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**Question No. 01****Gap filling activities without clues (for prepositions)****3. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.**

0.5 × 10 = 5

Books are really our best friends as we can rely (a) — them when we are bored, upset, depressed, lonely or annoyed. They share (b) — us information and knowledge whenever we need. They enable tap us to have a glimpse (c) — cultures, traditions, arts, history, geography, health, psychology and many other subjects and aspects of life. Good books always guide us (d) — the right path (e) — life. Reading good books helps us understand the world (f) — us better. While reading books, we build new and creative thoughts, images and opinions (g) — our mind. This habit helps us explore life (h) — different perspectives. In other words, it has several positive effects (i) — our body, mind and soul. In fact, the habit of reading is one (j) — the best qualities that a person can possess.

[JB '23]

**2. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.**

0.5 × 10 = 5

Corruption is a curse (a) — a nation. It is a great hinderance (b) — the development. (c) — corrupt people, a nation will surely sink (d) — oblivion. Corrupt people are hated by all. The common people have no respect (e) — them. They are devoid (f) — honesty. The stick (g) — their evil activities. They do not abide (h) — the social rules. Morality does not have any effect (i) — them. They bring nothing for the nation. It is high time we stood (j) — them.

[CtgB '23]

**3. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.**

0.5 × 10 = 5

Drug addiction has become a serious problem (a) — modern society. Many young men and women are falling victims (b) — this. There are many reasons (c) — drug addiction. Drugs are expensive. So, to manage money, the addicts often go (d) — stealing, killing or all sorts of misdeeds. Drugs are smuggled (e) — a country and the smugglers carry (f) — drug business freely. Bangladesh is not free (g) — the curse of drugs. But we cannot allow this (h) — our country. The first thing to do is to highlight its dangerous effects (i) — people. The government and mass media can play an effective role (j) — this respect.

[DjB '23]

**4. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.**

0.5 × 10 = 5

A teacher is an architect (a) — a nation. He plays an important role (b) — building up an educated nation. He dispels the darkness (c) — ignorance (d) — the lot of a nation. He is an actor, so to speak. He has to suit his act according (e) — the need of his audience which is his class. He is a clear speaker (f) — good, strong and pleasing voice which is (g) — his control. He does not sit motionless (h) — his class. Everybody has something valuable (i) — him. A good teacher discovers the treasure hidden inside each student. He also wants the students to be happy and for this he keeps them busy. A good teacher never hankers (j) — money.

[JB'16: MB '22; Carmichael College, Rangpur-2023; Satkhira Govt. Mahila College, Satkhira-2022 (Prep. Exam): Joypurhat Govt. College, Joypurhat-2019; Patuakhali Govt. College-2019; BN School & College, Khulna-2018]

**5. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.**

0.5 × 10 = 5

The environment plays an important role (a) — our life. (b) — short, what we have (c) — us including people, houses, air, water etc. is called environment. These are the main elements (d) — our environment. (e) — ensuring sound life the balance (f) the natural elements is very significant. Sometimes (g) — lack of knowledge, we don't realise the importance (h) — it. As a result, we are polluting our environment unknowingly. Living (i) — a polluted environment is undoubtedly a matter (j) — great regret.

[DB '17; New Govt. Degree College, Rajshah-2022 (Prep. Exam): Azam Khan Govt. Commerce College, Khulna-2022 (Prep. Exam): Rajshahi College, Rajshahi-2019; Magura Govt, Mohila College-2018; Mirzapur Cadet College, Tangall-2017]

**6. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.**

0.5 × 10 = 5

A good stock (a) — words is necessary (b) — anybody who wants to use a language. Vocabulary is an essential component (c) — successful communication. It is an integral part (d) — reading skill. While grammar is important, a lack (e) — vocabulary may result (f) — complete failure to convey a message. Vocabulary includes conceptual knowledge (g) — words that go well (h) — an ordinary dictionary meaning. Students' vocabulary knowledge is a building process that occurs (i) — time as they tend to make connections (j) — other words.

[DB'16; Cantt. Public School & College, Rangpur-2023; Rafiqul Islam Mohila College, Bhairab-2022 (Prep. Exam); Netrakona Govt. Mohila College, Netrakona-2019; Cumilla Govt. College, Cumilla-2019; Noakhali Govt. Women's College-2019]

**7. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.**

0.5 × 10 = 5

Preposition connects all types (a) — words together and help them make sense. (b) — the reader. They help us understand the relationship (c) — objects. (d) — example, the book and the table are (e) — the kitchen. This gives you a basic understanding. If we add another preposition, it makes it even clearer. The book is (f) — top of the table (g) — the kitchen. We have a clear picture (h) — our mind (i) — the relationship (j) — each other.

[CB '19; Rajshahi Cadet College, Rajshaht-2023; Joypurhat Govt. College, Joypurhat-2023; Kumudini Govt. College, Tangall-2022 (Prep. Exam); Bogura Cantt. Public School & College, Bogura-2022 (Prep. Exam)]

**8. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.**

0.5 × 10 = 5

A good boy is accustomed (a) — hard work. He is not addicted (b) — any bad thing. He is not averse (c) — any hard work. He clings (d) — his determination. Since he is used (e) — hard work, he is not doubtful (f) — his success. He is very much conscious (g) — his duties. He is not boastful (h) — his talents. He behaves well (i) — all. He attends (j) — his studies.

[DB 23]

**9. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.**

0.5 × 10 = 5

Traffic problem is a major problem (a) — our day-to-day life. Mainly the city dwellers suffer (b) — it. The drivers do not abide (c) — the traffic rules. Most often traffic problems occur (d) — the congested areas where the roads are very narrow in proportion (e) — our population. There are many unlicensed vehicles which should be brought (f) — control. Strict rules must be introduced (g) — this regard. We should raise consciousness (h) — the people of our country (i) — a view to ensuring a good traffic system (j) — the safety of the people.

[BB '22]

**10. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.**

0.5 × 10 = 5

Japan is an island country (a) — the east coast of Asia. It has more than 100 islands which were mostly formed (b) — earthquakes and volcanoes. Most Japanese people live (c) — the four largest islands. These islands are Honshu, Hokkaido, Shikoku and Kyushu. The name of Japan comes (d) — a Chinese phrase meaning "land of the rising sun". Japan has borrowed other things from the Chinese (e) — its name. The Japanese written language, for example, is based (f) — the Chinese system (g) — picture writing. Japan has to buy almost all its raw materials (h) — other countries. Trade is very important (i) — the island nation of Japan. (j) — the resources it buys, Japan makes products to sell all over the world.

[DJB '22]

**Question No. 02**

Gap filling activities with clues (special uses)

**1. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/ words given in the box.**

0.5 x 10 = 5

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

(a) Time is very valuable. We — utilize time properly.

(b) I — take a taxi than walk home. It is already too late.

- (c) Long ago — lived a mighty king Kubla Khan. He built an amazing palace in deep dark forest.  
 (d) — watching a horror film at midnight? You are really scared.  
 (e) It is winter. You — buy a coat.  
 (f) — the balcony —? It looks very beautiful but it is really small.  
 (g) Bangladesh — as an independent state on 16 December 1971 after nine months bloody war against the occupation Pakistan Army.  
 (h) — was in China that the art of Bonsai originated perhaps more than 1000 years ago.  
 (i) I cannot ride a bicycle — a motor cycle. I have no money to buy any of them.  
 (j) — the rain stopped, I started for home.

[DB '23]

**2. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/ words given in the box.**

0.5 × 10 = 5

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

- (a) The tennis match restarted — the rain had stopped.  
 (b) In England, most school children — wear a uniform. Is it the same in Bangladesh?  
 (c) In our country, rainy season is very different. During this season — rains heavily without any gap.  
 (d) Socrates was a great Greek philosopher. He — in 469 BC. He spoke against the traditional Greek beliefs and so he was sentenced to death by drinking hemlock.  
 (e) Long ago, — lived a mighty warrior, Kublai Khan. He built an amazing palace in a deep dark and mysterious forest.  
 (f) A warrior — die than surrender to enemies. He loves his country more than his life.  
 (g) We — take an umbrella. It may rain today.  
 (h) — the weather — today?  
 (i) Baby: Mom, — a ghost —?  
 (j) — has been many years since I saw him. So, I cannot recognize him.

[CB '23]

**3. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/ words given in the box.**

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

0.5 × 10 = 5

- (a) A good citizen — perform a lot of things. These things will enable him to become a true patriot.  
 (b) — is no fish here. It's a swimming pool.  
 (c) Mr. Habib is an honest man. He — starve than take bribe.  
 (d) — walking alone through a forest? I had never faced such a situation.  
 (e) — she finished her work, she called her father.  
 (f) Sumi: Mom, — a fox —?  
 Mother: Well, it is somewhat like dog.  
 (g) He is very miserly. He doesn't help his neighbours, — the villagers.  
 (h) I went to my village home on foot. — took me two hours to reach there.  
 (i) The weather is getting worse. I — start for home. My parents will be anxious for me.  
 (j) Tennyson was a great Victorian poet. He — in England.

[CtgB '23]

**4. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/ words given in the box.**

had better	Would rather	what's.... like	used to	as soon as
what does.....look like	feel like	as if	there	what if

0.5 × 10 = 5

- (a) Jolly is my friend, she — sing in a choir, but she gave it up for some unavoidable reasons.
- (b) The world economy is passing through a great crisis due to war situation. The world leaders — concentrate on the economy and security of the common people.
- (c) We went to John's office yesterday. He behaved — he had not known us.
- (d) — a dinosaur —? Have you ever seen it?
- (e) We are waiting outside. — you finish your dinner, don't delay to join us.
- (f) He is so honest that he — die than cheat.
- (g) — the ice had cracked? You would have disappeared into the icy water.
- (h) You told me about a French novel. — the novel —?
- (i) I am very thirsty. I — having a nice cool glass of lemonade.
- (j) — exists no life in the Mars.

