

Sylhet 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

by	down	but	from	unnecessary	one	physical	health	any	like
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There are different kinds of exercises (a) — free hand exercises, yoga, weight lifting, gymnastics and so on. Free hand exercises help (b) — to get sound health. Walking is good for all. For the children running, swimming and playing ordinary games are suitable. In our country, some people do not take physical exercise. They think that it is (c) — and mere killing of time. (d) — in fact, they are wrong. (e) — taking physical exercise, we can remain (f) — and do our respective jobs properly. Without physical exercise our health breaks (g) — and we suffer (h) — various diseases and complications. We should take exercise according to our age and (i) — condition. Then we can be benefited easily from (j) — kinds of exercise.

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

Price hike means increasing price of daily necessities. When the price of (a) — things goes beyond the purchasing capacity of the general people. There are many reasons (b) — price hike. First price hike occurs because of (c) — disasters. In our country natural disaster like flood and (d) — occur almost every year. Flood damages (e) — crops of the country. So the supply of goods falls short in proportion (f) — our population. Hoarding is another cause of price hike. The dishonest businessmen create artificial (g) — of food grains. It causes (h) — sufferings to the poor and the (i) — class people. To remove this problem the dishonest businessmen and the hoarders should be punished. The government should also monitor and take proper (j) — to control the abnormal price hike.

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

An educated mother	can be should plays	educated, her children will be educated.
Educated mothers		always in touch with its mother.
An educated nation		raise their children best.
A child		the key role in building up an educated nation.
If the mother		be indebted to its educated mothers.

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

damage	result	be	rise	try
overcome	break	act	build	compare

Self-control is considered a great power. It (a) — all other virtues. Man usually (b) — on impulses and strong desires. Vicious desires (c) — the purity of heart and mind (d) — in the degeneration of human nature. It (e) — self-control that can help a man (f) — up a pure character which is very essential to (g) — above the level of inhumanity. Nothing can (h) — to self-control to (i) — inhumanity. So, everybody (j) — to be self-controlled.

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

"How is your mother, Rakib?" asked Mrs. Jamil. "She is very well, thank you," Rakib replied. "She has been ill but now she is quite well." "I am very glad to hear that she is better," said Mrs. Jamil.

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

- A successful man is greater than any other asset to a country. (Positive)
- However, being a successful man is a complicated task. (Negative)
- We have to be industrious to prosper in life. (Imperative)
- 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

- Hardly had we heard the news —.
- Had I the wings of a bird, —.
- lest you might miss the train.
- He disturbed me while —.
- 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

Smart Bangladesh is a new term. It refers to the vision of (a) — (make) Bangladesh technologically advanced and digitally (b) — (empower) nation. The (c) — (govern) has changed the name of (d) — (digit) Bangladesh to smart Bangladesh. Smart Bangladesh means making smart citizens, society, economy and smart government. Activities in (e) — (educate), health, agriculture and financial sector will be (f) — (transform) into smart system. In smart Bangladesh, everything will be done (g) — (technology) and also the urban (h) — (admin) will be directed by the computer and internet. A smart village will be a rural community where local citizens can connect with the (i) — (globe) market through the use of digital technology and open innovative platforms. Smart Bangladesh is not just a vision but a reality that (j) — (rapid) taking shape and marching ahead.

9. Make tag questions of the following statements.

1 × 5 = 5

- Don't make late. Let's go, —?
- A barking dog seldom bites, —?
- Money is a must for life, —?
- Everybody believes this truth, —?
- The teacher says, "Charity begins at home," —?

10. Complete the passage using suitable connectors.

1 × 5 = 5

Some people think that blood donation is so serious loss from their body. It cannot be recovered (a) — it may cause serious health problem. (b) — this concept is completely wrong. (c) —, most people (d) — the educated people do not have clear conception on the process of blood donation and its facts correctly. The fact is (e) — red blood cells in our body are reproduced again within 120 days after blood donation.

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

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Have you heard the name of alexander asked mr ahmed no sir abu replied how strange it is said he.

Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

- Suppose, you are Sumon/Sumona and have completed MBA from the University of Dhaka. You have seen an advertisement published in "The Daily Prothom Alo" about the recruitment of some Senior Officers in the "Dutch Bangla Bank PLC". Now, write a CV with cover letter for the post. Your CV should not exceed one page. 8
- Imagine, you are Fahim/Fahima a student of ADP Sammiloni High School, Khulna. The students have to stay for a long time in the school. So, they need tiffin. But there is no canteen in your school. Now, write an application to your Headmaster on behalf of the students for setting up a canteen in your school. 10
- Write a paragraph on "A Rainy Day". 10
- Write a composition about "The Importance of Reading Newspaper". 12

SOLUTION (Sylhet Board-2025)

- (a) like; (b) one; (c) unnecessary; (d) But; (e) By; (f) healthy; (g) down; (h) from; (i) physical; (j) any.
 - (a) essential; (b) behind; (c) natural; (d) drought; (e) the; (f) to; (g) shortage/scarcity; (h) immense/great; (i) middle; (j) steps/ actions.
 - (a) An educated mother plays the key role in building up an educated nation.
(b) Educated mothers can raise their children best.
(c) A child is always in touch with its mother.
(d) If the mother is educated, her children will be educated.
(e) An educated nation should be indebted to its educated mothers.
 - (a) breeds; (b) acts; (c) damages; (d) resulting; (e) is; (f) build; (g) rise; (h) be compared; (i) overcome; (j) should try.
 - Mrs. Jamil asked Rakib how his mother was. Rakib replied that she was very well and thanked her. He also added that she (his mother) had been ill but then she was quite well. Mrs. Jamil said that she was very glad to hear that she (his mother) was better.
 - (a) No other asset to a country is as great as a successful man.
(b) However, being a successful man is not an easy/effortless task.
(c) Let us be industrious to prosper in life.
(d) Those who are idle always lag behind.
(e) We must work hard to earn money.
(f) We work hard and so 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!
 - (a) Hardly had we heard the news when we rushed to the spot.
(b) Had I the wings of a bird, I would fly.
(c) Walk fast lest you might miss the train.
(d) He disturbed me while I was doing my homework.
(e) It is high time we gave up bad habits.
 - (a) making; (b) empowered; (c) government; (d) digital; (e) education; (f) transformed; (g) technologically; (h) administration; (i) global; (j) rapidly.
 - (a) Don't make late. Let's go, shall we?
(b) A barking dog seldom bites, does it?
(c) Money is a must for life, isn't it?
(d) Everybody believes this truth, don't they?
(e) The teacher says, "Charity begins at home", doesn't it?
 - (a) and; (b) But/However; (c) In fact/Actually; (d) even; (e) that.
 - "Have you heard the name of Alexander?" asked Mr. Ahmed. "No, sir," Abu replied. "How strange it is!" said he.
- For Question No. 12, 13, 14 & 15, See Composition Part