

42. The clerk was very surprised. He said to the farmer, "Excuse Sir. Will you please tell me why you took your money out of the bank, if you didn't need it?"

"Certainly," replied the old man, "I just wanted to be sure that the bank had not spent it."

43. The Headmaster said to the boy, "Why are you late today? You should attend school in time. Remember, punctuality is essential in every walk of life. I think you will not be late on any other day. Go to your class and wish your success. May God bless you."

44. Joseph said to James, "I can tell you what strikes me as the most useful machine in the world." James replied, "Can you, Joseph? I should like to hear of it. What is it used for?"

45. "What do you mean?" asked the man. "How can a rope be used for binding flour?" "A rope may be used for anything," replied the man, "I don't wish to lend it."

46. "Where are you going?" said the merchant. "I was coming to see you." "What do you want?" "To earn my bread by the labour of my hands."

"Do you really want work?" said the merchant. "Yes, if you any." "Then follow me and carry a box from a shop to my house." "I don't see how I can do that", said the youth.

47. "What's your name, my good woman?" asked he.

"Judeith Gardiner."

"And your father's name?"

"Ah poor man, Rip Van Winkle was his name; but it's twenty years since he went away from home, and never has been heard of since. Whether he shot himself, or was carried away by the Indians, nobody can tell. I was there but a little girl."

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ABC (প্রাথমিক জ্ঞান) He has no ABC in English.

A bed of roses (পুষ্প শয্যা) Life is not a bed of roses.

A bed of thorns (কটক শয্যা) Life is a bed of thorns.

Above all (প্রধানতঃ) Above all he is a good man.

A rainy day (দুর্দিন) We should save something against a rainy day.

A slow coach (অলস ব্যক্তি) A slow coach like him will never prosper in life.

A black sheep (কুলাঙ্গার) He is a black sheep.

All in all (সর্বসর্বা) He is all in all in the family.

All of (on) a sudden (হঠাৎ) He entered my room all on a sudden.

After all (সোপানের উপর) After all he is a nice man.

All along (সর্বদা) All along I was present in the meeting.

At daggers drawn (সাপে নেউলে) At present the two brothers are at daggers drawn.

At finger's end (নখদর্পনে) Your statement is at my finger's end.

As if (যেন) He speaks as if he knew everything.

At all (আদৌ) He does not read at all.

At home (দক্ষ) He is at home in English.

At home (আদায়) I do not feel at home in a new place.

At length (অবশেষে) He came to the meeting at length.

At least (কমপক্ষে) At least five thousand people were present in the meeting.

At one's wit's end (হত বুদ্ধি) I am at my wit's end what to do.

At stake (বিষয় বিপদে) His life is at stake now.

At sixes and seven (এলোমেলো) The books are at sixes and seven on the table.

At large (বাধীন) Birds fly at large in the sky.

At last (অবশেষে) At last God took pity on him.

At variance with (সামঞ্জস্যহীন) His works were at variance with his words.

A man of letters (পণ্ডিত ব্যক্তি) Dr. Sahidullah was a man of letters.

At a glance (এক নজরে) I looked over the paper at a glance.

At the top of (উচ্চস্বরে) He shouted at the top of his voice.

At random (উদ্দেশ্য বিহীন ভাবে) He talks at random. এলোমেলোভাবে

At the eleventh hour (শেষ মুহুর্তে) He came to see his ailing father at the eleventh hour.

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- ~~All and sundry~~ (সকলকেই) ~~The principal loves all and sundry.~~ ~~He loves all and sundry.~~
- All the same (একই) It is all the same to me whether you come or not.
- According to (অনুসারে) He acted according to my plan.
- Apple of discord (বিবাদের বিষয়) The land is the apple of discord between the two brothers.
- As to (সম্পর্কে) I know nothing ~~as to~~ the boy.
- As well as (এবং) He as well as his friend came to the meeting.
- As soon as (যত তাড়াতাড়ি সম্ভব) I shall come back as soon as I can.
- ~~As regards (সম্পর্কে) As regards him I know nothing.~~
- At a dead lock (অচলাবস্থা) At present our telephone is at a dead lock.
- At long last (অবশেষে) At long last he supported me.
- At a stretch (একটানা) I can walk five miles at a stretch.
- Beggar description (অবর্ণনীয়) His miseries beggar description.
- By all means (সর্ব প্রকারে) By all means I shall help you.
- Bag and baggage (ভরিতত্তা সহ) He left the hotel bag and baggage.
- Birds of the same feather (সমগ্রোত্তের লোক) Birds of the same feather flock together.
- Bring to light (প্রকাশ করা) At last the secret was brought to light.
- Bad blood (শত্রুতা) There is bad blood between the two brothers.
- Blue blood (আভিজাত্য) He is proud of his blue blood.
- Burning question (গুরুত্বপূর্ণ প্রশ্ন) Female education is a burning question.
- By and by (শীঘ্র) He will come round by and by.
- By the by (কথা প্রসঙ্গে) By the by how are you? ~~তদ্বিনোদ, কন্যা~~
- By dint of/By means of (দ্রুত) -By means of hard labour he succeeded in life.
- By no means (কিছুতেইনা) By no means I shall let you enter my room.
- Beyond dispute (অবিসংবাদিত) Mawlana Bhasani was beyond dispute a great leader.
- Behind one's back (কাহারো অসাক্ষাতে) We should not call one's name behind one's back.
- Bad bargain (বেশী দামে কেনা) The people of little income should not buy anything at bad bargain.
- Bear fruit (ফলপ্রসূ হওয়া) All his efforts bore fruit.
- Bear testimony to (সাক্ষ্য দেওয়া) His action bore testimony to his honesty.
- Beauty sleep (প্রথম রাত্রির ঘুম) Hearing a loud cry I woke up from my beauty sleep.
- Below the mark (নির্দিষ্ট মানের চেয়ে কম) His performance is below the mark.

