

Subject: English 1st Paper Sub Code :

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Time: 3 Hours

Full marks : 100

(Answer all the questions. Figures in the margin indicate full marks)

Part-A : Seen Comprehension (60 Marks)

Read the following passage and answer questions 1-4

A vast mangrove forest shared by Bangladesh and India that is home to possibly 500 Bengal tigers is being rapidly destroyed by erosion, rising sea levels and storm surges, according to a major study by researchers at the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) and others.

The Sundarbans forest took the brunt of super cyclone Sidr in 2007, but new satellite studies show that 71% of the forested coastline is retreating by as much as 200 metres a year. If erosion continues at this pace, already threatened tiger populations living in the forests will be put further at risk.

Natalie Pettorelli, one of the report's authors, said: "Coastline retreat is evident everywhere, A continuing rate of retreat would see these parts of the mangrove disappear within 50 years. On the Indian side of the Sundarbans, the island which extends most into the Bay of Bengal has receded by an average of 150 metres a year, with a maximum of just over 200 metres; this would see the disappearance of the island in about 20 years.

The Sundarbans is known for vanishing islands, but the scientists said the current retreat of the mangrove forests on the southern coastline is not normal, " The causes for increasing coastline retreat, other than direct anthropogenic ones, include increased frequency of storm surges and other extreme natural events, rises in sea levels and increased salinity which increases the vulnerability of mangroves," said Pertorelli.

"Our results indicate a rapidly retreating coastline that cannot be accounted for by the regular dynamics of the Sundarbans. Degradation is happening fast, weakening this natural shield for India and Bangladesh

"As human development thrives, and global temperature continues to rise, natural protection from tidal waves and cyclones is being degraded at alarming rates. This will inevitably lead to species loss in this richly bio-diverse part of the world, if nothing is done to stop it"

"The Sundarbans is a crucial tiger habitat; one of only a handful of remaining forests big enough to hold several hundred tigers. To lose the Sundarbans would be to move a step closer to the extinction of these majestic animals," said ZSL tiger expert Sarah Christie.

1. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives: 1×5=5

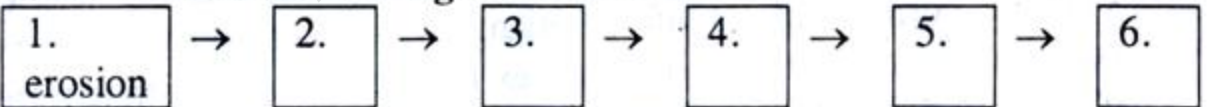
- a) For various reasons, tiger population of the Sundarbans is
 i) at large ii) at this pace iii) at risk iv) at length
- b) There is a possibility of disappearance of the Sundarbans by the year
 i) 2030 ii) 2070 iii) 2040 iv) 2035
- c) In the passage, tigers are considered to be
 i) royal animals ii) loyal animals
 iii) giant animals iv) innocent animals.
- d) The Sundarbans acts like a natural
 i) protection ii) extinction iii) medal iv) trophy
- e) "The Sundarbans is a crucial tiger habitat." Here 'crucial' means-

- i) different ii) important iii) natural iv) wonderful

2. Answer the following questions : 2×5 =10

- a) Name the two countries that share the Sundarbans. Who are the two reporters mentioned in the passage?
- b) What is 'mangrove'? How many tigers are there in the Sundarbans?
- c) What is the full form of ZSL? What does it do?
- d) What is the present condition of the Sundarbans?
- e) Why do you think the Sundarbans is called 'richly bio-diverse' area of the world?

3. Based on your reading of the passage make a flow chart showing the reasons of increasing coastline retreat. 10



4. Summarize the passage in your own words. Do not exceed 80 words. 10

5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words/phrases given in the box. There are more words than you need. Make any grammatical changes if needed. 0.5×10= 5

period	nicknamed	debut	fantastic	surpassed	administered
participate	dream	gradually	national	success	achievement

The Bangladesh a).....cricket team ,b).....'the Tigers', represents Bangladesh in the international cricket. It is c)..... by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB). Bangladesh is a full member of the International Cricket Council (ICC) with Test and One Day International (ODI) status. For a long d).....of time, football was

the most popular sport in Bangladesh, but cricket e)..... became very popular - particularly in urban areas and by the late 1990s had (f).....football. Bangladesh made its full g)..... in international cricket in the 1986 Asia Cup. In 1997, Bangladesh won the TCC Trophy in Malaysia and thus qualified for its first Cricket World Cup to h)..... in England in 1999. Bangladesh had a sad and gloomy history of losing matches for years. But our 'tigers' overcame all barriers. The Bangladesh cricket team's recent i)..... against India and South Africa has been the talk of the town when it comes to international cricket. It has been a j)..... turnaround for the tigers. It all began at the World Cup 2015, where they beat Afghanistan, Scotland and England to reach the quarter-final for the first time in the history of Bangladesh cricket

