshaw for money is called a rickshaw puller. A rickshaw puller is a familiar person in cities and towns. He generally lives in a slum. Most of the rickshaw pullers have no their own rickshaws. They pull other rickshaws by renting. However, a rickshaw puller is a poor man. His dress is very shabby and dirty. His income is very low. He supports his family through much hardship. He works hard from morning till late night. He is seen carrying passengers in both good and bad weathers. He bargains with his passengers. He demands more when the weather is very hot and foul. Sometimes he tries to cheat passengers. But most often he is cheated by passengers. A rickshaw puller is seen sleeping on his rickshaw under a tree or sitting idly on his rickshaw. Though he drives rickshaw from morning till late night, he leads a very miserable life. His life is full of sorrows and sufferings. He cannot enjoy peace and happiness. If he becomes sick, he cannot drive his rickshaw. As a result, he and his family have to starve. Infact, the services of a rickshaw puller plays an importance role in our national life. So we should think about his rights and show respect to them.

22 A Winter Morning

Write a paragraph on 'A Winter Morning' through answering the following questions.

- (a) What is a winter morning?
- (b) How is it?
- (c) What are the demerits of it?
- (d) What do people do on the day?
- (e) What do people wear?

A winter morning is a cold morning. It is not as bright as a spring morning or a summer morning in our country. Its light is mellow on most days. The rays of the morning sun come through a film of mist. Nature appears veiled in fog. The blurred outlines of natural objects lend a mysterious aspect to them. This is a refreshing change from the usual bright mornings of other seasons in Bangladesh. People wear warm clothes of various kinds — coats, trousers, pullovers, wrappers, etc. Some people bask in the sun wherever it is available. One special aspect of a winter morning is the way of warming oneself. People gather dry twigs, hay, waste paper, and even old rubber-tires, and light fire with them. They sit around it, and engage in pleasant gossips. Sometimes accidents happen; somebody's dress-ends catch fire. So, people have to be very careful in such a situation. A winter morning brings distress to the poor people, though it is pleasant for the rich.

23 A Rainy Day

Write a paragraph on 'A Rainy Day' through answering the following questions.

- (a) What is a rainy day?
- (b) How is it?
- (c) What are the demerits of it?
- (d) What do people do on the day?
- (e) What are the conditions of animal on the day?

A rainy day is a very familiar in Bangladesh. It usually occurs in the rainy season. There is continuous downpour of rain and the density of rain may vary from one hour to all day long, or it is always raining. Sometimes it is a heavy shower, sometimes it is a drizzle, and sometimes gusts of wind blow. Then the rain drops are swept around, and they might enter the rooms if the windows are perchance open. The thunder rolls and cracks sometimes, and the lightning flashes in the sky showing a zigzag light across the dark sky. Roads and streets go under water in most areas of the cities and towns. People move along the roads with umbrellas. Rickshaws are not easily available. Busses are seen much crowded. Office-goers and students suffer much on a rainy day. Poor people, day laborers hardly find any job on the day. Even domestic animals, birds and beasts are put too much trouble. Some people enjoy such a day much. They find poetic inspiration on the day. A rainy day is a gloomy day indeed for most of the people.

24 A School Magazine

Write a paragraph on 'A School Magazine' through answering the following questions.

- (a) What is a school magazine?
- (b) What does it contain?
- (c) Who work for it?
- (d) Who bear the expenditure?
- (e) What is its importance?

A school magazine is an annual publication of a school. It is usually published once a year. Students and teachers write to it. It contains the literary works or other information of a school. It also contains quizzes, poems, short-stories etc. Some teachers and students work for it. The committee is formed among them. The editor invites writings. Then the best writings are selected for publishing. Mainly students and teachers bear the expenditure for the publication of the

magazine. A fund is formed named 'magazine fund' for this. A school magazine has great importance in school life. A student can express his latent talent through it. Students can know about their school. They can also enrich their knowledge. Every school should publish a school magazine. It is a part and parcel of school life.