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- Bird's eye view (ভাষা ভাষা দৃশ্য) I took a bird's eye view of the place.
- Black and white (লিখিত ভাবে) He filed against me in black and white.
- Black art (তুচ্ছ তাক) To practise black art is strictly forbidden in Islam.
- Black head (বোকা) Now a days a black head is blackmailed every where.
- Bot from the blue (বিনা মেঘে বজ্রপাত) The news of his death came to me as a bot from the blue.
- Bone of contention (বিবাদের বিষয়) The piece of land is bone of contention between the two brothers.
- Book worm (ভিষণ পড়ুয়া) He is a book worm.
- Bread and butter (জীবিকা) He is too poor to buy his bread and butter.
- Break one's heart (মনভাঙ্গা) The untimely death of the elder son broke the mother's heart.
- Bring to book (শাস্তি দেওয়া) I brought him to book for telling many lies.
- Bring to mind (স্মরণ করা) I failed to bring his name to mind.
- Bring to life (পুনরুজ্জীবিত করা) The old man was brought to life.
- By turns (পরিবার ক্রমে) The students finished the work by turns.
- By hook or by crook (যে কোন উপায়েই) I shall get this work done by hook or by crook.
- By leaps and bounds (দ্রুত গতিতে) The prices of daily necessities are increasing by leaps and bounds.
- By fits and starts (মাঝে মাঝে খুব উৎসাহ দেখিয়ে) The student who reads by fits and starts can not succeed.
- By fair means or foul (শ্রম বা অন্যায় যেভাবেই হোক) He tried to stand in life by fair means or foul.
- By this time (এতক্ষণে) He will have reached home by this time.
- Beyond question (নিঃসন্দেহ) It is beyond question that Mawlana Bhasani was a great leader.
- Beyond measure (অপরিমিত) His failure shocked his parents beyond measure.
- Body and soul together (জীবনধারণ) The poor can hardly keep body and soul together.
- Better half (অর্ধাঙ্গিনী) He is worried of the illness of his better half.
- Big guns (অতিবিশিষ্ট ব্যক্তিবৃন্দ) The big guns always do many good things for society.
- Call in question (সন্দেহ) His honesty can not be called in question.
- Call names (গালি দেওয়া) He called me names in my absence.
- Come round (সুস্থ হওয়া) He will come round very soon.

Come to light (প্রকাশ পাওয়া) The result will come to light very soon.
 Cats and dogs (মুশল ধারে) It has been raining cats and dogs.
 Care for (যত্ন নেওয়া) He cares for his health.
 Carry on (চালিয়ে যাওয়া) I shall carry on my study at any cost.
 Carry out (পালন করা) Students should carry out their teachers' order.
 Close to (সন্নিহিত) His house is close to mine.
 Come up to (আনা) He came up to me with an application.
 Crocodile tears (মায়ান কান্না) You can never convince me by your crocodile tears.
 Cut short (অকাল মৃত্যু) His life was cut short by an accident.
 Cut off (বিচ্ছিন্ন করা, কেটে ফেলা) Della cut off her hair.
 Crying need (গুরুতর প্রয়োজন) Primary education is a crying need.
 Dead against (ঘোর বিরোধী) He is dead against me.
 Dead letter (অকেজো) This fashion is now dead letter.
 Day after day (দিনের পর দিন) He is growing fat day after day.
 End in smoke (ফলপ্রসূ না হওয়া) His attempts ended in smoke.
 Ever and anon (now and then মাঝে মাঝে) He comes to my houses ever and anon.
 Every now and then (প্রায়ই) He disturbs me every now and then.
 Every other day (একদিন পর পর) Take the medicine every other day.
 Ere long (অনতি বিলম্বে) Do the work ere long.
 Face to face (মুখোমুখি) They fought face to face.
 Far and wide (সর্বত্র) His name spread far and wide.
 Fair play (ন্যায় বিচার) The poor want fair play from the rich.
 Far and near (সর্বত্র) His name spread far and near.
 Few and far between (কদাচিৎ) He comes to our house few and far between.
 Feel at home (স্বাচ্ছন্দ্য বোধ করা) I never feel at home in a hotel.
 Flesh and blood (রক্ত মাংসের শরীর) A flesh and blood can never tolerate such an insult.
 From time to time (মাঝে মাঝে) Try to visit me from time to time.
 French leave (ছুটি না নিয়ে অনুপস্থিত থাকা) No one should enjoy French leave.
 For the sake of (জন্যে) I helped the poor man for the sake of humanity.
 For good/for ever (চির দিনের মত) He left the country for good.
 From time immemorial (স্মরণাতীতকাল থেকে) From time immemorial man has been living in society.
 For a while (কিছু সময়ের জন্য) Await me for a while.