6. **Fill in the blanks with appropriate words/ phrases:** $1 \times 10 = 10$
- Muhammad (pbuh) is universally considered to be the last a), sent by God to mankind. Many do not know that his b)..... was Abu al- Qasim Muhammadibn AbdAllahibn Abd al-Muttalibibn Hashim. Born approximately in 570 AD in the c)..... city of Mecca, Muhammad (pbuh) was orphaned at an d)..... age. He was e)..... under the care of his paternal grandfather Abd al- Muttalib and later by uncle Abu Talib. After his childhood he(pbuh) primarily f)..... as a merchant.Occasionally, he (pbuh) would retreat to a cave in the g)..... for several nights of seclusion and prayer. Later, at age 40 he (pbuh) was visited by Angel Gabriel and received his first revelation from Allah. Three years after this event Muhammad (pbuh) started h).....a new religion publicly, proclaiming that "God is One".For long 23 i)..... he (pbuh) devoted his life to preach this and bring people under the flag of j),..... irrespective of caste, creed and colour,
7. **Rearrange the following story.** **10**
- i) But ,at the age of one and a half, she became the victim of a fatal disease
 - ii) You must have heard the name of Helen Keller.
 - iii) At that time, she could only communicate with Martha Washington, the six-year-old daughter of the family cook, who understood her signs
 - iv) Her teacher, Anne Sullivan, had been her support which lasted for long 49 years .
 - v) The illness left her both deaf and blind.
 - vi) She was born a very normal and healthy child.
 - vii) Helen Keller was the first deaf and blind person to earn a bachelor of arts degree.

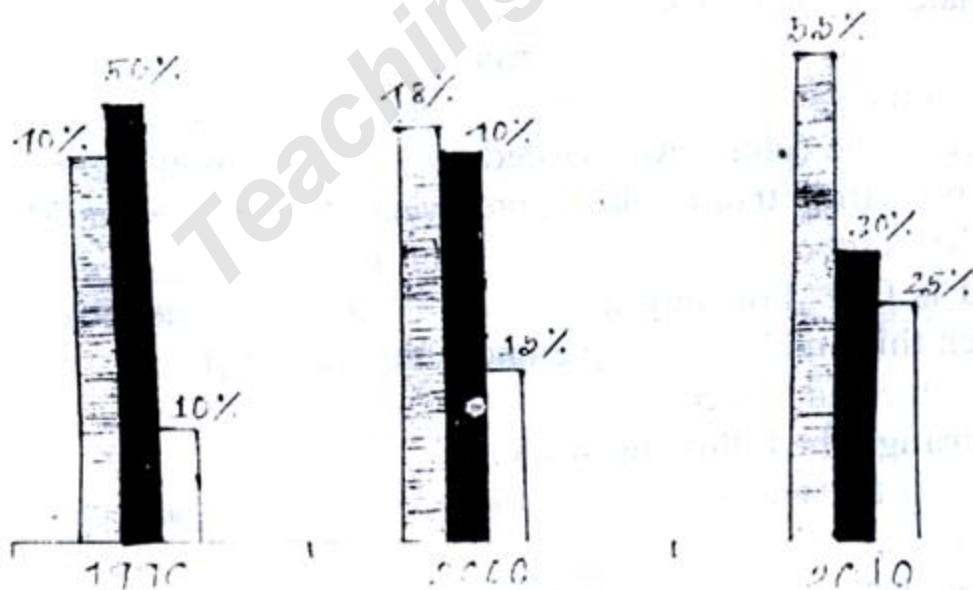
viii) By the age of seven, Keller had more than 60 home signs to communicate with her family.

ix) Her full name was Helen Adams Keller and she was born in the United States of America in 1968

x) The name of the disease was "Brain Fever".

Part-B : Writing (Marks-40)

8. Write a paragraph on 'The significance of Etiquette and Manners' in about 150 words. 10
9. Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way. Give a title to it. 7
Robert Bruce, the king of Scotland, fought several battles to regain his country's freedom but each time he was defeated. Naturally he was sad
10. Suppose, you have bought a new television set from the All Electro Bangladesh. It does not work properly. Now write an e-mail to the manager complaining about it. 5
11. Look at the following graph. It shows different types of pastime activities of the students of Bangladesh from 1990 to 2010. Now describe the graph. 10



- Watching TV
- Games and sports
- Online Programme

12. Write a critical appreciation of 'The Luncheon.'

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