

PART-B : WRITING TEST [Paper-I]

UNIT
01

Ques. No.-10

Completing Stories

English 1st Paper

পরীক্ষায় কল্পিত (imaginary) কিংবা পরিচিত (well-known) কোনো situation বা গল্পের শুরুর অংশ দেয়া থাকবে। প্রদত্ত পরিস্থিতির subject, environment ও ভাষাগত অবস্থার (style of language) সঙ্গো সঙ্গতি রেখে যুক্তিসঙ্গত উপায়ে সমাপ্ত করতে হবে। গল্পটি সমাপ্ত করার ক্ষেত্রে গল্পের বিষয়ের উপর ভিত্তি করে ধারা অনুযায়ী প্রয়োজনে Para/অনুচ্ছেদ আকারে উত্তরটি সমাপ্ত করতে হবে। গল্পের বিষয় অনুযায়ী আয়তন 100 থেকে 250 কিংবা ততোধিক হতে পারে। তবে, তা কোনোক্রমেই যেন 100 word-এর কম না হয়। গল্পের বর্ণনা ভক্তি অনুযায়ী উদ্ভৃতি ব্যবহার করে উত্তর করা বাঞ্ছনীয়। উল্লেখ্য যে, পত্রটি সমাপ্ত করার জন্য প্রথমে লাইনের সংখ্যাও নির্ধারণ করে দেয়া থাকতে পারে। সেক্ষেত্রে তা পুরোপুরি অনুসরণ করতে হবে।

Story Writing-এর একটি প্রধান বৈশিষ্ট্য হচ্ছে এর ভাষা (Language)। Story-র ভাষাটি অবশ্যই Colloquial বা কথ্য রূপে হতে হবে। এক্ষেত্রে quotation (উদ্ভৃতি) দেয়া এবং contraction (শব্দ সংক্ষেপ) ব্যবহার করা খুবই জরুরী।

Story লিখতে হলে

- ▶ প্রদত্ত beginning বা Outline বার বার পড়তে হবে।
- ▶ পরিচিত গল্প কিংবা fable হলে তার প্রেক্ষাপট বুঝতে হবে।
- ▶ কল্পিত বিষয় হলে কী/কোন বিষয়ে লিখতে বলা হয়েছে তা বুঝতে হবে।
- ▶ প্রদত্ত clue অনুযায়ী মনের ভিতর গল্পের একটি plot তৈরি করতে হবে।
- ▶ বর্ণনায় Past tense ব্যবহার করতে হবে।
- ▶ সম্পূর্ণ গল্পটির plot অনুযায়ী একটি উপযুক্ত Title বা শিরোনাম লিখতে হবে।
- ▶ নীতিশিক্ষামূলক গল্প হলে গল্পের শেষে Moral-টি লিখে দেয়া যেতে পারে।
- ▶ প্রয়োজনীয় উদ্ভৃতির ক্ষেত্রে সর্বদা direct speech ব্যবহার করতে হবে।
- ▶ গল্পের প্রয়োজনে দু'একটি point অতিরিক্ত হিসেবে যোগ করা যেতে পারে।
- ▶ গল্পটি বর্ণনার ভিত্তিতে প্রয়োজনে ২/৩ অনুচ্ছেদে লিখতে হবে।
- ▶ এবং অবশ্যই গল্পের শুরুর অংশ কিংবা point-গুলো পুরোপুরি ব্যবহার করতে হবে।

Sample Stories

1. Read the beginning of a story. Add at least ten new sentences to complete the story.

From the very young age, Mugdho always spoke up against injustice. So, when he saw the students fighting against the fascist Hasina government for their.....

Ans :

Mugdho's Sacrifice to Establish Rightful Demand

From the very young age, Mugdho always spoke up against injustice. So, when he saw the students fighting against the fascist Hasina government for their rightful demand of quota reform, he could not sit idle in the house.

On 18 July 2024, Mugdho set out to distribute food and water to the protestors who took part in the anti-discrimination students movement. He came out with water bottles and boxes of biscuits in hands. He shouted, "Water, water, who needs water?" He did so believing that the protestors were fighting for justice. Suddenly, law enforcers opened fire to disperse the crowd, and a bullet struck his forehead, exiting through his right ear. Doctors declared him dead upon arrival at Crescent Hospital. His selfless act of service, captured in a video just minutes before his death. Ultimately this tragic incident became a poignant symbol of the student-led uprising, highlighting the struggle for justice and change in Bangladesh.

Mugdho was honored as a martyr, with various tributes. It includes the renaming of a public space in his memory and the distribution of "Mugdho" water bottles at protests. His sacrifice continues to inspire activists until the fall of a fascist government.

2. Read the beginning of a story below. It is not complete. Add at least ten new sentences to complete it. Give a suitable title to it :

One day a school boy named Arif was returning home from school. On the way to his home, he saw an old woman who was begging. Arif asked the woman why she was begging. In reply, she told him that [DB '24]

Ans. **Arif and an old woman**

One day a school boy named Arif was returning home from school. On the way to his home, he saw an old woman who was begging. Arif asked the woman why she was begging. In reply, she told him that once she had an affluent family with husband, two sons and a daughter.

After the sudden death of her husband she tried her best to educate and establish her sons and daughters. For this she had to work in other people's home and sewing cloths. But all goes in vain after their marriage. The sons and only daughter forgot her and now she came to this city and begging for meet her end.

Hearing the life story Arif became very upset and called her father. Arif's father was a police officer and he came to the spot and took the woman to an old care center and assured the old-home officials that he will cover the expenses whenever needed. Arif had no grandma and he became very happy to call the woman as his grandma. In every occasion Arif and his family went to that old-home to see the woman and pass some time with her.

3. Read the beginning of a story below. It is not complete. Add at least ten new sentences to complete it. Give a suitable title to it :

Once upon a time, there was a king called Midas. He was very rich but he always longed for more riches. Moreover, he was fond of gold though he had a lot of it..... [RB '24; CIB '24]

Ans. **The More Man Gets, The More He Wants**

Once upon a time, there was a king called Midas. He was very rich but he always longed for more riches. Moreover, he was fond of gold though he had a lot of it.

He thought if he had the golden touch, he would be the happiest man. A wise god granted his wish promptly. Having the golden touch, he was very happy.

Whatever he touched was turned to gold. He felt he was the happiest man in the world. He came back to the palace. Seeing him, his sweet little daughter came upto him. He touched her and she immediately turned to gold. The king loved his daughter more than anything else. He could not bear her condition. He began to weep and felt repentant to get his wish granted. Then the god took pity on him. He took away the power of golden touch.

4. Read the beginning of a story below. It is not complete. Add at least ten new sentences to complete it. Give a suitable title to it :

Once there lived a King in an island. There were green trees everywhere in the island. The King decided to build a magnificent palace in the island. So he ordered his men to cut down all the trees. Some opposed the King's idea but he did not pay [JB '24]

Ans. **Whimsical Decision of a King**

Once there lived a King in an island. There were green trees everywhere in the island. The King decided to build a magnificent palace in the island. So he ordered his men to cut down all the trees. Some opposed the King's idea but he did not pay heed to their opposition.

So people were compelled to carry out the king's order. They cut down all the trees. As a result, a great change to place in the climate of the island and the atmosphere rapidly turned hostile. The temperature increased rapidly. Extreme heat of the suns made soil crack. It eventually led to draught. Other disaster also started to visit the island. People could not grow crops. So there broke out a famine. As a result, many people had to starve to death. Others became rickety and pale.

