

Part A: Seen Comprehension (40 marks)**Read the passage below and answer the questions 1 – 4:**

Humans, animals and plants are all important elements of the natural environment. But humans are cruelly destroying plants and animals and thereby creating a danger for us all. The destruction of forests and other habitats is causing the extinction of various plants and animals everyday. These losses are particularly severe in the areas of tropical forests which cover only 7% of the surface of the globe, but which provide the living space for between 50% and 80% of all our wildlife. Many wild animals and birds such as pandas, bears, tigers, alligators, whales, wolves, falcons, kites and buzzards are faced with the threat of extinction today. Their decline has been accelerated by the destruction of their feeding and nesting places, by the collection of eggs, and above all by the widespread use of chemicals and pesticides which enter their food chains leading to sterility and mass deaths. Hunting of birds and animals is another cause of their extinction. Men kill birds for foods and feathers, hunt big cats to make fur coats and slaughter alligators and other reptiles for shoes and bags. In addition, whale-hunting has also drastically reduced the number of blue whales in the Atlantic Ocean.

1. Choose the right word to complete each sentence. 1×5=5

- Hunting of birds is a cause of their destruction/ increase/ extinction.
- Man and wild life are co-related/ harmful/ antagonistic to each other.
- People are endangering their lives by protecting/ destroying/ saving plants and animals.
- The extinction/ survival /presence of mankind is linked with the existence of our wild life.
- Most of the wild animals live in the tropical/ subtropical/coastal forests.

2. True/False? If false, give the correct information. 1×5=5

- Losses of plants and animals are severe in the tropical region.

- (b) Destruction of plants and animals has no adverse impact on human beings.
- (c) Sterility among the birds is caused by destruction of their feeding places.
- (d) Man is responsible for his own danger.
- (e) Not all species are important for maintaining ecological balance.

3. Fill in the gaps with the correct forms of words in bracket. Add any prepositions if necessary. $1 \times 5 = 5$

- (a) Many wild animals (face) — the threat of extinction.
- (b) Many birds and animals have been (danger) — the threat of extinction.
- (c) Blue whales are (diminish) — from the ocean.
- (d) The (cruel) — human beings is responsible for the destruction of plants and animals.
- (e) Every species is important for (maintain) — ecological balance.

4. Make a list of five causes that are responsible for declining for our wildlife. $1 \times 5 = 5$

Read the passage below and answer the questions 5 – 8:

One very conspicuous change in our society is the presence of working women outside the home. Of course, it has to be acknowledged that women have always worked within the household but this commonly is not counted as work. It is unfortunate that women's role in agricultural societies (as in our villages, particularly during harvest time) has not been recognised either. Whether it is due to economic necessity or the urge to establish an individual identity or both, now-a-days many women are entering the outside workforce. They are joining a wide range of professions. Moreover, it is not only educated women who are opting to work but women with little or no education have come out of their cocoons to earn and become self-reliant. This does not mean that life is any easier for women now. In many ways it is difficult since women must still fulfil their traditional roles of wife, mother and

homemaker. At work, as they compete with men they have to prove their worth twice over in order to survive.

5. Write short answers to the following questions. $1 \times 5 = 5$

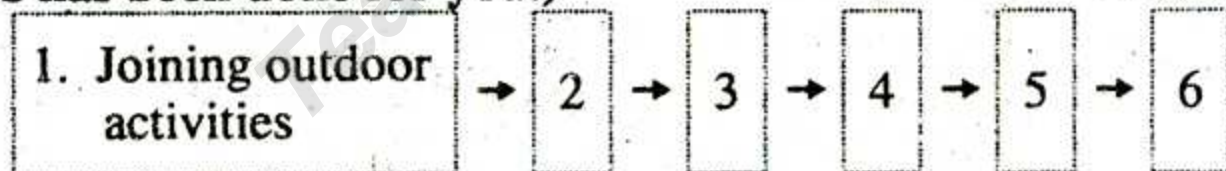
- Why are women entering the outside workforce?
- What kinds of women have come out of their cocoons?
- What is conspicuous in our society?
- Why is not life easier for women now?
- How do women survive?

