Dhaka Board-2014

Time : 2 hours

English (2nd Paper)

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Total Marks : 50

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

Section A : Grammar (30 marks)

1. Fill in the gaps of the following text with appropriate articles. Put a cross for zero articles. 0.5×6=3

Always speak (a) — truth. Never tell (b) — lie. Nobody believes (c) — liar. Even if he is (d) — truthful, he is considered to be (e) — liar. Nobody in (f) — world is as unfortunate as he.

2. Fill in the blanks of the following text with prepositions given in the box below. 0.5×6 =3

in	for	to	with	from	of

An honest man is true (a) — his word. He does not deviate (b) — the path of honesty. He knows that true peace consists (c) — honesty. He may have want (d) — money but greed cannot overpower him. He has no ambition (e) — worldly things. He is content (f) — what he has.

3. Make four sentences from the substitution table. 1×4 =4

Mere bookish knowledge	makes	our outlook and orientation.
Travelling	widens	us free from superstition.
It	is	perfection to our bookish or theoretical knowledge.
	gives	not enough for us.

4. Change the following passage into indirect speech. 1×4=4

"My sons, a great treasure lies hidden in the land there. I am going to leave it as I shall die soon," said the old father. Being curious, the sons said, "How shall we find it?" "You must dig the land for it," said the old man.

5. Change the following sentences as directed in the brackets. 1×5=5

Bangladesh is a land of rivers. (a) The Padma is one of the biggest rivers in Bangladesh. (Comparative) (b) It is called the river of destruction. (Active) (c) The river is very turbulent. (Negative) (d) Everybody knows this. (Interrogative) (e) Tourists from home and abroad visit its shore. (Passive)

6. Rewrite the following passage using capitalization and punctuation. 0.5×6=3

hello old lady said the princess what are you doing i am spinning a yarn around the spindle replied the old woman the princess curiously said how interesting it would be if you let me have a go.

7. Fill in the gaps in the following text by adding suffix, prefix or both with the root words underlined in the text:- 0.5×8=4

Bangladesh is a small country but it has a large (a) populate. Most people here live below the poverty line and cannot, therefore, afford to educate their (b) child. Many poor children either drop out of school just after a few years or (c) simple do not go to school at all. Despite this situation, we have far too many students to educate (d) compare to the number of institutions (e) avail. Bangladesh needs more schools, colleges and universities to provide for the increasing number of students. But owing to (f) finance and resource constraints, the (g) govern cannot find the requisite number of (h) education institution.

8. Complete the following text with suitable verbs in the box with their right form. 0.5×8 = 4

obtain	lead	take	redefine
get	enlighten	go	regard

Education is (a) — as the yardstick of development. Development and education (b) — hand in hand. (c) — degrees is not the prime objective of education. But our young generation (d) — educated to have a job with certain degrees. Now education has to be (e) —. In fact, education is meant for (f) — an individual and creating a sense of morality. Education without morality cannot (g) — a nation to success. It is high time, we (h) — measures to spread true education.

Section B : Composition (20 marks)

9. Suppose, you are Shahin/Shahina. You have a friend named Rahim/Rahima. Now, write an e-mail to your friend congratulating him/her on his/her brilliant success in the last J.S.C examination. 8

10. Write a composition on the following topic in 250 words: 12

'Your Aim in Life'.