

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 100

**A Grammar: 60 Marks**

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

An angry man is not liked (a) — even by (b) — idiot. There is difference between the educated and (c) — uneducated. An educated (d) — person should come forward to educate (e) — uneducated. On the other hand, (f) — rich man should have (g) — sympathy for (h) — poor. There is difference between (i) — poor man and (j) — rich man.

2. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.  $.5 \times 10 = 5$

As a peace-loving and democratic country, the Government of Bangladesh has been undertaking welfare and development activities (a) — line (b) — the United Nations. Bangladesh has signed the UN Declaration (c) — the Second Decade (d) — the Disabled (e) — the Asia and the Pacific Region. Along (f) — other governments (g) — this region, Bangladesh is committed to implement the charter and declaration (h) — the United Nations. There is also provision (i) — the constitution of Bangladesh for ensuring health care, education and employment (j) — the disabled.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/words given in the box.  $.5 \times 10 = 5$

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

(a) There are chaotic situations outside. You — not go out.

(b) He can't afford to buy an electric fan — an air conditioner.

(c) We got on the train — it touched the station.

(d) — rowing boats in the river? You seem to be very excited doing it.

- (e) It's my birthday. But you speak — you didn't know.
- (f) He — with a silver spoon.
- (g) A : The farmers will repay the loan after they have harvested.  
B : But — the crops fail?
- (h) Village people hardly find qualified doctors at the time of their ailments. So, most often they — depend on the quack.
- (i) I — stay at home tonight than go to the cinema.
- (j) A : — a fairy land —?  
B : Sorry, I have not idea. I've never been there.

**4. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases. .5×10=5**

- (a) Sakib had failed two times in the SSC exam. If he had studied hard, —.
- (b) There is a vacant post in my company. If you are a graduate, —.
- (c) The passer-by was too —. He had walked a long distance.
- (d) I like typing. If I had a typewriter, —.
- (e) Food adulteration is a crime. It is high time —.
- (f) I left my hometown Jessore. Five years passed since —.
- (g) Your HSC exam is knocking at the door. Study hard so that —.
- (h) Habib was not present when the crime took place. But he talks as if —.
- (i) He is very insincere. We are doubtful whether he —.
- (j) Begging is not a profession. I would rather die —.

**5. Read the text and fill the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. .5×10=5**

The destruction of forests and other habitats (a) — (be) causing the extinction of various plants and animals everyday. These losses are particularly severe in the areas of tropical forests (b) — (cover) only 7% of the surface of the globe. Many wild animals and birds are (c) — (face) with the

threat of extinction today. Their decline (d) — (accelerate) by the destruction of their feeding and nesting places and above all, by the widespread use of chemical and pesticides which (e) — (enter) their food chains (f) — (lead) to sterility and mass deaths. Hunting of birds and animals (g) — (be) another cause of their extinction. Whale hunting has also drastically (h) — (reduce) the number of blue whales in the Atlantic ocean. We know that all species are important for (i) — (maintain) ecological balance. If one is lost, the whole natural environment (j) — (change).

**6. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. 5**

(a) The birds that come to our country in winter are called migratory birds. (Make it simple) (b) In winter the weather is too cold for them to live in the north. (Make it complex) (c) They find a better shelter in Bangladesh. (Make it passive). (d) We must protect them. (Make it negative) (e) Migratory birds fly faster than the dove. (Make it positive)

**7. Change the narrative style by using direct speeches. 5**

A hawker asked Sushmita if she would buy any paper and said that he had all types of newspapers and magazines and requested to take one from him. Then Sushmita said that she bought books but then she needed a weekly. She asked the hawker if he did not have any weekly magazine.

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

The Chinese put a lot of emphasis on the unity of the family. In the cities the parks are often crowded with them spending their time together. There are lots of nice, clean parks for people to spend their time in. Sometimes musicians and acrobats perform in the open air to entertain them who are present there. In the evening, many families spend it's free time watching television. The Japanese love to take part in sports in it's free time. They also love skate boarding who involves riding on a flat piece of wood that has wheels under it.

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

Bangladesh, (a) — (post-modify the noun with an appositive), has a huge population. Most people here live below the (b) — (use a noun adjective to pre-modify the noun) line and cannot therefore afford to educate (c) — (use a possessive to pre-modify the noun) children. Many poor children either drop out of school after just a (d) — (use a quantifier to pre-modify the noun) years or simply do not go to school at all. Despite this situation, we have far too many students (e) — (use infinitive to post-modify the verb) compared to the number of institutions available. Bangladesh needs (f) — (use a determiner to pre-modify the noun) schools, colleges and universities to provide for the (g) — (pre-modify the noun with a present participle) number of students. But the government cannot fund the (h) — (pre-modify the noun) number of educational institutions. At present every educational institution is over-crowded and class size is (i) — (pre-modify the adjective) large. Students do not get a (j) — (pre-modify the noun) education for lack of facilities.

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

Health is one of the most important phenomena in human life. (a) —, a healthy man can earn money and accumulate wealth. (b) —, health is compared to wealth. (c) —, it is health that can give us bliss and make us happy. (d) —, health alone can enable us to enjoy our life to the full. (e) —, it is not easy to have a sound health. For this, we have to maintain some certain rules and habit. (f) —, we have to take a balanced diet. (g) —, we must take physical exercise regularly. (h) —, we have to be early riser. (i) —, we have to lead a decent life. (j) —, we can attain good health and consequently, wealth also.

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

'Communicative competence refers to the ability to use language appropriately in different circumstances. There

are two ways of developing communicative competence in a language. The first is acquisition which is similar to the way people develop ability in their mother tongue. It is a natural, subconscious process in which users are not usually aware of acquiring a language. They are aware only of the fact that they're using the language to communicate. In non-technical terms, acquisition is 'picking up' a language spontaneously. It may also be called 'implicit' learning.

(a) competence (synonym) (b) ability (antonym) (c) appropriately (antonym) (d) similar (antonym) (e) natural (synonym) (f) subconscious (antonym) (g) aware (antonym) (h) communicate (antonym) (i) acquisition (antonym) (j) spontaneously (synonym)

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

Rahat : Hi Fahad. What are you doing this evening.

Fahad : Im not sure. Why?

Rahat : Lets go to the cinema.

Fahad : Sorry I went to see Bihonogo yesterday. Id like to do something else.

Rahat : Lets go to see a different film this evening.

Fahad : Well I usually go only about once in two or three months.

Rahat : Oh you are getting old and boring man.

### **B Composition: 40 Marks**

13. Write an application to the Principal of your college for **setting up a language club.** 8
14. Suppose you are a local correspondent of a national daily. Nazrul Joynti was celebrated at Khanmarpara of your Upazilla. Now, write a report on the celebration of Nazrul Joynti. Give a title to your report. 8
15. Write a paragraph comparing and contrasting city life and rural life. Use 150 words. 10
16. Is population a blessing or a curse for Bangladesh? Give reasons supporting your view. Write at least 200 words but don't exceed 250 words. 14