TEXTUAL PARAGRAPHS

25. Write a paragraph on '**The Tha Kha Floating Market**' in about 150 words answering the following questions.

- What is a floating market?
- Where is Tha Kha Floating Market?
- What things can people buy from the market?
- How often does the Tha Kha Floating Market sit?
- Who are the main buyers?
- Are there food shops in the market?

The Tha Kha Floating Market

A market floating on water is called a floating market. Shops built on water and boats are used for selling goods here. A best example is the Tha Kha Floating Market at Tha Kha in Thailand. The market sits on the water of a canal surrounded with coconut and palm trees. The buyers go to the market by boat. The sellers are mainly elderly Thai women. Their small boats are laden with bundles of lotus flowers, farm-fresh coconuts, fruits, vegetables, local foods, and delicious sweets. The sellers and buyers row their boats slowly because there are crowds of boats. The seller display their goods for sale and the buyer choose their items. They can have a little chitchat while buying and selling goods. The Tha Kha Floating market is a traditional market. It is one of the excellent tourist places in Thailand now. Earlier, the market used to sit only six or seven days a month. At present, it sits on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays too. The main buyers are Tha Kha natives. They sellers and buyers seem to know each other very well. They are seen smiling and calling each other by name. The tourists also come to visit this place and buy goods. There are food shops on the boats and on the stalls. 'Pad Thai' and 'Kanom Krok' are common food items there. It is interesting that food is served in a bowl made of banana leaf. In short, the Tha Kha Floating Market teems with tourists and local people.

26. Write a paragraph on '**How to Keep Good Health**' in about 150 words answering the following questions.

- What is good health?
- How important is it?
- How can we keep our health good?
- What is the importance of taking balanced diet?
- Why is physical exercise necessary for keeping healthy?
- What are more activities needed for good health?

How to Keep Good Health

The condition of our body and mind is called health. Health may be good or bad. Good health refers to a healthy body which is free from any kinds of diseases and the soundness of the mind. It is a must for all to lead a happy and peaceful life. Good health is very necessary for us. If our health is not good, we cannot concentrate on any activities in our life. Health is equal to wealth. Sometimes, it is more than wealth. Any material wealth is valueless without good health. A poor healthy man is happier than a sick moneyed man. If one is not healthy, one cannot enjoy one's vast wealth and property. So, keeping ourselves in good health is essential and to keep ourselves healthy, we have to maintain certain things. Taking balanced diet is important of all. Without taking balanced diet, we can never be healthy. We have to avoid overeating as well. The next important thing is physical exercise. Regular physical exercise can keep our body fit for work. Our body becomes feeble and disease-prone without physical exercise. Walking, running and swimming are some useful forms of physical exercise. Punctuality and maintaining daily routine are also fruitful activities. Going to bed early and rising early are very useful for good health. Finally, hygiene or cleanliness can help us a lot possess good health.

27. Write a paragraph on '**Dangers of Smoking**' in about 150 words answering the following questions.

- What is smoking?
- How important is it?
- What bad effects does it have on health?
- Which diseases affect a smoker?

- e) How many injurious particles are there in a puff of cigarette?
- f) Why do people smoke and what actually happens?
- g) How can we give up smoking?

Dangers of Smoking

Smoking is a kind of addiction. It is the act or habit of smoking cigarettes or a pipe. Cigarettes are made from tobacco leaves. Smoking is a slow poisoning but gradually leads smokers to death. There are many serious harmful effects of smoking. It is highly injurious to health. It offends the nose and irritates the eyes of a smoker. It causes many serious diseases. Even it causes the fatal disease like cancer. Heart disease, lung cancer, asthma, bronchitis etc affect a smoker severely and gradually lead him to death. Besides, severe bad smell of smoke is highly irritating and harmful for other non-smokers. Especially, children are dangerously affected by smoking. A single puff of cigarette contains about 15 billion injurious particles. Some of the harmful particles are nicotine, methyl alcohol, carbon monoxide etc. If we douse a cigarette in a cup of water and give it to any small animal to drink, we will see that the animal will die within a minute. Smoking is nothing but a silent killer. Smoker smokes in order to be free from tension but they do not know that they actually fall in tension for smoking. We should give up it as soon as possible. Controlling mind, avoiding bad company making a firm determination etc are the effective ways of giving up smoking.

