

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 100

**Part A : Grammar (60 Marks)**

1. **Fill in the blanks in the text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks.** .5×10=5

Bangladesh is a land of (a) — scenic beauty. (b) — Land, (c) — rivers and the forest are (d) — sources of this beauty. Geographically Bangladesh can be divided into four regions. In many places there is lot of amazing beautiful spots. For this reason, (e) — tourism business can flourish here. (f) — wild animals of (g) — Sundarbans are also (h) — great asset. Tourism can play (i) — vital role in national economy. But it is still in elementary stage. So, we have to cross (j) — long way.

2. **Complete the text with suitable prepositions.** .5×10=5

The environment plays a vital role (a) — our life. (b) — short, what we have (c) — us including people, houses, air, water etc is called environment. These are the main elements (d) — our environment. (e) — ensuring sound life the balance (f) — the natural elements is very significant. Sometimes (g) — lack of knowledge, we don't realize the importance (h) — it. As a result, we are polluting our environment unknowingly. Living (i) — a polluted environment is undoubtedly a matter (j) — great regret.

3. **Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box.** .5×10=5

what's it like	what does ... look like	would rather
as if	was born	as soon as
let alone	had better	there
have to		

- (a) This boy — blind. Doctors opined that he would not recover. Since his birth, the boy has been one-eyed.
- (b) If you don't want to miss the bus, start — possible. Otherwise you will have to wait 2 hours for the next bus.
- (c) This poor student cannot manage even his text books, — a bicycle. He walks to school which is 5 miles away.
- (d) Our society is full of bad persons. We — remain aware of them.
- (e) Our village is a famous one. — are many highly educated and very rich persons in our village.
- (f) Son : Father, — a dolphain — ?  
Father : Sorry. I have no idea.
- (g) I have no idea of — going on a long drive. I had never such occasion in my life.



- (h) He behaves — he were a king. He always pretends to be important.
- (i) I — support my father than my uncle. I believe that my father is more honest and just than my uncle.
- (j) You — bring your camera. We could take photo of every incident.

4. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases.

.5×10=5

- (a) Bangladesh is —.
- (b) — here live by agriculture.
- (c) As these people are mostly illiterate, —.
- (d) Consequently, — is not sufficient for us.
- (e) Moreover, the country is very small — our large population.
- (f) So it is essential for us —.
- (g) — our government has taken various steps.
- (h) But our government should give more importance on vocational educations so that —.
- (i) In the present globalized world, we can export — to different countries.
- (j) Side by side, we must make them skilled in English —.

5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context.

.5×10=5

EBOLA Virus Disease outbreak in three West African countries (a) — (continue) unabated and the number of cases and deaths increase drastically. The actions by national governments of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone supported by the international community yet (b) — (yield) desired results. Greater efforts and more resources yet (c) — (mobilize) to reverse the escalating epidemic of this dreadful disease. So far no case of Ebola virus disease (d) — (report) in the South-East Asia Region. Strong and comprehensive national preparedness is a prerequisite (e) — (prevent) and to deal with Ebola cases in unaffected countries. The development of preparedness plans (f) — (coordinate) by high level national and empowered coordination committees. WHO (g) — (provide) a comprehensive checklist of core principles, standards, capacities and practices, for all countries to use. The checklist (h) — (use) by countries to assess their level of preparedness. WHO recommended exist screening (i) — (implement) in affected countries to prevent the spread of infection. In unaffected countries, national public health authorities already (j) — (initiate) screening of passengers coming from Ebola affected countries.

6. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. 1×5=5

Rabindranath, the 14<sup>th</sup> child of Debendranath, wrote his first verse at the age of eight. (a) When he was 17 years old, he was sent for studies (Simple). (b) He described London as a dismal city (Passive). (c) Though he was happy in Brighton, a friend of the family persuaded his brother to send him to London (Compound). (d) He was lucky to get a friendly English family (Complex). (e) Rabindranath is one of the greatest poets in the world (Positive). In 1880, Rabindranath was called back to India.