[BB '23]

**5. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/ words given in the box.**

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

0.5 × 10 = 5

- (a) We have not decided yet where we are going, — booked the tickets.
- (b) I— I lead a simple life than earn a lot of money illegally.
- (c) — has been many years since I saw him.
- (d) Have you ever seen an octopus? — it —?
- (e) Socrates was a great Greek philosopher. He — in 469 BC.
- (f) The sailors were terrified. — were no birds or animals in that snow covered country.
- (g) He is not at home now. — he returns, I will ring you.
- (h) I hear you have joined a new job. — your new boss —?
- (i) You are always late in attending class. You — be on time.
- (j) I — get to the railway station by five or else I may miss the train.

[DB '22]

**6. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/ words given in the box.**

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

0.5 × 10 = 5

- (a) Susmita is very honest. She — resign the post than earn money in a dishonest way.
- (b) Karim: — your new dress —?  
Rahim: It is very nice.
- (c) Sukanto — on 25 August 1926 at his maternal uncle's home at Kolkata.
- (d) I cannot remember the title of the book — the details of the story. I read it many years ago.
- (e) You look very dirty. You take — bath before you go to bed.
- (f) Panic seized me — I heard his roaring voice.
- (g) My mother is ill. She — be shifted to hospital.
- (h) I have never seen a ghost. — a ghost —?
- (i) — lived a boy named Newton. The boy was very kind-hearted. So, everybody liked him.
- (j) During Spring, various kinds of flowers bloom. — seems that everything has got a new life.

[RB '22]

**7. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/ words given in the box.**

was born	have to	let alone	There	What does...look like
It	what's...like	had better	would rather	as soon as

0.5 × 10 = 5

- (a) It is such a nice weather. I — sit in the garden than watch TV.
- (b) He worked hard. He was too tired to walk, — run.
- (c) It is raining heavily now. I will go to the shop — it stops raining.
- (d) We — stop the devastating loss of our forests; otherwise life on the earth will be endangered. (e) — an alligator —? Have you ever seen it?
- (f) — it — going to play? The weather is good now.
- (g) — is no denying the fact that time is more valuable than money.
- (h) It is five o'clock. I — go now before the traffic gets too bad.
- (i) — appears to me that he is interested in the matter.
- (j) I love this city. This is the city where I — in.

[CB '22]

**8. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/ words given in the box.**

0.5 × 10 = 5

has to	would rather	what does...look like	There	let alone
as soon as	It	what's...like	had better	was born

- (a) You look exhausted. You — take rest to refresh yourself.
- (b) He does not like hustle and bustle. He — stay alone than join the gathering.
- (c) — was a time when every child used to relish home-made food.
- (d) The man who wears a crown — bear the burden of responsibility.
- (e) He is the descendant of a royal family. He — with a silver spoon in his mouth.
- (f) — is said that a stitch in time saves nine.
- (g) They cannot afford to buy a bike, — a car.
- (h) Have you ever seen a kingfisher? — a kingfisher —?
- (i) — I heard the news, I informed you.
- (j) I have never travelled by air. — a plane journey

[DjB '22]

**9. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/ words given in the box.**

had better	let alone	what does...look like	there	as if
as soon as	would you mind	it	was born	would rather

0.5 × 10 = 5

- (a) The room appears to be suffocating. — opening the windows?
- (b) It is raining outside. You — take an umbrella.
- (c) He cannot read newspaper — edit a newspaper.
- (d) — lived a wise man but he was not well-known to all.
- (e) You look tired. — appears to me that you have worked hard.
- (f) Ismail is a symbol of versatile genius. He — in a needy family.
- (g) — a dinosaur —? Have you ever seen it?
- (h) He proceeded — he had never seen me. His defiant behaviour offended me.
- (i) Panic seized me — I heard his roaring voice.
- (j) Though I am in dire need of money, I — die than seek any financial help from him.

[SB '221]

**10. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/ words given in the box.**

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

0.5 × 10 = 5

- (a) You look very anxious. And you cannot continue your study any longer. You — take rest.
- (b) Sheela is suffering from tooth-ache. She — see a dentist.
- (c) Play is delayed due to rain. It will resume — the rain stops.
- (d) In modern times, — has been a great change in the attitude of man regarding superstitious belief.

- (e) Milton was a poet of versatile genius. He — in 1608 in England. He used to believe that one should start a profession after taking necessary preparations.
- (f) We — walk fast than get on the train. The train is very crowded.
- (g) He cannot tell my name, — my address. He is really a liar.
- (h) A : — the university admission test —?  
B: It's really hard and competitive.
- (i) Father, — a ghost —?
- (j) — is unfortunate that many students spoil their time by using facebook.

[DJB'16] [JB'17] [JB '17][JB '17][JB'17] [JB '19][JB '19] [CB '19] [CtgB '19]

### Question No. 03

#### Completing Sentences (with clauses/phrases)

#### 1. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/ phrases.

1 × 10 = 10

- (a) Honesty is the best policy. If you maintain honesty, —.
- (b) English is an international language. I wish —.
- (c) It is a long time since —.
- (d) He talks too much while doing his work. I don't like people who —.
- (e) The beggar was very hungry. No sooner had he got a piece of loaf on the road than —.
- (f) The old man is very weak. He is walking slowly —.
- (g) A student should not memorize any answer blindly. If he memorizes the answer without knowing the meaning, —.
- (h) Corruption is the main hindrance to the development of our country. It is high time —.
- (i) Had I earned enough money —.
- (j) My brother will come to Rajshahi from Dhaka. So I have to go to station with a view to —.

[DB '23]

#### 2. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/ phrases.

1 × 10 = 10

- (a) Most of the rivers are getting polluted day by day. It is high time —.
- (b) Milk is rich in food values. We should take milk everyday so that —.
- (c) Mr. John is very interested in tourism. He wants to visit Bangladesh with a view to —.
- (d) I like to play cricket in my leisure time. When I get a chance, —.
- (e) No nation can develop without education. So, it is rightly said that —.
- (f) Mina really sings well. If she gets opportunity, —.
- (g) He was a petty clerk. But he behaved as though—.
- (h) The weather of that night was very rough. I would have met you provided —.
- (i) Bangladesh is a small country. Though it has a small area, —.
- (j) English is an international language. There is not a country in the world where —.

[SB '23]

#### 3. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/ phrases.

1 × 10 = 10

- (a) Florence Nightingale wanted to be a nurse with a view to —.
- (b) If I had the wings of a bird, I —
- (c) Unity is strength. United we stand, —.
- (d) Time plays a very crucial role in human life. We cannot prosper in life unless —.
- (e) Whenever my uncle comes to our house, he —. I have never seen him coming to our house empty-handed.
- (i) It is high time you —. It is detrimental to health.
- (g) The box is very heavy. Are you strong enough —?
- (h) John is fond of reading. Whenever he goes to the book fair, —.
- (i) Rima is a good singer. She sings so well that —.
- (j) Since Bangladesh is an agricultural country, — We should put emphasis on our agricultural sectors.

[JB '23]

#### 4. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/ phrases.

1 × 10 = 10

- (a) There was a little rain yesterday. If it had rained heavily, —.
- (b) Though junk foods look appetizing, — We should avoid them.

- (c) Opportunity does not always come. You would have succeeded in life provided that —.
- (d) The old man is very weak. He walks very slowly lest —.
- (e) The amount of waste is growing rapidly all over the world and polluting the environment. It is high time —.
- (f) I wish I —. I would express my feelings in my poems.
- (g) English is an international language. We need to learn it as —.
- (h) Kiran got a foreign scholarship. She was so happy that —.
- (i) It was my first lecture. I was too nervous —.
- (j) Manners define a man. We always appreciate a person —.

[MB 23]

**5. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/ phrases.**

1 × 5 = 5

[বি.দ. 2024 সালের অনুষ্ঠায় পরীক্ষায় এ প্রশ্নটিতে 10টি gap থাকবে এবং নম্বর হবে 1 × 10 = 10]

- (a) Florence Nightingale wanted to be a nurse with a view to —.
- (b) We are a free nation now. 1971 is the year when —.
- (c) I don't have enough money. Had I been a rich man, —.
- (d) My final examination is going on. I studied hard lest I —.
- (e) Man proposes, —.

[MB '22]

**6. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/ phrases.**

1 x 10 = 10

- (a) Industry is the —.
- (b) A man cannot succeed in life —.
- (c) — of the world are industrious.
- (d) The man — can maintain a sound health.
- (e) We should not like those persons —.
- (f) I always —.
- (g) I know the story of an industrious person —.
- (h) That man always inspires me —.
- (i) I have a poor uncle. He could be rich —.
- (j) He has become poor — of his idleness.

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**7. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/ phrases.**

1 × 10 = 10

- (a) Trees are essential for our existence. So, we should —.
- (b) English is an international language. — you cannot get a good job.
- (c) Corruption is an obstacle to our national development. It is high time —.
- (d) My childhood was full of joys and happiness. I wish —.
- (e) Mobile phone is a wonder of modern science. But —.
- (f) He cannot run the business. So, he should —.
- (g) He confessed that —. So, I forgave him.
- (h) The students could not memorise the poem. It was too difficult —.
- (i) Since there was no more question to discuss, —.
- (j) Female education is a crying need for our country. It is a good sign that nowadays —.

[DB '17: Rangpur Cadet College, Rangpur-2023; Azam Khan Govt. Commerce College, Khulna-2022 (Prep. Exam): Govt. Suhrawardy College, Pirojpur-2019; Govt. Fazilatunnesa Women's College, Bhola-2017]

**8. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/ phrases**

1 × 10 = 10

- (a) Industry is the key to success. If you work hard, —.
- (b) Corruption is the main hindrance to development. It is high time —.
- (c) Abdul is an HSC candidate. He is studying hard lest —.
- (d) There are a good number of reasons why —. That English is a foreign language is the main reason.
- (e) Birds fly in the sky. I wish —.
- (f) No sooner had we reached there than —. Unless we went there earlier, we would miss the beginning of the programme.
- (g) It is not good —. A man is known by the company he keeps.