28. Write a paragraph on '**Folk Songs of Bangladesh**' in about 150 words answering the following questions.

- a) What is a folk song?
- b) How is a folk song sung?
- c) What is the significance of folk songs?
- d) Which songs are our folk songs?
- e) What are the traditional instruments of Bangladesh?
- f) How do our young people take our folk songs?
- g) How can we protect our folk songs?

Folk Songs of Bangladesh Or Traditional Music of Bangladesh

Folk songs are our old traditional songs. They are sung with traditional musical instruments in the traditional style of a community or country. Here the traditional style includes the themes, words and tunes of the songs that have existed for a long time among the common people. For example, the people of Rajshahi, Mymensingh have their own traditional songs. Sometimes, the writers or the lyricist of many folk songs are not found. They have existed still today through oral tradition. Our folk songs have their significance. They reflect our root, tradition and old culture. We remember our own traditional culture through them. We have a rich history and collection of folk songs. Palligiti, Lokogiti, Lalongiti, Bhatiali, Bhawaiya, Jatrit Gan, Jari Gan, Sari Gan, Pala Gan, Gambhira are very popular among them. The traditional musical instruments are usually used to tune these songs. Some of the traditional instruments are Ek-tara, Dotara, Bashi, Dhol, Khonjoni, Bamboo flute, Tabla etc. At present, our young people are running after western songs for their entertainment. Moreover, folk songs are being sung with modern instruments. We have to come out from this as soon as possible. Our TV channels can play a great role in telecasting more and more programmes on our folk songs.

29. Write a paragraph on '**Nakshi Kantha**' in about 150 words answering the following questions.

- a) What is a 'Nakshi Kantha'?
- b) How old is it?
- c) Which places in our country are famous for 'Nakshi Kantha'?
- d) Where are 'Nakshi Kanthas' found nowadays?
- e) What is the importance of it?

Nakshi Kantha Or A Traditional Craft of Bangladesh

A kind of embroidered quilt is called Nakshi Kantha. The name came from the Bengali word 'naksha' which means design or artistic pattern. Nakshi Kantha is a traditional craft. It is said that Nakshi Kantha is indigenous to Bangladesh and West Bengal in India. The art has been practiced in the rural areas of Bangladesh for centuries. Normal 'Kantha' without colourful design has been also used here as a common bed equipment. Our rural poet Jashim Uddin published his famous poem 'Nakshi Kantha Math' in 1929. Since then 'Nakshi Kantha' became very popular. Traditional 'Nakshi Kanthas' patterns are made for family use. Cloth and thread are used to make these quilt or 'Kanthas'. Old cloth is mostly used for this. The districts which are most prominent for 'Nakshi Kanthas' are Mymensingh, Jamalpur, Rajshahi, Magura, Faridpur, Bogra and Jessore. At

present, it is produced commercially. They are found in many exclusive handicraft showrooms in cities. Nowadays, 'Nakshi Kantha' has great demand for their colourful patterns and designs. 'Nakshi Kantha' is important because it reflects our culture and tradition.

30. Write a paragraph on '**Bangladeshi Cuisines**' in about 150 words answering the following questions.

- What are foods?
- What is our main food?
- Where are fishes found?
- What are the common fishes of Bangladesh?
- How is our Pahela Baishakh observed with food items?
- What are the common 'Pithas' and sweets of Bangladesh?

