

Sylhet Board

01 Set

ENGLISH

SECOND PAPER

[According to the Syllabus of 2024]

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

Marks

1. Fill in the blanks with the words from the box. You may need to change the forms of some of the words. You may need to use one word more than once: 0.5x10=5

with	from	for	in	compliment
the	leisure	of	idle	

Leisure is the moment when a person is free (a) _____ his work as well as his worries and tensions. It is (b) _____ free time when we can enjoy ourselves (c) _____ doing something. So leisure is pleasure but it is not wasting time in (d) _____. In fact, leisure and labour are (e) _____. In leisure we have freedom (f) _____ doing what gives us pleasure and refreshes our mind. Our life is full (g) _____ duties. In spite of being very busy in the present age, we cannot deny the need of (h) _____ in life. A little leisure refreshes our mind and we can start working again (i) _____ renewed energy. Leisure makes us fit (j) _____ doing more difficult work.

Ans: (a) from; (b) the; (c) for; (d) idleness; (e) complimentary; (f) for/of; (g) of; (h) leisure; (i) with; (j) for/in

2. Fill in the blanks with suitable words... 0.5x10=5

You are the students of class ten. (a) _____ highest class of the school. To come to this (b) _____ you had to undergo (c) _____ lot of hardship and had to make effort. None of you can deny the fact of getting help (d) _____ many dedicated and friendly teachers. This is however (e) _____ usual process. What tremendous jobs the teachers shouldered to bring you (f) _____ this stage. All these have been done to you to help you (g) _____ becoming a (h) _____ person, having (i) _____ ability and integrity (j) _____ your own excellence

Ans: (a) the; (b) class/stage; (c) a; (d) from; (e) a; (f) in/ at; (g) for; (h) Skilled/competent; (i) the/this; (j) attaining/gaining

3. Make five sentences using parts of sentences from each column of the table below: 1x5=5

Independence	went	the war.
No nation	joined	to the battle field. to save the country.
Our war of independence	is	it without struggle.
People of all walks of life.	took place	in 1971.
They	can achieve	the birth right of a man.

Ans: (i) Independence is the birth right of a man

(ii) No nation can achieve it without struggle

(iii) Our war of independence took place in 1971.

(iv) People of all walks of life joined the war.

(v) They went to the battle field to save the country.

4. Complete the following text with right forms of the verbs given in the box. 0.5x10=5

enable	give	exercise	send	do
compare	mean	be	bring	

Science (a) ____ simply miracle. It (b) ____ about a change over the face of the globe. It (c) ____ man to control the forces of Nature and employ them to his service. With the help of science we can now (d) ____ messages across the seas, fly in the air like the winged bird. Modern science may (e) ____ to Aladin's magic lamp. Cinema, radio, television, gramophone, electric fan and watch (f) ____ all the gifts of modern science. The cinema (g) ____ the moving and talking pictures of men and women. It (h) ____ a great influence in our daily life. The radio (i) ____ us to listen to the talks of people living hundreds of miles away from us across seas and mountains. The television (j) ____ pictures seen through the wireless.

Ans: (a) is; (b) has brought; (c) enables; (d) send; (e) be compared; (f) are; (g) means; (h) exercises/does; (i) enables; (j) gives

5. Change the narrative style of the following text:

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The teacher said to Shafin, "Why are you talking in the class? You should behave yourself." Shafin replied, "Sir, I am sorry. I am asking Sifat to lend me his pen. My pen has run out."

Ans: The teacher asked Shafin why he (Sh) was talking in the class and added that he (Sh) should behave himself. Shafin replied respectfully that he (Sh) was sorry and added that he (s) was asking Sifat to lend him (Sh) his (Sifat) pen. He (Sh) also said that his (Sh) pen had run out.

6. Change the sentences according to directions.

1×10=10

- (a) Who does not want to succeed in life? **(Assertive)**
- (b) Being industrious, everyone can prosper in life. **(Negative)**
- (c) It is not an easy thing. **(Affirmative)**
- (d) The idle always lag behind. **(Complex)**
- (e) We must work hard so that we can earn money. **(Simple)**
- (f) By working hard, we can improve our lot. **(Compound)**
- (g) The light of prosperity can be seen by a hard working person. **(Active)**
- (h) Women should work as much as men. **(Comparative)**
- (i) We should remember that industry is the key to success. **(Passive)**
- (j) An idle man leads a very miserable life. **(Exclamatory)**

Ans: (a) Everybody/Everyone wants to succeed in life.

