

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks—100

[Answer all the questions. Figure in the margin indicate full marks.]

Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

Bangladesh continues its remarkable progress in the areas of poverty alleviation, primary school enrolment, gender parity in primary and secondary level education, lowering the infant and under-five mortality rate and maternal mortality ratio, improving immunization coverage, and reducing the incidence of communicable diseases.

Not with standing the low incidence of the communicable diseases and the progress made, Bangladesh faces challenges in maintaining the trend. These include inadequate coverage of Most of risk population, limited technical and managerial capacity and lack of strategic information management.

In case of environment, some of the important challenges are: efficient use of forest resources, lack of facilitating technology, lack of proper regulation and adequate enforcement that reveal the gaps in expected development, lack of information in the area of chemical fertilizer consumption and energy mix, and developing water-efficient agricultural practises. All these challenges have to be overcome with concerted efforts by all, for sustainable growth and development in achieving MDGs.

The challenges ahead of Bangladesh call for mobilizing required resources and targeted interventions in the areas lagging behind. This report would assist the Government of Bangladesh and other stakeholders to take appropriate measures regarding the off-track targets, to bring them in line to achieve the MDGs by 2015.

1. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives. $1 \times 7 = 7$

- a. The phrase 'gender parity' means —**
- i) gender discrimination
 - ii) gender equality
 - iii) difference between male and female
 - iv) all of them
- b. The first passage hints that —**
- i) Bangladesh is growing developed
 - ii) Bangladesh is lagging behind

- iii) Bangladesh is not developing at all
- iv) Mortality rate in Bangladesh is increasing
- c. **Communicable diseases in Bangladesh are —**
 - i) stable
 - ii) improving
 - iii) unchanged
 - iv) decreasing
- d. **The word 'trend' means —**
 - i) a general tendency
 - ii) adequacy
 - iii) challenges
 - iv) capacity
- e. **In case of environment, Bangladesh has — challenges.**
 - i) few
 - ii) no
 - iii) some
 - iv) many
- f. **The phrase "off-track targets" indicates —**
 - i) The targets that have been achieved
 - ii) The targets that have not been fixed yet
 - iii) The wrong targets
 - iv) All of above
- g. **The text above points out —**
 - i) The progress of Bangladesh
 - ii) The problems of Bangladesh
 - iii) Some advice for Bangladesh
 - iv) Some challenges and progress of Bangladesh and some advice for sustainable development.

2. **Answer the following questions.** 2×5=10

- (a) What are the fields in which Bangladesh has made progress?
- (b) Does Bangladesh have any challenges regarding environment? So, what are they?
- (c) How can the report above help the Bangladesh Government?
- (d) What are the challenges except environment challenges mentioned above?
- (e) How can Bangladesh progress further?

3. **Write a summary of the passage in not more than 90 to 100 words.** 10

4. Read the passage on the love affair between Romeo and Rosaline. Complete the table below with information from the passage. 1×5=5

There was a great enmity between the two noblest families in the city of Verona. The names of the two families were the Montagues and the Capulet. There were angry words and fights whenever the followers of the two families met. Their noisy quarrels often disturb the sound sleep of peaceful citizens. Once the old Lord Capulet gave a grand feast. The noblest lords and the most beautiful ladies of the city were invited to it. Of course, no one of the members of Montagues was invited. The lovely lady Rosaline was among the guests. Now Romeo was madly in love with her. He was the handsome young son of old Lord Montague. He could not even sleep at night. He always thought of Rosaline that had kept off sleep. It was his one wish to be near her. Rosaline, however, had no love for Romeo. She plainly showed this whenever they met. Romeo was eager to go to the feast in order to be near Rosaline. But he was a Montague and his going there might cost him his life. Therefore, he decided that he could go there in a mask. Then no one would recognise him. Romeo would see ladies more beautiful than Rosaline at the banquet. There was a man named Benvolio. He hoped that would cure Romeo of his mad love for the proud Rosaline. So, he encouraged Romeo to go to the feast.

Who/ What	Event	Time/ Place
Montague and Capulets	angry words and fights	(i) —
Lord and ladies	(ii) —	Lord Capulet's house.
(iii) —	could not sleep	at night.
Rosaline	showed no love to Romeo	(iv) —
Romeo	(v) —	to the feast.