For an instant (মুহূর্তের জন্য) He looked at the fair for an instant.
 For ever (চিরদিনের জন্য) He left us for ever.
 For the purpose of (উদ্দেশ্য) I go to the library for the purpose of reading there.
 Find fault with (অপরের দোষ ধরা) Do not find fault with others.
 From hand to mouth (দিন আনা দিন খাওয়া) The poor live from hand to mouth.
 From top to bottom (আপাদমস্তক) I looked at him from top to bottom.
 Get by heart (মুখস্থ করা) I got the poem by heart.
 Get back (ফিরে পাওয়া) I want to get back my money from you.
 Get out (বের হওয়া) Get out of the room.
 Get rid of (মুক্ত হওয়া) Try to get rid of smoking.
 Give up (ত্যাগ করা) He gave up his bad habit.
 Give vent to (প্রকাশ করা) He gave vent to his anger on me.
 Gift of the gab (বাগিভা) His gift of the gab charmed us.
 Go to the dogs (গোলায় যাওয়া) He has gone to the dogs.
 Give ear (মন দিয়ে শোনা) He gave ear to my speech.
 Go through (সম্মত হওয়া) You should go through the book carefully.
 Great of heart (হৃদয়বান) Noble deeds are done by the men great of heart.
 Grow out (বেড়ে বড় হওয়া) Jute plants grow out quickly.
 Gala day (আনন্দের দিন) Eid festival is a gala day for the muslims.
 Hard and fast (সংখ্যক) Nazrul never cared hard and fast rule.
 Hard nut to crack (কঠিন) The problem is hard nut to crack.
 Heart and soul (সর্বাত্মকভাবে) He loves me heart and soul.
 Hale and hearty (সুস্থ) I hope you are hale and hearty.
 Head or tail (মাথা বা মূর্ধ) I don't understand head or tail of your speech.
 High time (উপযুক্ত সময়) It is high time you left the place.
 In a fix (কষ্টে) I am in a fix what to do.
 In a body (এক যোগে) The students came to the principal in a body.
 In accordance with (অনুসারে) He acted in accordance with my plan.
 In black and white (লিখিত ভাবে) Give your statement in black and white.
 In case of (যদি, in the event of) What will you do in case of your failure?
 In course of (ঘটনার সময়) In course of time he will be a leader.
 In any case (যাই হোক না কেন) I shall be always with you in any case.
 In no case (কোন ক্রমেই নয়) You will not be allowed to enter the room in any case.
 In good faith (সরল বিশ্বাসে) I gave him five thousand taka in good faith.

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Now and then

From time to time

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Bring to light

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In accordance to

অনুসারে
In obedience to

- Instead of*
- High time*
In good time
উপযুক্ত
- In the long run (পরিশেষে) Sinners will suffer in the long run.
In the end (অবশেষে) In the end the pak Armies had to surrender.
In lieu of (পরিবর্তে) He took history in lieu of logic.
In a hurry (দ্রুত) You should not do anything in a hurry.
In full swing (পুরো দমে) our classes are going on in full swing.
In honour of (সম্মানে) He gave a dinner in honour of the guests.
In fine (উপসংহারে) In fine, he advised us to read more and more.
In good time (উপযুক্ত সময়ে) He married in good time.
In the heart of (কেন্দ্রস্থলে) Dhaka City College is situated in the heart of the city. *খ্রিস্টে মিত্রে*
In harmony with (মিলিয়া মিলিয়া) He worked in harmony with others.
In one's bad book (বিষ দৃষ্টিতে) He is in the bad book of the principal.
In keeping with (সংগতিপূর্ণ) Your dress is not in keeping with you.
In the guise of (ছদ্মবেশে) The caliph went out in the guise of a merchant.
In obedience to (অনুসারে) Students should read in obedience to their teachers' advice. *নিয়মে নিয়মে*
In pursuit of (পশ্চাদ্ধাবনে) They all ran in pursuit of the thief.
In point of (দিক দিয়া) He is superior to me in point of age.
In order that (যাতে) He works hard in order that he may prosper in life.
In respect of (বিষয়ে) I know nothing in respect of his character.
In reference to (সম্পর্কে) In reference to your advertisement I am going to apply. *As to, As regards*
In the least (একটুও) I am not in the least hungry.
In spite of (সত্ত্বেও) He came to college in spite of his illness.
Ins and outs (সবকিছু) He knows ins and outs of the matter.
In season and out of season (যখন তখন) Don't disturb him in season and out of season.
In the dark (অজ্ঞ) I am in the dark about the murder.
In bloom (প্রসুতি) The flowers are in bloom. *এই বিবরণ*
Incapable of (অসমর্থ) I am incapable of doing the work.
Inclined to (যৌক) She is inclined to talk about me. *আগ্রহী*
In fact (বস্তৃত) She was in fact a woman of forty.
In public (জন সমক্ষে) He insulted me in public.
Insist on (পীড়া পীড়ি করা) He insisted on my going to cinema. *অধ্যক্ষ*
Instead of (পরিবর্তে) He took logic in stead of history.

- at the nick of time (ঠিক সময়ে) He availed himself of the opportunity in nick of time.
body and soul together (কায়ক্বেশে জীবন ধারণ করা) The poor work hard to keep body and soul together.
keep up late (রাতি জাগা) To keep up late tells upon health.
keep in the dark (গোপনে রাখা) He keeps his plan in the dark. *সময়*
kith and kin (আত্মীয় স্বজন) I have no kith and kin.
keep an eye (নজর রাখা) The police kept an eye on the prisoner.
keep pace with (সমান তালে চলা) I failed to keep pace with the changing fashion. *দেখানো হলো*
look after (তত্ত্বাবধান করা) We should look after our parents.
look for (খোঁজ করা) I am looking for a good job.
long for (ইচ্ছে করা) He longs for happiness.
long since (অনেক দিন পূর্বে) It was long since I had seen her last.
lose heart (হতাশ হওয়া) He lost his heart at the sudden death of his father.
lay by (সঞ্চয় করা) We should lay by something against rainy day.
leave no stone unturned (চেষ্টার কোন ত্রুটি না করা) The patriot left no stone unturned to please his countrymen.
maiden speech (প্রথম বক্তৃতা) His maiden speech charmed us all.
make good (কতিপূরণ করা) I shall make good of your loss.
make room (জায়গা করা) He made a room for me in the bench.
make sure (নিশ্চিত করা) He made sure of one seat for me in the bench.
mind's eye (মনচক্ষু) The sight of the accident flashed in my mind's eye.
muster strong (সমবেত হওয়া) Students mustered strong in the meeting.
make fun of (মজা করা) They made a fun of the fool.
make out (বুঝতে পারা) I could not make out the meaning of the poem.
make a mess (জগাখিচুরী করা) He made a mess of everything.
make the best use of (সর্বাপেক্ষা সদ্ব্যবহার করা) Students should make the best use of their time.
make both ends meet (কায়ক্বেশে জীবন যাপন করা) The poor can not make both ends meet.
make haste (তাড়াতাড়ি করা) Make haste lest you should miss the train.
Man of the world (বৈষয়িক লোক) He is a man of the world.
Man of word. (এক কথার মানুষ) Sher-e Bangla was a man of word.
Next to impossible (প্রায় অসম্ভব) It will be next to impossible to help you the second time.

