

Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context:

I (a)--- (be) a second year college student and my annual exam (b)--- (be) close at hand. I (c)--- (need) to study a lot. However, conditions at my house (d)--- (be) not at all favorable. My elder sister (e)--- (get) married last month and since then her share of the household chores has (f)--- (fall) upon my shoulders. On top of that, my aunt has just (g)--- (have) a new baby boy. He (h) (scream) all the time and keeps everyone up late into the night. I'm really worried about my (i)--- (come) exams. Tell me, what should I (j)--- (do)?

Answer: (a) am; (b) is; (c) need; (d) are; (e) got; (f) fallen; (g) had; (h) screams; (i) coming; (j) do.

2. Parents (a)--- (be) blessing of God to us. When a child (b)---(bear), their joys (c)--- (known) no bounds. They (d)--- (start) (e)--- (think) of (f)--- (nurture) and (g)--- (bring) up their children. They (h)---(remain) safe under the custody of their parents since birth. Parents never mind (i)--- (take) pains for the upbringing of their off-spring. We should never (j) --- (offend) our parents.

Answer: (a) are; (b) is born; (c) know; (d) start; (e) to think/thinking; (f) nursing; (g) bringing; (h) remain; (i) taking; (j) should offend.

3. Gaji Pir was a Muslim saint who (a)---(say) to have spread Islam in the parts of Bengal close to the Sunderbans. He (b)--- (credit) with many miracles. According to some stories he fought with many crocodiles by which people of that region (d)--- (threaten). Because of his vigilant presence all predatory animals were said to (e)---(keep) within bounds. It (f)--- (believe) that he (g)--- (enable) people to live there in peace. So people (h)--- (pray) to him for protection. The story of Gaji Pir (i)---(preserve) in folk literature as well as art and (j)--- (perform) in indigenous theater.

Answer: (a) is said; (b) was credited; (c) is depicted; (d) were threatened; (e) be kept; (f) is believed; (g) enabled; (h) prayed; (i) has been preserved; (j) has been performed.

4. Jerry was an orphan. He (a)---(come) to the orphanage at the age of four. He (b)---(lose) his parents in his infancy. Then, he (c)---(commit) to the care of the orphanage. He could hardly (d) --- (recollect) his parents. In spite of (e) --- (be) an orphan, he (f) --- (develop) a strong fabric of morality. His inimitable morality (g) --- (draw) him close to the authoress. The authoress (h) --- (impress) with him. She started (i) - --(show) affection for him. Jerry (j) --- (fabricate) a lie to win her motherly love and affection.

Answer: (a) came; (b) lost; (c) was committed; (d) recollect; (e) being; (f) developed; (g) drew; (h) was impressed; (i) showing/to show; (j) fabricated.

5. The existence of human life on the earth (a) --- (be) very short. Within this short span of time, a man has (b) --- (occupy) the place in the heart of others (c) --- (perform) some splendid tasks for the humanity. If he (d) --- (be) derailed from this path, he is sure (e) --- (sink) into oblivion. It is a matter of sorrow that most of the people in the name of (f) --- (to get) prosperity (g) --- (forget) their responsibilities to the fellow-beings not (h) --- (think) about negative reward in the future. This is (i) --- (call) selfishness that (j) -

--(make) one's heart narrow.

Answer: (a) is; (b) to occupy; (c) performing; (d) is; (e) to sink; (f) getting; (g) forget; (h) thinking; (i) called; (j) makes.

6. For three years now Dhaka (a)--- (rank) 2nd from bottom in the Economic Intelligence Unit's survey of 140 cities under The Global Liability Index. The scores (b)--- (base) on five major criteria health care, culture, environment, education and infrastructure. That Dhaka tops only Damascus (c)--- (be) no comfort for the million residents of Dhaka. However, we are not altogether (d)--- (surprise) by the results; we (e)---(downgrade) our environment by its systematic destruction. There is a lack of proper public transportation and the horrendous traffic system and poor management (f)--- (cost) the GDP 1-2 percent in annual growth according to Asian Development Bank's latest estimate. Our score of 29.2 on a scale of 100 is identical with Damascus and we (g)--- (be) aghast to learn that Dhaka (h) (lag). Damascus (i)--- (experience) siege and bombardment over the last four years whereas Dhaka (j)--- (be) at peace for over four decades since independence.