- (h) Dulal Sheikh is a quack. He behaves as if —.  
 (i) It is very cold outside. You had better —.  
 (j) My childhood was full of joys and happiness. Would that —.

[RB '16: Rajuk Uttara Model College, Dhaka-2023: Savar Govt. College, Savar-2019; Al-Hera Academy (School & College). Bera, Pabna-2019; Joypurhat Govt. College, Joypurhat-2019; Chuadanga Govt. College-2019]

**9. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/ phrases.**

1 × 10 = 10

- (a) We cannot buy a car if —. It costs a lot of money.  
 (b) You are now very helpless. Call me whenever —.  
 (c) The man was so weak that — He should consult with a doctor.  
 (d) Since it was raining heavily, —. We stayed at home.  
 (e) Though he is dull of hearing, —. He can make a good result.  
 (f) Danger comes when —. So, we have to be careful in our life.  
 (g) When I was a child, —. I was fond of playing cricket.  
 (h) Hardly had we seen the police when —. Thus we were saved.  
 (i) Speak the truth or —. A truthful man is always honoured everywhere.  
 (j) He took biology in lieu of —. Biology is difficult for him.

[JB'19]

**10. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/ phrases.**

1 × 10 = 10

- (a) Geometry is very much confusing to Zillur. He practices geometry a lot so that —.  
 (b) I could not recognize you at first. It was five years since we —.  
 (c) Sanjida was writing quite well in the exam when suddenly she —. As a result she could not finish the exam with satisfaction.  
 (d) Don't worry. I — after I have finished my study.  
 (e) Fateen was really in a great danger. He came to you with a view to — from you, but you disappointed him.  
 (f) Sujon was very weak, but he had to carry a big box. The box was too heavy for —.  
 (g) The farmers of our country are very poor, but they can work hard. If the bank gives them loan on easy term, they —.  
 (h) Load-shedding occurs because we cannot produce adequate electricity. It is high time we —.  
 (i) I requested him to join me in playing cricket. He joined me —.  
 (j) He tried his best to get the job but he could not get it. Had he got the job, he would —.

[JB '16: Daffodil International College, Chandpur-2019; Govt. BMC Women's College, Naogaon-2016; Phultala Mohila College. Khulna-2016; Debidwar Sujat All Govt. College, Cumilla-2016]

**Question No. 04**

**Use of verbs**

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

0.5 × 14 = 7

Student life is the best time for (a) — (prepare) ourselves for future. It is (b) — (call) the seed time of life. So during this period of life students mustn't (c) — (waste) time. The main pursuit of the students (d) — (be) study. They should prepare themselves for the life (e) — (lie) ahead. They should also (f) — (participate) in co-curricular activities. By (g) — (read) newspaper they will know what (h) — (happen) in the world. When the country (i) — (face) with a natural calamity, they should (j) — (come) forward with a view to (k) — (remove) the sufferings of the affected people. Even in normal times they (l) — (engage) themselves in acts of social service. The students cannot do well in the examination without (m) — (work) hard. It is a pity that many students are trying to (n) — (succeed) in the shortest and easiest way.

[DB '23]

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

0.5 × 14 = 7

Newspaper (a) — (consider) the people's parliament. The newspaper (b) — (play) a vital role in modern civilization. It (c) — (call) to be the mirror of the world. We must (d) — (develop) the habit of (e) — (read) the newspaper daily. It helps us (f) — (acquire) general knowledge, which (g) — (be) essential for our education. Nobody (h) — (maintain) contact with the outside world without reading the newspaper. Mere bookish knowledge (i) — (be) not sufficient in the struggle of life. A man who (j) — (read) the newspaper daily (k) — (be) like a creature of the narrow well. Being ignorant of current topics, he cannot (l) — (take) part in the talks and discussions in an enlightened society and he (m) — (live) like a fish out of water in it. Students (n) — (ask) for reading newspaper daily.

[CB '23]

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

0.5 × 14 = 7

On 26 March, 1971, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman (a) — (declare) the independence of Bangladesh. (b) — (follow) this declaration, a war began between the freedom-loving Bangalees and the brutal forces of West Pakistan, (c) — (result) the independence of Bangladesh. The Pakistani Military Janta (d) — (base) in West Pakistan (e) — (launch) the Operation Searchlight against the unarmed people of East Pakistan (f) — (initiate) genocide in Bangladesh. In response to the violence, members of Mukti Bahini (g) — (start) a mass guerrilla war against the occupation forces. People from all walks of life (h) — (respond) to the call of Bangabandhu and joined the war (i) — (liberate) their dear motherland. The war (j) — (continue) for about nine months. The heroic sons of the soil made the supreme sacrifices with a view to (k) — (snatch) away the long-cherished freedom and thus (l) — (establish) Bangladesh as an independent country in the world map. Now, it (m) — (be) our bounden duty (n) — (uphold) the freedom of the country.

[BB 23]

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

0.5 × 14 = 7

[বি.দ্র. 2024 সালের অনুষ্ঠেয় পরীক্ষায় এ প্রশ্নটিতে 14টি gap থাকবে এবং নম্বর হবে 0.5 × 14 = 7]

Would you mind (a) — (receive) my letter? I am extremely sorry for (b) — (be) late. Had I had any message about your illness, I (c) — (visit) you. Believe me, since my return from Australia, I have got myself (d) — (engage) in raising awareness among people (e) — (send) their daughters to school. In this country, girls (f) — (deprive) of proper education and guidance. Due to lack of education, they (g) — (not know) what they (h) — (need). For years, they (i) — (neglect) in society.

[JB '22]

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

0.5 × 14 = 7

[বি.দ্র. 2024 সালের অনুষ্ঠেয় পরীক্ষায় এ প্রশ্নটিতে 14টি gap থাকবে এবং নম্বর হবে 0.5 × 14 = 7]

When I was a child, I (a) — (be) afraid of the dark, and I always (b) — (go) to sleep with a light on. Even then, I feared that monsters (c) — (climb) in through my bedroom window and kill me. And every sound I (d) — (hear) struck fear into me. Often, I ran away from the room and (e) — (sleep) on the floor at the foot of my parent's bed. Now that I (f) — (be) almost twenty years old, I obviously do better than what I (g) — (do) as a child. However, I (h) — (be) still scared of bedtime. I dislike before (i) — (sleep) alone, and I still keep a tiny night light on. And before I go to bed, I double-check every door and every window to make sure that they (j) — (be) locked. Indeed, imaginary beings do not invade from outside, they exist in our superstitious beliefs.

[DB '22]

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

0.5 × 14 = 7

[বি.দ্র. 2024 সালের অনুষ্ঠেয় পরীক্ষায় এ প্রশ্নটিতে 14টি gap থাকবে এবং নম্বর হবে 0.5 × 14 = 7]

I have tried a lot of different exercises, but I have never (a) — (stick) with any of them. I swam for a while, but when the weather got cold, I (b) — (quit). I tried jogging, but that really (c) — (wear) me out. I (d) —

(play) badminton for a few weeks, but I could not find anyone (e) — (play) with regularly. Then one day, I read in a magazine about a form of exercise that I did not even (f) — (consider) exercise. That was plain walking! I tried it for a month, and it (g) — (be) so easy and enjoyable that I kept (h) — (do) it. While walking, I could enjoy the scenery, talk to people I (i) — (meet), and come back home (j) — (feel) great.

[DjB '22]

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

0.5 × 14 = 7

Cricket is a popular game. Both the young and the old (a) — (get) pleasure from this game. In fact, cricket (b) — (call) the gentlemen's game. It (c) — (entertain) us with politeness and discipline. A sense of brotherhood and fraternity (d) — (create) among the playing nations through it. At present cricket is the most popular game in Bangladesh. The English (e) — (play) it here in this subcontinent and since then it (f) — (become) an integral part of our entertainment. Our team (g) — (consist) of skilled players. They already (h) — (show) their performance in several matches. But it is a matter of sorrow that sometimes our players (i) — (play) so poorly that our countrymen (j) — (become) astonished. Actually cricket fans of our country (k) — (expect) something better from our players. Of course Bangladesh (l) — (have) some achievements in cricket. One of them (m) — (be) series winning against New Zealand in 2010 which (n) — (call) 'Banglawash for winning all the matches.

[DB '19]

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

0.5 × 14 = 7

Trees (a) — (contribute) a lot to maintain ecological balance. A month-long tree fair (b) — (begin) in Kurigram stadium recently. It (c) — (organize) by the local administration and the Department of Social Forestation. The fair (d) — (inaugurate) yesterday by the DC of Kurigram. It also (e) — (address) by other speakers who (f) — (emphasize) the need for planting more trees. The chief guest in his speech (g) — (put) importance on planting trees so that we (h) — (save) our environment from other effects of climate change and natural disasters. A huge procession (i) — (parade) the streets of the town after the inauguration. Various government and non-government organizations (j) — (set) up stalls (k) — (display) saplings of different varieties. Cultural functions (l) — (arrange) every night (m) — (inspire) people (n) — (plant) trees.

[Combined Board-2018 (Code-185); Rangamati Govt. College, Rangamati-2023]

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

0.5 × 14 = 7

Football is a favourite game in our country. It (a) — (arrange) between two teams (b) — (contain) eleven players each. The captains of both teams (c) — (lead) their groups. This (d) — (be) the most exciting and enjoyable game ever (e) — (play) across the world. It (f) — (run) for an hour and a half with an interval after half of the time (g) — (be) over. Any football tournament (h) — (arrange) between two strong teams (i) — (be) exciting. The result (j) — (remain) almost unpredictable till the end because any team (k) — (win) the match (l) — (score) a goal within seconds. The referee is (m) — (see) whether rules and order (n) — (maintain) by the players.

