

[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.**

Nakshi Kantha is a kind of embroidered quilt. The name was taken from the Bengali word, 'naksha' which means artistic pattern. It is a kind of traditional craft and is said to be indigenous to Bangladesh and West Bengal in India. The art has been practised in rural Bengal for centuries. The name "Nakshi Kantha" became popular after the poet Jasimuddin's poem 'Nakshi Kantha Math' was published in 1929.

Traditional Kanthas are made for family use. Old or new cloth and thread are used to make these quilts. Mymensingh, Jamalpur, Rajshahi, Faridpur, Bogra and Jessore are most famous for this craft. Now, it is produced commercially. You can find them in many expensive handicraft shops in cities. The quilts are now in great demand because of the colourful patterns and designs embroidered on them.

1. Choose the best answer from the alternatives. $1 \times 5 = 5$ **a. — are most famous for the craft.**

- i) Mymensingh, Dhaka
- ii) Rajshahi, Rangpur
- iii) Mymensingh, Jessore
- iv) Bogra, Pabna

b. Nakshi Kanthas are a kind of —.

- i) cloth
- ii) quilt
- iii) embroidered quilt
- iv) Shitol Pati

c. What does the word 'pattern' mean?

- i) step by step
- ii) series
- iii) artistic design
- iv) handmade work

d. What are used to make these quilts?

- i) New cloth
- ii) Old cloth
- iii) Polymer thread
- iv) Any type of cloth and thread

e. Where has the art been practised?

- i) Large cities
- ii) Urban area
- iii) Rural area
- iv) Rich family

2. Give short answers to the following questions. $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) What does 'naksha' mean?
- (b) How did it become famous?
- (c) Do you like a nakshi kantha or an ordinary kantha? Why?
- (d) Why are they in great demand?
- (e) In cities, where do we get them?

3. Read the text in A again. Now, write the summary of it in around 50 words. 10 **Reading Test (Unseen passage)****Read the following text carefully and answer the questions 4 and 5.**

The moon is the earth's nearest neighbour. When the moon is full, it looks very attractive. So, man has always dreamt of setting foot on it. The dream came true on July 20, 1969. Three American astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin and Michael Collins, set out for the moon in a spaceship. They travelled at a great speed. Just 76 hours later they were orbiting the moon. After a while, two of the astronauts, Armstrong and Aldrin, left their spaceship in a lunar landing craft and prepared to land on the moon. Armstrong was the first to climb out and set down. As his

left foot touched the rough surface of the moon, he said, "That's a small step for a man, one great leap for mankind." Just after twenty minutes Aldrin followed Armstrong and stepped on the moon. Both astronauts explored the area surrounding the landing craft. Then they took pictures, set up scientific equipment and collected sixty pounds of rocks and moon soil. They also set up a television camera on the moon so that the whole world could watch.

While they were busy with these activities, Michael Collins was in the main ship moving around the moon. Armstrong and Aldrin spent **21 hours and 36 minutes** on the moon. Then they boarded the landing craft and lifted off. They returned safely to the spaceship.

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

Who/What	Activities	When/Time
The spaceship	set out	(i) —
(ii) —	followed Armstrong	just after 20 minutes
Both of them	(iii) —	on 20 July 1969
(iv) —	was staying in the mainship	other two were busy with work
Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin	spent	(v) —

5. Read the passage again and write True or False beside the following statements. If the statements are false give the correct answers. $1 \times 5 = 5$

- (a) Edwin Aldrin was the first man who touched the rough surface of the moon.
- (b) Armstrong and Aldrin spent 21 hours and 36 minutes on the moon.
- (c) Michael Collins is the citizen of U.K.
- (d) The moon is very close to the earth.
- (e) They set up television station on the moon.

6. Fill in the gaps with appropriate words. $1 \times 5 = 5$

Bangladesh is one of the most over () — countries of the world. Her (b) — area is smaller than most (c) — countries but she has a large (d) —. She lost more than three (e) — people in the war of 1971.

7. Rearrange the following sentences in correct order. 10

- (a) As he was a greedy person, he did not hear his wife.
- (b) He told his desire to his wife.
- (c) He was very greedy and selfish.
- (d) His wife was a wise and clever woman.
- (e) Once a farmer had a wonderful goose.
- (f) She forbade her husband not to do that.
- (g) It laid an golden egg everyday.
- (h) He wanted to cut the belly and get all the eggs at a time.
- (i) He cut the belly with a sharp knife and got nothing there.
- (j) He was not happy to get an egg daily.

8. Fill in the gaps using clues from the boxes. There are more words than necessary. $0.5 \times 10 = 5$

money	all	die	the	undertaken	destroy
pure	skin	by	long	relief	affected

Floods cause huge damages. They (a) — homes and crops. In the (b) — areas people suffer greatly. Death

(c) — drowning is also common. When (d) — floods recede, diarrhoea, typhoid and (e) — diseases break out. Food and (f) — drinking water run short. People (g) — of starvation. Rehabilitation takes a (h) — time and a lot of (i) —. Massive relief work is to be (j) —.

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. Early rising	a) gets enough time to perform his tasks.
ii. It makes	b) get up early from bed.
iii. It helps	c) is a good habit.
iv. An early riser	d) our health free from diseases.
v. We should	e) the persons who are not able to finish his works in time.

Section B : Writing Test

10. Suppose, you are Mishu. You have gone to visit a doctor as your health is not well. **Now, make a dialogue in 100 words between you and the doctor about your health problem.** 10
11. Write a paragraph on "Your School Library" by answering the following questions. **Your paragraph should not exceed 100 words.** 10
 (a) What is a school library? (b) Why is it needed for you? (c) What kinds of books are there in your school library? (d) Why is it called a store-house of knowledge? (e) What is the role of a school library?
12. **Read the beginning of a story. Now, complete it in 150 words.** 10
 Once it was a hot summer day. A crow became very thirsty. It flew here and there in search of water. But it could not manage water for a long time. Suddenly it saw a ...
13. Suppose, you are Sima/Sumon and your friend is Raima/Raja. He/she wants to know about annual sports of your school. **Now, write a letter to your friend describing the annual sports day of your school. (word limit 150)**