5. From your reading of the above passage fill in the blanks with suitable words. Use one word only in each blank. 1×5=5

In the city Verona, there lived two noblest families. These two families were at great (a) — with each other. Once the Lord Capulets gave a grand (b) —. The honourable citizens except the Montagues were invited to it. Among the guests, there was a beautiful lady (c) — Rosaline. Romeo, the young son of old Lord Montagues fell in love with her. But Rosaline had no love for him. Romeo was eager to go to the feast in order to be (d) — to Rosaline. As a member of the Montagues family, it was dangerous for him to go to the feast. So, he (e) — that he would go there in a mask.

6. Match the parts of sentences given in column 'A' and column 'B' to write five complete sentences. There are more parts of sentences in column 'B' than required. $1 \times 5 = 5$

Column A	Column B
(a) A dreadful suspicion filled Hamlet's mind	(i) as the morning cock had crowed.
(b) One night Horatio came to the prience with	(ii) automatically.
(c) The ghost opened his mouth to speak something but could not	(iii) because of mysterious death of his father.
(d) Hamlet thought that the ghost would tell him the fact	(iv) about his father's death.
(e) A great change happened to Hamlet	(v) of an unknown world.
	(vi) as a great sorrow had fallen on him.
	(vii) a strange story.

7. Put the following parts of the story in correct order to rewrite the whole story. $1 \times 8 = 8$

- Then he tried another way.
- The water quickly ran through the hole as before.
- He put his whole hand over the hole and kept the water in.
- Shishir sat down by the side of the hole and tried to fill the hole with earth.
- At last, he found the right way.
- But he soon found that this was of no use.
- This kept the water in for a time, but soon the water came through again.
- He lay down and put his hand in the hole.

8. Answer the following questions to write a paragraph on "Necessity of Learning English". You should write about 250 words. 10

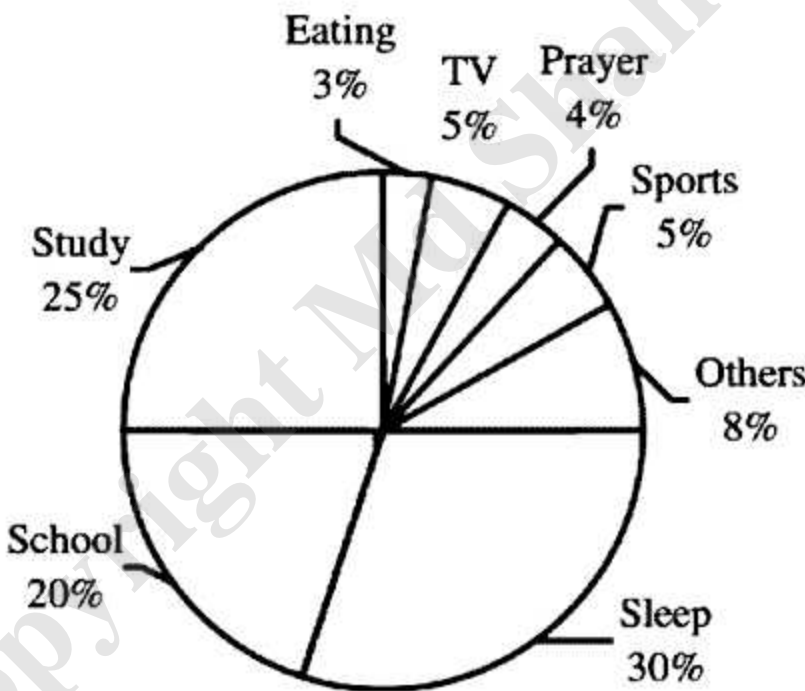
- Why should we learn English?
- What will happen if we do not learn English?

- c) What will be the benefit of learning English?
- d) What are the difficulties in learning English?
- e) What is your suggestion about learning English?

9. Read the beginning of a story. Write ten new sentences to complete the story. 10

A poor girl named Rina worked in a rich man's house. The housemaster 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

10. The following pie-chart show the amount of time the Rafique spends each day on various activities. Describe the pie-chart in about 150 words. You should highlight and summarize the information given in the pie-chart. 10



11. Suppose, you are Apu of 3/2, Tajmahal Road, Mohammadpur, Dhaka and your friend Rakb lives at 102, Ranipukur Lane, Mymensingh. Now write a letter to him describing a place of historical interest that you have visited recently. 10
12. Suppose, you are Palash and your friend is Shimul. You Test exam is knocking at the door. Now write a dialogue between you and your friend about the preparation of the ensuing Test Exam. 10