[DB '16: Shahid Syed Nazrul Islam College, Mymensingh-2023; Amrita Lal Dey College, Barishal-2022 (Prep. Exam); Police Lines School & College, Rangpur-2022 (Prep. Exam); Gout. Jaheda Safir Women's College, Jamalpur-2018]

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

0.5 × 14 = 7

Most of the people who (a) — (appear) most often and most gloriously in the pages of history (b) — (be) great conquerors and generals and soldiers, whereas the people who really (c) — (help) civilization forward are often never (d) — (mention) at all. We (e) — (know) who first (f) — (set) a broken leg, or (g) — (launch) a sea worthy boat or (h) — (calculate) the length of a year, but we (i) — (know) all about the killers and destroyers. People (j) — (think) a great deal of them, so much so that on all the highest pillars in the great cities of the world you (k) — (find) figures of a conqueror or a general or a soldier. And I think that most people (l) — (believe) that the greatest countries (m) — (be) those that (n) — (beat) in the battle the greatest number of countries and ruled over them as conquerors.

[JB '17; Cumilla Govt. College, Cumilla-2018; Thakurgaon Govt. College, Thakurgaon-2018; Chattogram Govt. College, Cháttoqram-2017; Patuakhali Govt. Mohila College, Patuakhali-2017]

**Question No. 05****Narrative style (direct to indirect and vice versa)**

বি.দ্র. : পরীক্ষায় Direct থেকে Indirect কিংবা Indirect থেকে Direct-এ পরিণত করার নির্দেশনা থাকবে। প্রশ্নটি ভালোভাবে দেখে প্রশ্ন অনুযায়ী পরিবর্তন করবে।

**1. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches.**

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"Where will you get admission after your HSC Examination? Do you have any choice?" said the teacher to Susmita. "I'm not yet sure what I have to do because everything depends on my result." "You should have a choice. Be positive and optimistic."

[DB '23]

**2. Change the narrative style by using direct/ indirect speeches.**

7

"What's a puppet show?" Mita said to her father. Father said, "Let's go inside and you can see yourself." Inside the tent Mita said, "How strange! A doll is dancing and talking." Father said, "A man behind the screen is moving the doll. Do you understand who is talking?"

[CB '23]

**3. Change the narrative style by using direct/ indirect speeches.**

7

"What kind of stories did Aesop tell?" asked Anwar. "Fables," replied Mr. Rahman. "Do you know what fables are?" "No," replied Anwar. "Well," continued Mr. Rahman, "Fables are stories with a moral. And Aesop entertained people by telling these stories."

[MB '23]

**4. Change the narrative style by using direct/ indirect speeches.**

7

"Stop. Didn't I tell you to stop? You cannot go there," said the sergeant. "Oh! very well, it is hard thing to be very poor. All the world is against the poor," said the man.

[CB '22]

**5. Change the narrative style by using direct/indirect speeches.**

7

"Could I help you, Sir?" said the receptionist. The man replied, "Sure, I want to meet the Managing Director of the company." The receptionist said, "Do you have an appointment?" "Yes, I have," he said. "Wait for a while," said the receptionist.

[SB '22]

**6. Change the narrative style by using direct/ indirect speeches.**

7

Jerry said, "I can chop some wood today." "But I have a boy coming from the orphanage." "I'm the boy." "You? But you are small." "Size does not matter, chopping wood," Jerry said, "Some of the big boys don't chop good. I've been chopping wood at the orphanage for a long time."

[MB '22]

**7. Change the narrative style by using direct/ indirect speeches.**

7

"Where do you come from?" I asked him. "From San Carlos," he said, and smiled. "I was taking care of animals." "Oh," I said, not quite understanding. "Yes," he said, "I stayed, you see, taking care of animals. I was the last one to leave the town of San Carlos."

[DB '16; Govt. Haraganga College, Munshiganj-2023; Barishal Cadet College, Barishal-2019; Daffodil International College, Chandpur-2019; Madan Mohan College, Sylhet-2019; Dhaka Residential Model College, Dhaka-2017]

**8. Change the narrative style by using direct/ indirect speeches.**

7

Shouting to the monkey the two rats told him to stop and added that he was eating all their bread. The monkey said that he was doing his best, but he had told them that it was very difficult. Then the rats asked him to give them that little piece. At this the monkey told them that that was his piece and asked them if he had not laboured a lot for them. At this the rats exclaimed with repentance that they were very foolish believing him.

[DB '14]

### 9. Change the narrative style by using direct/ indirect speeches.

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"Whose picture is it?" I asked.

"A little girl's, of course," said Grandmother.

"Can't you tell?"

"Yes, but do you know the girl?"

"Yes, I knew her", said Granny "but she was a very wicked girl and I shouldn't tell you about her."

[RB'17; CtgB 19; Ideal School & College, Motijheel, Dhaka-2023; Kushtla Govt. College, Kushtia-2023; Fent Girls' Cadet College, Fent-2019; Dhaka College-2019; Birshrestha Noor Mohammad Public College, Dhaka-2019]

### 10. Change the narrative style by using direct/ indirect speeches.

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A cat hearing that a hen was laid up sick in her nest, paid her a visit of condolence and said, "How are you, my dear? What can I do for you? Only tell me. Is there anything in the world that I can bring for you?" "Thank you," said the hen. "Do you be good enough to leave me, and I have no fear but I shall soon be well."

[RB '19]

### Question No. 06

#### Use of Modifiers

#### 1. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.

0.5 × 10 = 5

Cricket is an (a) — (pre-modify the noun) game. It is not a game of (b) — (use possessive to pre- modify the noun) country. A (c) — (use a noun adjective to pre-modify the noun) match is played between two teams. (d) — (use a distributive pronoun to pre-modify the noun) team consists of eleven players. A cricket field must be (e) — (post modify the noun). It requires two wooden bats, a ball and two sets of stumps. (f) — (use a numeral adjective to pre-modify the noun) umpires. conduct the game. Sometimes, a third umpire is required (g) — (use an infinitive to post-modify the verb) an acute confusion. (h) — (use a participle to pre-modify the noun) the opportunity, the batter hits the ball away at a good distance and runs to the opposite wicket. If (i) — (use an indefinite pronoun to pre-modify the noun) batter is out, next batter comes in his place. Both teams try (j) — (use an adverbial phrase to post modify) to out all batters of the opposite.

[DB '23]

#### 2. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.

0.5 × 10 = 5

Amerigo, (a) — (use noun in apposition) lives alone. His parents now live separate and none of them wants (b) — (use infinitive to post-modify the verb) his responsibility. (c) — (use possessive to pre-modify the noun) mother told him to go away because she is married to another man. (d) — (use determiner to pre-modify the noun) streets are now his home. He wanted (e) — (use adjective pre-modify the noun) money from his father to buy a (f) — (use noun adjective to pre-modify the noun) ticket. But his father did not answer. He earns his living by working hard. (g) — (use adverbial to pre-modify the verb) he finds work. Some of (h) - (use demonstrative to pre-modify the noun) works are very risky for him. Once he sold ice-cream (i) — (use prepositional phrase to post modify the verb). But he got (j) — (use quantifier to pre-modify the noun) money in return from the owner of the ice-cream shop.

[CB '23]

#### 3. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.

0.5 × 10 = 5

Arsenic is a (a) — (pre-modify the noun) substance. It is (b) — (use an intensifier to pre-modify the adjective) dangerous for human health. (c) — (use a demonstrative to pre-modify the noun) substance is found in the water of the tubewell. There are (d) — (use quantifier to pre-modify the noun) villages in (e) — (use possessive to pre-modify the noun) country. Most of our (f) — (use a noun adjective to pre-modify the noun) people drink tubewell water. As a result, many of them are suffering from arsenic problem. This problem is (g) — (pre-modify the verb) found in North Bengal. We should take proper measures (h) — (post-modify the verb with an infinitive phrase). Government is trying to mark the tubewells having arsenic (i) — (use a participle to post modify the verb) red colour. People should be refrained from drinking water of (j) — (use demonstrative to pre- modify the noun) tubewells. Otherwise, they will suffer from arsenicosis.

[DB '19; Govt. Rashidazzoha Mahila College, Sirajganj-2019; Meherpur Govt. Mahila College-2017; Mahila College, Chattagram-2017; Mahila College, Chattogram-2016]

**4. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.**

0.5 × 10 = 5

An (a) — (pre-modify the noun) student is he, who has (b) — (use a quantifier to pre-modify the noun) good qualities. He studies (c) — (post modify the verb). He knows that the (d) — (pre-modify the noun) duty of a student is to study. So, he never neglects (e) — (use a possessive) duty. He even makes the proper use of (f) — (use a determiner to pre-modify the noun) moment. Sabuj. (g) — (post modify the noun with an appositive) of our class is an example of a good student. Sabuj is (h) — (pre-modify the adjective) helpful to us. I try (i) — (modify the verb with an infinitive) a boy like Sabuj. I want to be one of the (j) — (pre-modify the noun) stars in the class.

[DjB '23]

**5. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.**

0.5 × 10 = 5

Rabindranath Tagore was a (a) — (pre-modify the noun) poet of Bengali literature. He was born in a (b) — (pre-modify the noun) family at Jarasanko, Kolkata. He went to school (c) — (post-modify the verb). He wrote his (d) — (pre-modify the noun) verse at the age of eight. At the age of seventeen, he went to London (e) — (post-modify the verb with an infinitive) school there. He was put up in a lodging house under the care of a (f) — (pre-modify the noun) coach, Mr. Scott. He was lucky (g) — (post-modify the adjective with an infinitive) an English family of Mr. Scott. He also visited the House of Parliament (h) — (post-modify the verb with an infinitive) to Gladstone and John Bright's debates on Irish rule. He wrote letters to Kolkata (i) — (post-modify the verb with a present participle) English society. At this, his family thought that they might lose their son (j) — (post-modify the verb). So, he was called back to Kolkata.

