

03 Set

ENGLISH

FIRST PAPER

[According to the Syllabus of 2024]

Subject Code: 1 0 7

Time-3 hours

Full marks-100

[N.B. The figures in the right margin indicate full marks. Answer all the questions.]

Part A-Reading Test

Marks-50

Read the passage and answer the questions no. 1 and 2:

May Day or International Workers' Day is observed on May 1 all over the world today to commemorate the historical struggle and sacrifices of the working people to establish an eight-hour workday. It is a public holiday in almost all the countries of the world.

Since the Industrial Revolution in the 18th and 19th centuries in Europe and the US, the workers in mills and factories had been working a long shift, fourteen or even more hours a day.

On May 1st in 1886, inspired by the trade unions, half of the workers at the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company in Chicago went on strike demanding an eight-hour workday. Two days later, a workers' rally was held near the McCormick Harvester Machine Company and about 6000 workers joined it. The rally was addressed by the labour leaders. They urged the workers to stand together, to go on with their struggle and not to give in to their bosses. At one point of the rally, some strike breakers started leaving the meeting place. The strikers went down the street to bring them back. Suddenly, about 200 policemen attacked them with clubs and revolvers. One striker was killed instantly, five or six others were seriously wounded and many others were injured. The events of May 1, 1886 are a reminder that workers will continue to be exploited until they stand up and speak out to gain better working conditions, better pay and better lives.

Marks

1x7=7

1. Choose the correct answer form, the following alternatives:

- (a) The word 'commemorate' used in the passage means-
 (i) display (ii) disguise (iii) remember (iv) reunion
- (b) The prevailing work-hour of the workers had been very-
 (i) tolerable (ii) short (iii) lengthy (iv) expectable
- c) Where is May Day observed today?
 (i) All over the world (ii) In Bangladesh (iii) In Europe (iv) In the USA
- (d) The policemen attacked the strikers on-
 (i) May 1, 1886 (ii) May 2, 1886 (iii) May 3, 1886 (iv) May 4, 1886
- (e) Whom does trade union represent?
 (i) Farmers (ii) Teachers (iii) Workers (iv) Businessmen
- (f) In the rally, the labour leaders inspired the workers-
 (i) to follow their bosses (ii) to honour their bosses
 (iii) not to surrender to their bosses (iv) not to disobey their bosses
- (g) Clubs and revolvers were used upon-
 (i) trade union leaders (ii) policemen (iii) owner of the factory (iv) strikers

Ans : (a) – iii (b) – iii (c) – i (d) – iii (e) – iii (f) – iii (g) – iv

2. Answer the following questions:

2×5=10

- (a) What does May Day commemorate?
 (b) When and where did the historic events of May 1st take place?
 (c) Which demand did the workers struggle for?
 (d) What happened when the policemen attacked the strikers?
 (e) What inspired the workers joining the protest?

3. Read the following text and fill in each gap with a suitable word based on the information of the text: 1x5=5

Fish population is in serious danger from global warming. Climate change is increasing the water temperature in rivers, lakes and seas. This means there is less food and oxygen available for fish. It also means the fish may not grow fully and may have fewer fish fries. Some fishes will become extinct if temperatures rise even by one or two degrees Celsius. Climate change increases the pressure on fish population. Fishes are one of the world's most valuable biological assets. Forty percent of people in the world eat fish as their main source of protein. If we fail to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, we will increase the pressure on fish. As a result, people who depend on fish will suffer from hunger and poverty.

It is (a) ----- from the passage that global warming is (b) ----- a great threat to fish population. (c) ----- to global warming, food production and oxygen, (d) ----- in water decrease. As a result, some fish may be extinct (e)----- .

Ans: (a) found/learnt; (b) increasing/posing; (c) Due; (d) supply; (e) soon/entirely

Read the following passage on Jibananando Das and then answer questions no. 4 and 5:

Jibananando Das was born in a small town of Barishal in 1899. He took his Master's Degree in English at the age of 22. The next year, he started his teaching career as a Professor of English at Kolkata City College. He lost his job in on the charge of publishing a poem in the 'Parichaya' Patrika. But two years later, he joined the Ramjash College, Delhi, he returned to his birth place the next year. He got an appointment in Brajamohan College, Barishal in 1935. In 1947, when the partition was made, Jibananando Das left Bangladesh for India. In west Bengal he started editing the 'Swaraj' Patrika. In 1951, he joined the Kharagpur College. He was awarded 'Rabindra Purashkar in 1953. He met with a tram accident on the 14th October, 1954 and was hospitalized. After a few days, he passed away on October 22, 1954.

