

Mymensingh Board

[According to the Syllabus of 20241

Subject Code 107

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:

Michael Madhusudan Dutt was a celebrated 19th century Bangalee poet and dramatist. He was born in Sagordari on the bank of the Kopotaksho River, a village in Keshabpur Upazila under Jashore district.

From an early age. Michael aspired to be an Englishman in form and manner. Though he was born in a sophisticated Hindu family, he converted to Christianity as a young man, much to the ire of his family, and adopted the first name Michael. In his childhood, he was recognized by his teachers as a precious child with a gift of literary talent. His early exposure to English education and European literature at home and his college inspired him to imitate the English in taste, manners and intellect. Since his adolescence he started believing that he was born on the wrong side of the planet, and that his society was unable to appreciate his talent. He also believed that the West would be more receptive to his creative genius.

Madhusudan was an ardent follower of the famous English poet Lord Byron. So, after adopting Christianity, he went to Europe and started composing poems and plays in English. They showed his higher level of intellectual ability. However, he failed to gain the right appreciation. To his utter frustration he found that he was not esteemed as a native writer of English literature. Out of his frustration, he composed a sonnet in Bangla "Kopotaksha Nad" which earned him huge reputation in Bangla. Gradually he could realise that his true identity lay in Bengal and he was a sojourner in Europe. Afterwards he regretted his fascination for England and the West. He came back to Bengal and devoted himself to Bangla literature from this period. He has written the first Bangla epic "Meghnad Badh Kabya."

Marks

1x7=7

1. Choose the correct answer from the following alternatives:

(a) Michael Madhusudan Dutt was frustrated because of his -----

- (i) being appreciated (ii) failure to gain right appreciation from the Bangalees
(iii) receiving right honour (iv) not being evaluated properly by the West

(b) His teachers appreciated his literary talents in -----

- (i) school (ii) college (iii) youth (iv) childhood

(c) ----- attracted Michael in his college life.

- (i) English literature (ii) Western novels (iii) European culture (iv) English taste, manners and intellect

(d) ----- indicates Michael's higher level of intellectual ability best.

- (i) His humanitrian work (ii) His adopting Christianity (iii) His literary work (iv) His teacher's appreciation

(e) A precious child with a gift of literary talent,' Here the expression means a child

- (i) devoid of literary talent (ii) with outstanding literary talent (iii) with literary zeal (iv) without literary talent

(f) 'He converted to Christianity as a young man, much to the ire of his family. Here the word 'ire' means

- (i) desire (ii) consent (iii) anger (iv) passion

(g) The main purpose of the author of this passage is -----.

- (i) to sketch Michael's life (ii) to show Michael's migration
 (iii) to state Michael's literary talent (iv) to highlight Michael's conversion to Christianity

2. Answer the following questions:

2x5=10

- (a) Who was Michael Madhusudan Dutt?
 (b) What was the ambition of Michael in early age?
 (c) Why did Michael start writing in Bangla?
 (d) When did Michael compose Kopotaksho Nad?
 (e) Why did Michael realize himself as a sojourner in Europe?

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

1x5=5

We have the ability to bring about a great change in our social, national and international life. But we cannot change everything. For example, humans can neither change the sun's radiation nor the earth's orbit around the sun. Rather we can control the increase in the amount of greenhouse gases and its effect on the atmosphere. It is a matter of great sorrow that only during the last hundred years the carbon dioxide concentration has been raised alarmingly in the atmosphere and we humans can be held responsible for this. Carbon dioxide level is increasing mainly for the burning of fossil fuels. Since the end of the 19th century, industrial activities increased rapidly giving rise to many factories. These factories required energy. which was produced through the combustion of coal and other energy sources such as mineral oil and natural gas which were also burned to heat our houses, run cars and airplanes or to produce electricity. Nowadays, about 85 million barrels of crude oil are burned daily. Every time a fossil raw material is burned, it releases carbon dioxide into the air. Thus, we are generating more and more greenhouse gases worldwide.

It is true that most of the natural phenomena are beyond our control, yet we can (a) ----- some aspects like the greenhouse effect by our responsible activities. We are highly responsible for (b) ----- radical climate change. Carbon dioxide is the main (c) ----- of climate change. Carbon dioxide is being (d) ----- in the atmosphere by the burning of fossil fuels. Moreover, mineral oil and natural gas are also used for various (e) -----.

