

Barishal Board-2025

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English Second PaperSubject Code

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[According to the Syllabus of 2025]

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 the words from the box. You may need to change the form of some of the words. You may need to use one word more than once.** 0.5 × 10 = 5

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A village market is (a) — important place (b) — the villagers. The (c) — buy and sell their daily necessities in a village market. A village market generally sits in (d) — open place of (e) — village. Usually a village market is divided (f) — three sections — open space, temporary shops and permanent shops. A village market is very (g) — and important (h) — the life of the villagers. Here they meet (i) — kith and kin and variety (j) — people.

2. **Fill in the blanks with suitable words.** 0.5 × 10 = 5

War is a curse for human (a) —. In ancient time, war was (b) — only to the warriors. But at present, all people both (c) — and military have to suffer the (d) — of war. Nobody can escape (e) — the bombers of the (f) — enemies. Rich cities, fields (g) — with green corns are led (h) — ruins. (i) — the innocent citizens have to die a (j) — death.

3. **Make five sentences using the parts of sentences from each column of the table below.** 1 × 5 = 5

Corruption It Our government If we	be	in both public and private sectors.
	may be	to remove it, we will not be able to build 'Sonar Bangla'.
	fail	a curse not only to our nation but also all over the world.
	is trying	defined as the abuse of entrusted power for the private gain.
	occurs	to control it with iron hand.

4. **Complete the following text with right forms of the verbs given in the box.** 0.5 × 10 = 5

require	be	provide	spread	promote
define	anticipate	direct	remain	stay

E-commerce is rapidly being (a) — in our country. It may be (b) — as a business process through electronic transition. Buyers and sellers are not (c) — to talk face to face. We may get our required product (d) — at home. One of the best opportunities (e) — that businessmen from home and abroad can (f) — their business using this system (g) — in their respective countries. It (h) — us with global information, resources and services. It is (i) — that it will (j) — our domestic business very soon.

5. **Change the narrative style of the following text.** 5

The traveller said, "Can you tell me the way to the nearest inn?" "Yes," said the peasant. "Do you want one in which you can spend the night?" "No," replied the traveller. "I only want a meal."

6. **Change the sentences according to directions in the brackets.** 1 × 10 = 10

- The Sundarbans is one of the largest mangrove forests in the world. (Positive)
- How nice the forest is! (Assertive)
- As soon as I saw the tiger, I climbed upon the tree. (Negative)
- Tell him to tell a tale. (Passive)
- Everybody knows this. (Interrogative)
- If we destroy mangrove forest, we will lose our ecological balance. (Simple)
- By visiting the forest, we can enjoy beautiful sights. (Complex)
- So, we should save the useful forest. (Imperative)
- When it is spring, the forest looks very nice. (Simple)
- Going to the Sundarbans, we saw many animals there. (Complex)

7. **Complete the following sentences.** 1 × 5 = 5

- It is English which is essential —.
- But most of our students don't know how —.
- If a student wants to do well in English, —.
- Unless the students practise it, —.
- It is high time —.

8. **Complete the text adding suffixes, prefixes or the both with the root words given in the parenthesis.** 0.5 × 10 = 5

(a) — (Persevere) is needed to be (b) — (success) in life. Those who are not persevere in life, become (c) — (success) in their mission and only blame their lot for their (d) — (fortune). (e) — (Persevere) people do not fail. (f) — (sincere) is another important virtue which (g) — (able) a person to accomplish a job (h) — (fruit). Student life is the (i) — (form) period of man's life. One should not (j) — (use) this period of life.

9. Make tag questions of the following statements.

1 × 5 = 5

- Money is a must for our life, —?
- One can do almost nothing without it, —?
- But money can hardly bring happiness, —?
- What do you need most to be happy is contentment, —?
- That's why a few people lead a happy life, —?

10. Complete the passage using suitable connectors.

1 × 5 = 5

"Where there is a will there is a way." This proverb is quite true. People hate their fate (a) — they cannot get the result as their wishes. But (b) — a man works deliberately for building his future, success will touch him definitely. There is no magic power, (c) — it is the magic of hard-work. (d) — one gets success, fortune will side him too. The unlucky people rebuke the fate. (e) —, there is no alternative to work.

11. Use capital letters and punctuation marks where necessary in the following text.

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porter you may go said the mistress of the house laughing you have gained your freedom by allah he replied i wont leave the house until ive heard the stories of my companions.

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

- Suppose, you are Arif/Arifa, a graduate in psychology. You have seen a vacancy advertisement for the post of a Student Counsellor in Scholastica Ltd. Dhaka. Now, write a CV with a cover letter for the post. Your CV should not exceed one page. 8
- Suppose, you are Rahim/Rahima a student of Barishal Zilla School. Now, write an application to your Headteacher praying for setting up a canteen in your school. 10
- Write a paragraph on "Environment Pollution". 10
- Write a composition on "Duties of a Student". 12

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- (a) an; (b) to; (c) villagers; (d) an; (e) the; (f) into; (g) useful; (h) in; (i) their; (j) of.
- (a) civilization; (b) confined; (c) civil; (d) curse; (e) from; (f) ruthless; (g) filled; (h) to; (i) Even; (j) tragic.
- (a) Corruption may be defined as the abuse of entrusted power for the private gain.
(b) It occurs in both public and private sectors.
(c) It is a curse not only to our nation but also all over the world.
(d) Our government is trying to control it with iron hand.
(e) If we fail to remove it, we will not be able to build 'Sonar Bangla'.
- (a) spread; (b) defined; (c) required; (d) staying; (e) is; (f) direct; (g) remaining; (h) provides; (i) anticipated; (j) promote.
- The traveller asked the peasant if he (p) could tell him (t) the way to the nearest inn. The peasant replied in the affirmative and asked the traveller if he (t) wanted one in which he (t) could spend the night. The traveller replied in the negative and added that he only wanted a meal.
- (a) Very few mangrove forests in the world are as large as the Sundarbans.
(b) The forest is very nice.
(c) No sooner had I seen the tiger than I climbed upon the tree.
(d) Let him be told to tell a tale.
(e) Who doesn't know this?
(f) By destroying mangrove forest, we will lose our ecological balance.
(g) If we visit the forest, we can enjoy beautiful sights.
(h) So, let us save the useful forest.
(i) The forest looks very nice in spring.
(j) When we went to the Sundarbans, we saw many animals there.
- (a) It is English which is essential to learn as it is an international language.
(b) But most of our students don't know how to have a command of this language.
(c) If a student wants to do well in English, he should practise it extensively.
(d) Unless the students practise it, they won't be able to improve their English.
(e) It is high time the students started practising English regularly.
- (a) Perseverance; (b) successful; (c) unsuccessful; (d) misfortune; (e) Perseverant; (f) Sincerity; (g) enables; (h) fruitfully; (i) formative; (j) misuse.
- (a) Money is a must for our life, isn't it?
(b) One can do almost nothing without it, can one/can they?
(c) But money can hardly bring happiness, can it?
(d) What do you need most to be happy is contentment, isn't it?
(e) That's why a few people lead a happy life, don't they?
- (a) when/since/as; (b) if/when; (c) but; (d) If; (e) However/So/Hence.
- "Porter, you may go," said the mistress of the house laughing. "You have gained your freedom." "By Allah," he replied, "I won't leave the house until I've heard the stories of my companions."

For Question No. 12, 13, 14 & 15, See Composition Part