At these the king realized his misdeed. He ordered his people to plant plenty of trees in the entire island. He felt repent for his wrong doing. But it was too late. It took to a long time to reinstall everything in proper order.

5. Read the beginning of a story below. It is not complete. Add at least ten new sentences to complete it. Give a suitable title to it :

Rahmat Mia is a poor rickshaw puller in Dhaka. He pulls rickshaw in different areas of the city. One day he saw some men selling lottery tickets. He felt tempted and bought a ticket..... [CB '24; SB '23]

Ans. **A Lucky Rickshaw Puller**

Rahmat Mia is a poor rickshaw puller in Dhaka. He pulls rickshaw in different areas of the city. One day he saw some men selling lottery tickets. He felt tempted and bought a ticket. He knew the date of the draw. He was waiting eagerly for the day. Then the much awaited day came and he purchased a daily newspaper and



went to his slum to check his number on the sly. He was very excited as dream peeped into his heart unconsciously. He took out his ticket from a torn bag agilely. First he checked his own number and then looked on the paper to find his number out. To his utter surprise he found his number at the first prize place. He revised, revised and revised. But he could not believe his own eyes. What a surprise! He is the winner of the first prize that means he is the owner of 50 lakh taka. He thought to himself. He felt shouting but he did not do so. He told nothing to anyone even to his wife. He on the sly communicated with the concerned authorities and got the money within a short time. In the mean time, his name was published in the newspaper as the first prize winner of the lottery. He told his slummates to spend a good portion for the welfare of them. He deposited half of the amount in a bank and with the another half he bought a land and built house there. He also gave his slummates some loans so that they might start a co-operative business. He himself also joined the business and their slums became a solvent one. Thus a lottery changes the fate of some slum dwellers.

6. Read the beginning of a story below. It is not complete. Add at least ten new sentences to complete it. Give a suitable title to it :

Rati is a worker of a big factory in Dhaka. There are more than 500 workers in the factory. One day while he was working, a loud sound was heard. Fire! Fire! Help! Help!.....

[Combined Board '18; CtgB '24]

Ans.

Rumour Results in Tragedy

Rati is a worker of a big factory in Dhaka. There are more than 500 workers in the factory. One day while he was working, a loud sound was heard. Fire! Fire! Help! Help! As ill news runs apace, the news spread very fast among the workers. Naturally all the workers got into a panic. They started to run at a time towards the gate of the garments factory. There was only one gate to come out of the factory and only one stair to come down to the gate. So while all the workers were trying to come out of the factory using the only stair, some workers fell down. Rati was one of them. They were trodden down by other workers. At least ten workers were severely injured and two faced death. But fortunately Rati's injury was not fatal. It was irony of the fate that there was actually no fire. In fact, a naughty young worker out of jest cried out saying "fire, fire". The other workers took it true and started to come out of the factory resulting in a tragic accident.

7. Read the beginning of a story below. It is not complete. Add at least ten new sentences to complete it. Give a suitable title to it :

Tamim, a student of class ten, was returning from school. On the way, he saw some boys and girl bathing in the pond. Suddenly he heard a girl shouting "Help! Help! save me!" Tamim.....

[SB '24]

Ans.

To Rescue a Drowning Girl

Tamim, a student of class ten, was returning from school. On the way, he saw some boys and girl bathing in the pond. Suddenly he heard a girl shouting "Help! Help! save me!"

Tamim at once ran to the spot and without the least delay he jumped into the pond and swam to the best of his ability. As he reached the drowning girl, he first raised his face above the water level so that she could breathe. Then he placed her upon his shoulders and quickly swam back to the edge of the pond.

Tamim knew what to do as he learnt from his uncle, who is a village doctor, how to give first aids to any drowning person. He acted accordingly and soon the girl came to senses. In the meantime, many villagers gathered round him. The parents of the little girl also came running with tearful eyes. Tamim assured them that their child was beyond danger. They became so happy that they could not speak anything. They only began to cry out of joy. When Tamim was about to leave the place, they blessed him from the core of their hearts and requested him to visit their house any day he liked. He agreed and left the place for home with a happy heart.

8. Read the beginning of a story below. It is not complete. Add at least ten new sentences to complete it. Give a suitable title to it :

Dilara is thirteen years old living in Swapnopur. Her poor parents have two other little children. It is hard for her illiterate parents to earn enough to run the family well. Dilara hopes to bring about a change to her family by receiving higher education. So she

[BB '24]

Ans.

Dilara, a Poor But Visionary Girl

Dilara is thirteen years old living in Swapnopur. Her poor parents have two other little children. It is hard for her illiterate parents to earn enough to run the family well. Dilara hopes to bring about a change to her family by receiving higher education. So she started to work in neighbour's house as a domestic help to procure her educational cost. Even in her free time she tried to prepare handcrafted fan with palm leaves and sewing clothes.

In spite of having many obstacles she continued her education. She was a brilliant student. She studied all by herself without taking other one's help. In this way she made brilliant result in JSC exam. In the exam she got scholarship. This helped her greatly to pursue her education.

In the SSC exam she obtained GPA-5. Here also she got scholarship. She saved her scholarship money to get herself admitted into a college. Accordingly, she got herself admitted into a reputed college. To procure the additional expense she worked as a house tutor of a rich man's children.

However, in the HSC exam she also did brilliant result. Then she took preparation to get admission into a medical college. To her utter surprise, she got chance in a government medical college.

After five years she returned to her village as an MBBS doctor.

9. Read the beginning of a story below. It is not complete. Add at least ten new sentences to complete it. Give a suitable title to it :

Once there lived a poor rickshawpuller. He had to maintain his family consisting of eight members with great difficulty. One day while walking through the fields, he found a purse dropped by a passer-by. He.....

[JB '16; DJB '24]

Ans.

The Reward of an Honest Rickshaw Puller

Once there lived a poor rickshawpuller. He had to maintain his family consisting of eight members with great difficulty. One day while walking through the fields, he found a purse dropped by a passer-by. He took the purse with a view to returning it to its owner.

In the meantime when the owner found his purse missing, he was at a loss. He did not know what to do. He searched everywhere but all his attempts failed. He thought about all the things kept in his purse: his driving licence, passport, and some 10,000 taka. He thought he lost everything. He felt very upset.

Then he got a call on his mobile. It was the rickshaw puller. The rickshaw puller contacted the owner of the purse over mobile phone. The man instantly came to the rickshaw's address and met him. The rickshaw puller handed over the purse to the man. The man could not think anything. The rickshaw puller's generosity moved him greatly. He expressed his gratitude to the rickshaw puller. He thought such generosity must certainly be rewarded. So he rewarded the rickshaw puller with some amount of money though the rickshaw puller did not want any return.

The story gives us the moral that generosity comes from the mind. Greedy people lack generosity. Helpful people extend the hand by establishing example of generosity.

10. Read the beginning of a story below. It is not complete. Add at least ten new sentences to complete it. Give a suitable title to it :

A long time ago, the town of Hamelin faced with a great problem. It became full of rats. The situation became very unbearable

[MB '24]

Ans.

Promise Should be Kept

A long time ago, the town of Hamelin faced with a great problem. It became full of rats. The situation became very unbearable.

