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DHAKA BOARD-2019

English (Compulsory)- First Paper

Time : 3 hours

Full marks : 100

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

Part-A : Reading Test [Marks-50]**Read the passage. Then answer the questions No. 1 and 2.**

The Maldives is famous as a tourist destination because of its pleasant weather, heavenly beaches and lagoons, luxurious holiday resorts and the peace-loving people. The Maldives was ranked as the best country for beautiful beaches and facilities for recreation in 2008. In the same year, it was also ranked second as the best country brand for natural beauty.

The Maldives is well known for being the lowest country in the world. Unfortunately, this small country with idyllic natural beauty is under threat from rising sea levels due to global warming. Most of the country is just 1.5 metres above sea level with the highest point of 2.3 metres! Many predictions have been made with respect to Maldives being swept away by the rising water level in the Indian Ocean. When the power tsunami of 2004 hit the island nation, many of the island's dry parts were flooded by water. The government of the Maldives has begun to purchase land from nearby countries for resettling its people in case the islands go under water!

In order to highlight the threats of global warming to its low lying islands, the government of Maldives held a cabinet meeting underwater in 2009. That was the first ever underwater cabinet meeting in the world that took place underwater. The meeting took place about 5 meter underwater, in a blue-green lagoon on a small island. While underwater, the cabinet signed a document calling on all nations to cut their carbon emissions.

[Unit-6; Lesson-3(B)]

1. Choose the correct answer from the following alternatives.

1 × 7 = 7

- (a) The tourists have a great — for visiting the Maldives.
i. devotion ii. attraction iii. destination iv. attention
- (b) Which of the following words best describes the weather of the Maldives?
i. Unpleasant ii. Tropical iii. Warm iv. Enjoyable
- (c) The Maldives is well recognized around the world for its —.
i. smallness as a country ii. multi racial culture
iii. lowest land iv. threat of global warming
- (d) During the tsunami of 2004, many parts of the country were —.
i. submerged ii. dried iii. uprooted iv. eroded
- (e) The word 'idyllic' in the phrase 'idyllic natural beauty' means —.
i. ideal ii. very beautiful iii. very peaceful iv. idol shaped
- (f) Global warming is a — to the Maldives.
i. threat ii. victim iii. dangerous iv. warning
- (g) The Maldives is faced with the threat of —.
i. tsunami over and over again ii. serious water pollution
iii. disappearing from the map iv. extinction of its aquatic animals

2. Answer the following questions.

2 × 5 = 10

- (a) Why is the Maldives a remarkable tourist spot?
- (b) Why is 2008 a significant year for the Maldives?
- (c) What may happen to the Maldives owing to global warming?
- (d) What happened to Maldives during the tsunami of 2004?
- (e) Do you support the idea of having a cabinet meeting underwater? What could be the reason for holding such a strange meeting?

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

1 × 5 = 5

The pioneer of Bangladeshi modern art Zainul Abedin is widely acclaimed for his Bengal 'Famine Sketches'. Through a series of sketches, Zainul not only documented the harsh famine of 1940 but also showed its sinister face through the skeletal figures of the people destined to die of starvation in a man-made plight. Zainul developed a knack for drawing and painting when he was a high school student. After completing high school, he got admission to the Government School of Art, Kolkata. He graduated with the first position in first class in 1938. He was appointed teacher of the Art School while he was still a student there. He also attended the Slade School of Arts, London in 1951-52. Zainul Abedin is considered the founding father of Bangladeshi art. He was an artist of outstanding talent and earned international reputation. For his artistic and visionary qualities, he is referred to as Shilpacharya meaning 'great teacher' of art in Bangladesh.

He designed the pages of constitution of Bangladesh. He founded the Folk Art Museum at Sonargaon and also Zainul Abedin Shangrahashala, a gallery of his own works in Mymensingh in 1975.

[Unit-7; Lesson-1(A)]

- Zainul Abedin had (a) — potentiality to become an artist. He is the pioneer of Bangladeshi art. He loved nature and art from his (b) —. He showed his artistic and visionary qualities in his student life. Graduating (c) — credit, he served as a teacher for many years. He showed his talent in different sketches. In his different sketches, (d) — sketches were acclaimed both nationally and internationally. He is also famous for designing the pages of constitution and (e) — the Folk Art Museum.

