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ENGLISH

FIRST PAPER

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[According to the Syllabus of 2026]

Subject Code :

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Time—3 hours

Full marks—100

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

Part A—Reading Test

Marks—70

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions no. 1, 2 and 3 :

Hi, I'm Shyam. I'm from Magura. Although it's the district headquarters, it's a small town. I'm in grade I now in Chander Haat Bidyaloya. I love games and sports very much. My father was an athlete in his student life. He inspires me to follow in his footsteps and take part in games and sports or do some exercise besides my studies. So, I get up early in the morning and take a walk with my father almost every day. We walk for about an hour. At school, during break I play kabadi, gollachhut, badminton, table tennis and carom. Sometimes I practice the high jump and the long jump outside the school campus. Playing football is a passion for me. I like watching television too.

I watch sports programmes on different TV channels during my free time. I'm a fan of National Geographic, Discovery and Animal Planet for their documentaries as they are quite interesting as well as educative. Recently my father has presented me with a camera as he was very happy with the result of my Junior School Certificate exam. When I hold the camera, I feel so excited! I wish I could be an amateur photographer in future—not to take only personal photographs at different parties but to shoot our beautiful Bangladesh. I'm sure that soon photography will be my most favourite pastime.

Marks

1. Choose the correct answer from the following alternatives :

1×7=7

(a) Which of the following has the closest meaning of the word 'break' in the passage?

(i) Crack (ii) Interval (iii) Fracture (iv) Holiday

(b) What does the expression "I'm a fan of National Geographic" mean?

(i) Shyam is fanatical about National Geographic channel.

(ii) He hardly watches National Geographic channel.

(iii) He takes part in NAT GEO programmes.

(iv) He regularly watches NAT GEO programmes.

(c) What is special about Shyam and his father?

(i) Shyam's father is Shyam's mentor.

(ii) Shyam's father is Shyam's friend.

(iii) Shyam's father is Shyam's hero.

(iv) Shyam's father is Shyam's foe.

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- (d) How long does Shyam walk in the morning?
☒ Around 60 mins (ii) 60 mins
 (iii) 45 mins (iv) More than one hour
- (e) Which of the following statements is true?
 (i) Shyam is a famous athlete
 (ii) Shyam's father is a photographer
☒ Shyam is not indifferent to his studies
 (iv) Football is Shyam's favorite pastime
- (f) Shyam hails from
 (i) Magura (ii) a small town
 (iii) Chander Haat Bidyaloya ☒ both i and ii
- (g) The meaning of the word 'shoot' in the passage is
 (i) to break down ☒ to take a photo
 (iii) to fasten something (iv) to lose control

2. Answer the following questions : 2×5=10

- (a) From your reading of the passage, describe the reasons of Shyam's fondness for games and sports.
- (b) "Playing football is a passion for me!" Explain in 2/3 sentences.
- (c) How does Shyam spend his tiffin period?
- (d) How did receiving a camera impact Shyam's future aspirations?
- (e) What do you know about an athlete?

3. Fill in each gap with a suitable word based on the information of the above text : 1×5=5

Shyam (a) _____ from Magura. Now, he (b) _____ at Chander Haat Bidyaloya in grade I. He is (c) _____ of games and sports. He gets up early and takes a (d) _____ with his father almost everyday. In fact, his father inspire him to take part in games and sports as he himself was an athlete in his student life. However, Shyam wishes to be an (e) _____ photographer in future.

Answer	(a) is	(b) is/studies	(c) fond	(d) walk	(e) amateur
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Read the passage carefully and then answer the questions no. 4 and 5 :

John Milton was one of the famous poets in English Literature. He was born on December 9, 1608 in London. At the age of 17, he went to Cambridge University for study and after seven years of study, he obtained his M.A degree from that University. The next six years, he spent at Horton in unprofessional study. In 1638, he started his foreign tour. In 1642, he married Mary Powell, a young girl of seventeen. But his wife died in 1652 leaving him with three daughters. So, he married second time in 1656, but two years after his second wife also died. Of all his works, "Paradise Lost" is said to be his greatest. He finished composing this great epic in 1663. But it was published four years later. By this time, he lost his eyesight. At the age of 66, he died on November 8, 1674.