The rats were so big and fierce that they fought the dogs, killed the cat and bit the babies in the cradles. They ate the corn in the granaries. They squealed all the time.

At last the people came to the Town Hall and said to the Mayor "Do something about the rats or we will send you packing." The Mayor trembled. He called a meeting of his councilors and talked about the problem for hours. But they could not find a way out. They were in despair. At that moment a pied piper came and went up to the council table and said, "People call me pied piper. If you pay me a thousand guilders, I will rid your town of rats." "All right," said the Mayor. "We'll pay you a thousand guilders. When will you set to work?" "Now" replied the pied piper.

The pied piper went to the street, drew out a pipe from his pocket and began to play on it. Soon from every house in Hamelin came out the rats tumbling. There were hundreds and thousands of them that followed him. He went down to the bank of the river Weser and waded into the river. And every single rat, which followed him, was drowned. But the Mayor refused to pay the contracted money. At this the pied piper got angry and played on his pipe in another tune. Hearing the strange tune the children came out of their houses dancing and followed him. The pied piper disappeared behind a hill with all the children and did never come back.

11. Read the following outlines and develop them into a complete story. Give a suitable title to it :

Robert Bruce was the king of Scotland. His army was defeated again and again against the King Edward-I of England. Being defeated for six times he lost his hope.....

[DB '20; RB '16; CtgB '19; DJB '16]

Ans. The Role of the Spider in Inspiring the King/ Failure is the Pillar of Success

Robert Bruce was the king of Scotland. His army was defeated again and again against the King Edward-I of England. Being defeated for six times he lost his hope and fled away from his kingdom and took shelter in a remote cave (গুহা).

The king was always in a gloomy state for his unhappy condition. Once he was thinking of his sad lot lying in the cave. Suddenly he noticed a spider trying hard to reach the ceiling of the cave. The spider failed again and again to attain success. But it did not give up hope. Bruce saw the spider climbing to the ceiling after six unsuccessful attempts. This dauntless (অদম্য) spider inspired Robert Bruce to shake off the darkness of despair (হতাশা).

He gathered an army of strong men and attacked his enemies. The enemies courted defeat (পরাজয়) and Robert Bruce regained his kingdom.

12. Read the following outlines and develop them into a complete story. Give a suitable title to it :

Oneday a crow became very thirsty. He flew from one place to another in search of water. But he found no water. He continued his search for water..... [RB '20; CtgB '16; SB '20, '17; BB '19]

Ans. A Witty Crow/ Where There is a Will, There is a Way

Oneday a crow became very thirsty. He flew from one place to another in search of water. But he found no water. He continued his search for water. At last he saw a jar at a distance. He flew down to it. There was a little water at the bottom of the jar. But it was too low to reach for the crow. The crow tried to upset the jar. But the crow was not too strong to do it.

The crow was in a fix what to do. Reasonably he became very disappointed. He was thinking what could be done. But he could not find any means to quench his thirst. At last, losing heart when he was about to fly away, he saw some pieces of stones lying at a little distance. At once he hit upon (মাথায় আসা) a plan. He got to the stones and took a piece of stone in his mouth. He flew to the pitcher and dropped the stone into it. He continued the same task for several times and gradually the level of water was rising.

At last the water level came within his reach (নাগাল). Then he drank water to his heart's content (ভৃগুসহকারে) and flew away.

13. Read the following outlines and develop them into a complete story. Give a suitable title to it :

Once a school boy named Talha was returning from school. On the way to his home, he saw a boy of his age. The boy was working in a workshop. His body was covered with dirt, oil and other chemicals. Talha became curious about the boy. He asked the boy..... [JB '20]

Ans. Talha's Kind and Helpful Attitude to the Boy

Once a school boy named Talha was returning from school. On the way to his home, he saw a boy of his age. The boy was working in a workshop. His body was covered with dirt, oil and other chemicals. Talha became curious about the boy. He asked the boy why he was working in the workshop. He also asked him why he was not receiving education.

In reply he told him that his father died three years ago and in his family he had none to look after his sick mother and younger sister. He added that he could not receive education just for want of money. Talha became very kind to him and took him to his house. Then he introduced him to his parents. Hearing the boy's pathetic life history, Talha's parents took his educational responsibility. They got him admitted in a nearby school. They gave him shelter too. He is provided with some money every month to send his sick mother and younger sister. He becomes very much happy with Talha and his parents. Talha and the boy go to school together. They play together and share their weal and woe with each other everyday. However, the boy is leading his life happily getting such a golden opportunity for Talha's kind cooperation.

14. Read the following outlines and develop them into a complete story. Give a suitable title to it :

Once there lived a poor rickshaw puller. He had to maintain his family consisting of six members with a great difficulty. He always thought of additional income for the maintenance of his family. One day while walking through the fields, he found a purse of gold dropped by a passer-by. He..... [CB '20]

Ans. Honesty is the Best Policy

Once there lived a poor rickshaw puller. He had to maintain his family consisting of six members with a great difficulty. He always thought of additional income for the maintenance of his family. One day while walking through the fields, he found a purse of gold dropped by a passer-by. He lifted up the purse and took it to his cottage. Seeing the purse, his wife became very glad and advised him to use all the gold to remove (দূর করা)

poverty. But the Rickshaw puller was very honest and said to his wife, "Honesty is the best policy." And so he did not head to the advice (উপদেশ) of his wife. He began to find out the owner of the purse. At last, he could find out the real owner and gave back the purse to him. He thanked him very much and expressed his gratitude (কৃতজ্ঞতা) to him. He also rewarded him with ten thousand taka for his honesty. When he came back home with the money, his wife expressed her sorrow for her dishonest thought. She said to her husband, "I feel proud of you as I have got such an honest husband like you. If we adopted unfair means, we might become rich, but we would not have peace in mind." Hearing this the rickshaw puller became very happy.

15. Read the beginning of the following story. This story is not complete. Write ten new sentences to complete the story and give a suitable title to it :

One day two rats stole a piece of bread. They tried to divide it into two equal parts but failed. Because each rat wanted the larger part of the bread. They even fought for that. Lastly, they agreed to put up their problem to the monkey who was considered the wisest animal in the forest. They went..... [CgtB '17; BB '20]

Ans.

Two Rats and the Monkey

One day two rats stole a piece of bread. They tried to divide it into two equal parts but failed. Because each rat wanted the larger part of the bread. They even fought for that. Lastly, they agreed to put up their problem to the monkey who was considered the wisest animal in the forest. They went to the monkey to divide the bread piece properly.

The cunning (দুষ্ট) monkey divided the piece in such a way that it is not equally divided. Then he cut a small part of a piece and ate that instantly (তৎক্ষণিকভাবে) which is larger than the other. Again, the dishes of the scale was unequal and the monkey ate another small part of the larger portion. He continued this method and the bread piece became smaller gradually. The rats understood the monkey's crafty trick and ordered the monkey to stop that. The monkey stopped his deception (প্রতারণা) but claimed the rest of the bread as his charge.

Moral ▶ Grasp all, lose all.

16. Read the following outlines and develop them into a complete story. Give a suitable title to it :

Mr. Rahman is a retired officer. Usually he goes for a walk everyday early in the morning. One day while he was walking in the morning he saw a man lying senseless by the side of the road. He went nearer to the man..... [DJB '20]

Ans.