Read the passage on rescue of Thai footballer and answer question no. 4 and 5 :

On 23 June 2018, twelve Thai young footballers along with their coach missed in a cave network in Chiang Rai province in Thailand. From the next day national and international community became worried for them. Their ages were between 11 to 16 and their coach was 25. The football team had been on an exploration to the cave network following a game. The group became stranded after monsoon rain caused the cave system to flood. The cave system named Tham Luang is 10 kilometres long. It is a snaking route which has a number of chambers already submerged in water. It took 6 hours to get where footballers were and five hours to come back to cave entrance. Thai rescuers began their expedition to find out them after the missing. International rescue team also joined them. On July 3 the footballers were discovered alive by a British diver. Spending nine days in darkness they were suffering from hunger. A Thai rescuer died while he was supplying them food and other necessities. Getting weather forecast the rescue team planned to rescue them immediately. Navy divers had to lead the boys along the underways path from the cave. On July 8, four boys were rescued. Finally all 13 were rescued in next three days.

4. Complete the table below with information from the above passage.

1 × 5 = 5

Missing of young Thai Footballers			
Aim		Rescue the team alive	
Who	Activities	When	Where/ Place
12 Thai Footballers	missed	June 23, 2018	(i) —
International community	(ii) —	June 24, 2018	around the world
A British diver	(iii) —	July 3, 2018	Tham Luang Cave, Chiang Rai, Thailand
A Thai rescuer	died	(iv) —	Tham Luang Cave, Thailand
(v) —	were rescued	next three days	Chiang Rai, Thailand

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

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6. Match the parts of sentences in column 'A' 'B' and 'C' to write five complete sentences.

1 × 5 = 5

Column 'A'	Column 'B'	Column 'C'
(a) Donation of blood	i. sound health can donate	i. we donate blood, we invite no
(b) In our society, some of us nourish	blood	harm to us.
(c) As per medical science	ii. enough to save	ii. after every 3 months without
every man in	iii. a crystal clear idea that if	any side effect.
(d) We should have	iv. a misconception about blood	iii. be a very noble deed.
(e) Sometimes, a bag of our blood is	donation which conveys	iv. the life of a dying person.
	v. is universally acknowledged to	v. a negative message for the others.

7. Put the following parts of the story in correct order to make the whole story. Only the corresponding numbers of the sentences need to be written.

1 × 8 = 8

- Shamim got a lease of land in his village.
- Shamim's lot has changed radically.
- Poverty forced him to look for work.
- He has also been raising hybrid cows for milk as well as to produce manure.
- Shamim was an unemployed youth of an impoverished family.
- Then he joined the training programme of youth development and received training in vegetable cultivation.
- He is now very happy to be a self-sufficient man.
- He applied his new and improved knowledge for cultivating vegetables.

Part-B : Writing Test [Marks-50]

8. Answer the following questions to write a paragraph on "Water Pollution".

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(a) What is water pollution? (b) Why is water called life? (c) How is water polluted? (d) What are the effects of water pollution? (e) What measures should we take to prevent water pollution?

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

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Once upon a time, the house of a rich man was infested with rats. They were living there with great happiness without any fear. They were having a great fun and boldly moved in the house. But the inmates of the house were having a great trouble. One day they brought a cat.....

10. Look at the chart below. It is about the importance and uses of English. Now describe the chart in 150 words. You should highlight and summarize the information given in the chart.

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Using English as a first language	Using English as a second language	Using of English in various organizations worldwide	Information in world's computer
58%	50%	33%	80%

11. Suppose, you are Sohan/ Sohana of 9, Mymensingh Road, Dhaka-1000. Recently you have enjoyed a picnic. Your friend Nahid/ Nahida of 71/C, Broad Lane, Khulna wants to know about the picnic. Now write a letter to your friend telling him/her how you have enjoyed the picnic.

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12. Suppose, you are Farhan/Farhana. Your younger brother/sister, Shafi/Shafia does not like physical exercise. So he/she often becomes weak and does not get energy to work. Now, write a dialogue between you and your brother/sister about the importance of physical exercise.

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