[DB '16; Shahid Syed Nazrul Islam College, Mymensingh-2023; Cantonment College, Jashore-2019; Carmichael College, Rangpur-2019; Narayanganj Govt. Mohila College-2018; Viqurunnisa Noon College, Dhaka-2017]

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

0.5 × 10 = 5

Ayesha Begum has three sons and two daughters. Her husband was a (a) — (pre-modify the noun). farmer who used (b) — (post-modify the verb by using infinitive) on other people's land. With great effort they married (c) — (use a pronoun) daughters off by the time they reached teenage. The sons also started (d) — (use present participle to modify the verb) with their father as (e) — (pre-modify the noun) labourers when they were old enough to help. By the time they were seventeen, they left for towns (f) — (use infinitive to post-modify the verb) money. At first they used to send money to their parents (g) — (use an adverb to post modify the verb) but after getting married they barely had enough to support their (h): (pre-modify the noun) families. Out of desperation, Ayesha Begum started (i) — (post-modify the verb) in the village to feed her old, (j) — pre-modify the noun) husband and herself.

[RB '17; Moulvibazar Govt. College, Moulvibazar-2023; Naogaon Govt. College, Naogaon-2019; Hathazari Govt. College, Hathazari, Chattogram-2019; Govt. Ploneer Mohlla College, Khulna-2018; Moulvibazar Govt. Women's College, Moulvibazar-2018]

**7. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.**

0.5 × 10 = 5

Air and water are the most (a) — (pre-modify the noun with an adjective) elements of the environment. But we pollute them (b) — (post-modify the verb with an adverb). Mills and factories use fuel (c) — (post-modify the verb with an infinitive) their products. The burning of this fuel creates smoke (d) — (post-modify the verb with an adverbial). Motor vehicles also pollute the air, (e) — (use an appositive). Water is polluted by (f) — (pre-modify the noun with a quantifier) kinds of waste and filth. We pollute water (g) — (post-modify the verb with present participle phrase) into water. Farmers use (h) — (pre modify the noun with an adjective) fertilizers and insecticides and pollute water. (i) (pre-modify the noun with a past participle) water is (j) (pre-modify the adjective with an intensifier) harmful to health..

[JB'19; Jushore Govt. Mohlla College, Jashore-2018; Savar College, Savar-2017]

**8. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.**

0.5 × 10 = 5

Most of the people in (a) — (use possessive to pre-modify the noun) country do not know the importance of English. In fact, it is an (b) — (use an adjective to pre-modify the noun) language and we are living in a (c) — (pre-modify the noun), village. So, if you know English (d) — (post modify the verb with an adverb), you can communicate with (e) — (use article to pre-modify the noun phrase) rest of the world. It is surely an important element of your (f) — (use a noun adjective to pre-modify the noun) skill. Without the knowledge

of English with proper understanding, you cannot complete (g) — (use possessive to pre-modify the noun) higher studies because most of the books are written in English in the process of higher education. Poor knowledge of English will also hamper your (h) — (use a noun-adjective) development. In short, if you do not have a good command of English, you will suffer (i) — (post-modify the verb with prepositional phrase/. Adverbial) of your life. So, don't waste your time and try to learn English (j) (post-modify the verb with an adverb) from today.

[JB '16: Bhola Govt. College, Bhola-2023; Dhaka City College, Dhaka-2019; Govt. Ashek Mahmud College, Jamalpur-2019; BAF Shaheen College, Jashore-2019; Dhaka Residential Model College-2018; Shaheed Bir Uttam Lt. Anwar Girls' College, Dhaka-2018]

**9. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.**

0.5 × 10 = 5

We can't think of our existence without language. It plays a (a) — (use an intensifier) important role in our life! We use language from the time we wake up (b) — (post-modify the verb) till we go to bed at night. We use language not only in our (c) — (pre-modify the noun) hours but also in our dreams. We use, language (d) — (use an infinitive) what we feel and to say what we like or dislike. We also use language (e) — (post-modify the verb with an infinitive) information. Language is (f) — (pre-modify the adjective) present in our life. It is an (g) — (pre-modify the noun) part of our life. As an (h) — (pre-modify the noun) nation, we also have a language. But we had to struggle (i) — (post-modify the verb) to establish the right of our language. Many (j) — (pre-modify the noun) sons sacrificed their lives for the language!

[CtgB '19: Cumilla Cadet College, Cumilla-2023; Narayanganj Govt. Mohila College, Narayanganj-2019; Cumilla Govt. College, Cumilla-2019]

**10. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.**

0.5 × 10 = 5

Othello, (a) — (use an appositive to post-modify the noun) had risen to become a general. He had shown his bravery in many (b) — (use an adjective to pre-modify the noun) battles against the Turks. Everyone praised him (c) — (use an adverb to post-modify the verb) and the senate trusted and honoured him. Brabantio, a rich senator of Venice had a daughter named Desdemona (d) — (use a relative clause to post-modify the noun). Brabantio (e) — (use an adverb to pre-modify the verb) invited Othello to his house where he and his daughter listened in wonder to Othello as he spoke about his adventures. He told them of deserts, of caves and of mountains high (f) — (use an intensifier to pre-modify the adjective) to touch the sky. Desdemona had to weep (g) — (use a present participle to post-modify the verb phrase) and she never became tired of listening to it. She pitied Othello (h) — (use an adverb to post-modify the verb) for the misfortunes and hardships of his life. Her pity (i) — (use an adverb to post-modify the verb) turned to love. She refused all the young men (j) — (use an infinitive to post-modify the verb) because she loved Othello, a noble Muslim Moor from North Africa.

[SB '16; Shahid Syed Nazrul Islam College, Mymensingh-2019; Netrakona Govt. Mohila College, Netrakona-2019; Daffodil International College, Chandpur-2019]

**Question No. 07 Use of sentence connectors**

বি.দ্র. : 2023 সালের জন্য প্রদত্ত সংক্ষিপ্ত সিলেবাস অনুযায়ী মানবন্টনের সংগে সাযুজ্য রাখতে গিয়ে প্রসঙ্গ অবিকৃত রেখে Board Question সমূহে, প্রয়োজনীয় পরিমার্জন/পরিবর্ধন করা হয়েছে। এ ব্যাপারে সকলের সুদৃষ্টি কামনা করছি।

**1. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage.**

0.5 × 14 = 7

Happiness is a relative term (a) — it depends upon some factors. (b) —, contentment is the key to happiness. (c) — contentment varies from person to person. (d) — a beggar may be contented with only ten taka. (e) —, a wealthy person may be dissatisfied even after getting one million taka. (f) —, it is said that contentment brings happiness. (g) — we must learn to be contented with what we have. (h) —, this learning is the simplest way to remain happy. (i) —, we must remember that our life is short. (j) — in this short life we cannot get everything (k) — we want. (l) — we want everything, we will not get happiness, (m) — we will get frustrated and we will plunge into the world of sadness. (n) —, it is always better to be contented with what we have than to live in eternal sadness.

[DB '23]

**2. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage.** 0.5 × 14 = 7

Leisure is the moment (a) — a man is totally free from his work. In leisure, a man is (b) — free from work but also from worries and tension. (c) — it is a time, (d) — a man is his own master and the mind is relaxed (e) — the body is at rest. (f) — our life is full of duties. By performing our duties one after another, it seems (g) — our life is an exhausting business. This is the tragedy of our life that we cannot avoid our work and worries. (h) — leisure helps us to break this chain and enable us to refresh ourselves and revive our spirit. Leisure breaks the monotony of existence with a touch of variety. (i) — we look into developed countries, we will see that people love to spend their leisure in different ways. (j) —, they never idle away their leisure time. (k) — it is seen that some people love to go for travelling, some enjoy sight-seeing in different places. (l) —, some people spend their free time playing different types of games. (m) — leisure is always a source of joy. (n) —, everybody should try to find leisure to enjoy it to make the life happy and peaceful.

[JB '23]

**3. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage.** 0.5 × 14 = 7

A cyclone is a devastating storm in Bangladesh that moves at a high speed, (a) — it causes immense harm to people and property. (b) — the inhabitants of coastal regions are the main victims of cyclone. (c) — the cyclone of Bangladesh originates from the Bay of Bengal. (d) — it is accompanied by thunders and heavy showers. (e) — unbearable heat is felt for a few days. (f) — one day the sky becomes terribly dark and strong winds begin to blow. (g) — a terrible situation is created that lasts for hours. (h) — it causes a great havoc causing death to people and other animals. (i) — dwelling houses are blown away. (j) — the cyclone is followed by scarcity of food and outbreak of various diseases. (k) — the great loss caused by cyclone can be reduced. (l) — prior warning can be given to people using modern technology of weather forecast. (m) — people and domestic animals of the cyclone-prone areas can be shifted to cyclone shelters. (n) — a quick relief work and medical facilities should be ensured.

[DjB '23]

**4. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage.** 0.5 × 14 = 7

[বি.দ্র. 2024 সালের অনুষ্ঠায় পরীক্ষায় এ প্রশ্নটিতে 14টি gap থাকবে এবং নম্বর হবে 0.5 x 14 = 7]

Mobile phones are one of the most commonly used gadgets in today's world. (a) — mobile phones have made our life easy and convenient. (b) — they are a blessing till we use them judiciously. (c) — they are very beneficial, they have some disadvantages. (d) —, excessive use of the device acts as a barrier to quality communication. (e) —, mobile phones waste a lot of time. (f) — they are the causes of many ailments such as weak eyesight, strain on brain, headaches, dry eyes, sleeplessness and more. (g) —, they have created a lack of privacy in people's lives. (h) —, we see how the device is both a boon and a bane. (i) —, we must not let mobile phones control our lives. (j) — we must know when to draw the line.