in the bud (অঙ্কুরে বিনষ্ট করা) His hopes were nipped in the bud at the sudden death of his father.

Nook and corner (সর্বত্র) I searched the nook and corner of the room for the missing pen.

Now or never (হয় এখনই নয়ত কখনই নয়) Do it now or never.

No sooner than (যেই মাত্র) No sooner had I reached the station than the train left.

Notwithstanding (সত্ত্বেও) Notwithstanding his illness he joined the meeting.

Null and void (বাতিল) This rule is now null and void.

No matter (যায় আসে না) It is no matter to me whether you help me or not.

Of one's own accord (স্বেচ্ছায়) The soldiers went to the battle of their own accord.

Off and on (মাঝে মাঝে) He comes to my house off and on.

On account of (কারণ বশত) I could not go to college on account of my illness.

On easy terms (সহজ শর্তে) Loans should be given to the farmers on easy terms.

On the other hand (অপর পক্ষে) I tell him to study more, on the other hand he kills his time.

Once for all (শেষ বারের মত) He left the village once for all.

On the verge of (অতিনিকটে) He is on the verge of ruin.

On the look out for (সন্ধান) I am on the look out for a good job.

On the contrary (বিপরীত পক্ষে) He hates me; on the contrary I love him.

Out of date (সেকেলে) This fashion is out of date now.

On the instant (তৎক্ষণাৎ) He did it on the instant.

On behalf of (পক্ষে) The captain came to the teacher on behalf of the students.

On good terms (সুসম্পর্ক) They are on good terms.

On the plea of (অজুহাতে) The lady took champagne on the plea of her doctor's advice.

On tip toe (পা টিপে) The thief entered the room on tip toe.

On and on (ক্রমাগত) The weather is getting colder on and on.

Once and again (একাধিক বার) He tried once and again to pass the examination.

Open secret (যে গোপন সর্বজন বিদিত) His dismissal from the job is an open secret.

out and out (হাড়ে হাড়ে) He is out and out a good man.

out of stock (মজুদ শেষ) Dano milk is now out of stock.

out of one's wits (হতভম্ব) He was out of his wits for his brother's illness.

out of temper (মেজাজ ঠিক না রাখা) A gentleman is never out of temper.

part and parcel (অবিচ্ছেদ্য অংশ) A library is a part and parcel of a college.

Pandora's box (আপাততঃ ভাল মনে হলেও আসলে ভাল নয়) His words proved to be Pandora's box.

pave the way (পথ তৈরী করা) Perseverance paves the way to a man's success.

play hide and seek (লুকোচুরি খেলা) They played hide and seek in the high grass.

pin money (স্ত্রীকে প্রদত্ত হাত খরচ) She bought a nice present for her husband with her pin money.

pick a quarrel (কণ্ডা বাঁধান) Don't pick a quarrel with others.

pick one's pocket (পকেট মারা) My pocket has been picked.

play tricks (প্রতারণা করা) Politicians play tricks on the simple people.

play truant (ছুটি খালাস) Nazrul played truant.

pluck up one's heart (সাহস সঞ্চয় করা) He plucked up his heart to face the danger.

point blank (সরাসরি) He told me point blank that he would not support me.

pour cold water on (নিরুৎসাহ করা) He always pours cold water on my plan.

put off (বলো ফেলা) He put off his shoe.

put out (নেতানো) He put out the lamp.

prick up one's ears (কান খাড়া করা) The deer pricked up its ear hearing a sound.

puppet in the hands of (পরের দ্বারা চালিত লোক) Now a-days teachers are puppet in the hands of the so called politicians.

pros and cons (খুঁটিনাটি) I know the pros and cons of the matter.

put an end to (শেষ করা) He had to put an end to his study for his father's death.

play false (প্রতারণা করা) Politicians play false with the innocent people.

run one's race (জীবন যাপন করা) He runs his race simply.

rag day (শিক্ষা জীবনের শেষে হৈ চৈ করার দিন) Students enjoy the rag day.

rainy day (দুঃসময়) - We should save something against rainy day.