Answer: (a) has been ranked; (b) are based; (c) is; (d) surprised; (e) have downgraded; (f) costs/is costing; (g) are; (h) is lagging; (i) has experienced; (j) has been.

7. Parents and children (a) --- (constitute) a family. They (b) --- (connect) with one another by blood, love and affection. The children (c) --- (live) through the days of infancy without the loving care of their parents. It is the parents who (d) (bring) them up, nourish them, nurse them in sickness, give their proper educational help to get (e) --- (settle) in life. Parents have to (f) --- (discharge) their duties so that children (g) --- (can) prosper. But children have certain duties to (h) --- (perform) by them for (i) --- (attain) prosperity. They must (j) --- (obey) their parents.

Answer: (a) constitute; (b) are connected; (c) cannot live; (d) bring; (e) settled; (f) discharge; (g) can; (h) be performed; (i) attaining; (j) obey.

8. Patriotism (a)--- (be) a noble virtue. It (b)--- (refer) to those qualities which (c)--- (make) a man great. Patriots (d)--- (devote) their lives for the well-being of their country. On the contrary, those who (e)--- (be) devoid of patriotic zeal (f)---(be) self-centered ones. They are the vile persons who (g)--- (have) no scruples to plot against the country. They should (h)--- (mark) well for they can cause any harm to the country. An unpatriotic person never (i)--- (hesitate) to exchange the interest of the country for his own interest. But the true patriots are always ready (j)--- (dedicate) their lives for the sake of the country.

Answer: (a) is; (b) refers; (c) make; (d) devote; (e) are; (f) are; (g) have; (h) be marked; (i) hesitates; (j) to dedicate.

9. Road mishap (a)..... (happen) in our country almost every day. Recently it (b)..... (rise) to an alarming rate (c)..... (take) a heavy toll of human lives. The members of a family remain anxious if someone (d)..... (travel) in a bus. In most cases, reckless driving (e)..... (cause) road accidents. The drivers are in the habit of (f)..... (violate) traffic rules. Road accidents can be (g)..... (lessen) if the drivers drive their vehicles carefully. People should be conscious in this respect. While (h)..... (cross) the road, they

should be careful. Some people travel (j)..... (climb) on the roof of the buses and trains. Traffic rules must be maintained strictly with a view to (j).....(control) road accidents.

Answer: (a) happens; (b) has risen; (c) taking; (d) travels; (e) causes; (f) violating; (g) lessened; (h) crossing; (i) climbing; (j) controlling.

10. 21st February of the year (a)--- (observe) as the Shaheed Dibash. On this very day in 1952, many heroic souls of the soil like Salam, Jabber, Barkat, Shafique and many others (b) ---(lay) their lives (c) -- (establish) 'Bangla' as the official language of the country. It is also observed as the Language Martyred Day or Shaheed Day. On this day, people (d)--- (wake) early in the morning. They put on a black badge (e) ---(mark) the day as a day of mourning for them. They walk to the Shaheed Minar on barefooted with flowers and wreaths in hands. They offer flowers and wreaths on the foot of the Shaheed Minar to show love and (f) ---(respect) to the martyred heroes. They (g) ---(remain) standing silently for some time. Many meetings and seminars (h) ---(hold). People also (i) ---(pray) for the salvation of the souls of the martyrs throughout the country in different religious institutions. Considering the supreme sacrifice (j) -- -(make) by the martyrs, the UNESCO declared the day as The International Mother Language Day. This day is now observed throughout the world.

Answer: (a) is observed; (b) laid; (c) to establish; (d) wake up; (e) marking; (f) respect; (g) remain; (h) are held; (i) pray; (j) made.

11. Most often people who (a) ---- (appear) most often and most gloriously in the pages of history (b) - (be) great conquerors and generals. Whereas, the people who really (c)---- (help) civilization forward are often never (d) ---- (mention) at all. We do not know who first (e) (set) a broken leg or (f) (launch) a seaworthy boat or (g) --(calculate) the length of a year. The great men are those who --- (work) ceaselessly, to quicken the pace of civilization. On the contrary, the condemned men are those who (i) -- -- (cause) bloodshed and violence in the world. All of us (j) ---(adore) the great men of the world.

Answer: (a) appear (b) are (c) help (d) mentioned (e) set (f) launched (g) calculated (h) work (i) cause (j) adore