An Unpleasant Experience of a Country-Man

Mr. Rahman is a retired officer. Usually he goes for a walk everyday early in the morning. One day while he was walking in the morning he saw a man lying senseless by the side of the road. He went nearer to the man. But he could not recognize (চেনা) him because he did not see him before. There was a bag lying before him. So it seemed that the man lying had gone to Dhaka from any country-side making a journey at night.

Anyway, the surrounding was calm and quiet. Mr. Rahman looked around. There was no one nearer as it was early in the morning. After a while he saw a man walking at a little distance (দূরত্ব). He (R) called him and he came. Mr. Rahman said to the man, "Do you know this unconscious man?" "No, I don't know him," replied the man. Then they managed a rickshaw and took him to the nearest hospital. The medical attendant felt the pulse of the man and undertook his treatment (চিকিৎসা). After a while he got back his sense. Then he told Mr. Rahman what actually happened. He came from Rangpur by a night coach. He got down from the bus at Saidabad bus terminal at about 5 am.

Then he was walking through an alley to go to his destination. Just then he fell a victim to mugging. The muggers (ছিনতাইকারী) not only snatched all the things he had with him but also made him unconscious by throwing harmful ointment (মলম) into his eyes.

In an answer to a question he informed him that he would go to Wari. The man also showed Mr. Rahman an address. But what was most surprising was that it was the same address where Mr. Rahman lived at Wari. Then he came to know that the victim was a relative of his next-door neighbour who lived in the flat adjacent (কাছাকাছি) to his. Then Mr. Rahman took him to his neighbour's house.

17. Read the following outlines and develop them into a complete story. Give a suitable title to it :

The King of Iran used to invite the great poet Sheikh Saadi to his court. Once on his way to the king's court

[CgtB '15; MB '20]

Ans.

Outward Appearance is not all

The King of Iran used to invite the great poet Sheikh Saadi to his court. Once on his way to the king's court the poet took shelter in a noble man's house for a night. He was then in very simple dress. The noble man could not recognize him and did not treat him warmly as it seemed to him that Saadi was a poor and ordinary man.

However, Saadi noticed it but did not mind or disclose (প্রকাশ করা) his identity. Then in the morning he left the noble man's house and reached the king's court and while returning he was putting on a gorgeous (জাঁকজমক) and expensive (বায়বহুল) clothes. This time also he stopped at the same noble man's house. Surprisingly he found that he was duly respected and honoured then. He was served with sumptuous (দামী) dinner. Noticing it, Saadi began to put the food into his pockets. The man asked him why he was putting the foods into his pockets. In reply he said to him "This food is for my dress. You are treating me well because I have rich dress on." At this the man felt ashamed and begged forgiveness (ক্ষমা) of the poet.

18. Read the beginning of a story. Add at least ten new sentences to complete the story. Give a suitable title to it.

Once upon a time, the house of a rich man was infested with rats. They were living there with great happiness without any fear. They were having a great fun and boldly moved in the house. But the inmates of the house were having a great trouble. One day they brought a cat.....

[DB '19: DJB '17]

Ans.

Who Will Bell The Cat?/

Easier to Say But Difficult to Do

Once upon a time, the house of a rich man was infested with rats. They were living there with great happiness without any fear. They were having a great fun and boldly moved in the house. But the inmates of the house were having a great trouble. One day they brought a cat to drive the rats away. The rats fell in great problem. So they sat together in a conference. Most of them present in the conference argued and contrived in many ways. Towards the uncompromised (অসীমাহসিত) finishing of the conference a young rat vigorously stood up and said that a bell might be tied round the neck of the cat so that they could be easily aware of the sudden appearance (উপস্থিতি) of the cat to escape themselves then and there. All clapped merrily seconding him. But soon after this, an old rat said, "The proposal of the young lad is very good, I support. But who will bell the cat?"

At this all were stone still. There was a pin drop silence in the conference. The meeting ended with no decision and the rats eventually migrated to save their own lives.

19. Read the beginning of a story. Add at least ten new sentences to complete the story.

Gias Uddin Azam Shah was a great ruler of Bengal. He was very kind and just. He was fond of hunting. Oneday he went a hunting at a nearby jungle. He aimed at a fawn but.....

[RB '19]

Ans.

The Right Judgement of The Kazi

Gias Uddin Azam Shah was a great ruler of Bengal. He was very kind and just. He was fond of hunting. Oneday he went a hunting at a nearby jungle. He aimed at a fawn but his aim missed the fawn and by chance the arrow pierced the son of a widow. The widow was very much shocked and disappointed as the victim was her only child. She went to the Kazi to pray for justice. She complained against the Sultan. The Kazi was moved to pity hearing the shocking news. But he could not decide what to do. Because the complaint was against the Sultan. If he did justice to the widow, the Sultan might be displeased. Again if he did not do it, he would remain guilty to the widow and to almighty Allah. At last he made up his mind to bring the Sultan for justice. The Sultan stood before the Kazi. The Kazi asked him whether the complaint is true. The Sultan answered in the affirmative and he was ordered to compensate the loss of the widow. The Sultan agreed and compensated the widow. The Kazi thanked the Sultan for his sense of duty. The Sultan also thanked the Kazi for his justness.

20. Read the beginning of a story. Add at least ten new sentences to complete the story.

There lived a hare and a tortoise in the same jungle. The hare used to taunt the tortoise for its slow pace. One day he challenged the tortoise in a race....

[DB '17: JB '19: SB '16]

Ans.

Slow and Steady Wins the Race

There lived a hare and a tortoise in the same jungle. The hare used to taunt the tortoise for its slow pace. One day he challenged the tortoise in a race. The tortoise said, "You can run quite fast, no doubt. But I think you boost about your speed more than you can run. I think I can beat you."

"Do you hear that?" said the hare to a fox, who was standing near. "Could anyone even think that such a slow-coach could beat me in a race?"

"It would be a good joke if he did," said the fox. "Do you wish to run a race? I will be the judge, if you care to have me."

"That suits me well," answered the hare.

"I am willing," said the tortoise.

So the fox marked off a place for starting, and set up stake at the goal. The race began. The hare hounded along and was very soon far ahead of the tortoise. He called back to the fox, "I think I shall take a little nap before-I finish the race; the tortoise will not reach here for an hour or more." So he lay down in some bushes and went to sleep.

Every minute brought the tortoise a little nearer to the goal. He did not stop for a second.

At last he passed the hare, but the hare still slept. On and on he plodded; it was a long way, but he had no thought of stopping.

He came nearer and nearer the goal. At last his foot touched the stake.

The hare awakened, stretched himself, and leaped toward the goal. "What, you here!" he cried when he saw the tortoise. "How did you ever reach here?"

"Just by keeping at it," said the tortoise.

21. Read the beginning of a story. Add at least ten new sentences to complete the story.

Liton is a brilliant student. Though he wants to make good result, he does not attend classes regularly. Rather going to a coaching center, he memorises answers from guide books and sheets and finds that he cannot cut a good figure in the exams. One day his class teacher called him and..... [DJB '19]

Ans.

The Key to Make Good Result in The Exam

Liton is a brilliant student. Though he wants to make good result, he does not attend classes regularly. Rather going to a coaching center, he memorises answers from guide books and sheets and finds that he cannot cut a good figure in the exams. One day his class teacher called him and enquired about the ways of preparing his lessons. Liton gave him a clear idea about his dependence on coaching center and memorization process.