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4. Complete the table below with information from the passage.

John Milton

Focus	A famous poet of English Literature		
Greatest work	(i)		
Who/What	Date/year	Event	Place
Milton	(ii)	Studied	(iii)
Milton	in 1632	(iv)	
Milton	in 1658	(v)	

Answer

(a) Paradise lost

(b) 1625

(c) Cambridge University

(d) took M.A. degree

(e) lost his 2nd wife

5.

Write a summary of the above passage in your own words :

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6.

Match the parts of the sentences in column A, B and C to write five complete sentences :

1×5=5

Column A	Column B	Column C
(a) Donation of blood	(i) sound health-can donate blood	(i) we donate blood, we invite no harm to us.
(b) In our society, some of us nourish	(ii) enough to save	(ii) after every three months without any side effect.
(c) As per medical science, every man in	(iii) a crystal clear idea that if	(iii) be a very noble deed.
(d) We should have	(iv) a misconception about blood donation which conveys	(iv) the life of a dying person.
(e) Sometimes, a bag of our blood is	(v) is universally acknowledged to	(v) a negative message for the others.

Answer

a + v + iii

b + iv + v

c + i + ii

d + iii + i

e + ii + iv

7.

Put the following parts of the story in correct order to make the whole story. Only the corresponding numbers of the sentences need to be written.

1×8=8

(a) In 1953, he was appointed Chairman of Secondary Education Board.

(b) He has a great contribution to the scientific research of Bangladesh.

(c) He showed extra-ordinary credit in every examination of the school.

(d) At the age of six, he was admitted in a Furkania Madrasha and then in an English School.

(e) Dr. Kudrat-E-Khuda was born in Birbhum District of West Bengal in 1900.

(f) In 1925, he passed M.Sc in Chemistry from Kolkata University and in 1929, he passed D.Sc from Imperial College in England.

(g) He died on 3rd November 1977.

(h) His father Hazrat Shah Abdul Mukit was a pious man and his mother Fashiha Khatun was also a pious woman.

Answer

e + h + d + c + f + a + b + g

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8. Answer the following questions from your reading of the poems in English For Today. (any 5 out of 8) : $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) Why does the poet mention 'empty and useless ears' in the poem "O Me! O Life"?
- (b) How does the poem "Books" reflect the idea of 'escapism' in relation to reading books?
- (c) What should children do to their mother and why?
- (d) What does the poem 'The Sands of Dee' suggest about the relation between humans and nature?
- (e) What are the promises the poet had to keep before he would sleep in the poem "stopping by woods on a Snowy Evening"?
- (f) How does the poet address time in the poem "Time, You Old Gipsy Man"?
- (g) Why do the mountains echo the songs that we sing but not our sighs?
- (h) Why is the sea described as "hungry" in the poem "The Sands of Dee"?

9. Answer the following questions from your reading of the stories in English For Today. (any 5 out of 8) : $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) How does the story 'Moti' portray rural life in Bangladesh?
- (b) What did the cyclone's noise signify in the story "The Wheel of Cyclone"?
- (c) Why do you think Rosamond wanted to buy all the things she saw?
- (d) What lessons do you think Rosamond learned from her sufferings and disappointment?
- (e) How was the relationship between Antonio and Bassanio?
- (f) What do you know about three caskets?
- (g) How did Mr. Mallard die, according to the rumour?
- (h) How did Portia save Antonio's life?

Part B—Writing Test

Marks—30

10. Read the beginning of a story and complete it in your own words giving a suitable title to it. 15

There was a poor boatman in a village. He was illiterate. He used to row in boat from morning till evening only to meet his both ends

11. Suppose, you have a friend named Amid who is used to browsing Facebook. He is inattentive to his studies. As a result, he cuts a sorry figure in the exam. 15

Now, write a dialogue between you and your friend about the merits and demerits of Facebook.

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