

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 100

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

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

Once there lived (a) — poor cobbler. He had (b) — rich neighbour. (c) — neighbour possessed (d) — ill health. So he was (e) — angry man. He was always (f) — unhappy man. Once he used to think (g) — richest men to be (h) — happiest men in (i) — world. But his (j) — idea was not correct.

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

During holidays when my mother went to sleep (a) — noon, we went to the railway line. There I together with other children gathered pebbles. We watched how the trains passed (b) — innumerable unknown faces. My father got an appointment (c) — a town school and he moved (d) — the town immediately with all the members of the family. I was admitted (e) — my father's school. I felt that my school-fellows did not love me. They had no feeling (f) — one another as we had in the village. However, I have gradually adjusted myself (g) — town life. I have now new friends and companions and am more or less happy. But my heart aches (h) — the happy childhood days. Childhood is free (i) — worries and has infinite capacity (j) — enjoyment.

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

as soon as	had to	whether...or
was born	wish	would you mind
in case	have to	as fast as
there		

- (a) It's a difficult problem. I — I knew the answer to it!  
 (b) A: There is foul smell in the room.  
 B: — opening the windows?  
 (c) All passengers — fill in an immigration form on arrival. It is mandatory.  
 (d) His income was very poor. He — maintain a hard life.  
 (e) The concert we arranged was a successful one, — were much more people than we had expected.  
 (f) — you are coming — not, I shall complete the work by 5 o'clock.  
 (g) He has taken a loan from a bank to start a business. He will repay the loan — he can make profit from the business.  
 (h) He could not run — the other competitors.  
 (i) Tomorrow I will be very busy. So, I'll say good bye now — I don't see you again.  
 (j) Mr. Sukanto — on 25 August, 1926 at his maternal uncle's home in Kolkata.

4. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases.

.5×10=5

- (a) Once a clever fox, —, fell into a trap; but he somehow managed to get out of the trap.
- (b) The fox tried his — to get out of the trap.
- (c) He tried and tried. At last he somehow managed to get out of the trap — of his tail.
- (d) We should not kill the wild animals, rather love and save them. By loving the wild animals we can —.
- (e) In the past man could not realize —. So they killed them indiscriminately.
- (f) They killed not only animals —.
- (g) We should refrain — from killing birds and animals.
- (h) We should know that birds and animals are — of the environment.
- (i) If we cannot stop killing them, one day our existence will be at —.
- (j) So we should try to protect them —.

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

.5×10=5

A few days ago, I (a) — (enjoy) an interesting football match. It was an (b) — (excite) match. It (c) — (play) between the top two teams of our country-Abahani and Mohammedan. On the day of the match I (d) — (go) to the Dhaka stadium quite early. I (e) — (see) a long line in front of the ticket counter, but I (f) — (be) not discouraged to (g) — (see) such a huge number of people. Having (h) — (see) the crowd I hurried to the ticket counter and (i) — (stand) in the line. (j) — (think) that I would have to wait for a long time, I grew somewhat angry.

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

- (a) There is no school without a library (affirmative).
- (b) We must read many books other than text books to widen our knowledge (complex).
- (c) A college library helps us in this respect (passive).
- (d) We are provided with joy by books (active).
- (e) They are the best of all friends (comparative).

7. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches. 5

"Have you killed the rats?" said the Mayor. "Yes, I have", replied the Piper. "Give me the promised money." "How funny you are!" said the Mayor. "Take only fifty".

8. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the paragraph so that all pronoun references are clear. 1×5=5

Once upon a time there was a mother who had three daughters, the eldest of which was rude and wicked, the second much better, but the youngest was a pious and good child. She was very strange because she loved the eldest daughter only, and she could not bear the youngest.

So, she often sent her out into the great forest in order to get rid of her. She thought that she would lose herself and never come back again. Once the child could not find her way out of the forest and she walked on constantly until evening came, and then she saw a tiny light burning in the distance, and ran up to it at once.

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

Once upon a time there lived (a) — (Use article to premodify the noun phrase) generous and kind-hearted king. But the people were not happy with (b) — (Use possessive to premodify the noun) king, because the king was too lazy and would not do (c) — (Use determiner to premodify the noun) work other than eating and sleeping. He spent days and weeks and months in (d) — (Use possessive to premodify the noun phrase) bed either eating something or sleeping. He became (e) — (Use an adverb to premodify the adjective) inactive. The king became (f) — (Use article to premodify the noun) potato couch and the people started worrying about the king. (g) — (Use quantifier to premodify the noun) day he realized that he could not even move his body. He became fat and his enemies made fun of him calling 'fatty king' or 'bulky king' etc. He invited (h) — (Use an adjective to premodify the noun) doctors from (i) — (Use determiner to premodify the noun) parts of his country and offered them generous rewards. (j) — (Use an infinitive phrase to postmodify the verb) him fit. Unfortunately, none could help the king regain his health and fitness.

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

Trees are a vital part of our environment. (a) —, they bear a great impact of the climate. (b) — we are not careful about them. (c) —, we destroy trees at random. (d) —, one day the country will bear the consequence of greenhouse effect. (e) — ours is an agricultural country, our economy depends upon it. (f) —, our agriculture is dependent on rain, (g) — trees play a vital role on our climate. (h) —, trees keep the soil strong. (i) —, trees save us from flood (j) — many other natural calamities.

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

Many years ago there lived a king named Solomon. He was very **wise** and helped people in many ways. The Queen of Sheba heard about the name and **fame** of King Solomon. She could not **believe** that he was so wise and **wealthy**. She decided to visit his country and meet him personally. So, the queen came to Solomon's palace. The queen brought with her hundred **servants** who carried many fine **gifts**. She also brought with her some **artificial** flowers. Among them there were some real flowers also.

The flowers were very **beautiful**. The queen asked the courtiers to find out the real ones. All of them tried, but they **failed**. King Solomon watched some bees flying over some flowers. At once he realized those flowers to be **real**.

(a) wise (antonym), (b) fame (synonym), (c) believe (antonym), (d) wealthy (synonym), (e) servant (antonym), (f) gift (synonym), (g) artificial (antonym), (h) beautiful (antonym), (i) fail (antonym), (j) real (synonym).

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

Karim : Wheres your pen?

Rony : Its gone

Karim : Gone

Rony : Yes, it was on the desk a few minutes ago.

Karim : I left it on the desk. Now, there's no sign of it.

Rony : Its my favourite pen. What can I do?

Karim : Let's complain to the Principal.

Rony : For what

Karim : For your pen

Rony : Youre mad I'll complain to the Principal for a pen.

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

- 13 **Read the following e-mail sent to you by your friend who has invited you to spend the forthcoming vacation in his village home. Now, write a reply.** 8

From : salimali@gamil.com

To : saberali@hotmail.com

Sent : Thursday, 3 September 2015

Subject : Invitation for spending the vacation in village home.

Dear Saber,

Our next vacation will start on 20 September 2015. I have thought that I would invite you to spend the vacation in our village home. If you agree and come, it will be a great fun to pass the time with you. If you come, my parents will be highly pleased.

Convey my best regards to your parents and love to the youngsters.

Yours ever,

Salim.

- 14 **Suppose, you are a reporter of The Daily Star. Now write a report on the bad effects of using harmful chemicals in food and fruit.** 8

- 15 **Write a paragraph on 'Bad effects of dowry.' Use 150 words.** 10

- 16 **Can you remember the memories of your childhood? Recollecting those memories makes a man very happy. Now, write a composition on 'Childhood Memories' in 250 words.** 14