Mr. Jalil, his class teacher, was an eminent teacher in his area who was elected as a National Best Teacher too. He told Liton to meet him after school hours. Liton was also in intense pressure from his parents to do well in school. So, he met his class teacher at 4 pm in the school library. There his teacher told him that memorization without realization or study without definite time-plan is a stupid job and it never helps to cut a good figure in exams. He, then told him to be regular in classes and made him understand that if he listened to his lessons attentively in classes and took note on them and studied accordingly at home, there would be no need to attend coaching or memorize anything. It is a natural learning process which enables a student to feel his inner strength. Finally, Mr. Jalil served a lesson plan according to Liton's subjects to follow accordingly.

Next three months, Liton, as an obedient student tried his best to follow the rules and started to feel that study too can be a matter of pleasure. Gradually, Liton has become a punctual guy with good knowledge on his subjects. Consequently, he has found that he is cutting better figures in each and every exam from then on.

22. Read the following outlines and develop them into a complete story. Give a suitable title to it :

Once there lived a cowboy in a village. He used to graze cattle near a forest. It was not very far away from his village. Besides his usual duty, he sang and played the flute. But the boy had a bad habit. He used to tell lies. [DB '16; RB '17; BB '17]

Ans.

A Liar Cowboy/ Nobody believes a liar

Once there lived a cowboy in a village. He used to graze cattle near a forest. It was not very far away from his village. Besides his usual duty, he sang and played the flute. But the boy had a bad habit. He used to tell lies just to make fun. One day he wanted to make fun with the villagers. So, he began to shout, "Wolf! Wolf! Help! Help!" The villagers heard the cry. They would come running to help him. Then the cowboy would begin to laugh and say that he only made fun with them. Being disgusted the people would go back.

At last the annoyed (বিরক্ত) men went away saying, "If the rascal cries out again, we won't go for his help."

One day a tiger really came and the boy cried out, "Wolf! Wolf! Please help me!" The people heard him shouting but they did not come. They thought that the boy was again playing his trick to make joke with them.

The tiger fell upon his cows and killed many of them. At last, it fell upon the boy and tore him into pieces.

23. Read the beginning of a story. Write ten new sentences to complete the story.

Once a hungry fox was searching for food in the forest. After a while, he came to a vineyard. He was very tempted at the sight of grapes. But the grapes were hanging very high. [JB '17]

Ans.

Grapes are Sour

Once a hungry fox was searching for food in the forest. After a while, he came to a vineyard. He was very tempted at the sight of grapes. But the grapes were hanging very high. The grapes were too high for him to reach. The fox felt greedy to see the grapes. He wanted to have some of them. So he was thinking how he could

reach the grapes. But there was no way to reach the grapes. So finding no other alternative he ran and jumped high to catch the nearest bunch of grapes. He made several attempts (প্রচেষ্টা) but all were in vain (ব্যর্থ). Each time he missed the juicy grapes. At last he became tired and disappointed. He thus, consoled (সান্ত্বনা) himself saying, "I did not really mean to have these grapes. These grapes are sour indeed."

24. Read the following outlines and develop them into a complete story. Give a suitable title to it :

An old farmer had four sons. They used to quarrel with one another. One day the farmer told his sons to bring [RB '15; CB '17; SB '15]

Ans.

Unity is Strength

An old farmer had four sons. They used to quarrel with one another. One day the farmer told his sons to bring a bundle of sticks.

Accordingly (তদনুসারে), they brought a bundle of sticks. Then the farmer asked them to break it. The three sons tried one after another. But none could break it. Then their father asked them to untie the bundle and told each of his sons to take one stick. Each of the boys took one stick. Their father asked them to break the sticks. Now they broke them easily.

Then the farmer told his sons, "If you live together, nobody can harm (ক্ষতি করা) you and if you are separate (আলাদা), anybody will break you like the single broken sticks."

Moral ▶ *United we stand, divided we fall.*

25. Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a suitable title to it :

In his boyhood Hazrat Abdul Quadir Zilani (R.) was going to Baghdad for education. On the eve of his departure from home, his mother said to him, "My son, never tell a lie and don't get frightened in danger". Baghdad was far away from his home. He began his journey in the company of a band of merchants. The way was infested with robbers and after five days [CB '16]

Ans.

An Instance of Truthfulness

In his boyhood Hazrat Abdul Quadir Zilani (R.) was going to Baghdad for education. On the eve of his departure from home, his mother said to him, "My son, never tell a lie and don't get frightened in danger". Baghdad was far away from his home. He began his journey in the company of band of merchants. The way was infested with robbers and after five days a gang of robbers fell upon them and plundered their belongings and money.

On their way up, the chief of the robbers asked Abdul Quadir whether he had anything valuable with him or not. Abdul Quadir boldly replied, "I've forty gold coins sewed in my shirt".

The leader felt surprised and said, "You might not have disclosed the fact". The leader asked him why he had told them the truth. Abdul Quadir told them about her mother's saying of not to tell a lie even in danger. He told them that to tell a lie is a great sin and everyone should always speak the truth. The robbers were highly astonished by the godliness of the boy. They felt ashamed of their deeds and gave up robbery.

26. Read the following outlines and develop them into a complete story. Give a suitable title to it :

Once upon a time there lived a boy named Bayezid [CB '15; BB '16; DJB '15]

Ans.

Bayazid's Love for his Mother

Once upon a time there lived a boy named Bayazid. His mother was ill. One night he was studying by the side of the bed of his mother. All on a sudden, his mother woke up, raised her head told her son to give her a glass of water. Bayazid went to the kitchen to bring water. But he found the pitcher empty. He searched for water here and there, but in vain. Then he decided to fetch water from the nearby fountain. He took the pitcher and went to the fountain for water. He came back home filling the pitcher to the brim. He poured water into the glass and came to his mother. He found that his mother was fast asleep again. He did not want to disturb his ailing mother. He remained standing beside his mother's bed. His mother awoke in the morning and found her son standing beside her bed. She embraced her son with deep love and prayed to Allah for her son.

27. Read the beginning of a story. Write ten new sentences to complete the story.

Once there was a clever fox in a jungle. Oneday, when the fox was walking through jungle, he fell into a trap. He could somehow get out of the trap, but he had to leave..... [DB '15]

Ans.

None can befool all/ Trick of a Cunning

Fox/ A Fox without a Tail

Once there was a clever fox in a jungle. Oneday, when the fox was walking through jungle, he fell into a trap. He could somehow get out of the trap, but he had to leave his tail behind. Without his tail the fox looked very

odd and strange. "What should I do now?" he cried. But the fox was very clever. He thought and thought. Then once Mr Fox had a good idea. So he made a plan. "I'm going to ask all the foxes to come to a meeting in the jungle," he said to himself.

When the foxes knew about the meeting, they came quickly. "Mr. Fox is very clever," all of them said. "What's he going to tell us?" When Mr Fox saw all the foxes there, he felt very happy and pleased. "Now listen, my friends," he said. "Why have I asked you to come here? It's because I've made a very important discovery that is our tails are not useful. They look ugly. So we should cut off our tails.

All the foxes were listening to the clever fox. Suddenly an old fox stood and said, "My friend, your plan is very interesting but foolish. You have no tail. So you want us to cut off our tails, because you have lost your own tail. We shall not cut off our tails."