- Ranks and fashion** (অভিজাত সমাজ) - The so called ranks and fashion hate the poor. *সমাজের লোক*
- Rank and file** (সাধারণ সৈনিক) - A rank and file always obeys their superiors.
- Red handed** (হাতে নাতে ধরা) - He was caught red handed.
- Red letter day** (স্মরণীয় দিন) - The sixteenth December is a red letter day.
- Such and such** (অনেক অনেক) - He invited such and such people on his birth day ceremony.
- Skin and bone** (অস্থি চর্মসার) - Dysentery has made him skin and bone.
- Stare one in the face** (এক দৃষ্টিতে তাকানো) - The brute stared him in the face.
- Slip of the tongue** (মুখ ফসকে উক্তি বের হওয়া) - He made a slip of the tongue in his speech.
- Slip of the pen** (লেখায় অনিচ্ছাকৃত ত্রুটি) - His answer was full of slip of the pen.
- Slow coach** (অলস ব্যক্তি) - A slow coach man can never shine in life.
- Slow and steady** (ধীর হির ব্যক্তি) - A proverb goes that slow and steady wins the race.
- Storm in a tea cup** (ক্ষুদ্র ব্যাপারে প্রবল উত্তেজনা) - They raised a storm in a tea cup over a trifle matter.
- So and so** (একরকম থাকা) - I asked him how he was, and he replied that he was so and so. *কথা*
- Some how or other** (কোন না কোনভাবে থাকা) - I ordered him to do the work somehow or other.
- Small hours** (রাতের শেষ প্রহর) - The thief entered the house in the small hours of night.
- Small fry** (ছোটোপুটি) - Small fry are accused of big crime.
- Spare no pains** (চেষ্টার ত্রুটি না করা) - He spared no pains to satisfy me.
- Strike work** (ধর্মঘট করা) - The drivers have struck work.
- Summer friends** (সুসময়ের বন্ধু) - Summer friends remain away in time of danger.
- Step by step** (ক্রমশঃ) - He advanced step by step.
- Send for** (ডেকে পাঠানো) - We sent for a doctor.
- Take one to task** (তিরস্কার করা) - He took me to task for smoking.
- Take heart** (সাহস করা) - We should take heart in any kind of danger.
- Take advantage of** (সুযোগ গ্রহণ করা) - We should not take advantage of one's weakness.
- Talk** (লম্বা কথা) - Tall talks are no use of.
- Pity on** (কাহারো প্রতি করুণা করা) - At last God took pity on him.
- To one's heel** (পলায়ন করা) - The enemies took to their heel.
- Be for granted** (সাক্ষ্য প্রমাণ ছাড়া সত্য বলে ধরে নেওয়া) - The lady took it for granted that the servant had broken the plate.
- Take into account** (বিবেচনায় আনা) - His sincere service was taken into account.
- Take place** (ঘটনা) - The incident took place in a second.
- Take the chair** (সভাপতি হওয়া) - The principal took the chair in the meeting.
- Take off** (খুলে ফেলা) - He took off his shoe. *পুত ০৫১*
- Take after** (একই রকম হওয়া) - The girl takes after her mother.
- Smoking tells upon health** (স্বাস্থ্যের ক্ষতি) - Smoking tells upon health. *স্বাস্থ্যের ক্ষতি*
- Thankless job** (কাজ করেও সুনাম নেই) - I find no interest in a thankless job. *আ*
- The R's** (প্রাথমিক জ্ঞান) - Reading, writing and Arithmetic - He has no three R's.
- Right-hand man** (প্রধান সহায়ক) - The assistant headmaster is the right-hand man of the headmaster.
- Red tape** (অফিস সংক্রান্ত বাধা) - His promotion was delayed for red tape formalities.
- Rise and fall** (উত্থান-পতন) - There is rise and fall in every man's life.
- Rise in arms** (সশস্ত্র বিদ্রোহ) - The soldiers had to rise in arms.
- Right and left** (এলো পাতাড়ি) - The teacher caned the boy right and left.
- Run short of** (সুবিধা পড়া) - Their supply of drinking water ran short of.
- Run through** (ভেদ করা) - He ran through the thief with a spear.
- Run into debt** (ঋণগ্রস্ত হওয়া) - If he spends money lavishly, he will run into debt.
- Run a risk** (ঝুঁকি নেওয়া) - He ran a risk in the business and was profited.
- Safe and sound** (নিরাপদে) - I reached my destination safe and sound.
- Scape goat** (একজনের দোষ অন্যের উপর চাপানো) - The landlord made the servant a scape goat of the lost money.
- See to** (বিবেচনা করা) - I requested him to see to my appeal.
- See the light** (জন্ম গ্রহণ করা) - Many children see the light every hour in Bangladesh.
- Sheet anchor** (হাতের পাঁচ) - He lost five hundred taka which was his sheet anchor.
- Set on fire** (গুড়ে যাওয়া) - The shop was set on fire by an accident.

