

Sylhet 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 prepositions or articles. Put cross (×) where there is needed no articles : $0.5 \times 10 = 5$**

There are two types (a) — dreams. One is just (b) — dream and completely baseless. Anybody may meet (c) — it while sleeping. Another dream is real. It is very desirable to (d) — conscious and great person. Generally, it is called (e) — future plan. To be a great person this dream is (f) — must. Then go ahead (g) — the working field. Really, if there is no real dream, there is no interest (h) — action. True success fully depends (i) — a real dream. Remember, a life without (j) — aim or dream is like a ship without a rudder.

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

compulsory	across	continuous	wide	environment
writing	second	learn	reason	vocabulary

English language has a world (a) — importance. It is the (b) — language in our country. We study it as a (c) — subject from class I to class XII. Even then, we are not able to (d) — well. There are so many (e) — behind it. Firstly, there is no (f) — development of the syllabus according to the class standard. Secondly, the examinations are taken only based on (g) — skill. Thirdly, lack of (h) — is responsible for it. Another problem is the lack of English speaking (i) —. Finally, there is a shortage of English teachers (j) — the country.

- 3. Make six sentences using the parts of sentences from each column of the table below: $1 \times 6 = 6$**

Tree plantation	provide be	very essential for balanced environment.
Trees		opposite to tree plantation.
Deforestation		us with wood, fruits and flowers.
Afforestation		dangerous for the environment.
Cutting trees		called the air purifier.
It		the main cause of environmental pollution.

- 4. Complete the following text with right forms of the verbs given in the box: $1 \times 10 = 10$**

waste	know	follow	observe	do
make	fall	are	utilize	is

We should (a) — the life style of the ants and bees. They (b) — good use of their time and store food for the rainy days. They never (c) — a single moment in negligence or indolence. So they never (d) — into extreme crisis. We (e) — the best creatures in creation. We (f) — everything good and bad. We can (g) — better than the others. We should all (h) — every moment properly. Punctuality (i) — the best tonic in this regard. We should (j) — the footsteps of the famous persons.

- 5. Change the sentences according to directions given in the bracket : $1 \times 10 = 10$**

- The student is known to me. (Active)
- She gave me an interesting book. (Passive)
- Jashore is older than Magura. (Positive)
- Truthfulness is the best quality of a person. (Comparative)
- No other city in Bangladesh is as populous as Dhaka. (Superlative)
- My friend is always punctual. (Negative)
- He is a great fool. (Exclamatory)
- How bright the student is! (Assertive)
- We should obey our teachers. (Imperative)
- Take care of your health. (Passive)

6. Complete the following sentences (using conditionals, gerund, infinitive, participle):

1 × 5 = 5

- (a) If you eat a balanced diet, —.
- (b) — I would join the party.
- (c) — is a good exercise.
- (d) His syllabus is —.
- (e) — is a great sin.

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

Mr. Peter is a good student. He is very (a) — (study). He is always (b) — (mind) to his studies and also (c) — to his daily activities. He is very (d) — (respect) to his elders. He is (e) — (truth) also. Weak students find him as a (f) — (help) figure. His (g) — (think) power is admirable. He is really (h) — (create) in any writing. He never forgets the benefit of (i) — (punctual). (j) — (sincere) is another quality of his daily activities. He is also an early (k) — (rise). Any problem cannot make him (l) — (attentive). He always behaves very (m) — (polite) with every person. His (n) — (honest) cannot be expressed in a word.

8. Make tag questions of the following statements :

1 × 7 = 7

- (a) Fishes can swim, —?
- (b) Help the helpless, —?
- (c) 'She' is a pronoun, —?
- (d) He put the bag here, —?
- (e) They seldom come to me, —?
- (f) The friendship rose in them, —?
- (g) Let's go to the outing, —?

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 dinnt attract us

Part B : Composition (40 Marks)

- 10.** Suppose, you are Selim/Selima of Nowapara, Jashore. A cashier will be appointed in the National Bank, Dhaka. You are very interested for the post. Now, write a CV with a cover letter for the same. Your CV should not exceed one page. 15

- 11.** Suppose, people of your area have to suffer a lot because of irregular delivery of letters. Now, write a complain letter to the postmaster of Jashore head post office, Jashore. 10

- 12.** Suppose, you have visited the book fair held in your town this year and you have a great experience. Now, write a paragraph on 'Your Visit to a Book Fair' in your own words. 15