[CB '22]

**5. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage.** 0.5 × 14 = 7

[বি.দ্র., 2024 সালের অনুষ্ঠায় পরীক্ষায় এ প্রশ্নটিতে 14টি gap থাকবে এবং নম্বর হবে 0.5 × 14 = 7]

Trees are a vital part of our environment. (a) —, they bear a great impact on the climate. (b) —, we are not kind and careful about them. (c) —, we destroy trees at random. (d) —, one day the country will bear the consequence of greenhouse effect. (e) — ours is an agricultural country, our economy depends on agriculture. (f) —, trees play a vital role on our climate. (g) —, trees keep the soil strong and protect it. (h) —, trees save us from flood and many other natural calamities. (i) —, trees provide us timber which is of great use specially in construction works and for making furniture. (j) —, trees are our best friends.

[SB '22]

**6. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage.** 0.5 × 14 = 7

A lion was drinking water from a brook. (a) — a lamb was also drinking water from the downstream of the, same brook. The lion saw the lamb (b) — decided to devour it. (c) — he was thinking about how to accomplish his evil design. (d) — he hit upon a plan. (e) — the lion complained (f) — the lamb was disturbing him by muddying water. But the lamb said (g) — he was drinking water from downstream. (h) — the questions of muddying water on his part did not arise here. (i) — the lamb argued that it was the lion that was muddying

the water for him (j) — he was drinking water upstream. (k) — the lion retorted that the lamb spoke ill of him a year ago. (l) — the lamb said that he was not born a year ago. The lion grew into a rage. (m) — he said that perhaps his father spoke ill of him last year. (n) — the lion had the right to take revenge and kill the lamb.

[DB '16; Madhupur Govt. College, Madhupur, Tangail-2023; Mirzapur Cadet College, Tangail-2018; Cantt. Public School & College, Jahanabad, Khulna-2018; Shahjalal City College, Sylhet-2018]

**7. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage.**  $0.5 \times 14 = 7$

Bangladesh is mainly an agricultural country. (a) —, her economy and prosperity depend on agriculture. (b) —, our agriculture depends on the mercy of nature. (c) —, if there is sufficient rain, people can plough their lands (d) — sow seeds in time. (e) —, they can reap a good harvest. (f)—, if it does not rain in time, the farmers cannot grow crops easily and they do not have good harvest. (g) —, without water our agriculture is lifeless. The rain is not always beneficial to our agriculture. (h) —, sometimes it rains so much (i) — it causes floods. (j) —, our crops go under water and most often, they are totally destroyed. (k) —, the farmers (l) — constitute the most part of our professional people, lose everything. (m) — we can safely conclude (n) — our economy depends on rain.

[CtgB '16; Barishal Govt. Women's College, Barishal-2023; Milestone College, Dhaka-2018; BN School & College, Khulna-2018; Ispahant Public School & College, Cumilla Cantt.-2018; Hajigonj Model Govt. College-2018]

**8. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage.**  $0.5 \times 14 = 7$

Many people think that money can do everything in life. (a) — it is a must for our life, it is not the thing (b) — necessarily brings happiness. (c) — it is absolutely a psychological matter. The person (d) — is contented with what he gets and (e) — he has is really happy. Money can do something with happiness (f) — it cannot give us happiness. (g) — we can see (h) — the richest men of our society are not the happiest men. (i) —, they lead a life burdened with cares and anxieties (j) — pass sleepless nights. (k) —, there are a large number of poor men (l) — are happy (m) — enjoy a sound sleep. (n) —, money cannot ensure happiness.

[Combined Board '18 (Code-184); Major General Mahmudul Hasan Adarsha College, Tangail-2017]

**9. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage.**  $0.5 \times 14 = 7$

Man is a social being. (a) —, man cannot live alone. (b) —, man has been living together from time immemorial. (c) — living in society is not an easy task. (d) — we want to live in a society, we have to follow certain rules and regulations of that society. (e) —, we have to be cooperative. (f) —, we must help others (g) — they need it. (h) —, we have to be careful not to hurt others by our words or activities. (i) —, we must control our emotions (j) — behave well with others. (k) —, we should not think and live only for us. (l) —, we should always work for the betterment of the society. (m) —, we should sacrifice our lives for others. (n) —, sacrificing our lives for others can make us immortal.

[Gaibandha Govt. College, Gaibandha-2023; Dania College, Dhaka-2022 (Prep. Exam); Police Lines School & College, Rangpur-2022]

**10. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage.**  $0.5 \times 14 = 7$

Rangpur Town Hall is a place of cultural activities. (a) — in 1971 it became a torture cell used by the Pakistani army. (b) — the army brought here innocent Bangalees. (c) — they started to bring Bangalee women here. Among them Mansura Begum was one (d) — was the wife of a freedom fighter. (e) — she was young and beautiful, she drew the attention of local collaborators. (f) —they informed the Pakistani army. (g) — the Pakistani army abducted Mansura. On the day of occurrence Pakistani soldiers surrounded her house. (h) — they searched her husband (i) — joined the Mukti Bahini. (j) — they found her father-in-law. They started to beat him mercilessly. The old man got unconscious. (k) — the barbarous soldiers did not stop beating him. Mansura rushed to her father-in-law, grabbed his bleeding body (l) — begged the military not to kill him. (m) — they did not listen to her. They picked up the old man on the military truck. (n) — they pulled and dragged Mansura on to the truck.

[CtgB '17; St. Gregory's High School & College, Luxmibazar-2023; Motijheel Model High School & College, Dhaka-2018; Sylhet Govt. Women's College; Sylhet-2017; BIAM Model School & College, Rangpur-2017]

**Question No. 08****Use of Synonym and Antonym**

বি.দ্র. : 2023 সালের জন্য প্রদত্ত সংক্ষিপ্ত সিলেবাস অনুযায়ী মানবন্টনের সংগে সাযুজ্য রাখতে গিয়ে প্রসঙ্গ অবিকৃত রেখে Board Question সমূহে প্রয়োজনীয় পরিমার্জন/পরিবর্ধন করা হয়েছে। এ ব্যাপারে সকলের সুদৃষ্টি কামনা করছি।

**1. Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below.**

0.5 × 14 = 7

A good writer may be a good reader. A good reader may be a good speaker or make good recitation. Nothing of this is impossible for a man if he is not lazy. The main thing is sincerity. Seriousness should also be taken under consideration. If a man is serious, he can make impossible to be possible. If we become serious in our intention we can shine in life.

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| (a) Good (antonym)       | (f) Lazy (antonym)          | (k) Serious (antonym)   |
| (b) Writer (synonym)     | (g) Main (antonym)          | (l) Possible (antonym)  |
| (c) Speaker (synonym)    | (h) Sincerity (synonym)     | (m) Intention (synonym) |
| (d) Recitation (synonym) | (i) Seriousness (synonym)   | (n) Shine (synonym)     |
| (e) Impossible (antonym) | (j) Consideration (synonym) |                         |

[DB '23]

**2. Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below.**

0.5 × 14 = 7

Education is one of the basic needs of human being and is essential for any kind of development. The poor socio-economic condition of Bangladesh can largely be attributed to most people's inaccessibility to education. Many illiterate people do not have any knowledge of health, sanitation and population control. If they were educated, they could live a healthy and planned life. Education teaches us how to earn well and how to spend well. It enables us to make the right choices in life and to perform our duties properly. It enhances our ability to raise crops, store food, protect the environment and carry out our social responsibilities.

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| (a) basic (synonym)           | (f) illiterate (synonym) | (j) teach (antonym)    |
| (b) essential (synonym)       | (synonym)                | (k) spend (antonym)    |
| (c) development               | (g) sanitation (synonym) | (l) enable (antonym)   |
| (d) condition (synonym)       | (h) population (synonym) | (m) properly (synonym) |
| (e) inaccessibility (antonym) | (i) healthy (antonym)    | (n) ability (antonym)  |

[CB '23]

**3. Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below.**

0.5 × 14 = 7

Sumi is a good-looking young women. Her large dark eyes are beautiful. Her complexion is flawless and she has got a lovely smile. Her long black hair is full and shiny. She is tall and slender, and her movement is graceful. And, she always dresses stylishly. Everyone appreciates her beauty. But Sumi worries that people do not notice her talents and hard work. She wants people to know that a woman can have beauty, ambition and a bit of intelligence too.

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| (a) good-looking (synonym) | (g) stylishly (antonym)  | (k) talent (synonym),      |
| (b) dark (synonym)         | (h) appreciate (antonym) | (l) beauty (antonym)       |
| (c) flawless (synonym)     | (i) worries (antonym)    | (m) ambition (synonym)     |
| (d) shiny (antonym)        | (j) notice (antonym)     | (n) intelligence (synonym) |
| (e) slender (antonym)      |                          |                            |
| (f) graceful (synonym)     |                          |                            |

[MB '23]

**4. Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below.**

0.5 × 14 = 7

Human life is dynamic. Everyone, therefore, must have a plan to do something or to be something in life. And that is one's aim in life. A man without an aim has no direction and can never go ahead as expected. So everyone should choose a profession which suits him most. The choice of profession depends on one's taste, interest, aptitude and ability. These vary from person to person. Teaching is a noble profession. The teachers are nation-builders. They educate the children and train them to become good and useful citizen in future.

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| (a) dynamic (antonym). | (b) plan (antonym) | (c) aim (synonym) |
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| (d) direction (synonym)  | (h) suit (antonym)     | (l) vary (synonym)    |
| (e) ahead (antonym)      | (i) taste (synonym)    | (m) educate (synonym) |
| (f) choose (synonym)     | (j) aptitude (antonym) | (n) citizen (antonym) |
| (g) profession (synonym) | (k) ability (antonym)  |                       |

[RB '19: Govt. College of Commerce, Chattogram-2023]

**5. Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below.**

0.5 x 14 = 7

Democracy is the system of government which allows freedom of speech, religious and political opinion. It means fair and equal treatment for the citizens without social class division. In fact, in a democratic country people elect their representatives who work for the people. Free and fair election is the pre-condition for democracy. In a democratic country, people enjoy the rights of food, cloth, shelter, education, medical treatment and other facilities.