- Set fire to (আগুন লাগানো)- The angry mob set fire to many cars.
- Set foot on (পদার্পন করা)- Many days ago, I set foot on my native village.
- Set off (যাত্রা করা)- I set off for Khulna.
- Set out (যাত্রা করা)- I set out Khulna.
- Stand in the way of (বাধা স্বরূপ) Poverty stood in the way of his success.
- Stand by (সমর্থন করা) - I shall stand by you in time of danger.
- Save one's skin (দোষ হইতে অব্যাহতি পাওয়া) - The thief told lie to save his skin.
- Short cut (সংক্ষিপ্ত)- Jerry used a short cut from the orphanage to the cabin.
- Short temper (রিগচটা)- A man of short temper suffers in the long run.
- Shoulder to shoulder (সবাই মিলেমিশে)- We should do work shoulder to shoulder.
- Show temper (মেজাজ দেখানো) A gentleman never shows temper.
- Sine die (অনিদিষ্ট কাল)- The college was closed for sine die.
- Sum and substance (মূল কথা)- I could not write down the sum and substance of the poem.
- Subject to (অধীন)- Man is subject to death.
- Silver spoon (সম্পন্ন পরিবারে জন্মগ্রহণ)- Hazrat Muhammad (SM) was not born with a silver spoon.
- Silver tongue (মিষ্ট ভাষী)- He is a man of silver tongue.
- Stuff and nonsense (বাজে) His comment on the topic was stuff and nonsense.
- Through and through (পূর্ণাঙ্গরূপে) He read the poem through and through.
- Through thick and thin (যে কোন অবস্থায়) - I am passing my days through thick and thin.
- To go to the dogs (গোন্নায় যাওয়া)- He has gone to the dogs by keeping evil company.
- To the brim (কানায় কানায়)- The river was full to the brim.
- To the utmost (যতশক্তি)- I tried to the utmost of my ability to have a job.
- To one's taste (রুচিমারফিক)- Drinking of too much tea is not to my taste.
- To no purpose (নিষ্ফল)- All my attempts to have a job were to no purpose.
- To the letter (অক্ষরে অক্ষরে)- He carried out my order to the letter.
- To and fro (এদিক ওদিক)- He is moving to and fro.
- To one's heart's content (প্রাণ ভরে) The poor man ate to his heart's content.
- To one's face (মুখের উপর) I pointed out his fault to his face.
- To the last (শেষ পর্যন্ত) - They fought to the last drop of their blood.
- To the point (সঠিক)- The boy answered the question to the point.
- To the back bone (হাড় হাড়)- The boy is wicked to the backbone.
- Tooth and nail (এবল ভাবে)- We opposed the proposal tooth and nail.
- Ups and downs (উত্থান পতন)- There is ups and downs in a man's life.
- Up and down (এদিক সেদিক)- The thief ran up and down for a shelter.
- Up-to-date (আধুনিক) - Now-a days ladies are very up to date.
- Up to (পর্যন্ত)- I have done the exercises up to page 30.
- Up to the mark (আশানুরূপ)- My honours result was not up to the mark.
- Upper hand (প্রাধান্য)- He got the upper hand in the selection.
- Under lock and key (জালাবদ্ধ)- He kept the money under lock and key.
- Under cover of darkness (রাতের আধারে)- The thief ran away under cover of darkness.
- Under age (অপ্রাপ্ত বয়স)- He could not cast his vote because he was under age.
- Under consideration (বিবেচনাধীন)- Your case is under consideration.
- Under construction (নির্মাণাধীন) The Building is under construction.
- Under trial (বিচারাধীন)- His case is under trial.
- Victim of (বিপ্লি)- He is a victim of circumstances.
- Went with (প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বিতা করা) - They vied with one another for the job.
- Well and good (ভাল)- If he comes to my help well and good, if he not it is also good.
- Well off (সম্পন্ন)- Jim and Della were not well off.
- Well-to-do (সমৃদ্ধিপূর্ণ)- He was not born in a well-to-do family.
- Well up (সুপরিচিত)- Dr. shahidullah was well-up in Bengali.
- Weal and woe (আনন্দ বিষাদ) Weal and woe comes by turn.
- With a view to (উদ্দেশ্য)- He goes to college with a view to attending the class.
- Worthy of (যোগ্য) He is worthy of getting a good job. *worthy*
- What not (আর কত কি) I gave him books, pens money and what not.
- With one voice (এক বাক্যে)- They protested with one voice.
- Ways and means (উপায়ের ব্যবস্থা)- Please devise ways and means for the development of the Institute.
- Without fail (অব্যাহত)- You must attend the meeting without fail.
- Without delay (অবিলম্বে)- Finish the work without delay.
- Yellow dog (খীন ব্যক্তি) A yellow dog is always hated by all.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES (TEXTUAL)

THE ANCIENT MARINER

1. All around (চার দিকে)- Ice was all around them.
2. At once (তৎক্ষণাৎ) - He left the place at once.
3. On board (ডেকের উপর)- There were two people on board the ship.
4. At all (আদৌ)- He does not read at all.
5. Angry with (রাগান্বিত)- He is angry with me.
6. All alone (সম্পূর্ণ একা) - He lives all alone in the house.
7. By the time (এই সময়ের মধ্যে)- The old man was about to die by the time he got back home.
8. To take away (নিরে যাওয়া)- The crow took away a chicken (মুরগীর ছানা).
9. One after another (একের পর এক)- The students left the class room one after another.
10. As soon as (যত তাড়াতাড়ি সম্ভব)- As soon as the thief saw the police, he ran away.
11. To take pity on (করুণা করা)- At last God took pity on him.
12. Look upon (দেখা)- I look upon you as my brother.
13. All day long (সারাদিন)- The poor work hard all day long.
14. At last (অবশেষে)- At last God took pity on him.
15. Day after day (দিনের পর দিন)- Day after day he is growing fat.
16. Listen to (মনোযোগ দিয়ে শোনা):- Listen to me.
17. Walk past (পাশ দিয়ে হেঁটে যাওয়া) - He walked past me.
18. Sail away (পাল ভুলে চলে যাওয়া)- They had sailed away to the south.
19. From one's heart (সর্বাত্মকভাবে)- The beggar blessed (আশীর্বাদ করিল) him from his heart.
20. After all (মোটের উপর)- After all Mr. Hasan is a good man.
21. Filled with (পূর্ণ হওয়া) I was filled with fear to see a snake.
22. Get back (ফিরে আসা) He got back home very soon.

