

**Rajshahi Board-2025**

03 Set

**English Second Paper**Subject 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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|--------|-------|----|----|------|------|-----|----|
| modern | great | to | of | read | give | the | do |
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The benefits of (a) — newspaper can hardly be exaggerated. Newspaper is (b) — storehouse of knowledge. The chief business (c) — a newspaper is to (d) — us news which we need (e) — know. It tells us what happens at home and abroad. The (f) — civilized people cannot (g) — without newspaper. Newspaper plays an important role in the lives (h) — a nation. It makes the world smaller and provides a (i) — benefit (j) — us.

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

Housing is one of the greatest (a) — in our country. Thousands of people in big (b) — like Dhaka and Chattogram (c) — in the footpaths. In rural (d) — there is also an acute (e) — of housing. The cost of construction is (f) — day by day. At present it is very (g) — for the (h) — people to (i) — the cost of construction. So, this problem (j) — to be solved soon.

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

|                     |                    |                               |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Trees<br>They<br>We | give               | very useful to man.           |
|                     | should not destroy | us oxygen.                    |
|                     | are                | trees.                        |
|                     | need               | oxygen to live.               |
|                     | provide            | shelter to birds and animals. |

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

|       |          |      |        |        |
|-------|----------|------|--------|--------|
| lag   | reach    | lead | follow | depend |
| build | remember | be   | idle   | work   |

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 should all (c) — up our country. For this reason, we have to (d) — hard. No nation can prosper without industry. We should (e) — that industry is the key to success. If we (f) — the days away, we (g) — behind. The nations that (h) — industrious (i) — the pinnacles of development. So, we should (j) — them.

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

"What are you reading?" Mumi said to Rumi. "I am reading a drama written by G.B Shaw. What an interesting drama it is! I have collected it from our school library," said Rumi. "Please lend me the book," said Mumi.

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

- Who does not want to succeed in life? (Assertive)
- Being industrious, everyone can prosper in life. (Negative)
- It is not an easy thing. (Affirmative)
- The idle always lag behind. (Complex)
- We must work hard so that we can earn money. (Simple)
- By working hard, we can improve our lot. (Compound)
- The light of prosperity can be seen by a hard-working person. (Active)
- Women should work as much as men. (Comparative)
- We should remember that industry is the key to success. (Passive)
- An idle man leads a very miserable life. (Exclamatory)

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

- Had I the wings of a bird, —.
- If he had been seen by me, I —.
- It is high time we —.
- No sooner had we reached the school —.
- The more you read —.

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

There are (a) — (vary) forms of physical exercise. But every form is not (b) — (suit) for all. Walking is good for all. In the morning, fresh air is (c) — (avail). So it is (d) — (benefit) to health. It is also very (e) — (please) and (f) — (enjoy). It also (g) — (freshes) our mind. The (h) — (nature) beauty (i) — (witch) us. We become (j) — (health) and wealthy.

**9. Make tag questions of the following statements.**

1 × 5 = 5

- (a) Nobody believes a cheat, —?
- (b) Everybody hates him, —?
- (c) He has to drag a miserable life, —?
- (d) He can hardly succeed in life, —?
- (e) Let us always speak the truth, —?

**10. Complete the passage using suitable connectors.**

1 × 5 = 5

None can deny the importance of tree plantation (a) — our lives depend on it. (b) — it is unfortunate that we are cutting trees recklessly. (c) — trees are planted, soon our land will be deserted (d) — there will be an adverse situation. (e) — we should be aware of tree plantation.

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

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do you know me yes i know you from my childhood whats your name my name is ratan

**Part B: Composition (40 Marks)**

- 12. Suppose, you are Shamim/Shamima and looking for a job. You have seen an advertisement of a school for the recruitment of the post of an Assistant Teacher. Now, write a CV with a cover letter for the job. Your CV should not exceed one page. 8
- 13. Suppose, you are Sumon/Sumi, a student of Rasulpur High School. You are interested to go on a study tour. Now, write an application to the Headmaster of your school seeking permission to go on a study tour. 10
- 14. Write a paragraph on "A Tea Stall". 10
- 15. Write a composition on "Your Aim in Life". 12

**SOLUTION (Rajshahi Board-2025)**

- 1. (a) reading; (b) the; (c) of; (d) give; (e) to; (f) modern; (g) do; (h) of; (i) great; (j) to.
- 2. (a) problems; (b) cities; (c) live; (d) areas; (e) shortage/crisis; (f) increasing; (g) difficult; (h) common; (i) afford; (j) needs.
- 3. (a) Trees are very useful to man.  
(b) They give us oxygen.  
(c) They provide shelter to birds and animals.  
(d) We need oxygen to live.  
(e) We should not destroy trees.
- 4. (a) depends; (b) lead; (c) build; (d) work; (e) remember; (f) idle; (g) will lag; (h) are; (i) reach/have reached; (j) follow.
- 5. Mumi asked Rumi what he was reading. Rumi replied that he was reading a drama written by G.B Shaw and exclaimed with wonder that it was an interesting drama. He also added that he had collected that from their school library. Mumi requested him to lend her the book.
- 6. (a) Everybody wants to succeed in life.  
(b) Without being industrious, none can prosper in life.  
(c) It is a difficult thing.  
(d) Those who are idle always lag behind.  
(e) We must work hard to earn money.  
(f) We work hard and in this way we can improve our lot.  
(g) A hard-working person can see the light of prosperity.  
(h) Women should not work less than men.  
(i) It should be remembered by us that industry is the key to success.  
(j) What a miserable life an idle man leads!
- 7. (a) Had I the wings of a bird, I would fly in the sky.  
(b) If he had been seen by me, I would have called him.  
(c) It is high time we gave up bad habits.  
(d) No sooner had we reached the school than the class started.  
(e) The more you read the more you learn.
- 8. (a) various; (b) suitable; (c) available; (d) beneficial; (e) pleasing; (f) enjoyable; (g) refreshes; (h) natural; (i) bewitches; (j) healthy.
- 9. (a) Nobody believes a cheat, do they?  
(b) Everybody hates him, don't they?  
(c) He has to drag a miserable life, hasn't he/doesn't he?  
(d) He can hardly succeed in life, can he?  
(e) Let us speak the truth, shall we?
- 10. (a) as/since/because; (b) However/But; (c) Unless; (d) and; (e) So/Hence/Therefore.
- 11. "Do you know me?" "Yes, I know you from my childhood." "What's your name?" "My name is Ratan."

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