(b) Without being industrious, none can prosper in life.

(c) It is a difficult thing.

(d) Those who are idle always lag behind.

(e) We must work hard to earn money.

(f) We work hard and in this way we can improve our lot.

(g) A hard-working person can see the light of prosperity.

(h) Women should not work less than men.

(i) It should be remembered (by us) that industry is the key to success.

(j) What a miserable life an idle man leads!

7. Complete the following sentences:

1×5=5

- (a) Cricket is a game -----.
- (b) Boys and girls of our country -----.
- (c) Though cricket is a costly game, -----.
- (d) Bangladesh is a test playing country -----.
- (e) ----- to upgrade the standard.

Ans: (a) Which is very popular / exciting/interesting all over the world. (b) are very much fond of this game. (c) it is played in our country greatly. (d) but we are not doing well in test matches. (e) Necessary steps should be taken by the cricket board.

8. Complete the text adding suffixes, prefixes or the both with the underlined words:

0.5x10=5

Child labour is considered a matter of (a) ----(grace)---- for a nation. Wherever children are employed either it is domestic work or factory work, either it is rickshaw pulling or working in a shop or hotel, they are (b) ----(treated)----. Their (c) ----(employ)---- don't give them their due rights. Children work for longer period in (d) ----(healthy)---- and (e) ----(favourable)---- condition and what is (f) ----(sorrow)---- they are not given due wages. Many children do the work of the adults and often do the (g) ----(risk)---- and (h) ----(danger)---- work. Strict laws should be (i) ----(forced)---- against employing children in manual work. Their parents should be (j) ----(courage)---- to send their children to school.

Ans: (a) disgrace; (b) mistreated/ill-treated; (c) employers; (d) unhealthy; (e) unfavorable (f) sorrowful; (g) risky; (h) dangerous; (i) enforced; (j) encouraged

9. Make tag questions of these statements.

1x5=5

- (a) At present extended families are found in rural areas, -----?
(b) There're many members in extended families, -----?
(c) The house is always full of guests, -----?
(d) It becomes very difficult for one to study, -----?
(e) In the same room children are found reading, gossiping and sleeping, -----?

Ans: (a) aren't they? (b) aren't there? (c) isn't it? (d) doesn't it? (e) aren't they?

10. Complete the passage using suitable connectors.

1x5=5

Almost all countries of the world suffer from the curse of unemployment problem. (a) ----- nowhere in the world this problem is so acute as in our country. There are many reasons behind it. (b) ----- our country is industrially backward. (c) ----- our system of education fails to give a student an independent start of life. It has little provision for vocational training. (d)----- our students and youths have a false sense of dignity. (e)----- they run after jobs only.

Ans: (a) But (b) Firstly/First of all (c) Secondly (d) As a result/Moreover/Again (e) Thus/Therefore/That's Why

11. Use capitals and punctuations marks where necessary in the following text:

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why don't you attend classes regularly the teacher said to the boy you cannot expect good results unless you attend classes as i tell you i am sorry sir said the student

Ans: "Why don't you attend classes regularly?" the teacher said to the boy. "You cannot expect good results unless you attend classes as I tell you." "I am sorry, sir," said the student.

Part B – Composition

Marks – 40

12. Suppose, you are Nafiz/Nafisa. A computer programmer will be appointed in the National ICT Research Centre, Dhaka. So, a vacancy advertisement has been published in "The Daily Star" for the post. You are very interested for the post. Now, write a CV with a cover letter for the post. Your CV should not exceed one page.

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13. Suppose, you are Tanim/Tonima, a student of Pioneer High School, Rangpur. You are facing some problems in your school library especially the inedequacy of books essential for preparing notes. Now, write an application to the Headmaster of your school, praying for enhancing library facilities.

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14. Write a paragraph on "Our National Flag".

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15. Write a composition on "Importance of Reading Newspapers".

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