

ENGLISH SECOND PAPER

Subject Code : 108

Time - 3 hours

Full marks - 100

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

Part A - Grammar

Marks - 60

1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions:

In Bangladesh, the legal age (a) ____ marriage (b) ____ girls is 18. However, 33% of our girls get married before they are 15 and 60% (c) ____ them become mothers (d) ____ the time they reach 19. When an adolescent girl gets married, she usually drops (e) ____ of school and thus loses her mobility. She gets confined (f) ____ full time work (g) ____ her in-law's household. She loses social status and all the opportunities (h) ____ economic independence. (i) ____ her in-law's house, she gets marginalized. She becomes vulnerable (j) ____ all sorts of abuse, including dowry related violence.

2. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box:

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

- (a) He headed for the new workplace ____ he received the transfer order.
 (b) ____ your new teacher ____? He is nice but a bit strict.
 (c) The Bangladesh cricket team dropped out from the tournament in the first round, ____ make it to the final.
 (d) I am trying to catch upon some sleep. You ____ turn off the TV.
 (e) ____ she ____? She is tall and has blonde hair.
 (f) Although Lalon Shah ____ into a Hindu family, he grew up in a Muslim family.
 (g) Nowadays we cannot think of a single day without cell phones but ____ was a time when even land phones were a luxury.
 (h) My aunt is shy by nature. In social gatherings, she ____ stay alone than interact with others.
 (i) ____ was a wonderful night. The sky was cloudless and full of stars.
 (j) You ____ follow traffic rules. You cannot drive as you like.

3. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases:

- (a) The poor man knocked at the door. He came to me with a view to ____.
 (b) Many illiterate people do not have any knowledge of health. If they were educated ____.
 (c) Scarcely had the teacher gone out of the room ____.
 (d) My grandmother lives in a village. It is many years since ____.
 (e) Trees are very important for our existence on earth. It is high time ____.
 (g) You should finish your work today. A stitch in time ____.
 (f) Despite the fact that he worked very hard ____ He was rather disappointed.
 (h) You are making a long Journey. Keep your phone turned on in case ____.
 (i) My friend is going to the USA. I wish ____.
 (j) Time is so valuable that ____.

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

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Biswas,

We are very (a) ____ (concern) about your son Rahel's behaviour. He (b) ____ (play) truant from school three times last month. When he (c) ____ (come) to class, he usually (d) ____ (not concentrate) on his lessons. He does not seem to understand texts and never (e) ____ (ask) any questions. The only time he (f) ____ (show) any initiative is in (g) ____ (make) excuses for not (h) ____ (to have) (i) ____ (do) his homework. Although he (j) ____ (have) a natural talent for art, he even (k) ____ (not take) any interest in art lessons. This is (l) ____ (disappoint), because even last year he (m) ____ (be) attentive in his studies. We hoped he (n) ____ (win) a scholarship.

I would like to request you to come to school to discuss this Situation further.

Yours Sincerely,

J. H. Khan, Principal.

5. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches:

"Are you ready to order, sir?" said the waiter. "I would like to have a plain vegetable soup for starter. Then grilled chicken, boiled potatoes and garlic bread for main course.", replied the customer. "Anything for dessert?", asked the waiter. "Just a scoop of ice cream, please.", said the customer.

6. Read the following text and use modifiers in the blank spaces as directed:

Kazi Nazrul Islam is one of (a) _____ (use determiner to pre modify the noun) best poets Bengal has (b) _____ (use an adverb to pre modify the verb) produced. A (c) _____ (use an adjective to pre modify the noun) writer, he contributed to many branches of Bangla literature. However, it is his poems and songs that earned him the (d) _____ (pre modify the noun) reputation. Through his writings, Nazrul aimed (e) _____ (use an infinitive to post modify the verb) the society because he was (f) _____ (pre modify the verb) troubled by old values and religious superstitions. It is (g) _____ (use an intensifier to pre modify the adjective) important to note that while Nazrul fought against religious bigotry, he composed (h) _____ (use a determiner to pre modify the noun) songs that (i) _____ (pre modify the verb) glorified religion. Sadly, a/an (j) _____ (pre modify the noun) disease untimely ended his literary career in his early forties.

7. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage:

The internet has transformed the way we live. (a) _____, it has become an integral part of our life. On the one hand, this technology has brought us many benefits. (b) _____, it has many negative sides. (c) _____ the internet, our communication systems have become much faster and more efficient. (d) _____, we can make bank transactions and pay our bills from home now. (e) _____ the internet allows us to access health information easily and, (f) _____, saves many lives. (g) _____, our learning opportunities have greatly increased, thanks to digital technologies. (h) _____, the internet is not an unmixed blessing. (i) _____, its harmful effects far outweigh its benefits. (j) _____ we should take precautions about using this technology. (k) _____, we must be careful not to become addicted to internet browsing. Second, we should keep an eye on our younger family members, (l) _____ there are potential dangers in the virtual world. (m) _____ online gambling and cyber bullying are very common on the internet nowadays. (n) _____, it can be said that the internet technology is doing us more harm than good.

8. Read the passage below and then write the synonym or antonym of the words as directed:

Modern education is different in method. It seeks to draw out and develop the mind to make it eager and curious. It depends more on observation and experiment than upon mere bookish knowledge. A mind that is intellectually alert will seek and learn from books. It develops latent talents of an individual. Teachers play more of a coaching role these days. They are not just instructors who deliver a lesson. Rather, they support and guide the students' activities as coaches do.

- (a) modern (antonym)
- (b) different (antonym)
- (c) method (synonym)
- (d) develop (antonym)
- (e) curious (synonym)
- (f) observation (synonym)
- (g) mere (synonym)
- (h) knowledge (synonym)
- (i) alert (antonym)
- (j) latent (synonym)
- (k) talent (synonym)
- (l) more (antonym)
- (m) support (antonym)
- (n) guide (antonym)

9. There are fourteen errors in the use of punctuation marks in the 0-5×14=7 following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors:

Jerry : I can chop some wood today

Writer : But Ive a boy coming from the orphanage.

Jerry : I'm the boy

Writer : You But youre small

Jerry : Size doesnt matter chopping wood, some of the big boys dont chop well We been chopping wood for a long time.

Writer : Very well theres the axe go ahead see what you can do.

Part B --- Composition

Marks --- 40

19. Write an application to the Principal of your college to arrange some extra classes to improve the standard of English of the weak students in your class.

11. Write a paragraph on **the historic place** you have visited recently.

12. Write a paragraph on "**Climate Change**" describing its causes and adverse consequences on human life and bio-diversity.

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