28. Read the beginning of a story. Write ten new sentences to complete the story.

One day a crow stole a piece of meat. It flew away and sat on the branch of a tree. Suddenly a fox..... [JB '15]

Ans.

The Fox and the Crow

One day a crow stole a piece of meat. It flew away and sat on the branch of a tree. Suddenly a fox came along and stopped under the tree. He sniffed something good to eat. Looking about, he saw the meat in the crow's mouth and wanted it.

How could he get the meat? He could not climb the tree. What good would it do if he could? The crow would fly away when she saw him coming. He could not coax the crow to come down to the ground. She knew what a fox likes to eat.

At last the fox had a happy thought. He said to himself, "A crow is one of the proudest birds I ever knew. I will flatter her and she will forget about the meat."

So he called out in his sweetest voice, "Good day, my pretty bird"; but the crow did not reply. She only stepped about proudly on the branch.

"I wish I had such a beautiful form as you have," said the fox.

Still no answer, but the crow held up her head and turned it first to one side and then to the other, showing that she was pleased.

"What a graceful neck and bright eye!" said the fox. "The other birds may well be jealous of you."

No answer yet. She only raised her wings a little and gazed down upon the fox.

"If your voice were only as beautiful as your form and your dress, you would be queen of all the birds; but it seems that you cannot talk at all. What a pity that you are dumb!"

The crow gave a loud "caw!" As she did so, the meat fell from her mouth. The fox snapped it up quickly.

The poor crow at last understood that the fox was only fooling her but it was too late.

29. Read the beginning of a story. Write ten new sentences to complete the story.

One day a boy of class eight was going to school. Suddenly he saw a money bag dropped by someone on the road. He was quite at a loss..... [BB '15]

Ans.

Sense of Responsibility of a Boy

One day a boy of class eight was going to school. Suddenly he saw a money bag dropped by someone on the road. He was quite at a loss. He waited there for more few minutes for the owner but no one came. Then he decided to go home and discuss with his mother how to find out the owner and refund the bag to him. Reaching home he told his mother about the matter and his mother thanked him for his noble act and desire. But at first he found no way to inform the probable owner about this. Because there was nothing in the money bag with which the address of the owner could be found.

At last his mother gave him an excellent idea. She advised him to give an advertisement in the local newspaper to draw the attention of the owner of the money bag. In it, they told that he who could show proper evidence, would be proved as the real owner and be given back his money bag. The advertisement worked well. The next day a middle aged gentleman came to their house and proved himself as the real owner and got back his money bag. He thanked the boy and his mother a lot. He wanted to give some of his lost money as a token of gratitude. But the boy refused it and told that the things he had done was nothing but his duty.

30. Read the following story. It is not complete. Write ten new sentences to complete the story :

There were two friends. They lived in a certain village. They promised that they would help each other at the time of danger. One day they were passing through a deep forest. Suddenly a bear came in front of them.

[RB '14]

Ans.

A Tale of Two Friends

There were two friends. They lived in a certain village. They promised (ওয়াদা করা) that they would help each other at the time of danger. One day they were passing through a deep forest. Suddenly a bear (ভয়ুর্ক) came in front of them. So both of them were afraid and were at a loss what to do. One of them knew how to climb a tree. He at once climbed a tree and hid himself. The other man, finding no alternative (বিকল্প), fell on the ground and held his breath pretending (ভান করা) to be dead. The bear came up to him and smelt his nose, ears and face, took him to be a dead man and left the place. When the bear was gone, the man in the tree came down and said, "Thank God that you are saved. But friend, I saw the bear put its mouth very close to your ear. Did it say anything to you."

The friend replied, "Yes, the bear told me not to trust (বিশ্বাস করা) a friend who left you in danger to seek his own safety."

Moral ▶ A friend in need is a friend indeed.

31. Read the following story. It is not complete. Use your imagination to complete it and give it a suitable title :

There lived a woodcutter in a village. One day he was cutting wood near a river. Suddenly, his axe fell into the river. The river was very deep. The woodcutter did not know how to swim or dive. So, he was sitting there sadly. Then a wonderful thing happened. A beautiful fairy appeared before the wood cutter..... [JB '14; BB '14]

Ans.

**An Honest Woodcutter and
The Beautiful Fairy**

There lived a woodcutter in a village. One day he was cutting wood near a river. Suddenly, his axe (কুড়াল) fell into the river. The river was very deep. The wood cutter did not know how to swim or dive (ডুব দেওয়া). So, he was sitting there sadly. Then a wonderful thing happened. A beautiful fairy appeared (যাজির হওয়া) before the woodcutter. She asked him in a sweet voice, "Why are you so sad? Why are you not cutting wood?" The woodcutter replied sorrowfully, "My axe has fallen into the pond. I can't cut wood now." The fairy then showed him an axe made of gold. She asked him if it was his axe. The wood cutter saw the axe and said, "It's not my axe." The fairy showed him another axe made of silver, she asked, "Is this the axe that you lost?" The woodcutter said, "No, it's not. My axe is made of iron." The fairy showed him the lost axe. The woodcutter then said happily that it was his axe. The fairy became very pleased and gave him the gold and the silver axes too. Then the woodcutter became rich and began to live happily.

Moral ▶ Honesty is the best policy.

32. Read the following story. It is not complete. Complete it by using your imagination and give a suitable title to it :

There lived a farmer in a village. He had a wonderful goose. The goose laid an egg of gold everyday. The farmer was very greedy. He thought that, [D/B '14]

Ans.

A Greedy Farmer

There lived a farmer in a village. He had a wonderful goose. The goose laid an egg of gold everyday. The farmer was very greedy (লোভী). He thought that, the goose laid only one egg a day. So it would take time for him to be rich. He thought if he cut the goose, he would get all the eggs at a time. And by this way he would be rich overnight (রাতারাতি). So he told his plan to his wife. His wife was a wise woman and she was not greedy. So she requested her husband not to do so. But the farmer did not listen to his wife. Finally he cut its stomach (পাকস্থলি) with a sharp knife. But alas! There was no egg in it.

The farmer was sorry. His wife also scolded him. She said, "You are foolish but greedy. So you have lost all."

Moral ▶ Grasp all, lose all.

33. Read the beginning of the following story. The story is incomplete. Use your imagination and complete the story, you have to give a suitable title to it :

Once a lion was sleeping in a forest. Suddenly a mouse came there. It did not notice the sleeping lion. It was running about and playing happily. By chance it ran over the face of the lion. It awoke the lion. At this the lion grew very angry.....

Ans.

**Even a Small Creature Can Help a Large
one/ One good act deserves another**

Once a lion was sleeping in a forest. Suddenly a mouse came there. It did not notice the sleeping lion. It was running about and playing happily. By chance it ran over the face of the lion. It awoke the lion. At this the lion grew very angry and caught the mouse. Then the mouse prayed meekly (নরম স্বরে), "Please let me go. One day you may need my help." The lion laughed and thought, "How could a little mouse help a lion?" Then he said, "Well, I will let you go but you must walk carefully." The lion set the mouse free.

The mouse was grateful. He thanked the lion. One day the mouse was looking for something edible. Suddenly he saw that the lion was caught in a net in the jungle. The mouse remembered the lion's assistance and started cutting the net with his sharp (খারালো) teeth. Finally the mouse cut the net and set the lion free. The lion was also grateful to the little creature (প্রাণী). So he thanked the mouse and offered him to be his friend.

34. Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a suitable title to it :

One sunny morning a boy of eleven years was tending cattle by the side of a railway line. Suddenly he noticed that a small railway slipper was about to collapse. A little while later, he remembered that a mail train was supposed to cross in about half an hour.....

Ans.

An Intelligent Boy

One sunny morning a boy of eleven years was tending cattle by the side of a railway line. Suddenly he noticed that a small railway slipper was about to collapse. A little while later, he remembered that a mail train was supposed to cross in about half an hour. He remembered (স্মরণ করা) the story of his grandfather. His grandfather once told him "We should show red cloths to the driver if the train is in dangerous position anytime." Then he put off his shirt. His shirt's colour was red. He tried to move the shirt in the air. He tried to catch the attention of the driver. It was unbelievable (অবিশ্বাস্য) that suddenly the driver could identify the boy's red shirt and thought about danger. The driver stopped the train. The driver got down from the train and found the damage of the rail line. The driver and all the passengers became astonished for the heroism (বীরত্ব) of little boy.

35. Read the following story. The story is incomplete. Use your imagination and complete the story. You have to give a title to it :

A poor girl, named Rina worked in a rich man's house. The house master was kind to her but the mistress was very cruel. She used to scold her now and then. One day while serving tea, Rina broke a cup of tea.....

Ans.

Accursed Child Labour

A poor girl, named Rina, worked in a rich man's house. The house master was kind to her but the mistress was very cruel (নিষ্ঠুর). She used to scold her now and then. One day while serving tea, Rina broke a cup of tea. The house mistress flew into a rage supposing it a great loss, and she made a spud hot and touched it to her arms and back. Moreover, crying was strictly prohibited (নিষিদ্ধ হওয়া) as there were some relatives present in their house. The house mistress made Rina clear the floor instantly. Rina felt nervous as she was little enough to do household chores.

However, she again entered the kitchen to make another cup of tea. Making it she began to move on to the guest room. But in the half way she stumbled and fell in the floor and the result became the same. Now catching Rina's disheveled (এলোমেলো) hair the mistress started beating her black and blue. She dragged her into the kitchen and locked the kitchen door leaving her inside.

The result went to a fatalistic end. Disgusted (বিরক্ত) with life, Rina cut her throat with a sharp knife that was in the kitchen.

36. Read the following story. It is not complete. Use your imagination to complete it and give it a suitable title :

One day some boys were playing cricket in a school ground. All on a sudden they heard a hue and cry nearby. The boys stopped playing then and there and went to the spot. They found.....

Ans.

The Brave Boy

One day some boys were playing cricket in a school ground. All on a sudden they heard a hue and cry (হৈচৈ) nearby. The boys stopped playing then and there and went to the spot. They found smoke coming out of a house. They rushed to the house and found a house on fire. There was nobody else near the fire. Only a few women were running to and fro. They were crying bitterly. The boys thought that there might be somebody in the house who could not come out. There were flames and flames on all sides. It was a great danger. The boys were too brave to cope with the situation. They were witty as well. One of them was really heroic. He then and there ran into the burning house.

The boy found an old woman there. She was too weak to move. The boy took her on his shoulders (কঁধ): He then came out running with her. Other boys were shouting and trying to extinguish (নেভানো) the fire by throwing water. In the meantime, people from nearby houses and areas gathered there. People were, at bottom, amused to see this. They called them brave boys. The Headmaster of the school heard the story the following day. He congratulated the boys on their heroic (বীরত্বপূর্ণ) feat.

This was really a worthy act of which the school also felt proud.

37. Read the following story. It is not complete. Complete it by using your imagination and give a suitable title to it :

Last Saturday I went to the river for taking my bath at 9.00 a.m. I saw two boys bathing in the river. Suddenly one boy fell into the deep water and cried for help.....

Ans.

Rescuing a Drowning Boy

Last Saturday I went to the river for taking my bath at 9.00 a.m. I saw two boys bathing in the river. Suddenly one boy fell into the deep water and cried for help. I rushed to the spot without making any delay. But by the time I reached the spot, the boy went under water and disappeared (বিলীন হওয়া). I was at a loss what to do. I said to the other boy, "Does he know how to swim?" the boy said, "No, he doesn't." I became very afraid realizing that the boy was drowning. I dived into the river and tried to rescue (উদ্ধার করা) the boy. But I couldn't trace the boy under the water. I dived several times and looked for him. After about one minute I could trace him and pulled him above the water. Very quickly I took him to the bank. The boy was then fully unconscious. I knew the first-aid of a drowned man. I gave him first-aid. After a while he got back his consciousness (চেতনা). By this time many ones gathered there. The parents of the boy were also informed of the incident. They rushed to the spot. They said to me, "You have saved our son's life. So we have been indebted (কণী হওয়া) to you." I said, "Don't say so, it's everyone's duty to save one's life". Then I left the place.

38. Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a title to it :

Once there lived a middle-aged woman named Bilkis. She had three sons. Her husband was very lazy and he did not do any work. None but she had to work all day long to earn money for the family. One day she met a group of people who came to her village from the Grameen Bank. They said they were interested in helping the poor people, the landless and the helpless. She learnt from them that.....

Ans.

Fortune Smiles upon the Diligent

Once there lived a middle-aged woman named Bilkis. She had three sons. Her husband was very lazy and he did not do any work. None but she had to work all day long to earn money for the family. One day she met a group of people who came to her village from the Grameen Bank. They said they were interested in helping the poor people, the landless (ভূমিহীন) and the helpless. She learnt from them that only the poor and landless people were eligible (যোগ্য) ones to take a loan from the bank.

However, before they could borrow (ঋণ) money, they would have to make 5-6 groups of workers. Bilkis immediately started to look for people. Soon the necessary groups were formed. All the group members became registered members of the Grameen Bank project. Bilkis's group elected a Chairperson. The group Chairperson would be responsible (দায়ী) for discipline in the group. Members would conduct (পরিচালনা করা) their business with the bank through her. They were fully aware of the rules and procedures (প্রক্রিয়া) governing the activities of the group. In this process Bilkis got a loan of three thousand taka. She invested the amount in a small business. She repaid the loan money and got a bigger loan. In this way she became self reliant (আত্মনির্ভরশীল).

Eventually, all her family members started living happily with solvency.

39. Read the following story. It is not complete. Use your imagination and complete it. Give it a title :

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Ans.

Laziness Begets Failure

Jamal is an S.S.C examinee. He is not attentive to his lesson especially to English because he is very weak in English. Moreover, he is lazy. So his preparation in English is not good. A month ago before his examination he managed a short suggestion on English.

The examination was drawing near and he began cramming more and more. The appointed (নির্দিষ্ট) day of English exam appeared. With a heavy tremor all through the body Jamal entered the hall. Obtaining question paper in hand he got puzzled (হতভম্ব) as there were a few questions common in the paper. With a trembling hand he began to write through an over writing tendency and habit. He delivered inaccurate answer to his known questions even in the brunt of his heavy excitement. Final bell rang with the end of the fixed three hours of exam. Jamal left the hall leaving many questions unanswered. The result after three months was out and he was absent in the gazette.