Bangladeshi Cuisines Or Common Foods of Bangladesh

The things which we eat to live are called foods and cuisine means a style of cooking. Bangladesh is famous for different cuisines with her traditional food items. Our cuisine is rich and spicy. We have delicious and appetizing food snacks and sweets. Our main food is boiled rice. We eat rice with vegetables, curry, lentil soups, fish and meat. Fish-curry is very common in Bangladesh and it is the main source of our protein. Our ponds, lakes, rivers, bay, 'bil', 'jhil', 'haor', 'baor' etc. are the sources of fish. We eat more than forty kinds of fishes. 'Rui', 'katla', 'magur (catfish)', 'chingri (prawn)', 'carp', 'talapia', 'koi' 'ilish (hilsha fish)' are some of the common fishes. Hilsha and dried fishes are very popular among the people of Bangladesh. Dried fishes are called 'Shutki' here. We observe our New Year's Day with 'Panta ilish'. It is a traditional pattern of 'Panta bhat' which is made from boiled rice soaked in water. 'Hilsha slice' along with dried fish, pickles, lentil soup, green chilies and onion are served with 'Panta bhat'. Sweets and 'Pitha' are common foods which are specially served in different ceremonies and festivals. Basically, 'Pitha' is a kind of sweet made at home from rice flour, date juice, sugar syrup, molasses and milk. 'Bhapa pitha', 'Kulshi pitha', 'Patishapta', 'Chitai pitha' are some of the common pithas in our country. Besides, some popular sweets are 'rosgulla', 'sandesh', 'rasamalai', 'gulab jamun', 'kal jamun' and 'chom-chom'. We are fond and proud of our cuisines.

31. Write a paragraph on '**Ethnic People in Bangladesh**' in about 150 words answering the following questions.

- Who are ethnic people?
- Why are they important?
- Where do they live?
- How do they cultivate?
- What are their religions?
- What are the ethnic groups of Bangladesh?
- How are their characteristics and lifestyles?

Ethnic people in Bangladesh Or Ethnic Groups of Bangladesh

A tribe or a community of people that shares a cultural tradition is called ethnic people. Their tradition, their culture, their religions are not the same as we have in modern world. The western people find them interesting for their old traditional culture. Though Bangladesh is small country, she has some ethnic groups. They hold a very important place in the culture of our country. Most of the ethnic people live in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. The rest of the people live in Mymensingh, Rajshahi and Sylhet. They live in the hilly areas. Forest, valleys and rural areas are also inhabited by them. They are mainly farmers. Their cultivation is known as 'jhum chash'. They prepare a piece of land in the forest or on the slope of a hill and sow seeds there. Thus they grow crops for their food. This is called 'jhum cultivation'. Ethnic people are Hindus, Christian or Buddhists by religion. Some of them have their own religions. They speak in their own mother tongue. Some of the ethnic groups are the 'Chakmas', the 'Marmas', the 'Tipperas', the 'Mogh' and the 'Moorangs' who live in the Hill Tracts. The 'Sanotals' live in Rajshahi. The 'Khasias' and the 'Monipuries' are found in Sylhet. The 'Hajangs' and the 'Garos' live in Mymensingh. The characteristics and lifestyle of the ethnic people are different from, valleys. Their houses, foods, dresses, entertainment types, sports, songs, dances, pastimes are different from those of ours. They themselves make their dresses. We are proud of them. They are peace loving, hardworking and simple. We should respect their culture, tradition and lifestyle.

32. Write a paragraph on '**Pearls**' in about 150 words answering the following questions.

- What is a pearl?
- How were pearls discovered?

- c) Where are pearls mentioned?
- d) How did the ancient Egyptians value pearls?
- e) How did the Greeks and the Romans value pearls?
- f) Who face dangers and difficulties for collecting pearls?