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| (a) system (synonym)      | (f) fair (antonym)           | (k) democracy (antonym) |
| (b) allow (synonym)       | (g) equal (antonym)          | (l) rights (synonym)    |
| (c) freedom (synonym)     | (h) division (antonym)       | (m) treatment (synonym) |
| (d) rereligious (antonym) | (i) elect (synonym)          | (n) facility (synonym)  |
| (e) opinion (synonym)     | (j) representative (synonym) |                         |

[JB'16: Palash Thana Central College, Narsingdi-2018; Joypurhat Govt. College-2018; Ispahant Public School & College, Cumilla Cantt.-2018; Madan Mohan College, Sylhet-2018; Collectorate School & College, Rangpur-2018]

**6. Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below.**

0.5 x 14 = 7

Bangladesh is an agro-based country. The soil of Bengal is pure than gold. Most of her land is fertile. The farmers of this country are industrious. They work ceaselessly from dawn to dusk. They are not lazy. They love their motherland. They have a strong attachment to their motherland. Their diligence and perseverance keep the wheel of economy moving. We must respect them. We are grateful to them. We must follow their devotion to duty and country.

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| (a) pure (antonym)        | (f) lazy (synonym)      | (k) respect (synonym)  |
| (b) fertile (synonym)     | (g) love (antonym)      | (l) grateful (antonym) |
| (c) farmer (synonym)      | (h) strong (synonym)    | (m) devotion (synonym) |
| (d) industrious (antonym) | (i) diligence (antonym) | (n) duty (synonym)     |
| (e) ceaselessly (synonym) | (j) moving (antonym)    |                        |

[SB '17: Moulvibazar Govt. College, Moulvibazar-2023; St. Gregory School And College. Laxmibazar, Dhaka-2018; Govt. Azizul Haque College. Bogura-2018; Brahmanbaria United College. Brahmanbaria-2018; Barishal Govt. Women's College-2018]

**7. Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below.**

0.5 x 14 = 7

In Bangladesh students require to read English for about ten years. But the level of proficiency they reach is very low. No wonder that most of them fail in their English tests. People taking the Civil Service Examination are also tested on their knowledge of English, but the results are equally disappointing although almost all the candidates have presumably master's degree in various disciplines. Even those who pass or qualify are hardly able to write a free composition in acceptable English. Obviously, there is something seriously wrong with the teaching and learning of English in Bangladesh.

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| (a) require (synonym)     | (f) disappointing (synonym) | (k) able (antonym)       |
| (b) proficiency (antonym) | (g) candidate (synonym)     | (l) acceptable (antonym) |
| (c) wonder (synonym)      | (h) presumably (antonym)    | (m) Obviously (antonym)  |
| (d) tested (synonym)      | (i) disciplines (synonym)   | (n) wrong (synonym)      |
| (e) equally (antonym)     | (j) qualify (antonym)       |                          |

[BB '19: Govt. Shaheed Bulbul College, Pabna-2017; Galbandha Govt. College, Galbandha-2017]

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

0.5 × 14 = 7

There are many people who have a conservative outlook. Quite early in life they learn to believe that everything in this world was predetermined and all that happens to them was ordained by God. From this belief, the poor generally accept their poverty and all their sorrows and sufferings without trying much to overcome them. They also have the same sort of attitude towards illness and disease.

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| (a) people (synonym)       | (f) world (synonym)         | (k) sufferings (synonym) |
| (b) conservative (antonym) | (g) predetermined (antonym) | (l) overcome (synonym)   |
| (c) outlook (synonym)      | (h) all (antonym)           | (m) same (antonym)       |
| (d) early (antonym)        | (i) ordain (synonym)        | (n) disease (antonym)    |
| (e) believe (synonym)      | (j) poverty (antonym)       |                          |

[CB '17: Gout. Michael Madhusudan College, Jashore-2023; BAF Shaheen College. Tejgaon, Dhaka-2019; Brindaban Govt. College, Habiganj-2019; SOS Hermann Gmeiner College, Mirpur, Dhaka-2018; Shahid Smrity Govt. College, Muktagacha, Mymensingh-2018]

**25. Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below.**

0.5 × 14 = 7

9. 'Communicative competence refers to the ability to use language appropriately in different circumstances. There are two ways of developing communicative competence in a language. The first is acquisition which is similar to the way people develop ability in their mother tongue. It is a natural, subconscious process in which users are not usually aware of acquiring a language. They are aware only of the fact that they are using the language to communicate. In non-technical terms, acquisition is picking up' a language spontaneously. It may also be called 'implicit learning'.

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| (a) competence (synonym)    | (f) similar (antonym)      | (k) communicate (antonym)   |
| (d) ability (antonym)       | (g) develop (antonym)      | (l) acquisition (synonym)   |
| (c) appropriately (antonym) | (h) natural (synonym)      | (m) spontaneously (synonym) |
| (d) circumstances (synonym) | (i) subconscious (antonym) | (n) learning (synonym)      |
| (e) language (synonym)      | (j) aware (antonym)        |                             |

[Dr. Mahbubur Rahman Mollah College, Demra-2023; National Ideal College. Khilgaon, Dhaka-2019; Cumilla Victoria Govt. College, Cumilla-2019; Govt, Gournadi College, Gournadi, Barishal-2019; Scholarshome. Sylhet-2018; Govt. M.M. College, Jashore-2017]

**10. Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below.**

0.5 × 14 = 7

Morning walk is not only pleasant but also beneficial to health. In fact, walking regularly in the morning is a very good habit. It is the most advisable physical exercise for the young and the old. In the morning, nature appears at her best. At that time everything remains quiet and seems impressive. The environment with birds and beasts becomes calm and serene. The people who go out for a walk in the morning cannot but be impressed by it. It helps to keep their mind jolly and jovial. It also sets their temper for the rest of the day.

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| (a) pleasant (antonym)   | (f) quiet (antonym)       | (k) impress (synonym) |
| (b) beneficial (antonym) | (g) impressive (antonym)  | (l) jolly (antonym)   |
| (c) regularly (antonym)  | (h) environment (synonym) | (m) jovial (antonym)  |
| (d) advisable (synonym)  | (i) beast (synonym)       | (n) temper (synonyms) |
| (e) lappear (synonym).   | (j) serene (synonym)      |                       |

[St Gregory's High School & College. Luxmibazar-2023; Madhupur Govt. College, Madhupur. Tangall-2018; Satkhira Govt. Mohila College. Satkhira-2018; Cumilla Shikha Board Model College, Cumilla-2017; Blue Bird High School & College. Sylhet-2017]

**Question No. 09****Use of Punctuation Marks**

বি.দ্র.: 2023 সালের জন্য প্রদত্ত সংক্ষিপ্ত সিলেবাস অনুযায়ী মানবন্টনের সংগে সাযুজ্য রাখতে গিয়ে প্রসঙ্গ অবিকৃত রেখে Board Question-সমূহে প্রয়োজনীয় পরিমার্জন/পরিবর্ধন করা হয়েছে। এ ব্যাপারে সকলের সুদৃষ্টি কামনা করছি।

**1. There are fourteen errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors.** 0.5 × 14 = 7

Lion : How dare you wake me up

Mouse : Im sorry sir I did not mean to wake you I was just playing

Lion : Now Im going to kill you.

Mouse : Oh please sir. Have mercy on me one day, I can be your help.

Lion : What rubbish How can a little mouse help a big lion

[DB '23]

**2. There are fourteen errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors.** 0.5 × 14 = 7

Laila : I cant see anything. Where am I?

Aunt : Youre safe in your Aunts house. Whats the matter?

Laila: I'm afraid I can hear a sound.

Aunt : But I cant.

Laila : Listen again can you hear it now?

Aunt : Yes I can.

Laila : Is it a ghost?

Aunt : No, its only an owl.

Laila : Owl But it makes a horrible sound.

Aunt : It's a bird only dear.

Laila : Could you sleep with me?

Aunt : Okay Now go to sleep Laila You're very tired After your long journey.

Laila : You're right.

[CB '23]

**3. There are fourteen errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors.** 0.5 × 14 = 7

Son : Did you keep a diary during the Liberation War

Father: Yes I did

Son : Can I have a look at it

Father: Im afraid Ive lost it.

Son : Do you remember anything about it

Father: Yes I remember one event there were lots of sounds and bangs outside one night you wanted to look out but we didnt let you.

Son : Why

Father: Because it was very dangerous. You were only four years old then.

[MB '23]

**4. There are fourteen errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors.** 0.5 × 14 = 7

While I was going to market yesterday I met a boy begging in the street. on being asked to tell the reason of begging the boy with a sad mind and tearful eyes said "oh sir, I have a sad tale to tell you would you please hear my story?" Yes I would like to." I said to him Instead of telling the story the boy simply began to cry

[BB '19; New Govt. Degree College, Rajshah-2023; Madan Mohan College, Sylhet-2019; Vigarunnisa Noon College, Dhaka (Set: A)-2018; Bogura Cantt. Public School & College, Bogura-2018]

**5. There are fourteen errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors.**

0.5 × 14 = 7

Entering the study my elder brother looked around and burst out in disgust "how dirty you have made the room why do you use it if you cant keep it tidy"

I said "I am extremely sorry I have been a nuisance in future youll never see the room in such a bad condition I promise"

[SB '17: Rangamati Govt. College-2023; Govt. Gournadi College, Gournadt, Barishal-2019; Barguna Govt. College. Barguna-2019; Govt. Azizul Haque College. Bogura-2018; Agrabad Mohila College. Chattogram-2018; Thakurgaon Govt. College-2018]

**6. There are fourteen errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors.**

0.5 × 14 = 7

Student : Excuse me sir I want to discuss with you some grammatical problems.