Afterwards he became clear of his failure in English. Finally he understood his fault (দোষ) in study process. He took an oath (শপথ গ্রহণ) never to do such again in life.

40. Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a title to it :

Once a school boy named Ahsanullah was going home after completing his class. When he was crossing the road, he saw an old woman lying on the road. She was senseless. There was nobody to help her.....

Ans.

A Dutiful Boy

Once a school boy named Ahsanullah was going home after completing his class. When he was crossing the road, he saw an old woman lying on the road. She was senseless (অচেতন). There was nobody to help her. Ahsanullah at once became concerned with the woman. He came to know that she had a collision (সংঘর্ষ) with a baby taxi. He took the wounded and unconscious woman to the nearby hospital in assistance with a rickshaw puller. The hospital authorities could not recognise the woman as Ahsanullah did not know her.

Ahsanullah became her custodian and took the charge of her treatment cost. The woman came to life again. After some days she was fully cured (আরোগ্য লাভ করা). Now the question 'where the woman will go' was posed on. The woman replied that she would go to the home of Nabiullah. Ahsanullah became a little agitated and asked where Nabiullah's home was. 'Muradnagar' the reply was. "My village" Ahsan thought to himself. "Nabiullah, my father and in this village there is only one Nabiullah."

The mystery became clear that the woman was Ahsan's father's only sister who never met her brother after her marriage. Ahsan warmly received her aunt and took her to his home with a happy heart.

41. Read the beginning of the story. The story is incomplete. Now complete the story using your imagination and give it a name.

Long long ago there lived a king in England. He was over eighty and in the wrong side of life. He had three daughters. He decided to divide his kingdom among his three daughters, but before doing that he thought of calling each of them to know how much they loved him.....

Ans.

A True Love Shown by Cordelia Towards her Father King Lear

Long long ago there lived a king in England. He was over eighty and in the wrong side of life. He had three daughters. He decided to divide his kingdom (রাজ্য) among his three daughters, but before doing that he thought of calling each of them to know how much they loved him. The eldest daughter told that she loved the king from the core of her heart. She loved him like honey. The second daughter told him that she loved the king like sweets. She could do anything for her father. At this the king was very glad and satisfied (সন্তুষ্ট). At last, he called his youngest daughter, Cordelia. The king wanted to know how much she loved him. Then the youngest daughter told that she loved him like salt. At this, the king became very angry.

He ordered his soldier to put her away in the jungle. The king divided the kingdom into two parts and presented equally among the two daughters. On the other hand, one day the prince of another country came for hunting into the jungle and found the youngest daughter of the king. The daughter was very beautiful and the prince liked her very much. He married her. After many years, the king was very helpless because his daughters left him away as they were very selfish (স্বার্থপর). Then the king left his kingdom and went to the jungle. One day he was very hungry and saw a palace nearby. He entered the palace and begged food from them. The youngest daughter came out and knew her father. She was very pleased to see her father and cooked many delicious (সুস্বাদু) food items. But she did not use salt and so the king could not eat the food. He rebuked (তিরস্কার করা) his daughter for not using salt. He told that he could not eat any food without salt. The daughter reminded him that she loved him like salt and so she was left away in the jungle. At this, the king became very sad and burst into tears. Then the king repented to his youngest daughter and prayed to God for her betterment.

42. Read the story. The story is not complete. Use your imagination.

Once there lived a happy cobbler who passed his days in working and singing from morning till night. A rich neighbour of his was banker who one day said to him, "How much do you earn a year?"

Ans.

Happiness Lies in the Contentment

Once there lived a happy cobbler who passed his days in working and singing from morning till night. A rich neighbor of him was banker who one day said to him, "How much do you earn a year?" The cobbler replied that he had never saved his one year's income and even he did not know how many days a year had. Hearing this, the banker became surprised (অবাক). He asked the cobbler what he did with his money. The cobbler told that he lived from hand to mouth. In fact the cobbler (ফুটি) earned very little and spent all the money he earned a day to support himself and he had no ambition (আকাঙ্ক্ষা). He had no demand for amenities that had not possessed.

So poverty could not stand in the way of his happiness. At this, a deep thought occurred in the mind of the banker. He sighed, "How helpless I am!" A vast property belonged to the banker. But an unsatisfaction (অসন্তুষ্টি) always troubled him. So he always wanted more riches which snatched away his happiness. The banker said to himself, "What is use of this possession when I'm deprived of real peace?" He thought he was poorer than the cobbler. So he began to find out happiness giving away all his riches to the poor. In fact happiness is a relative factor which varies from person to person. It can't be possessed in spite of having vast properties.

43. Read the following outlines and develop them into a complete story. Give a suitable title to your story.

Once a crocodile wanted her four children to be educated — She went to fox — he ate one of them — the cunning fox again ate one of them — the fox ate all the kids — do not need their mother.

Ans.

Look Before You Leap

Once a crocodile wanted her four children to be educated. So she went to a fox and asked him to educate her children. The fox willingly agreed to do so. Being satisfied with the speech of the fox, the crocodile left her children to the fox. But the fox was cunning by nature and he was fond of eating crocodile's kids. So, he ate one of them and kept the other three.

After a week the crocodile came to the fox to meet her sweet kids and enquired about their children. The fox assured that the kids are learning very swiftly and they are meritorious too. Being satisfied with the speech of the fox, the crocodile left the place. In the meantime the cunning fox again ate one of them. The crocodile again came to the fox and the fox showed one kid twice making a total of four. The crocodile became satisfied and went away.

The next week the crocodile again came to see her kids. Now only one kid was left. The fox followed the same trick before the crocodile and told her that their education would be complete by the following week. Now the fox produced the kid four times. The crocodile came back with joyous mind. Then the fox ate up the remaining (অবশিষ্ট) kid and deserted (ছেড়ে যাওয়া) the place forever.

After a week the crocodile came with pleasant mind to take away her children. But Alas! She found nobody in the jungle. She searched her sweet children here and there but found nothing. Finally, she understood the matter and left the place with profound (গভীর) grief.

44. Read the beginning of a story. Write ten new sentences to complete the story.

There was a poor boatman in a village. He was illiterate. He used to row in boat from morning till evening only to meet his both ends meet.

Ans.

A Scholar and a Boatman

There was a poor boatman in a village. He was illiterate. He used to row in boat from morning till evening only to meet his both ends meet. Once a scholar was going to a place by his boat. It was the beginning of the summer season. The boatman set sail and the boat was advancing smoothly. The scholar said to the boatman, "Did you read history?"

The boatman said, "No." The scholar told him that without any knowledge of history one-fourth of his life was spoilt. He looked at the beautiful scenery and asked again whether he had read geography. As usual the reply of the boatman was in the negative. This time the scholar said that one half of the boatman's life was spoilt. Then they were silent for some time. It was afternoon. The scholar broke the silence and said to the boatman, "Do you know anything about science?" "No, nothing do I know of science", was the answer of the boatman. The scholar said to him that his life was of no use. Three-fourths of his life were spoilt. Hearing this the boatman remained silent. All on a sudden, the sky became covered with dark clouds. The 'Kalboishakhi' began to blow in the form of a storm. The scholar was very much frightened.

This time the boatman said to him, "Sir, do you know how to swim?" The scholar replied in the negative in a pitiful voice. The boatman then said, "The boat is going to sink. Now I see your whole life is spoilt. Your bookish knowledge is of no use here."