Ans: (a) control: (b) the/this: (c) reason/cause/factor (d) produced/emitted/released; (e) purposes/reasons

4. Read the passage on Dr. Muhamamad Shahidullah (omplete the tallowing table with information from the passage

The great men were born in different places of the world but their activities make them familiar and closer to us. Dr Muhammad Shahidullah was one of those who contributed a lot to Bangla language and literature He was one of the greatest scholars of Bengal of his time This great scholar was born un July. 1885 at 24 Paragonas in West Bengal, India. He passed his entrance examination in 1904 and obtained his B. A. degree six years later It took him two years to complete his M. A. and another two years for his Bachelor of Law Degree. He later joined the University of Dhaka in 1921 as a professor of Sangskrit and Bengali. He was awarded the Doctorate Degree from Sorbonne University, Paris in 1928. "Bangla Shahitter Kotha" the first well arranged history of Bengali literature was composed by him and it was published in 1953. This great scholar remained busy with his works till he became seriously ill in 1967 and was confined to bed for about two and a half years. Dr. Shahidullah breathed his last on July 13, 1969 in Dhaka.

Dr. Muhammad Shahidullah			
Speciality	Great contribution to Bengali literature		
Time	Dr. Muhammad Shahidullah was born in (i)		
Who/What	Event/Activity	When	Where
Dr. Muhammad Shahidullah	Obtained BA degree	(ii)	
He	Joined as a professor	in 1921	(iii).....
He	(iv).....	in 1928	Sorbonne University, Paris
(V).....	was published	in 1953	

Ans: (i) 1885; (ii) 1910; (iii) University of Dhaka; (iv) was awarded the Doctorate Degree; (v) Bangla Shahitter Kotha

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

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

1x5=5

Column A	Column B	Column C
(a) The present world is becoming	(i) is the latest invention	(i) and collect various information
(b) Now a man from one part of the world	(ii) with anybody in any place	(ii) with the blessings of science
(c) Internet-communication	(iii) can communicate with person of another part	(iii) in a second through the Internet
(d) A man can make friendship	(iv) can use the London Library	(iv) in the communication system
(e) A student sitting in the reading room	(v) smaller day by day	(v) or even a person can choose life partner through the Internet

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

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) He got a lease of land in his village.
- (b) As a result, his lot has been changed radically.
- (c) Poverty forced him to look for work.
- (d) He has also been raising hybrid cows for milk and manure.
- (e) Shamim was an unemployed youth of an impoverished family.
- (f) So, he joined the training in vegetable cultivation.
- (g) He is now very happy to be a self-sufficient man.
- (h) He applied his new and improved knowledge for cultivating vegetables.

Ans: e+c+f+a+h+d+h+g

Part B Writing Test

Marks-50

8. Answer the following questions to write a paragraph on 'Your School Magazine': 10

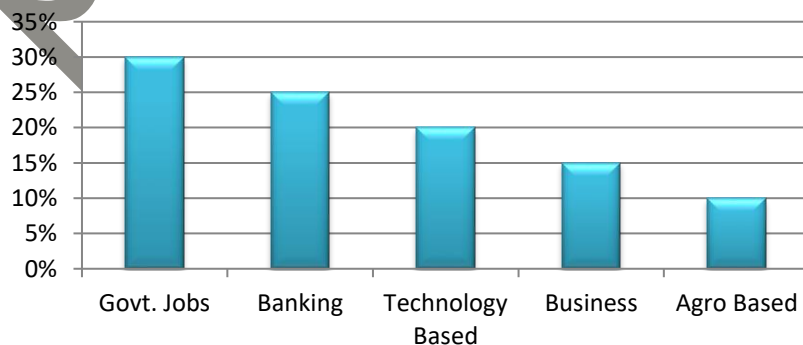
- (a) What is a school magazine?
- (b) What is the name of your school magazine?
- (c) How is the magazine committee formed?
- (d) What does it contain?
- (e) What is the importance of a school magazine?

9. Read the beginning of a story below: Add at least ten new sentences to complete the story. Give a suitable title to it. 10

A long time ago, the town of Hamelin faced with a great problem. It became full of rats. The situation became very unbearable.....

10. Look at the graph below. It shows the choice of professions by educated youths in Bangladesh. Now, describe the graph in about 150 words. You should highlight and summarize the information given in the graph: 10

Choice of Professions by Educated Youths



11. Suppose, you are Abid/Abida, Naveed is your younger brother. You have heard that he is keeping some evil companions nowadays. Now, write an email to your younger brother advising him to avoid evil company. 10

12. Suppose, you are Tanveer/Tanisa. You have a friend named Habib/Habiba who is fond of trees and nature. Now, write a dialogue between you and your friend about the importance of tree plantation. 10

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