

Model Question No. 1

Model Question of JSC Examination 2015

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English 1st Paper

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[N.B.–The Figures in the right margin indicate full marks.]

Section A : Reading Test (Seen passage)

Read the text carefully and answer the questions 1, 2 and 3.

Communication of ideas is at the centre of civilisation. It needs written records. Most of our records in the modern age are on paper. Though writing was invented very early, paper is a more modern invention.

For long in history, people transferred ideas through speaking and listening. Then there came the art of writing. But to record thoughts in writing was difficult. Writing material was not available. People used surface of stone, metal, wood, bark, leaves, etc. for writing. Those things were not easy to carry. Then for ages, people looked for easy writing materials. Finally, paper was invented in China in 105 AD.

Before paper age, knowledge was very restricted. Can you think of that time? There were very few books in the world. May be, they were written on stone or on heavy wood plunks or on metal sheets. Suppose, one page was a heavy stone block. So think of a hundred page book! In our age, you can carry the entire world of knowledge in digital form in your laptop bag. You can even carry a huge volume of paper encyclopedia. But who could produce and carry tons of heavy stone books and documents in those paperless days? In fact, paper has made publication and the spread of knowledge and information easy. So you can see how paper has changed our life.

1. Guess the meaning of the following words and choose the correct meaning closest to the text. $1 \times 5 = 5$

a. bark

- i) stone ii) noise
iii) outer covering of trees
iv) cry

b. entire

- i) finished ii) plenary
iii) fool iv) whole

c. idea

- i) notion ii) speech
iii) dream iv) programmed

d. material

- i) job ii) ingredient
iii) soil iv) sand

e. centre

- i) source ii) root
iii) neuter iv) nucleus

2. Answer the following questions. $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) Was writing material available in the past, if yes how? If no, why not?
(b) Who invented paper and when?

- (c) Why did people look for easy writing materials?
(d) What can be carried in our laptop bag nowadays?
(e) Do you think paper has changed our life? Explain why your answer is yes or no.

3. Summarize the above passage in around 85 words 10

Reading Test (Unseen passage)

Read the following text carefully and answer questions 4 and 5.

Cricket is one of the most popular games, especially, one day cricket. The first one day cricket was played in Australia. One Day World Cup Cricket Tournament was first held in England in 1975. The West Indies won the trophy. The 2nd and 3rd tournaments were also held in England in 1979 and 1983 respectively. In 1987 Pakistan and India were the host countries. In 1992 Pakistan won the trophy from Australia and New Zealand. The first Asian Test Final match was held in 1999 in Bangladesh. Bangladesh became champion in ICC in 1996 in Malaysia. The World Cup Cricket Tournament of 1999 was held in England. Bangladesh participated in this tournament. It was the last tournament of the 20th century. Mini World Cup competition was held in Bangladesh in 1998. In 1996 Pakistan, India and Sri-Lanka jointly arranged the World Cup Cricket Tournament and Sri-Lanka won the trophy.

4. Complete the following table with the information given in the passage. $1 \times 5 = 5$

Who/What	Event/Achievement	Place/Country	Time/Year
Cricket	the first one day cricket	(i) —	
One Day Tournament	World Cup	England	(ii) —
(iii) —	trophy	England	in 1979
Bangladesh	(iv) —	Malaysia	in 1996
Mini World Cup	held	(v) —	in 1998

5. Read the passage again and write True/False. If false, give the correct answers. $1 \times 5 = 5$

- (a) The first Asian Test Final match was held in Pakistan in 1980.
(b) Bangladesh became runners up in ICC in 1996 in Malaysia.
(c) The World Cup Cricket Tournament of 1999 was held in Australia.
(d) Mini World Cup Competition was held in Bangladesh in 1998.
(e) Pakistan, India and Sri-Lanka jointly arranged Mini World Cup Competition in 1996.

6. Fill in the gaps with appropriate word. $1 \times 5 = 5$
 The little bee flies from flower to (a) —. It knows no rest from (b) — to evening. It collects honey from (c) —. Thus, it fills its big hive (d) — little drops of honey. The whole (e) — they go about searching food. We can learn a lot from the life of insects.

7. Rearrange the following sentences in correct order. 10

- The angel took down his request and went away.
- His name was Abu Ben Adhem.
- Abu then requested him to put his name in the list because he loved mankind and his fellow brothers.
- He again appeared the next night and showed Abu that his name was at the top of the list.
- The angel was writing the name of persons who loved God.
- Once upon a time, there was an honest and pious man.
- He was once sleeping peacefully.
- In reply the angel said that his name was not there.
- Abu asked the angel if his name was in the list.
- Suddenly he woke up and saw an angel.

8. Fill in the gaps in the following passage with suitable words from the box. There are more words than you need. $0.5 \times 10 = 5$

become	remove	be	known
harm	try	destroy	break
bring	shine	solving	opened

Idleness may (a) — destruction for anyone. There (b) — a proverb regarding idleness. In idleness is the conspiracy of the devil. It is similar to destructive power in the sense that power tends (c) — everything. Those who are idle can never (d) — in life because idleness closes their gate of prosperity. The gate of prosperity can be (e) — when one works hard. An idle brain is (f) — as devil's workshop because many bad and harmful things or thoughts occur in an idle brain. We should always (g) — our best to (h) — idle thinking. If we (i) — active in doing our works properly we can go a long way in (j) — the problem of our poor condition.

9. The phrases in column A are the beginnings of some sentences. The phrases in column B are the endings. Match the phrases in column A with the phrases in column B to make complete sentences. $1 \times 5 = 5$

Column A	Column B
(i) Our country has a	(a) in size and is very nice to look at.
(ii) We achieved it after a nine months sanguinary	(b) and the remaining portion is bottle green in colour.
(iii) Our national flag is rectangular	(c) national flag of her own, which symbolizes the sovereignty of the country.
(iv) The round middle portion is red	(d) War of Liberation in 1971.
(v) It may be of different sizes but its length	(e) and breadth must be in the ratio of 10:06.

Section B : Writing Test

10. Suppose, you are Nadvi. Your friend is Nazmul. Now, write a dialogue between you and your friend about the merits and demerits of mobile phone. 10
11. Write a paragraph on 'Dictionary' in about 150 words answering the following questions. 10
 (a) What is a dictionary? (b) What does a dictionary do in the field of learning? (c) How can we look up a word in a dictionary? (d) What things does a dictionary include in its volume? (e) What are the most popular English dictionaries now a days?
12. Read the beginning of a story. Now, complete it in 150 words. 10
 Sheikh Saadi was a famous poet. One day, he was invited by the king.....
13. Imagine you live in 05, College Road, Feni and your friend lives at 20/D, Agrabad Road, Chittagong. He/she wants to know what you intend to do after the JSC examination. Now write a letter to your friend telling him/her of your plan after the JSC examination. 10
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