

Mymensingh Board-2023

English Second Paper

Subject Code

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(According to the Syllabus of 2023)

Time : 3 hours; Total Marks : 100

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

Part A : Grammar (60 Marks)

1. **Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions or articles. Some of the blanks may not require a preposition or an article. Put a cross (×) in those blanks:** 0.5 × 10 = 5

There is no doubt that youth is (a) — best time of (b) — life. This is the time when it is (c) — most important (d) — one to remember (e) — maxim. "As you sow, so shall you reap". One must sow (f) — seeds (g) — industry, truthfulness and other virtues (h) — this season (i) — reap the harvest of prosperity and happiness. Whatever takes root in a man (j) — this time lasts throughout the rest of his life and moulds his future.

2. **Fill in the blanks with the words from the box. You may need to change the forms of some of the words:** 0.5 × 10 = 5

well	bookish	burning	competitive	newspaper
cannot	enrich	water	knowledge	current

A student must have the habit of reading newspaper everyday. Mere (a) — knowledge is not enough in this (b) — world. Newspapers help him (c) — his general knowledge and make him aware of the (d) — issues both inside and outside the country. A man who doesn't read (e) — is like a frog in a narrow (f) —. Being ignorant of the (g) — affairs, he (h) — take part in the talks and discussions in an enlightened society and feels like a fish out of (i) —. By reading newspapers one can widen one's range of (j) — in the field of science, history, geography, literature etc.

3. **Make six sentences using the parts of sentences from each column of the table below:** 1 × 6 = 6

The Taj	built	it most on a moonlit night.
It	is	it is a tomb for his wife.
Emperor Shahjahan	wants	at Agra in India.
People	like	one of the most beautiful buildings in the world.
Everybody	stands	to see the Taj Mahal.
I also	want	to visit the Taj Mahal.

4. **Complete the following text with right forms of the verbs given in the box:** 1 × 10 = 10

build	idle	follow	work	remember
be	lag	reach	lead	depend

Bangladesh is full of natural resources. The prosperity of the country (a) — on the proper utilization of the resources. We should not (b) — a lazy life. We all should become industrious. We all should (c) — up our country. For this reason, we have to (d) — hard. No nation can prosper without industry. It should be (e) — that industry is the key to success. If we (f) — the days away, we (g) — behind. The nation that (h) — industrious (i) — the pinnacle of development. So, we should (j) — them.

5. **Change the sentences according to directions given in the bracket:** 1 × 10 = 10

- Simplicity is a great virtue. (Exclamatory)
- Everybody appreciates this quality. (Negative)
- It is one of the best qualities. (Positive)
- One should practise this virtue. (Passive)
- Very few men are as happy as a simple man. (Comparative)

- (f) By practising simplicity one can earn people's favour. (Negative)
- (g) A simple man leads a very carefree life. (Exclamatory)
- (h) No other person among us is as happy as a simple man. (Superlative)
- (i) Everybody should like simplicity. (Imperative)
- (j) So, a simple life should be led by all. (Active)

6. Complete the following sentences:

1 × 5 = 5

- (a) I feel like —.
- (b) Babies do not know —.
- (c) I saw a beggar —.
- (d) Were I a rich man, —.
- (e) If you do not work hard, —.

7. Complete the text adding suffixes, prefixes or the both with the root words given in the parenthesis: 0.5 × 14 = 7

The freedom fighters are the (a) — (hero) sons of our land. They fought to save our (b) — (gold) Bangla in 1971. We have got the (c) — (independent) of our loving motherland by their (d) — (super) sacrifice. Some of the (e) — (free) fighters are still (f) — (live). Most of the freedom (g) — (fight) are now (h) — (actual) above 70 years old. (i) — (deed), we are very (j) — (luck) to see them (k) — (direct). As they are our heroic sons, we should respect them (l) — (profound). We must remember them (m) — (ever). Because they laid down their lives (n) — (keep) all behind.

8. Make tag questions of the following statements:

1 × 7 = 7

- (a) The unfeed should be fed, —?
- (b) He let me do the work, —?
- (c) The Titanic sank on its first voyage, —?
- (d) There is no school in our village, —?
- (e) The father rose in him, —?
- (f) Good morning, sir, —?
- (g) I have little water, —?

9. Use punctuation marks where necessary in the following text:

0.5 × 10 = 5

Mainul Islam is a qualified farmer in Naogaon He lives in his village with his two brothers When he was asked What makes you decide to stay here in this village He replied Look its true that we could leave this village for a city life But it didnt attract us.

Part B : Composition (40 Marks)

- 10. Suppose, some Account Officers will be appointed in Meghna Bank. You, Monir/Monira, are interested to be an Account Officer. Now, write a CV with a cover letter for the post. Your CV should not exceed one page. 15
- 11. Suppose, you are the Headmaster of Bangabandhu Secondary School, Safderpur, Kot-chanderpur, Jhenaidah. Your school will remain closed due to summer vacation from 3 June to 19 June. Now, write a notice about it. 10
- 12. Write a paragraph on "Tree plantation" in your own words. 15