

[According to the Syllabus of 2024]

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 1 and 2:**

Meherjan lives in a slum on the Sirajgonj Town Protection Embankment. The whispering wind from the river Jamuna makes the fire unsteady. The dancing flames remind Meherjan of the turmoil in her life.

Not long ago Meherjan had everything a family, arable land and cattle. The erosion of the Jamuna gradually consumed all her land property. It finally claimed her only shelter during the last monsoon. It took the river only a day to devour Meher's house, trees, vegetable garden and the bamboo bush. She had a happy family once. Over the years, she lost her husband and her family to diseases that cruel hunger and poverty brought to the family. Now, she is the only one left to live on with the loss and pain. The greedy Jamuna has shattered her dreams and happiness.

There are thousand others waiting to share the same fate like Meherjan. Bangladesh is a land of rivers, some of whose banks overflow or erode during monsoon. Erosion is a harsh reality for the people living along the river banks. During each monsoon many more villages are threatened by the mighty rivers like the Jamuna, the Padma and the Meghna. It is estimated that river erosion makes at least 100,000 people homeless every year in Bangladesh. Infact, river erosion is one of the main dangers caused by climate change. If we can't take prompt actions to adapt to climate change, there will be thousands of more Meherjans in our towns and villages every year.

Marks

1x7=7

1. Choose the correct answer from the following alternatives:

- (a) Meher's life was very happy before-
 (i) the liberation. (ii) the destruction of the river Jamuna. (iii) the victory. (iv) the independence.
- (b) Greedy Jamuna' is used here to describe the-
 (i) cruelty of nature (ii) demand of a consumer (iii) supply of a consumer (iv) help of a consumer.
- (c) Meherjan is a victim of-
 (i) drought (ii) famine (iii) river erosion (iv) cyclone.
- (d) The word 'turmoil' indicates-
 (i) agitation (ii) reduction (iii) constant (iv) rigid.
- (e) The word 'shatter' means-
 (i) to destroy something (ii) to break something into pieces (iii) to erect something (iv) to complete something.
- (f) The phrase 'whispering wind' means
 (i) wind that blows from across the river (ii) wind that blows with a hissing sound
 (iii) wind that helps someone make a fire (iv) wind that blows in summer.
- (g) What is the main purpose of the author of the passage?
 (i) To explain the importance of river. (ii) To describe the impact of monsoon.
 (iii) To describe the effect of river erosion. (iv) To describe the fate of a woman.

2. Answer the following questions:

2x5=10

- (a) Why does the author call the Jamuna greedy?
- (b) Where does Meherjan live?
- (c) What does 'dancing flame' mean?
- (a) How can we stop river erosion?
- (e) When are many more villages threatened by the roaring rivers?

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

Scientists have identified Hydrogen as another form of renewable energy source. It is the most abundant element in nature. But it does not exist separately as a gas. It is always combined with other elements, such as with Oxygen to make water. Hydrogen, separated from another element, can be burned as a fuel to produce electricity. Scientists have (a)..... out that Hydrogen can be (b)..... as renewable energy source. The nature is (c)..... with Hydrogen (d)..... it does not exist separately as gas. Hydrogen and Oxygen (e)..... water.

Ans: (a) found (b) used/utilized (c) filled (d) but (e) comprise/make/form

Read the following text and answer the questions 4 and 5:

Abul Kashem Fazlul Huq was born in 1873 at Sauria is Barishal. He received his primary education in a village Maktab. Then he entered the Barishal Zilla School. He passed the Entrance Examination standing first in the Dhaka Division. After that, he went to Calcutta for higher education. At the age of twenty one, he passed the B.Sc Exam obtaining honours in Chemistry, Physics and Math from the Presidency College, Calcutta. He took his M.Sc degree in Math in 1896. The next year he was appointed as an examiner of M.A in Math in Calcutta University. Then he passed B.L Examination. Then he enrolled himself in the Calcutta High Court. He worked with Nawab Sir Salimullah.

