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03 Set
ENGLISH
FIRST PAPER

[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. Answer all the questions.]

Part A—Reading Test

Marks—70

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

Traditional childhood pastimes of climbing trees and playing conkers are in decline, according to a survey by the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds). It's a charitable organization registered in England and Wales. The survey shows that people under 34 recall far fewer such childhood outdoor experiences than people over 55, according to a survey by RSPB.

People were asked which of the twelve childhood outdoor experiences they could remember. The answer included making dens, daisy chains, climbing trees, playing conkers and feeding birds. Four out of five boys climbed trees and the same number of girls made daisy chains. But the survey showed the numbers declining among the newer generations. Some 15% more of those aged over 55 had these outdoor experiences in their childhood, compared with those between 15–34 years old. Some 92% of the public agreed that experiences of nature were still important to children, and 82% agreed that schools should play a role in providing them to all children.

The survey has highlighted the positive impact of contact with nature on a child's education, health, wellbeing and social skills. At the same time, there has been a decline in these opportunities, with negative consequences for children, families and society a condition now known as nature deficit disorder.

Mike Clarke, chief executive of the RSPB, will meet parliament members to urge the government to join other organizations in providing children with first-hand experiences of the natural environment“We believe this guidance should include the many positive impacts to children of having contact with nature and learning outside the classroom.”

Marks

1. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives :

1×7=7

(a) The closest meaning of the word ‘organization’ is—

(i) meeting

(ii) convention

(iii) association

(iv) conference

(b) What does the word ‘include’ in the text refer to?

(i) Involve

(ii) intimate

(iii) irritate

(iv) insert

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- (c) The elderly people — childhood memories more than the younger people.
☒ recollect (ii) forget (iii) ignore (iv) offer
- (d) Which one is in decline?
☒ (i) Swimming (ii) Running
☒ (iii) Climbing trees (iv) Playing cricket
- (e) Today young generation are — nature.
☒ (i) attracted with (ii) related with
☒ (iii) detached from (iv) derived from
- (f) RSPB is a — organization.
☒ (i) benevolent (ii) cultural (iii) literary (iv) health
- (g) The word 'den' in the text means—
☒ (i) drain (ii) dumb ☒ (iii) cave (iv) curt

2. Answer the following questions :

2×5=10

- (a) What is the full form of RSPB? Where does it work?
(b) What are the traditional childhood pastimes according to your reading of the text?
(c) What did the survey by RSPB show?
(d) Why do you think the pastime habits are declining among the newer generation?
(e) Describe the term 'nature deficit disorder'.

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

The author of the passage has expressed a deep (a) — on the decline of the traditional childhood (b) —. Today's children are staying themselves far away (c) — nature which may have a great negative (d) — on their education, (e) —, wellbeing and social skills.

Answer	(a) concern	(b) pastimes	(c) from
	(d) impact	(e) health	

Read the passage on SAARC and answer the questions no. 4 and 5 :

SAARC is a regional organization for mutual cooperation, friendship and development. The full form of SAARC is 'South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation'. At the initial stage, there were only seven developing nations to form the organization. Later, Afghanistan was included as one of its member countries. SAARC started its journey through holding its first conference in Dhaka on 8 December, 1985. At present, the member countries of this organization are Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan. The secretariat of this organization is situated in the capital of Nepal. Its head is called Secretary General. There is a deep relationship between Bangladesh and SAARC. It was Bangladesh that took the first initiative to form SAARC. As the initiator of SAARC, Bangladesh has been playing a significant and strong role in its different activities. As one of the member countries it has also seen making every effort to expand the trade between the member countries and to solve the regional conflicts and existing crisis among the neighboring countries.

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4. Complete the table below with the information from the above passage : 1×5=5

Who/What	Event/Activity	Where/Place	Time/Duration
Aim	of mutual cooperation officially started in		(i) —
(ii) —	initiator of SAARC		1985
Secretariat	located	(iii) —	
(iv) —	included as the last member country		April, 2007.
First conference	(v) —	Dhaka	

Answer

(i) 8 December 1985
(iv) Afghanistan

(ii) Bangladesh
(v) held/was held

(iii) Capital of Nepal/Kathmandu, Nepal

5. Write a summary of the above passage in your own words. 10

6. Match the parts of sentences given in columns 'A', 'B' and 'C' to write five complete sentences. 1×5=5

Column A	Column B	Column C
(a) Facebook is as internet	(i) internet connection may	(i) gain access to Facebook.
(b) Nowadays Facebook has become	(ii) using Facebook	(ii) among people living anywhere.
(c) It contributes much	(iii) based social network	(iii) To facilitate the official works.
(d) People are also	(iv) to maintain social and friendly relationship	(iv) connecting people worldwide.
(e) Everybody having	(v) an important part	(v) of our daily life.

Answer

(a) a + iii + iv
(d) d + ii + iii

(b) b + v + v
(e) e + i + i

(c) c + iv + ii

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) Penicillin is the life saving medicine.
(b) He passed his boyhood with his parents.
(c) It was discovered by Dr. Alexander Fleming.
(d) He was the seventh of the eight brothers and sisters.
(e) He was never absent from school up to the age of twelve.
(f) He was sent to London at the age of fourteen for higher study.
(g) Fleming was born in a poor family in Scotland.
(h) Fleming was a very regular and attentive student.

Answer

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

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8. Answer any five of the following questions from the poems in English For Today : $2 \times 5 = 10$
- (a) What does the poet refer by 'useless years' in the poem 'O Me! O Life'!?
 - (b) What rises in our fancies and our eyes according to the poem 'Books'?
 - (c) Who was the speaker's second mother in the poem 'Two Mothers Rememberd'?
 - (d) What things will the poet offer time in the poem 'Time, You Old Gypsy Man' if it stays just for a day?
 - (e) Why did the poet, Robert Frost, stop by the woods when it was dark and he was alone?
 - (f) What does the poet mean by the verse 'And miles to go before I sleep' in the poem 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening'?
 - (g) When do you have friends and when do they leave you according to the poem 'Solitude'?
 - (h) How has the poet described the western tide in the poem, 'The Sands of Dee'?
9. Answer any five of the following questions from stories in English For Today : $2 \times 5 = 10$
- (a) How was the milliner's shop decorated?
 - (b) What things did Rosamond want to buy?
 - (c) How did her mother try to stop Rosamond from buying all the things she wanted to buy?
 - (d) Why was Bassanio short of money constantly?
 - (e) Why did Antonio meet Shylock?
 - (f) How many people tried to choose the right casket? Who succeeded at last?
 - (g) How does the writer narrate the atmosphere before the storm in 'The Wheel of Cyclone'?
 - (h) Why didn't Ameen make any conversation during his breakfast?

Part B—Writing Test

Marks—30

10. Read the beginning of the story given below and add at least ten sentences to complete the story. Give a suitable title to it. 15
- Once upon a time there was a king called Midas. He was extremely fond of gold. Though he had a lot of it, he wanted more.
11. Suppose you are Nahid/Nahida and you have a friend named Shafin/Sofia. Both of you have a plan to do so many things after SSC examination. Now write a dialogue between you and your friend about what you intend to do after SSC examination. 15

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