6. Fill in the gaps with suitable words. $1 \times 5 = 5$

Women in our society work a lot but their work does not get (a) —. They have always been considered (b) — to men. In the past, they were (c) — within the four walls of the house. But now they have started (d) — out and joining outdoor activities. Throughout the world, including Bangladesh women have proved that they are (e) — enough to compete with men.

7. Summarise the passage in five sentences. $1 \times 5 = 5$

8. Based on your reading of the passage, make short notes in each of the boxes of the flow-chart showing the duties and activities of women in our society. (No. 1 has been done for you.) $1 \times 5 = 5$



Part B: Vocabulary (20 marks)

9. Fill in the gaps with a suitable word from the box (make any grammatical changes if necessary). There are more words in the box than you need. $1 \times 10 = 10$

condition	planned	choices	rational
prerequisite	possess	out	spend
needs	knowledge	enhance	contribute

Education is one of the basic (a) — of a human being and is essential for any kind of development. The poor socio-economic (b) — of Bangladesh can be largely attributed to most people's inaccessibility to education. Many

illiterate people do not have any (c) — of health, sanitation and population control. If they were educated, they could live a healthy and (d) — life. Education teaches us how to earn well and how to (e) — well. It enables us to make the right (f) — in life and to perform our duties properly. It (g) — our ability to raise crops, store food, protect the environment and carry (h) — our social responsibilities. It is only education which can help us to adopt a (i) — attitude. It provides us with an enlightened awareness about things and this awareness is the (j) — for social development.

10. **Fill in the blanks with appropriate words.** $1 \times 10 = 10$

The most (a) — event for Bangladesh in the last century has been its birth as an (b) — nation. Prior to that, it experienced British (c) — rule until 1947, followed by an (d) — existence as East Pakistan from 1947 to 1971. The life of our people has often been shaped by tragedy. Floods have (e) — our land and tidal waves from the sea have (f) — away thousands of lives. (g) — has been an ever-present spectre. As a result, nearly seventy percent of the population suffer from various degrees of (h) —. Rapid population growth has added to this problem. Although the growth rate has slowed down to some extent, the population has almost (i) — since independence. On the other hand, turbulent politics and (j) —, and the rise of terrorism and crime are adversely affecting society.

Part C: Guided Writing (40 marks)

11. Match the phrases in the following substitution table to make sensible sentences. Write down the sentences in full.

$2 \times 6 = 12$

A	B	C	D
i) Socrates	brought	sentenced	round him
ii) He	began to	a great philosopher	against Socrates
iii) The young men	was	gather	to death
iv) The rulers of Athens	wanted	jealous	of ancient Greece
v) They	was	to spread knowledge	among the people
vi) This great man	grew	two charges	of his popularity

12. The sentences in the following text are jumbled. Rewrite the sentences in the proper order and in a continuous paragraph to make a story. 14

- (i) They looked for him here and there for some time.
- (ii) Once the Queen of Belgium invited him to Brussels.
- (iii) So, they went back to the queen and informed her that Einstein had not come by train.
- (iv) 'I did not think that anybody would send a car for me' replied the great scientist with a smile.
- (v) But understandably, they failed to find him out.
- (vi) Einstein, the great scientist, was simple in his ways of life.
- (vii) He travelled to Brussels by train and got down at the station.
- (viii) But I can assure you that I have greatly enjoyed the walk, said Einstein.
- (ix) They never imagined that this shabby man would be Einstein himself.
- (x) Einstein, however, walked the whole way with a suitcase in one hand and a violin in the other.
- (xi) The officials also expected to see somebody who was rich and aristocratic.
- (xii) But he could not think that many gorgeously dressed officials had come to receive him at the station.
- (xiii) When he reached the destination, the queen said to him 'I sent a car for you Dr. Einstein.
- (xiv) The queen was highly amazed at his simplicity.

13. Write a paragraph of about 100 words based on the following questions. Your answer to the questions should give as much detail as possible. 14

- (a) Why is English called an international language?
- (b) Why should we learn English?
- (c) What do you think about the necessity of grammar in learning English?
- (d) How does your English textbook help you learn English?
- (e) How does English help you in managing a job?