

[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 Kanthar 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. 1×5=5**a. The name 'Nakshi Kantha' was taken —**

- i) English ii) Bengali
iii) Hindi iv) French

b. This art has been continuing for —

- i) generations ii) centuries
iii) years iv) ages

c. The word 'indigenous' refers to —

- i) foreign ii) native
iii) hand-made iv) all the above

d. 'Nakshi Kantha' becomes popular for its —

- i) beauty ii) high price
iii) advertisement iv) low price

e. It is made — old or new cloths.

- i) used ii) using
iii) uses iv) all the above

2. Give short answers to the following questions. 2×5=10

- (a) What is Nakshi Kantha?
(b) What are used to make Nakshi Kantha?
(c) Why are the traditional Kanthas made?
(d) How did the name Nakshi Kantha become popular?
(e) Which districts are most popular for Nakshi Kantha?

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 no. 4 and 5.**

The greatest dramatist of English literature named Shakespeare was born and died on the same date. It was on the 23rd April, 1564 when he was born at Stratford on Avon. This is why, he is called the bird of Avon. He wrote 37 Plays and 154 Sonnets. They spread fame to his unrivalled knowledge of human nature and the sympathy and understanding with which he painted almost every type and class of character.

In the poems the poet's love of nature has found an eloquent expression as has an undertone, his deep concern for the limitations of human society. In the rough weather, nature has no particular enmity towards man and it treats all equally.

4. Complete the following table with the information given in the passage. 1×5=5

Who	Events	Where/ How many	Time/ What
Shakespeare	was born	(i) —	on 23rd April
He	is called		(ii) —
He	(iii) —	154	Sonnets
He	wrote	(iv) —	Plays
He	died		(v) —

5. Read the passage again and write True or False beside the following statements. Give answers for the false statements. 1×5=5

- (a) Shakespeare is mostly known for his sonnets.
(b) He was born in England.
(c) He wrote 37 dramas.
(d) His name and fame is still unrivalled.
(e) He painted only tragic type of character in his plays.

6. Fill in the gaps with appropriate words. 1×5=5

An honest man is true to (a) — words. He does not deviate from the (b) — of honesty. He knows that (c) — consists in honesty. So he does not (d) — victim to any greed. He has no ambition for (e) — things.

7. Rearrange the following sentences in correct order. 10

- (a) He had not much education.
(b) He ascended the throne of Delhi at the age of 13.
(c) His full name was Jalaluddin Mohammad Akbar.
(d) He was skilled in warfare.
(e) Akbar was born in 1542 at Amorkot in Sindh.
(f) He won the Second Panipath battle in 1556.
(g) His father was Humayan.
(h) It was the greatest victory in his life.
(i) He ruled 50 years in India.
(j) He was the grandson of Babur.

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

unique	patriot	affection	and	of	civilization
human	progress	loves	the	it	older

Patriotism is an inherent quality of (a) — being. It creates in man a (b) — love for his motherland, the land (c) — his birth. Patriotism is older than (d) —. A man who (e) — his country and does his own duty for (f) — progress of his country is called a (g) —. Even the ancient tribes had a great (h) — for the land where they lived (i) — sacrificed their lives to preserve (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
a) The secret of success lies	i. every moment is valuable.
b) Many of us often forget that	ii. when we will die.
c) Life is short	iii. we have to do a lot of works.
d) We don't know	iv. but art is long.
e) In this short period,	v. in the proper use of time.

Section B : Writing Test

10. Suppose, you are Karim/Karima and your friend is Nayeem/ Nayeema. Recently you have enjoyed FIFA World Cup-2014. Now, write a dialogue in 100 words between you and your friend about an exciting football match. 10

11. Write a paragraph on 'The Importance of Learning English' by answering the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 100 words. 10

(a) Why is English called an International Language? (b) Why should we learn English? (c) What do you think about the necessity of grammar in learning English? (d) How does your English textbook help you learn English? (e) How does your English help you in managing a job?

12. Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in 150 words. 10

Once two rats found a loaf of bread. They could not agree within themselves to divide the bread. Each of them wanted the larger share of it. They quarrelled for

13. Suppose, you celebrated your 14th birthday some days ago. One of your best friends was supposed to join your birthday party. He/she could not come for some emergency. But he/she sent a very nice gift for you on that occasion. Now, write a letter to your friend thanking him for the nice gift. 10