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SYLHET BOARD-2020

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 below.

26 March, our Independence Day, is the biggest state festival. The day is celebrated every year in the country with great enthusiasm and fervour. It is a national holiday. All offices, educational institutions, shops and factories remain closed on this day. The day begins with a 31 gun salute.

Early in the morning the President and the Prime Minister on behalf of the nation place floral wreaths at the National Mausoleum at Savar. Then other leaders, political parties, diplomats, social and cultural organisations, educational institutions and freedom fighters pay homage to the martyrs. People from all walks of life also go there with rallies and processions. There are many cultural programmes throughout the day, highlighting the heroic struggle and sacrifice in 1971.

The country also witnesses a spectacular parade of Defence forces, Border guards, Police, Ansars and the VDP (Village Defence Party) at the National Parade Ground near the National Parliament. In Bangabandhu Stadium, school children, scouts and girl guides take part in various displays to entertain thousands of spectators. Educational institutions also organise their individual programmes. Sports meets and tournaments are also organised on the day, including the exciting boat race in the river Buriganga.

In the evening, all major public buildings are illuminated with colourful lights. Bangla Academy, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and other socio-cultural organisations hold cultural functions. Similar functions are also arranged in other places in the country.

[Unit-3; Lesson-5(B)]

1. Choose the correct answer from the following alternatives.

1 × 7 = 7

- The celebration of the Independence Day is considered as —.
 - a national holiday
 - the biggest state festival
 - a cultural unity
 - a political outcome
- The Independence Day is celebrated —.
 - annually
 - ordinarily
 - bi-yearly
 - worldwide
- Which of the following has the closest meaning of the word 'heroic'?
 - hesitant
 - valiant
 - fearful
 - dreadful
- The word 'tournament' is related to —.
 - culture
 - education
 - tradition
 - sports
- A diplomat is a person who —.
 - represents his own country
 - creates anarchy among people
 - participates in games and sports
 - highlights their political and social interest to the world community
- Which of the following describes the Independence Day best?
 - a mournful day
 - a day of hatred
 - a day to celebrate independence
 - a gala day
- 26 March is a —.
 - religious festival day
 - political festival day
 - social festival day
 - national festival day

2. Answer the following questions.

2 × 5 = 10

- How is the Independence Day observed?
- Why does the nation observe 26 March?
- Who perform a smartly dressed parade?
- Mention some entertaining programmes held on the day.
- Describe the activities of the armed forces and school children on that day.

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

1 × 5 = 5

Fish population is in serious danger from global warming. Climate changes is increasing the water temperature in rivers, lakes and seas. This means there is less food and oxygen available for fish.

It also means the fish may not grow fully and may have fewer offsprings. If temperatures rise even by one or two degrees, some fishes will be extinct from our planet. Climate change increases the pressure on fish population. Fishes are one of the world's most valuable biological assets. Forty percent of people in the world eat fish as their main source of protein. If we fail to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, we will increase the pressure on fish. As a result people who depend on fish will suffer from hunger and poverty.

[Unit-5; Lesson-4(C)]

- Fish population is not free from the (a) — of climate change. Because of climate change the water temperature will increase causing the (b) — of food and oxygen for fish. As a (c) — of this fishes will lose their breeding capacity. Some of the fishes are on the (d) — of extinction. Climate change will (e) — the pressure of fish population.

Read the following text carefully and answer the question no. 4 and 5 :

Munshi Abdur Rouf was a Lance Nayek in East Pakistan Rifles during the Bangladesh Liberation War. He was born on 1 May, 1943 at Salamatpur village under Boalmari thana in Faridpur district. Rouf had to stop his education at his eighth grade. He joined the East Pakistan Rifles on 8 May, 1963. He had to increase his age by three years in order to get the job. After the preliminary training at the EPR camp at Chuadanga, Rouf went to West Pakistan to receive advanced training. He was enlisted in the East Bengal

Regiment on 8 May, 1963 and was attached with a regular infantry unit during the War of Liberation, Munshi Abdur Rouf embraced martyrdom on 18 April, 1971 at Kurighat in Chattogram Hill Tracts after causing extensive damage to Pakistan Army with his MG and forcing them to retreat. He was buried at Naniarchor Upazilla in Rangamati District. He was awarded "Bir Sreshtho" which is the highest recognition of bravery in Bangladesh.

4. Complete the following table with information from the passage.

1 × 5 = 5

Who/What	Event	Year	Place/Where
Munshi Abdur Rouf	(i) ———	1943	Faridpur
He	joined	1963	(ii) ———
He	was enlisted	1963	(iii) ———
He	(iv) ———	1971	at Kurighat in Chattogram Hill Tracts
He	(v) ———	1971	Rangamati

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

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

Column 'A'	Column 'B'	Column 'C'
(a) ICT means	i. ICT to take	i. multimedia classes
(b) In education sector	ii. through telemedicine which	ii. is run with the help of ICT
(c) In health science ICT is	iii. ICT works as a means	iii. and give good treatment
(d) Teachers use	iv. used to diagnose disease	iv. of class presentation
(e) Patients can get treatment	v. information and	v. communication technology

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

- Mandela joined the African National Congress in 1942.
- In 1993 Mandela was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
- For 20 years, he directed a campaign of peaceful nonviolent defiance against the South African Government and its racist policies.
- Mandela died at his home in Johannesburg on December 5, 2013 at the age of 95.
- In 1993, South African President F. W. de Klerk was also awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
- In 2009, Mandela's birthday was declared "Mandela Day" to promote global peace.
- Nelson Mandela was born on July 18, 1918 in South Africa.
- In 1994, Mandela was elected as South Africa's first black President.

Part-B : Writing Test [50 Marks]

8. Answer the following questions to write a paragraph on "Deforestation". You should write about 200 words :

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- What is deforestation?
- What are the main causes of deforestation?
- What are the effects of deforestation on men and animals?
- What are the effects of deforestation on climate?
- What measures should be taken to stop deforestation?

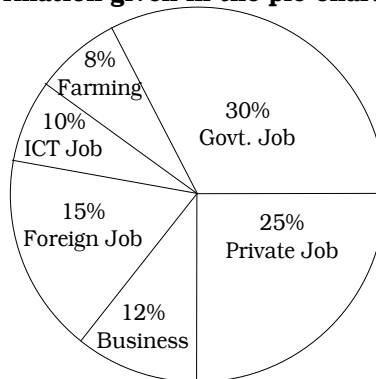
9. Read the beginning of a story. Add at least ten new sentences to complete the story. Give a suitable title to it :

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Oneday, a crow became very thirsty. He flew from place to place in search of water. But he found no water. He continued his search for....

10. Look at the following pie-chart. It shows the choice of professions by different educated youths in Bangladesh. Now, describe the pie-chart in about 150 words. You are advised to highlight and summarize information given in the pie-chart :

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11. Imagine, you are Jamal/Jamila and your friend is Hanif/Hanifa. Your friend sent a nice present on your last birthday. Now, write a letter to your friend thanking him/her for his/her nice birthday present.

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12. Suppose, your name is Pritom/ Priyonti and you read newspaper daily. But your friend named Wasek/ Wasfia is reluctant to reading newspaper. Now, write a dialogue between you and your friend about the importance of reading newspaper daily.

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