He played an important role in founding the All India Muslim League in 1906. Then he became a Deputy Magistrate. But he resigned and again joined the Calcutta High Court. In 1913, he became an elected member of BLC. Three years after, he attended the special joint session of the Congress and the Muslim League in Lucknow. In 1918, he became the General Secretary of the Indian Congress and was the President of All India Muslim League.

4. Complete the following table with informations from the above text 1x5=5

Abul Kashem Fazlul Huq			
His main contribution		Founded the All India Muslim League and became the (i)..... of it.	
Who	Event	Time	Place
Abul Kasheem Fazlul Huq	was born	1873	(ii).....
He	(iii).....	1894	Presidency College.
He	took M.Sc degree	(iv).....	
He	(v).....	1897	Calcutta University.

Ans: (i) president (ii) Sauria, Barishal (iii) passed the B.Sc exam (iv) 1895 (v) was appointed as an examiner

5. Write a summary of the above passage in your own words. 10

6. Match the parts of sentences given in column 'A', 'B' and 'C' to write five complete sentences: 1x5=5

Column A	Column B	Column C
(a) The function of education	(i) which connects with efficiency	(i) not enough for a man.
(b) But education	(ii) should be	(ii) gifted with reasons and morals.
(c) The most dangerous criminal	(iii) is to teach one	(iii) to think intensively.
(d) We must remember,	(iv) that intelligence is	(iv) the goal of true education.
(e) Intelligence plus character	(v) may be the man who	(v) may prove the greatest menace to society.

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

7. Put the following parts of the story in correct order to make the whole 1x8-8 story. Only the corresponding numbers of the sentences need to be written: 1x5=5

- (a) The king followed the advice of the physician and became slim and fully cured.
- (b) He advised the king to move a heavy club into the air till he got tired.
- (c) He did not under go physical labour.
- (d) The doctor was very wise.
- (e) He became bulky and could not move or do anything.
- (f) Once there was a king who was very idle.
- (g) He did not prescribe any medicine.
- (h) He called in a doctor.

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

Part B-Writing Test
Marks-50

Marks

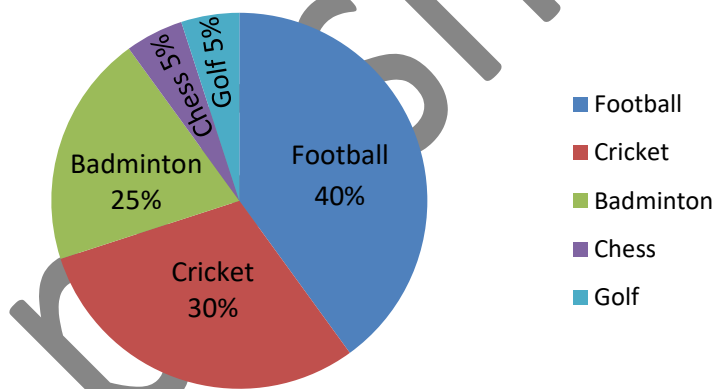
8. Write a paragraph on 'A Rainy Day' answering the following questions 10

- (a) How is a rainy day?
- (b) What happens in the rainy season?
- (c) What do people do on this day? How do the animals and birds pass this day?
- (d) What do the children do on this day?
- (e) How do you pass the day?

9. Read the beginning of the story. Now complete it in your own language. Give a suitable title to it. 10

Once upon a time, there was a king called Midas. He was very rich get he always longed for more riches. Moreover, he was fond of gold though he had a lot of it.....

10. The pie chart below shows the percentage of supporters of different games and sports of our country. Now describe the chart in about 150 words. You should highlight and summarize the information given in the chart. 10



11. Suppose, you are Sabina Yasmins/Sahin living in Subidbazar, Sylhet. You have a friend in Sunamgonj named Maliha Afrin/Milon. Now write a letter to your friend describing how you have celebrated the last 21st February in your school. 10

12. Suppose you are Robin/Rubi and you have a friend named Fardin/Fariha. Now write a dialogue between you and your friend about Dengue fever and its remedies. 10