THE LUNCHEON

1. By all means (সর্বশক্তি দিয়ে)- By all means I shall help you.
2. To keep body and soul together (কোন রকম জীবন যাপন করা)- The poor man works hard to keep body and soul together.
3. A great deal (অনুর পরিমাণে)- Mr. Islam has a great deal of money.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

1. To catch sight of (দৃষ্টিগোচর হওয়া)- I caught sight of him in the distance.
2. As though (যেন)- The man speaks as though he knew everything.
3. At first sight (প্রথম দৃষ্টিতে)- At first sight I failed to recognise (চিনিতে) him.
4. A lot of (অনুর)- He has a lot of money.
5. To take one to task (তিরস্কার করা) I took him to task for smoking.
6. Beyond one's means (কাহারও সাধ্যের বাইরে)- It is beyond my means to buy rich dress.
7. In fact (প্রকৃতপক্ষে)- In fact the lady was a woman of forty.
8. Cut out (বাদ দেওয়া)- The writer would cut out coffee for the next few weeks.
9. To take a hand (হস্তক্ষেপ করা)- He always takes a hand in my personal matter.
10. In the habit of (সভ্যত)- Mr. Jalil is not in the habit of smoking.
11. Pass through (অতিক্রম করা)- A rickshaw can not pass through a narrow road.
12. Of course (অবশ্যই)- Of course I shall help you.
13. In answer to (জবাবে)- The writer wrote to the lady in answer to her letter.
14. So far (যতদূর)- So far I know he is honest.
15. Inclined to (আগ্রহী)- The lady guest was inclined to talk about the weather.
16. In the least (সামান্যও)- I am not in the least hungry.
17. As if (যেন)- The man speaks as if he knew everything.
18. For an instant (অকক্ষণের জন্য)- The lady looked at the three francs for an instant.
19. Make up one's mind (নির্ধারণ করা)- The boy made up his mind to go abroad (বিদেশ).
20. The bill of fare (মূল্য তালিকা)- The bill of fare startled (হতবাক করে) the writer.

A MOTHER IN MANNVILLE

1. To belong to (অধিকার ভুক্ত)- The book belongs to me.
2. Cut off (বিচ্ছিন্ন হওয়া)- Della cut off her hair.
3. Insist on (জোর করা)- He insisted on my going to cinema.
4. In front of (সামনে)- There is a flower garden in front of my reading room.
5. As well as (এবং)- He as well as his friends went to the meeting.
6. In case of (ক্ষেত্রে)- What will you do in case of your failure?
7. By means of (উপায়ে)- By means of hard labour he succeeded.

1. In any case (যা-ই হোক না কেন)- In any case I shall help you.
 2. Ask for (প্রার্থনা)- She asked for my help.
 3. As much as (যতটুকু পরিমাণ)- He ate as much as he could.
 4. Of one's own accord (নিজের ইচ্ছায়)- I did the work of my own accord.
 5. To knock at (আঘাত করা)- Jerry knocked at the door.
 6. Out of the question (প্রশ্নাতীত)- Jerry's honesty is out of the question.
 7. Send for (ডেকে পাঠানো)- We sent for a doctor.
 8. Pay for (দাম দেওয়া)- I shall pay you for what you have done.
 9. Look at (তাকানো)- He looked at me.
 10. In bloom (প্রস্ফুটিত)- The flowers are in bloom.
 11. On the instant (তৎক্ষণাৎ)- He did the work on the instant.
 12. Short cut (সংক্ষিপ্ত পথ)- I go to college by a short cut.
 13. To say good bye (বিনায় জানানো)- He failed to say good-bye to me.
 14. Care for (আহত করা, দেখা শুন্য করা)- My mother always cares for me.
 15. Burn with (প্রজ্বলিত করা)- I was burned with questions.
 16. Turn down (প্রত্যাখ্যান করা)- I turned down his request.
 17. Relieve of (মুক্ত হওয়া)- The news relieved me of tension.
 18. Be in a hurry (ব্যস্ততার থাকা)- I am in a hurry.
 19. Because of (কারণে)- He could not go to the college because of his illness.

THE GIFT OF THE MAGI

1. On the sly (সিঁপনে)- He entered the room on the sly.
 2. On account of (জন্যে, কারণে)- He could not go to the college on account of his illness.
 3. Beggar description (বর্ণনাতীত)- His miseries beggar description.
 4. Take off (খুলে ফেলা)- Jim took off his shirt.
 5. Stare at (এক দৃষ্টিতে তাকানো)- Jim stared at Della.
 6. Look for (খোঁজ করা)- He is looking for a good job.
 7. At length (অবশেষে)- At length Della sold her hair.
 8. In stead of (পরিবর্তে)- He took history in stead of logic.
 9. At a time (একবারে)- I can run five miles at a time.
 10. Flop down (টপ করে বসে পড়া)- Della flopped down on the coach.
 11. Attend to (পরিচর্যা করা)- Della attended to her face with a powder rag.
 12. In place of (পরিবর্তে)- He took history in place of logic.
 13. On the look out for (অন্বেষণে)- He is on the look out for a good job.
 14. Pull down (নামিয়ে দেওয়া)- Della pulled down her hair.
 15. Step in (ভিতরে ঢাকা)- Jim stepped in the room.

16. Take pride (গর্ববোধ করা)- He takes pride in his wealth.
 17. Take a look at (দৃষ্টিপাত করা)- He took a look at the college.
 18. Turn white (ভয়ে ফ্যাকাশে হওয়া)- Della turned white hearing Jim's step.
 19. Tumble down (জোরে সোরে পড়ে যাওয়া)- Jim tumbled down on the coach.
 20. Burdened with (কোন সমস্যায় পীড়িত)- I am burdened with a big family.