4. Complete the table below with information from the above passage. 1x5=5

Who/What	Activities	Where	When
Jibananando	born	(i).....	in 1899
He	M.A	English	(ii).....
Career	(iii).....	Kolkata City College	in 1922
	Migration	(iv).....	in 1947
(v).....	award		in 1953

Ans: (i) Barishal; (ii) in 1921; (iii) Professor of English; (iv) India; (v) Rabindra Purashkar

5. Write the summary of the above passage in your own words.

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6. Match the parts of sentences in column A, B and C to write five complete sentences:

1x5=5

Column A	Column B	Column C
(a) Patriotism is a great virtue	(i) to be ready to fight against	(i) themselves to work for the country.
(b) It is such a virtue	(ii) to be patriot and to be devoted	(ii) all oppressions that can hinder our progress.
(c) Patriotism inspires US	(iii) that inspire children to prepare	(iii) dream of a developed nation.
(d) So, we all should encourage our children	(iv) without which we cannot	(iv) to their respective duties and responsibilities.
(e) Radio and Television should telecast programmes	(v) for which a citizen doesn't hesitate	(v) to shed the last drop of his blood.

Ans: (a+iv+iii); (b+v+v); (c+i+ii); (d+ii+i); (e+iii+iv)

7. Put the following parts of the story in correct order to make the whole story. Only the corresponding numbers of the sentences need to be written. 1x8=8

- (a) The king asked him why he was making such a small boat.
- (b) Napoleon, the king of France, was a great hero.
- (c) One day, he was walking along the Sea-Shore.
- (d) He won many battles and conquered many countries of Europe.
- (e) The boy said. "I shall cross the sea and go my home."
- (f) Suddenly, he noticed a wonderful thing.
- (g) The boy was brought before him.
- (h) An English boy was making a small boat.

Ans: b+d+c+l+h+g+a+e

Part B-Writing Test
Marks-50

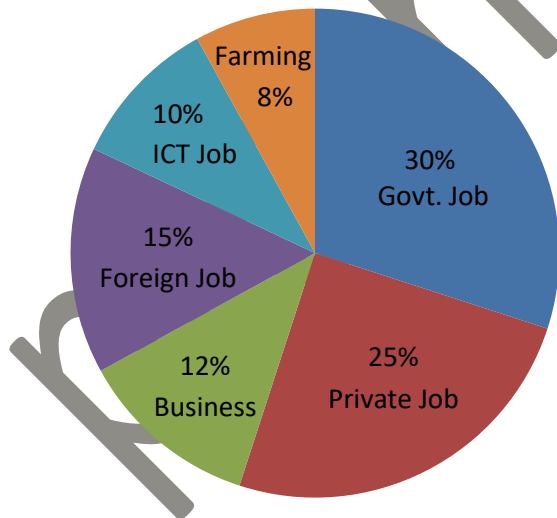
8. Write a paragraph on "The life of a farmer" answering the following questions: 10

- (a) Who is a farmer?
- (b) When does he start his daily work?
- (c) How does he lead his life?
- (d) What is his contribution to the nation?
- (e) How can we improve his condition?

9. Read the beginning of a story. Write at least ten new sentences to complete the story. 10

Rahmat Mia is a poor rickshaw puller in Dhaka. He pulls rickshaw in different areas of the city. One day he saw some men selling lottery tickets. He felt tempted and bought a ticket.-----

10. Look at the following pie-chart. It shows the choice of professions by different educated youths in Bangladesh. Now, describe the pie-chart in your own words. You are advised to highlight and summarize information given in the pie-chart. 10



11. Suppose, you are Tarun/Tanima and your friend is Raima/ Rupom. Write a letter to your friend describing what you intend to do after your SSC Examination. 10

12. Suppose, you are Karim/Karima and your younger brother is Muhib. Write a dialogue between you and your brother about the merits and demerits of using mobile phone. 10