7. **Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches.** 5  
“Excuse me, I want to know about reference books of the library,” said the student. “In one part of the library you can go to read books but you can’t take them out of the building” said the librarian. “What do you call that section of the library?” said the student. “Closed Reserve,” said the librarian.

8. **Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.**  $1 \times 5 = 5$

In our country, people have different views about women. The majority cannot still consider men and women on equal terms. They are treated either with a feeling of compassion or they are deprived of their rights. Ignorance and very frequently illiteracy, among us are the main reasons behind this type of attitude. It is true that as a general rule, girls, whether from poor or rich families, are much loved and cared for by the father and brothers. We also need to remember that these are often denied by another woman. We first have to make them aware of the great harm they are doing. In the matter of attitude, they need to face menfolk with the expectation of being treated rightly as a woman!

9. **Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.**  $.5 \times 10 = 5$

Newspaper plays a very (a) — (pre-modify the noun) role in modern civilization. It published news and views of home and abroad. Only (b) — (pre-modify the noun) knowledge is not enough in this competitive world. A newspaper helps a man (c) — (post-modify the verb with infinitive) his general knowledge. Besides academic books, one should read newspapers (d) — (post-modify the verb). Newspaper helps one (e) — (post-modify the verb with an infinitive) the facts of the world. (f) — (pre-modify the verb with a present participle phrase) regularly, one can be aware of everything. There are (g) — (pre-modify the noun) kinds of newspapers. One should select the newspaper (h) — (post-modify the verb). One should choose the (i) — (pre-modify the noun) paper because many newspapers present news partially. Whatever the paper is, it (j) — (pre-modify the verb) helps a man.

10. **Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage.**  $.5 \times 10 = 5$

Teaching is a noble profession. (a) — teachers are the national builders. (b) — teachers play a central role in the process of classroom activities. (c) — they deliver knowledgeable speeches. (d) — they organize the system of education. (e) — they also implement national curriculum, syllabus and set up objectives of learning. (f) — they motivate the learners effectively. (g) —, the physical facilities of most of the educational institutions



of our country do not support the teachers in their noble endeavours. (h) — the teachers are not evaluated as well as they are to lead to miserable life with low income. (i) — they are to live under poverty. (j) —, we cannot expect to give a standard education to the students of our country right now.

11. **Read the passage and write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below.** .5×10=5

Sir Issac Newton was a great scientist. He had a little dog named Diamond. One day he went out of his room leaving his little dog asleep before the fire. For twenty years he was hard at work, studying a most difficult subject. On the table lay a heap of papers on which he had put down the findings of his research of twenty years. When he left the room, little Diamond woke up, jumped on the table and overturned the lighted candle. The papers at once caught fire. Just when the papers had been completely burnt, Newton opened the door of the room. He saw that the fruits of his twenty years labour had been turned into a heap of ashes.

(a) great (synonym); (b) named (synonym); (c) keeping (synonym); (d) asleep (antonym); (e) hard (antonym) (f) studying (synonym); (g) lay (synonym); (h) heap (synonym); (i) left (antonym); (j) fruits (antonym).

12. **There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors.** .5×10=5

Dhaka, the capital of our country has been remarked as mega city side by side it has also been remarked as the most polluted city of the world the population of Dhaka city is on ever increase no one knows when it will stop. Rather instead of decreasing the population of the city is increasing very rapidly day by day the questions arises who are responsible for this the answer is not very far to seek but cannot be told because the destroyers should have been the protectors.

### **B Composition Part (40 Marks)**

13. Suppose you are the students of Govt MC College Jhenidah. You want to observe the Victory Day at your college. Now, write a formal letter seeking permission from the Principal to make an arrangement for observing the day. 8
14. A huge number of students fail in English every year in public examinations despite studying it as a compulsory subject from class I to Honours level. Suppose you are a reporter of The Daily Star working at Dhaka Office. Now, prepare a report about 120 words focusing on different causes of their failures in English. 8
15. Write a paragraph describing the bad effects of drug addiction. 10
16. Write a short composition on Unemployment Problem in Bangladesh. Words : 200-250. 14