

[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. $1 \times 5 = 5$

a. The word 'Nakshi Kantha' comes from the — word.

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

b. Nakshi Kantha is a — kantha.

- i) modern ii) ultramodern
iii) age old iv) conventional

c. 'Nakshi Kantha' is related with —.

- i) urban people ii) rural people
iii) ethnic people iv) tribal people

d. Now-da-days Nakshi Kantha is produced —.

- i) traditionally ii) nationally
iii) commercially iv) normally

e. 'Nakshi Kanthar Math' is written by —.

- i) Kazi Nazrul Islam ii) Farrukh Ahmed
iii) Jasimuddin iv) Rabindranath Tagore

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

- (a) What is 'Nakshi Kantha'?
(b) How long has this been practised?
(c) What kind of craft is it?
(d) Which districts are famous for 'Nakshi Kantha'?
(e) Why are 'Nakshi Kanthas' now in great demand?

3. Read the text in A again. Now write the summary of it. 10

Reading Test (Unseen passage)

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

Joynul Abedin was born at a village in Kishoreganj in 1914. His father Tamijuddin was a police officer. He did not like hard and fast rule of school and so he drew pictures secretly. He had a great interest in art. So at the age of 15 he went to Calcutta to see Art school. At the age of 19 he was admitted into Calcutta Government Art College. In 1938, he became first class first in the art college and in the same year he was awarded gold medal in All India Art Exhibition. He drew a lot of pictures of famine during the Second World War in 1949. His name and fame spread all over the world from then. In 1948, he founded the Dhaka Art Institution in Dhaka. He was appointed principal of this institution in 1949. This institution was shifted to the present Art institute building in 1956. By dint of his hard effort, within seven years this institution turned Charukala Mahabiddaloya. He retired from this institution in 1967. He became visiting professor of Dhaka University in 1973. He earned honorary doctorate in 1974 from Delhi University and in the same year he became National Professor of Bangladesh. He died on the 28th May in 1976 in Dhaka.

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

Who/ What	Event/ Activities	Where/ Institution	When
Joynul Abedin	was born	(i) —	1914
He	admitted	Calcutta Art College	(ii) —
He	(iii) —	All India Art Exhibition	1938
He	founded	(iv) —	1948
He	(v) —	from Delhi University	1974

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

- (a) Joynul was very interested in music.
(b) He was admitted into Calcutta Government Art College in 1934.
(c) He earned Ph.D degree in 1974.

- (d) Common people were neglected in his art.
 (e) His name and fame spread far and wide.

6. **Fill in the gaps with appropriate words.** $1 \times 5 = 5$
 Our country abounds with (a) — resources. Gas is one of (b) —. The development of our country (c) — largely on it. It is our (d) — to utilize this resource (e) —.

7. **Rearrange the following sentences in correct order.** 10

- (a) The first friend climbed up a tree.
 (b) Suddenly a bear came there.
 (c) Once upon a time, two friends were passing by a forest.
 (d) The other could not climb up tree.
 (e) They were talking about their love for each other.
 (f) He did not find any way.
 (g) The bear smelt his ears, nose and face.
 (h) He lay down on the ground and feigned death.
 (i) Then the bear went away.
 (j) He thought him to be dead.

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

properties	that	occur	originates
natural	thunder	unbearable	accompanied
loss	measures	destroy	society

A cyclone is undoubtedly a (a) — calamity. It may (b) — any time and any place. The cyclone (c) — occurs in Bangladesh (d) — from the Bay of Bengal. (e) — and heavy showers are often (f) — with it. Before cyclone (g) — heat is felt for a few days. It causes a great (h) — for human beings and (i) —. There are no preventive (j) — of it.

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. There is no denying the fact that	a) honesty and integrity.
ii. Without having honesty in us	b) ornament of human character.
iii. So it is imperative to achieve	c) our civilization can never reach the pinnacle of success.
iv. It has a	d) noble and sterling value.
v. It is just like an	e) honesty is the custodian of a good civilization.

Section B : Writing Test

10. Suppose, you are Selim/ Selima and your friend is Dipak/Dipika. **Make a dialogue between you and your friend about your favourite hobby.** 10
11. **Write a paragraph on 'Traffic Jam' by answering the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 100 words:** 10
 (a) What is traffic jam? (b) What are the main causes of traffic jam? (c) Why is traffic jam a great problem to us? (d) How can we get rid of this problem? (e) What are the responsibilities of the government to solve this problem?
12. **Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in your own way.** 10
 Once there was a cowboy. He was very wicked. He used to fool others by telling lies with people.
13. Suppose, you are Rahim/Rahima. Your friend is Shaker/Shakera. He/she wants to know what you intend to do after J.S.C examination. **Now, write a letter to your friend describing what you intend to do after J.S.C examination.** 10