READING FOR PLEASURE

1. Beyond doubt (সন্দেহাতীত ভাবে)- Jerry's honesty is beyond doubt.
 2. Depend on (নির্ভর করা)- We depend on one another.
 3. For instance (উদাহরণ স্বরূপ)- He told me this for instance.
 4. Pretend to (ভান করা)- Hamlet pretended to be a mad man.
 5. All the more (আরও বেশী)- I like Dhaka City College all the more.
 6. A good deal of (অনুর)- He has a good deal of books.
 7. That is to say (অর্থাৎ)- He is nice to all, that is to say he has a good character.
 8. In spare time (অবসর সময়ে)- We should read books more in spare time.
 9. Run the risk of (ঝুঁকি লওয়া)- He ran the risk of helping the naughty boy.
 10. To be in the swim (স্রোতে গা ভানান)- Don't be in the swim in any matter.
 11. Work for (কোন কিছু জন্য কাজ করা)- I am working for the good of students.
 12. To one's mind (কাহারো মতে)- To my mind, one should read a book for pleasure.
 13. Skim through (জিরা ভানানো)- Students should not skim through any book.
 14. Ram down (ঠেলে পুরে দেয়া)- My teacher did not ram things down my throats.
 15. A fair try (জাপত্তা একবার চেষ্টা করা)- Many people do not give poetry a 'air try'.
 16. In a row (এক সারিতে)- I read ten of Dickens all in a row.
 17. At a time (একই সময়ে)- People should not read many pages of a novel at a time.
 18. A reason why (যে কারণে)- A reason why people read books is to please their teacher.
 19. Stick to (কোন কিছুতে অটল থাকা)- You must stick to your decision.
 20. All the time (সর্বদা)- People donot like the same food all the time.
 21. Get hold of (আয়ত্ত করে নেয়া)- I got hold of all the novels of Dickens.

Grow out (বেরিয়ে আসা) Strong grew out of penny bloods when he grew older.

23. Owing to (বশতঃ) I could not go to college owing to my illness.

24. As a result (ফলে) He could not go to college as a result of his illness.

* 25. In order to (উদ্দেশ্যে) He reads more in order to make a good result.

* 26. Put off (খুলে ফেলা) He put off his shoes. *take off*

* 27. Shove up (জোর পূর্বক ঠেলে দেয়া) Students are shoved up against a book for which they are not prepared.

* 28. Get into (প্রবেশ করা) We got into the bus.

* 29. Stopped down (নিঃশেষ হয়ে যাওয়া) Students, real feelings are stopped down when they read a book according to their teachers' advice.

30. Learn by heart (যুগ্ম কর) He learnt the poem by heart.

BOARD QUESTIONS WORKED OUT IDIOMS AND PHRASES

(From 1992—2000)

All around (চারিদিকে) The ice was all around them.

As though (যেন) She proceeded as though I had not spoken.

In the least (বিন্দুমাত্র) I am not in the least hungry.

As much as (ততটুকু) Jerry cut wood as much as a man.

Out of the question (প্রশ্নাতীত) It is out of the question for me to see her now.

Beggar description (বর্ণনাতীত হওয়া) His sorrows beggar description.

At length (অবশেষে) He came to the meeting at length.

Look upon (দেখা) I look upon him as my brother.

As though (যেন) She proceeded as though I had not spoken.

As a punishment (শাস্তি স্বরূপ) He was fined ten taka as a punishment.

Make up one's mind (মন স্থির করা) I made up mind to sit for the final examination.

On the sly (গোপনে) He entered the room on the sly.

Learn by heart (যুগ্ম কর) He learnt the poem by heart.

In a row (এক সারিতে) I read ten of Dicken's in a row.

Send for (ডেকে পাঠানো) She sends for me.

At once (তৎক্ষণাতঃ) I left the room at once.

to keep body and soul together (কায়ক্লেপে জীবনযাপন করা) The poor somehow keep body and soul together.

A great deal of (অল্প পরিমাণে) He has a great deal of money.

As though (যেন) She proceeded as though I had not spoken.

At the sight of (দেখিয়া) She wept (কঁদে দিল) at the sight of the accident.

to give up (ত্যাগ করা) He gave up his bad habit.

Of course (অবশ্য) Of course I will attend the meeting.

As soon as (যেইক্ষণ) I shall come back as soon as I can.

Cut out (বান দেওয়া) The writer would cut out coffee for the next two weeks.

As much as (যতটুকু পরিমাণ) He ate as much as he could.

Skim through (ভিসি ভাসি ভাবে পড়া) No one should skim through a book.

At any rate (যেকোনো হোক) I shall do this work at any rate.

At last (অবশেষে) At last God took pity on him.

A lot of (অল্প) He earns a lot of money.

At first sight (প্রথম দর্শনে) I could not recognise him at first sight.

All over (সমাপ্ত) It is all over with me.

As well as (এবং) He as well as his friends was present in the meeting.

With an air (ভংগীতে) Jim talked almost with an air of idiocy.

At length (অবশেষে) Truth triumphs (জয়লাভ করে) at length.

Tumble down (ধপাস করে বসে পড়া) Jim tumbled down on the couch.

Look upon (দেখা) I look upon you as my brother.

As though (যেন) The man speaks as though he knew everything.

Go across (পার হওয়া) He went across the river by boat.

Put on (পরিধান করা) He put on his new shirt.

At least (কমপক্ষে) A student should read at least five hours a day.

All the rest (বাকীসবগুলো) I read all the rest of Dicken's.

No one else (অন্য কেহ নয়) The shirt was bought for him and no one else.

By all means (সর্বপ্রকার) I shall help you by all means.

Pull down (নীচে নামানো) Della pulled down her hair.

To be in the swim (স্রোতে গা ভাসানো) Don't try to be in the swim in any matter.

Burdened with (ভারাক্রান্ত) I am burdened with a big family.

Of one's own accord (নিজের ইচ্ছায়) I did the work of my own accord.

Run the risk of (ঝুঁকি লওয়া) He ran the risk of helping the naughty boy.

In case of (যদি) Ring me in case of your failure to find out my residence?

In stead of (পরিবর্তে) He took history in stead of logic.