1. **Choose the correct cohesive device from the options and underline it.**

In recent years, there has been a rapid increase in the number of students choosing to study abroad. This is partly (i) (**because/ however/ such as)** people are more affluent and partly (ii) (**although/ due to/ moreover)** the variety of grants and scholarships which are available for overseas students nowadays. (iii) (**Besides/ Although/ Nevertheless),** foreign study is not something that every student would choose, it is an attractive option for many people.

Studying overseas has a number of advantages. (iv) (**For example/ Finally/ Since)**, it may give students access to knowledge and facilities (v)(**on the contrary/ as a result/ such as),** laboratories and libraries which are not available in their home country. (vi)(**Moreover/ However/ As)**, by studying abroad students may find a wider range of courses than those offered in their native universities, and select one which fits to their particular requirements.

**2. Fill in the gaps with suitable cohesive devices provided below. Do not use a linker more than once.**

**although, however, moreover, in addition**

As far as empowerment is concerned, women of Bangladesh have come a long way since the independence of the country. It is a rare phenomenon that the Prime Minister, leader of the main opposition party and the Speaker of the parliament, all three are women. i) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ there are greater number of female Counselors and U.P Chairpersons in local areas across the country. ii) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ every year more and more women are signing up for the armed force and for the police force, breaking the prejudice of physical capability. iii) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the society is deep rooted in patriarchal values, it is inspiring to see the rise of economically self-depended women who are capable to raise their voice for equal right. iv) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in all social classes, regardless of education or, solvency, domestic violence remains to be a paramount concern. It is probably only a matter of time that gender discrimination will evade and equity in all sectors of life will prevail in the society.

**3. Read the paragraph below and underline the correct linking word/ phrase.**

There are many advantages to having children at an early age. **i) To begin with/In addition to this,** when you are young, you have a lot of energy. This means you can cope quite easily with children’s demands. You can constantly care for them and give them your attention. ii) **To conclude/Secondly,** young parents can relate to their children and iii) **therefore/nevertheless** understand them better. iv) **Yet/Finally,** when you become a parent at an early age, you are still young enough to enjoy life when your child becomes independent.