

[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.**

River gypsies in Bangladesh are having various problems. First, Bangladesh is getting urbanised very rapidly. Gypsy people are losing their customers in urban population. Hence, their income is threatened. Secondly, 24,000 kilometres of previous waterways has shrunk into only 6,000 kilometres in the country in dry seasons. Scientists believe that Bangladesh will be worst affected by global climate change. The unpredictable rain and drying out of rivers have made boat movement heavily restricted. Thirdly, many river gypsies are changing their lifestyle in the context of changed reality. They are thinking of living permanently on land. The authority feels that river gypsies need help to survive in the mainstream population. Therefore, the government is offering voting rights, permanent housing and bank-loan facilities. However, changes do not come overnight.

Traditionally, river gypsies are used to water life. They have inherited from their forefathers necessary life skills to survive in waters. They have no education and training to adapt to mainstream modern society. So the authority feels the need to bring them under formal education network. But they have no permanent living place. Gypsy children are born and brought up on roaming boats. Therefore, they cannot go to conventional schools. And hence, mobile boat-schools are coming up for gypsy children. Some voluntary organisations are running special schools on boats to educate river gypsy children in some areas.

**1. Choose the best answer from the alternatives.  $1 \times 5 = 5$**

**a. "Affect" means —**

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|-------------|--------------|
| i) result   | ii) creation |
| iii) damage | iv) re-newed |

**b. "Voluntary" means—**

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|-----------------|----------------------------|
| i) with cost    | ii) charitable             |
| iii) artificial | iv) in lieu of hard labour |

c. The authority is serious to provide them — education.

- i) technical
- ii) fine art
- iii) formal
- iv) informal

d. In this passage 'mobile' stands for—

- i) static
- ii) cellular phone
- iii) easy to access
- iv) move from place to place

e. The government is offering them—

- i) suffrage
- ii) everything free of cost
- iii) rationing
- iv) treatment

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

- (a) Why do the river gypsies are thinking of changing their lifestyle?
- (b) What is the effect of global climate change in Bangladesh?
- (c) Where are the gypsy children born and brought up?
- (d) How do they learn the skills to survive in waters?
- (e) What is mobile boat-school?

3. Read the text in 'A' again. Now, write the summary of it in around 50 words. 10

### Reading Test (Unseen passage)

Read the following text carefully and answer the questions No. 4 and 5.

Rabindranath Tagore is one of the greatest poets of Bangla literature. Bengali culture and literature is unthinkable without the presence of this personality. He travelled all the branches of fine art equally and successfully. Rabindranath was born on 7 May 1861 at Jorasanko, Kolkata, India. Tagore's childhood days were mostly confined to the family estate under the watchful eyes of the servants. He lost his mother when he was only thirteen.

At the age of twenty two on 9 December 1883 Tagore married Mrinalini. He had received Nobel Prize in 1913 for Gitanjali and introduced Bangles to the rest of the world. In 1915 he was bestowed a knighthood by the British. Rabindranath Tagore died in 1941 at the age of eighty. We remember him with great respect.

4. Complete the following table with the information given in the passage. 1 × 5 = 5

Event	Place	Year/Time
Rabindranath was born	(i)	1861
His mother died		(ii) —
(iii) —		1883
He was bestowed knighthood		(iv) —
(v) —		1913

5. Read the passage again and write true or false beside the following statements. If false give the correct answer: 1 × 5 = 5

- Rabindranath's childhood was care free.
- His mother died when he was thirty.
- He enriched our Bengali literature.
- He was awarded Nobel Prize in 1923.
- He passed away in 1934.

6. Fill in the gaps with appropriate words. 1 × 5 = 5

Karim lives with his (a) — in Dhaka. With his parents he has (b) — to Sylhet to visit their (c) —. Both the families have (d) — many interesting places together in Sylhet. Then they have (e) — to visit some places outside Sylhet.

7. Re-arrange the following sentences in correct order. 10

- Syed Mainul Hossain started his professional career as an architect at a private company in 1976.

