

English (Compulsory) 1st Paper

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Time : 3 hours

Total Marks : 100

[N.B. Figure in the margin indicate full marks]

Part-A : Reading Test (60 Marks)

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

Adolescents constitute a nation's core resource for national renewal and growth. Adolescence is a period in life when transition from childhood to adulthood takes place and behaviours and life styles are shaped. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), adolescence is the period which shapes the future of girls' and boys' lives. There are 28 million adolescents in Bangladesh: 13.7 million of them are girls and 14.3 million boys. The situation of adolescent girls in Bangladesh is characterised by inequality and subordination within the family and society. This inequality leads to widespread practice of child marriage, marginalisation or exclusion from health, education and economic opportunities, and vulnerability to violence and sexual abuse. In Bangladesh, the legal age of marriage is 18 for girls and 21 for boys. However, 33 percent of adolescent girls are married before the age of 15 and 60 percent become mothers by the age of 19. Research finds that adolescents with higher level of education and from more affluent families tend to marry at a later age. Boys, however, become ready for marriage only after several years of adolescence and young adulthood.

A. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.

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- (a). What could be the closest meaning for the word "constitute" in the first sentence?
 (i) take (ii) form (iii) add (iv) make
- (b). The phrase "take place" in the second sentence stands for —.
 (i) occur (ii) recur (iii) go to a place (iv) all of them
- (c). Adolescence is a — period from childhood to adulthood.
 (i) transition (ii) transitory (iii) transitional (iv) transient
- (d). The synonym of affluent is —.
 (i) destitute (ii) poor (iii) poverty (iv) well off
- (e). The word "economic" can be replaced by —.
 (i) economy (ii) economical (iii) monetary (iv) finance

2 × 5 = 10

B. Answer the following questions.

- (a) How will you define adolescence?
- (b) Why is adolescence important?
- (c) What do the adolescent girls in Bangladesh usually face?
- (d) What are the effects of female inequality in Bangladesh?
- (e) How do wealth and education influence a girl's marriage?

2. Read the following text and make a flow chart showing the activities of peace movement. (No. 1 has been done for you)

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A peace movement is a social movement that seeks to achieve ideals such as the ending of a particular war (or all wars), minimize inter-human violence in a particular place or type of situation, including ban of guns; and is often linked to the goal of achieving world peace. Means to achieve these ends include advocacy of pacifism, non-violent resistance, diplomacy, boycotts, demonstrations, peace camps; supporting anti-war political candidates and banning guns, creating open government, direct democracy; supporting people who expose war-crimes or conspiracies to create wars, and making laws. Different organizations involved in peace movements may have some diverse goals, but one common goal is sustainability of peace.

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3. Summarize the following text.

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Universities should never be made into mechanical organizations for collecting and distributing knowledge. Through them the people should offer their intellectual hospitality, their wealth of mind to others, and earn their proud right in return to receive gifts from the rest of the world. But in the whole length and breadth of India there is not a single university established in the modern time where a foreign or an Indian student can properly be acquainted with the best products of the Indian mind. For that we have to cross the sea, and knock at the doors of France and Germany. Educational institutions in our country are India's alms-bowl of knowledge; they lower our intellectual self-respect; they encourage us to make a foolish display of decorations composed of borrowed feathers.

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

0.5 × 10 = 5

who	health	choice	be	develop	enable
able	ability	importance	face	which	know

Education is one of the basic needs of a human being. It is (a) — for the (b) — of mind. Many illiterate people do not have any (c) — of health. If they (d) — educated, they could live a (e) — and planned life. Education teaches us how to live well. It (f) — us to make the right (g) — in life. It enhances our (h) — to perform our duties properly and (i) — our everyday problems. In fact, it is education (j) — brings positive changes in our life.

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

1 × 10 = 10

Sports are a popular form of entertainment. Many international sporting events are (a) — from time to time. Most of these events are (b) — by multinational manufacturing (c) — and business firms. They pay for the sports events in (d) — for the right to (e) — their products during those events. These events are (f) — worldwide by satellite and people all over the world watch them (g) —. As a (h) —, the sponsors' products receive maximum media (i) —. Thus sports help the (j) — of trade and commerce.

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

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- (i) "Please let me go to my country."
- (ii) An English boy was making a small boat.
- (iii) "I shall cross the sea and go to my country by this boat."
- (iv) He made all arrangements to send him to his country.
- (v) Suddenly he noticed a wonderful thing.
- (vi) Napoleon was charmed by the words of the small boy.
- (vii) "I haven't seen my mother for a long time."
- (viii) The boy said, "My country is on the other side of the sea."
- (ix) One day Napoleon, the king of France, was walking along the sea shore.
- (x) The boy was brought before him and he asked him what he would do with such a small boat.

Part-B : Writing Test (40 Marks)

7. Write a paragraph on "Drug Addiction" in about 200 words based on the answers to the following questions.

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(a) What is drug addiction? (b) Why do people get addicted to drugs? (c) What are the consequences of drug addiction? (d) What should be done to remove the curse of drug addiction from society? (e) How can you play a role in the fight against drug addiction?

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

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

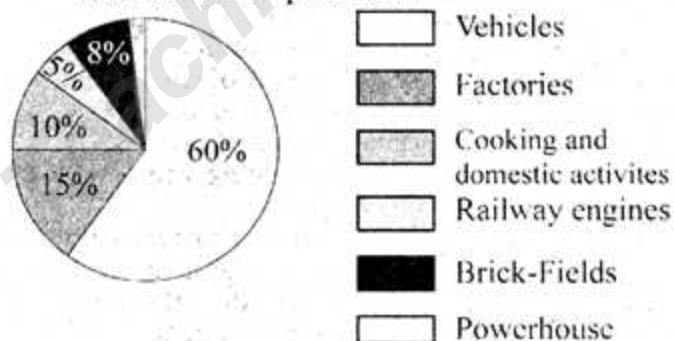
9. Suppose, you are Anik/Anika. You received a letter from your father yesterday. In the letter, he warned you not to spend much time in Facebook. Now, write a reply to his letter.

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10. Look at the chart below. It shows the sources of air pollution in a city. Now analyze the chart in at least 80 words focusing the main aspects.

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Sources of air pollution



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

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TIME, you old gipsyman,
Will you not stay,
Put up your caravan
Just for one day?
All things I'll give you
Will you be my guest,
Bells for your jennet
Of silver the best,
Goldsmiths shall beat you
A great golden ring,
Peacocks will bow to you,
Little boys sing,
Oh, and sweet girls will
Festoon you with may.
Time, you old gipsy,
Why hasten away?