Pearls Or The History of Pearls

Pearl is a small hard shiny white ball. It is found inside the shell of an oyster. It has a great value as a jewel. It has a long history. Probably, the first pearl was discovered thousands of years ago. Men discovered it while they were searching for food at the seashore. In the religious texts, literatures and mythologies, pearls have been mentioned many times. The ancient people of Egypt valued pearls so much that they were buried with them. It is said that Egyptian Queen Cleopatra would dissolve a pearl in a glass and drink it as a sign of love and respect for the entire nation. To the Greeks, pearls were a sign of wealth and social position. The beauty of pearls was associated with love and marriage to them. In ancient Rome, pearls were considered the greatest sign of wealth and social status. The young girls of noble families loved to wear the beautiful necklaces of pearls. Considering pearls as good luck, the brave knights used to wear them in the battles to have a victory over their foes. The pearl gives beauty, pleasure, status and good luck for aristocrats but the divers who collect oysters from the bottom of the sea for pearls are to face dangers and difficulties for the work.

33. Write a paragraph on '**The Ama Divers**' in about 150 words answering the following questions.

- a) Who are the 'Ama Divers'?
- b) How do they earn their livelihood?
- c) What are their skills and qualities for diving?
- d) What changes are noticed among the Ama Divers?
- e) What is the future of the profession?

The Ama Divers

'Ama' means 'women of the sea'. 'The Ama Divers' are amazing groups of women in some fishing villages along the coast of Japan. They worked as 'Ama' and are still working as 'Ama'. They are independent divers. They earn their livelihood by diving. They are good divers and they can dive to the depth of the sea up to 25 metres. It is surprising and they dive without oxygen tanks or other breathing equipment. Instead, they use their own skills and breathing techniques. They use their skill and technique to push themselves down to the bottom of the sea and back to the surface again. They are able to hold their breath for up to two minutes. 'The Ama Divers' have some special qualities. Some of the qualities are careful watching, lung capacity and hunter instincts. Nowadays, changes are noticed among 'the Ama Divers'. Some of these young divers are going to the city for other jobs. The rest of the divers are now aged between 50 and 60. There are also some divers who continue to dive even at their 70s. So, the occupation is now dying away. If the young people are not interested in this work, very soon the Ama Divers will become a part of history.

34. Write a paragraph on '**River Gypsies in Bangladesh**' in about 150 words answering the following questions.

- a) Who are river gypsies?
- b) How do they lead their life?
- c) What do they do when the rivers are full of water?
- d) What do they do in dry season?
- e) What do they do in the monsoon?

River Gypsies in Bangladesh

River gypsies are an ethnic group of people in our country. Local people know them as 'bedey and bedeyni'. The gypsies have their own culture and lifestyle. They live in groups. They do not have their own land and so they lead a nomadic life. They travel from one place to another. The gypsies roam across our rivers and waters from May to December in small country boats. They use their boats as their houses. When in winter, rivers and other water bodies dry up, they return to the mainland. Then they make their temporary tents on the open river bank. They relax in the tents by doing some leisure activities. When the monsoon comes, they become busy with fishing. They also dive in water for natural pearls. Sometimes, they make camp for a couple of weeks. Male gypsies or 'bedey' catch snakes and entertain people with snake charming. Besides, they sell herbal-cures for earning. Some female gypsies or 'bedeyni' go to village houses for earning. They can hypnotize the villagers by their skills. Most of the cases they give false treatment. They are able to make the illiterate villagers believe in their treatment by trick. Sometimes, they heal old people's pain by sucking out blood from their body. They use cow-horn to do this. Local people call this horn 'Shinga'. Some female gypsies sell bangles, laces, cloth and cosmetics among the villagers. Many villagers believe they possess magical power.

35. Write a paragraph on '**The Importance of Reading Newspaper**' in about 150 words answering the following questions.

- a) What is newspaper?

- b) Why is it called the storehouse of knowledge?
- c) How much do we benefit from newspaper?
- d) How does newspaper entertain people?
- e) What importance does it have on academic sector?