- (b) Syed Mainul Hossain passed his matriculation in 1967 and intermediate in 1969.
- (c) He received prestigious Ekushey Padak in 2008.
- (d) He will remain ever fresh in the heart of millions of people for his noble deeds.
- (e) Have you heard the name of Syed Mainul Hossain?
- (f) He died a few years ago at the age of sixty two.
- (g) He is the designer and architect of our 'National Memorial'.
- (h) He was born in 17 March, 1951 of Dampara village, Munshigonj district.
- (i) From BUET he completed his graduation obtaining first class in 1971.
- (j) He showed great interest in architecture from his boyhood.

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

freedom	part	visit	creative
enjoy	begins	fresh	availability
respite	vacation	reduce	assignment

Summer vacation is the most welcoming (a) — for students and teachers. It normally (b) — in mid-May and ends in mid-June. It is related to (c) — of various summer fruits. For students this vacation is a (d) — from exhausting class (e) —. Many of them look (h) — relatives and friends in this long vacation. Someone may do (i) — something. Indeed, it is the inseparable (j) — of duties.

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 × 5 = 5

Column 'A'	Column 'B'
(i) Plant and trees are	a. shelter, foods, fruits, medicine etc.
(ii) The boons and benefits	b. to maintain ecological balance.
(iii) They provide	c. more and more trees.
(iv) They are essential	d. intimately connected with our lives.
(v) We should plant	e. derived from trees are too many to count.

### Section B : Writing Test

10. Suppose you are Shaheen and your intimate friend is Mamun. Your hobby is gardening. He wants to talk to you about gardening. **Now make a dialogue between you and your friend about gardening.** 10
11. **Write a paragraph on 'A Rainy Day' by answering the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 100 words.** 10
- (a) What is 'A Rainy Day'?
- (b) How do the rich feel in 'A Rainy Day'?
- (c) Why do the poor dislike 'A Rainy Day'?
- (d) How do the students enjoy 'A Rainy Day'?
- (e) What are the benefits of 'A Rainy Day'?
12. **Read the beginning of a story. Now, complete it in 150 words.** 10
- Once a beggar came to our house. He wore dirty dress. He was physically weak and could not speak clearly. He is about to fall down. He told me that he did not eat for all day long and.....
13. Suppose you are Farid/Farida. You have a best friend named Mazed/Mazeda. You live in school hostel. He wants to know about your hostel life. **Now write a letter to him describing your hostel life.** 10

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1. a. iii) damage; b. ii) charitable; c. iii) formal; d. iv) move from place to place; e. i) suffrage.
2. (a) The river gypsies are thinking of changing their lifestyle in the context of changed reality.  
(b) The effect of global climate change in Bangladesh is the drying out of rivers.  
(c) The gypsy children are born and brought up on roaming boats.  
(d) They have inherited from their forefathers necessary life skills to survive in waters.  
(e) Mobile boat-school is a school for gypsy children on boats to educate them.
3. The river gypsies of Bangladesh face various problems. Their income is becoming very low as they do not get customers. Moreover, because of global climate change our rivers are drying out and the gypsies are losing their shelter. Although authority came forward to help them but it will take more time to change their situation. Some voluntary organizations are providing special schools on boat to educate the gypsy children.
4. i) At Jorasanko, Kolkata, India; ii) 1874; iii) He married; iv) 1915; v) Received Nobel prize.
5. (a) False. **Corr. Infor.** Rabindranath's childhood was mostly confined to the family estate under the watchful eyes of the servants. (b) False. **Corr. Infor.** His mother died when he was thirteen. (c) True. (d) False. **Corr. Infor.** He was awarded Nobel Prize in 1913. (e) False. **Corr. Infor.** He passed away in 1941.
6. (a) family; (b) come; (c) relatives; (d) visited; (e) planned.
7. e + g + h + j + b + i + a + c + f + d.
8. (a) respite; (b) begins; (c) availability; (d) freedom; (e) assignments; (f) enjoy; (g) vacation; (h) visit; (i) creative; (j) part.
9. (i + d) Plant and trees are intimately connected with our lives.  
(ii + e) The boons and benefits derived from trees are too many to count.  
(iii + a) They provide shelter, foods, fruits, medicine etc.  
(iv + b) They are essential to maintain ecological balance.  
(v + c) We should plant more and more trees.