Teacher : what class are you in

Student : sir I am in class XII am a newly admitted student here..

Teacher : okay tell me your problems.

Student : I want to understand the difference between a phrase and a clause.

Teacher : dont worry Ill help you understand the difference

[DB '19: Ispahani Public School & College, Cumilla Cantt. 2023; Bhola Govt. College, Bhola-2023; Khagrachari Govt. College. Khagrachari-2019; Cantt. Public School & College, Saidpur, Nilphamari-2019]

**7. There are fourteen errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors.**

0.5 × 14 = 7

Student : Excuse me sir may I come in?

Teacher: yes come in.

Student :Thank you sir.

Teacher: What can I do for you?

Student : would you kindly make me clear about the use of this punctuation mark?

Teacher: Didnt you attend my class yesterday?

Student : no sir I did not come.

Teacher: Why you must not miss any class.

Student : Ill never miss any class sir.

[CtgB'19]

**8. There are fourteen errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors.**

0.5 × 14 = 7

Bindu : Do you read newspaper regularly hema?

Hema : Yes I do what about you?

Bindu : To tell you frankly I do not read newspaper regularly.

Hema : Why you get enough time.

Bindu : I do but I do not like. moreover I think it is a wastage of time.

Hema : strange why do you think so?

[Combined Board-2018 (Code-185); Dhaka Commerce College, Dhaka-2019; Cantonment College. Jashore-2019; Kushtla Govt. College, Kushtla-2019; Moulvibazar Govt. College, Moulvibazar-2019]

**9. There are fourteen errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors.**

0.5 × 14=7

Myself : Good morning rana. how are you?

Rana : I am so so and you?

Myself : I am well. But why arent you completely well?

Rana : In every examination, Im cutting a sorry figure.

Myself : Whats the reason? Dont you utilize your time properly?

Rana : I spend most of the time in watching TV.

Myself : Recreation is necessary but spending too much time on this has no good side.

Rana : I dont feel bored in watching tv.

Myself : But as a student, you should study more and more.

Rana : Thank you for your good advice.

Myself : Welcome.

[BB '17: Agricultural University College, Mymensingh-2023; Narayanganj College. Narayanganj-2017]

**10. There are fourteen errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors.**

0.5 × 14 = 7

A: Whats solar energy?

B: Its one of the renewable energy sources.

A:,why is it called green energy

B : Well its green energy because it helps us keep the earth green. Inean it doesnt emit any pollutant in the atmosphere when we produce and use it.

A : I see then it must be a clean source of energy.

B : exactly and that's why its also called clean energy.

[DB'16: Muminunnisa Govt. Women's College, Mymensingh-2019; Govt. Hazi Mohammad Mohsin College, Chattogram-2019; Barishal Govt. College-2019; Patuakhali Govt. College, Patuakhali-2019; Rajshahi Govt. Women's College, Rajshahi-2018]

## PART-B: COMPOSITION [40 Marks]

E Question No. 10

Formal Letter/Email Writing

Writing Formal Letters ▶ Academic

Part-1: Formal Letters

1. Application to establish a debating club in the college. [DB '23; JB '13; CtgB '17; SB '17. '13; BB '10]

2. Application for ensuring safe drinking water in the college campus. [JB '23]

3. Application to the Principal of your college to open a relief camp in your college premises. [RB '11; CB '23; SB '23]

4. Application to the Chairman of Union Parishad requesting him/her to issue you an online birth certificate. [BB '23]

5. Application to your Principal for taking measures against outsiders. [BB '15; DjB '23]

6. Application for providing multimedia facilities in the classrooms. [DB '19; RB '17; CtgB 23, '19. '15; BB '19; MB '23]

7. Application to the principal of your college asking for solving the problem of defective sound system in the classroom. [CB '22]

8. Write an application to the principal of your college for setting up a canteen in your college.
9. Application to set up an English Debating Club [DB '09; CB '12; SB '15: DJB '19]
10. Application to the Chairman of Education Board for a stipend. [Combined Board '18 (Code-185)]
11. Application for staging drama in the college auditorium. [JB '15: CB '10: CtgB '12: DJB '15. '13]
12. Request for a seat in the college hostel. [DB '16, '15: RB '15; BB '09. DJB '12. 10]
13. Request for setting up an English Language Club. [RB '12; JB '09; SB '22; DjB '17]
14. Application for providing sound-system in large classrooms. [CB '15, '14: SB '19: BB '17. '13]
- 15: Request to ban using cell phone in the classroom or in the examination hall. [JB'11: CtgB'14]
16. Request for an English daily for the common room. [JB '12]
17. Request for enhancing/increasing library facilities. [BB '11: CtgB '22: SB '10]
18. Request for permission to use the college ground for arranging the science fair.
19. Request for Permission to go on a study tour. [RB '19; JB '19, '14; CB '16, '11: '09; SB '11: BB '14]
20. Request for To arrange a blood donation camp in the college.
21. An application for improving computer lab facilities. [CB '17]
22. Request for Transfer certificate [CB '13: SB '14]

### Letter of Application Social Issues

23. A letter to the Chairman of your Union Parishad for repairing the damaged bridge immediately. [MB '22]
24. Write an application to Deputy Commissioner of your district for relief goods for the flood hit people of your locality.
25. For constructing a bridge over a canal. [DB '10]

### Letter of Application Complaint Letter

26. Write a letter to the customer service manager complaining about missing goods. [DB '22]
27. Write a letter to the Chairman of Electricity Board of your district complaining about frequent power failure in your area. [JB '22]
28. Write to the online shop manager complaining to replace a defective rice cooker with a new one. [DJB '22]
29. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper complaining against the reckless driving of the motor cars in the streets. [RB '22]
30. For taking steps against anti-social activities in your area.

### Part-II: Formal E-mails

31. Write an e-mail to the manager for detail information about getting admitted into an English language course. [RB '23]
32. For information concerning admission procedure for overseas students. [JB'16; CB'17]

33. About attending seminar on language study [CtgB '16]
34. Request for providing internet facilities for the upgradation of your library. [SB '16]
35. Request for supplying some essential drugs.
36. Prayer for issuing SSC & HSC certificates in English
37. Regarding cancellation of a booked ticket
38. A request to participate in the Essay Writing Competition.
39. Request for reserving a seat in a train
40. Requesting for a change in the musical program on Bangladesh Betar.

### Question No. 11.

>Writing Paragraphs (by listing/ description) within 200 words

#### >Listing Paragraphs

1. The Benefits of Early Rising [DB 23]
2. Importance of Moral Values [RB 23]
3. The Uses and Abuses of Mobile Phone [RB '17; BB 23]
4. International Mother Language Day [DiB '23]
5. Tree Plantation [CtgB '07; MB 23]
6. The Impact of Facebook on Teenagers [JB '22 (Paper-I)]
7. Dream [CB '22 (Paper-I)]
8. A Society I Dream of [SB 22 (Paper-I)]
9. Amor Ekushey Boi Mela
10. Social Networking
11. Importance of Learning English [DB '16]
12. Internet [RB '19, '11]
13. Computer [BB '07]
14. The importance of Female Education. [Combined Board '18 (Code-184): DJB'17]
15. Dowry System: a Curse for our Society [BB'19]
16. The Victory Day [CtgB '22 (Paper-I): SB '06: BB '22 (Paper-I)]
17. The Historic Speech of 7th March
18. Our War of Independence [CtgB '23]

#### >Descriptive Paragraphs

19. The Prospect of Smart Bangladesh
20. The Padma Bridge [JB 23: SB '23]
21. My Favourite Teacher [JB '09; CB 23, '13: CtgB '11: BB '15]
22. Dhaka Metro Rail

23. My visit to a place of Historical Interest [RB '07]
24. Our College Library [RB '10; CB '12, '05; CtgB '04]
25. Our National Flag [CtgB '19]
26. Bangabandhu Satellite-1 [CB '19]
27. The Celebration of Pahela Baishakh [Combined Board '18 (Code-185)]
28. The Effects of Social Media in our life
29. An Ideal Student [DB '06; JB '16; BB '05; DJB '22 (Paper-I)]
30. Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Tunnel

## Question No. 12

Writing Paragraphs (comparison/contrast cause/effect) 200 words

### >Comparison & Contrast Paragraphs

1. City Life and Rural Life [JB '22, '17; CB '23, '23; MB '23]
2. School Life and College Life
3. Technical Education vs General Education
4. Public Universities and Private Universities.
5. Nuclear family and Extended Family
6. Dream and Reality
7. Junk Food and Healthy Food.
8. On-campus class and online class/Offline and online class [DB '22; SB '22]
9. Family life vs Hostel life
10. Bangladeshi Music and Western Music
11. My Best Friend and Myself
12. A Rickshaw Puller and A Taxi Driver
13. Entertainment in Rural and Urban Areas of Bangladesh
14. Life of Young Before and After Getting Used to Social Networks
15. Cricket and Football

### Cause & Effect Paragraphs

16. Price Spiral/Price Hike [DB '23; RB '22 (Paper-I); BB '23]
17. Global Warming [RB '23]
18. The causes and effects of failure in English [JB '23; MB '22]
19. Road Accidents in Bangladesh [DB '17, '05; RB '16; SB '23]
20. Environment Pollution [DB '19; RB '13; CtgB '23; DJB '23]
21. Load Shedding [SB '07; DJB '10]
22. Food Adulteration in Bangladesh [DB '22 (Paper-I); RB '22; SB '17]
23. Climate Change [DJB '19, '16]
24. Water Pollution [SB '16]
25. Indiscriminate cutting of Trees/Causes and Consequences of Deforestation [SB '19]
26. Drug Addiction. [CB '17, '16; DJB '22]
27. Greenhouse Effect [CtgB '06]
28. Gender Discrimination [DB '07]
29. The causes and effects of child Labour in Bangladesh
30. Dengue Fever