The Importance of Reading Newspaper

Newspaper carries news and views from every corner of the world. Every morning it comes to us with various news and information with varied interest. It is called the storehouse of knowledge. We cannot ignore it. To gain knowledge is important and pleasurable. By reading newspaper, we can gain this knowledge. We can know many unknown things from newspapers. We can get all the news and features of games and sports from reading newspapers. Indeed, most newspapers have their special sports pages. Besides, every day's world news is at our hand through newspaper. All these are necessary for our future career. Most of the newspapers contain a page of literature. We can read the recent writings of our writers through this page. Moreover, we can do well in debate competition by adding much information from the newspaper. Nowadays, newspapers cover many things. We can get educational information from newspapers. The famous teachers of our country write on academic subjects and give valuable suggestions which can help us a lot. So, we should read newspaper regularly.

36. Write a paragraph on '**The Wheel and Its History**' in about 150 words answering the following questions.

- a) What is a wheel?
- b) When was wheel discovered?
- c) How much does modern civilization owe to the wheel?
- d) Where do we find wheels nowadays?
- e) How was the wheel invented?

The Wheel and Its History

A wheel is a circular object. It rotates around its axis and help easy movement of things across a surface. The wheel is the greatest invention of human beings. It is one of the most important inventions among so many inventions in the world history. It is also one of the ancient inventions. Our modern civilization mostly depends on the wheel. It owes much to the wheel. At present, we find wheels everywhere. Our cars, trains, planes, wagons etc use wheels to move. Besides, wheels are used on most factories and farm equipments. Fans, propellers, turbines are also other types of wheels. Therefore, the wheel is very important. We cannot imagine our modern civilization without wheels. But the history of the wheel is unknown. We do not know who invented it first. According to the experts, the first wheel was developed from a circular object. Earlier, people observed that a huge piece of circular stone or a heavy tree-trunk could be rolled easily. Thus, early people took advantage of rolling objects and developed the first wheel. Nowadays, we cannot think of any machines without wheels.

37. Write a paragraph on '**The Fastest Train You Like**' in about 150 words answering the following questions.

- a) What are the fastest trains in the world?
- b) What is your most favorite train?
- c) Why do you like the train?
- d) What is its advantage?
- e) What is the highest speed of the train?

The Fastest Train I like Most

There are a lot of speedy trains in the world. They are the TGV train of France, the Bullet Train of Japan, the High speed Rail of China etc. My most favorite train is the Bullet Train of Japan. Though it is slower than the TGV, it has the advantage of being the magnetic train. So there is no need of electricity to run this train which is an important factor for me to choose this one. It is speedier than the High Speed Rail of China. So it is capable of saving the precious time of the busiest people. The highest speed of this train is 300 km/h (186 m/h). It is currently looking forward to enhancing its speed up to 320 km/h (199 m/h). Japan is the pioneer of making unconventional magnetic train sets and they also hold the world record of it. In a test run, they were able to achieve a maximum speed of 581 km/h (361 m/h). But it has not yet been operated commercially. There is no doubt that this train is a benchmark of speedy trains in the world.

38. Write a paragraph on '**Paper**' in about 150 words answering the following questions.

- a) What is the history of the invention of paper?
- b) How did paper help to make our life easy?
- c) How is paper made?
- d) What are the uses of different types of papers?
- e) How does paper become one of the greatest inventions of human civilization?

Paper

Paper is at the heart of modern civilization. Though art of writing was invented very early, paper is a more modern invention. Before paper was invented, people used surface of stone, wood, leaves, etc. for writing. Those things were not easy to carry. Then for ages, people looked for easy writing materials. Finally, paper was invented in China in 105 A.D. Before paper age, knowledge was very restricted. Paper made it easy to keep written record and thus helped spread of knowledge. It became easy to carry a book of hundred and thousand pages while it was quite impossible to

carry a book written on stone or on heavy metal sheets. Now, paper is made in mills. It is made from rags, bamboo, straw, grass, cotton, wood, fiber etc. All these things are boiled first with soda and lime and the pulps are made. Then the pulps are spread on flat and smooth plates. These are then dried and cut into pieces. In this way paper is made. We use white paper for writing and printing. Coloured paper is used for decoration. Coarse paper is used in packing. It is also used for making houses in Japan. So the uses of paper are many. It has become a part and parcel of our life.