

Part I – Reading (60 Marks)

Read the passage and answer the following questions.

Education gives us knowledge and a set of abilities to function meaningfully in life, such as the ability to decide things rationally and make the right choices. As we learn how to read, write and do the operations of arithmetic, we gain a degree of self-confidence. We learn to think for ourselves and articulate our thoughts, we pick up skills to communicate with others and manage our affairs well. Education helps us think independently and make our own opinions. As we know more about the world, we appreciate the good things it offers us but also become critical of the deviations from the values it imparts and the rise of hatred or conflict that follows.

The first thing education does is to give us an awareness about ourselves which leads to the development of our personality. As we begin school, we feel the need to belong to the class and make friends. We then expand our sense of belonging to include the school at large, our community and finally our country. Education thus prepares every child to become an active member of the community and work for its welfare. Education, it is believed, releases our potentials and our inner strengths. It sharpens our intellect and develops our creativity. As we are taught to reason well and find solutions to the problems of life, we become productive members of society. Education by definition is progressive and liberal, teaching us, to respect human diversity and cultural and religious differences. If all of us practise these values in life, the world becomes a much happier place.

Education also fosters critical thinking and provides us a set of competencies including life skills that enable us to become competitive even in the most challenging of circumstances. Education also teaches us to appreciate beauty and the bounties of nature.

School, however, is not the only place where a child gets education. A Bangla poem tells us that nature can be our best teacher. Here is a couple of lines from the poem in English translation:

The sky has taught me to be liberal.

The wind has given me the motto to be industrious.

If we can make nature our friend, philosopher and guide, we can learn lessons about life that combined with what our schools teach us, will prepare us for the future.

1.A. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives. (.5x10=5)

(a) The passage describes.....

- (i) the expense of education (ii) the scholars of education
(iii) the purpose of education (iv) the institution of education

(b) What does the word 'competencies' refers to?

- (i) energies (ii) powers (iii) capabilities (iv) vitalities

(c) Education supports us to choose.....

(i) profit from loss (ii) wrong from right

(iii) right from wrong (iv) vice from virtue

(d) The sky teaches us to be.....

(i) honest (ii) sincere (iii) liberal (iv) courageous

(e) Imparting education to the common mass leads a community to.....

(i) meanness (ii) backward (iii) prosperity (iv) humanity

(f) The wind inspires us to be.....

(i) punctual (ii) industrious (iii) virtuous (iv) disciplined

(g) What does the idiom 'at large' mean?

(i) briefly (ii) independently (iii) largely (iv) dependently

(h) The word 'arithmetic' relates to-

(i) physics (ii) mathematics (iii) biology (iv) chemistry

(i) 'self-confidence' is an outcome of.....

(i) education (ii) earning and success

(iii) establishment (iv) wealth

(j) The word 'function' refers to.....

(i) to work (ii) to know (iii) to think (iv) to analyze

B. Answer the following questions: (3x5=15)

a. How do we obtain the ability to manage our affairs well?

b. What does education provide us?

c. Does education influence us in thinking? How?

d. How will you prepare yourself for the future?

e. How will the world become a much happier place?

2. Read the following text and **make a chart showing the benefits of meditation.**

1x5=5

The act of thinking deeply and calmly about something in a state of heightened awareness is known as meditation. It is an approach to train up the mind, similar to the way that fitness is an approach to training the body. Voltaire explains, "Meditation is the dissolution of thoughts in eternal awareness or pure consciousness without objectification, knowing without thinking, merging finitude in infinity." From the ancient times, meditation has been a part of some religious traditions as a way of achieving the body's release from worldly cares, and creating inner harmony. Meditation in our time is practiced by people to reduce stress and tension, and improve focus. There are trainers who help beginners with some exercises such as improved breathing and progressive relaxation. One of the most common approaches to meditation is concentration.

To develop concentration one needs to focus on a single point. Since focusing the mind is challenging, a beginner might meditate for only a few minutes and then work up to longer durations.

Meditation releases anxiety and brings a state of calmness. It increases the thinking ability of human brain so that people have a better control of their emotions. Those who practice meditation can work tirelessly for a longer period of time. Meditation helps improve blood circulation in the brain and other parts of body. Finally, meditation improves creativity, self-awareness and tolerance.

1. Release anxiety	2	3	4	5	6
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3. Summarize the following passage:

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Junk foods are processed foods consisting of high calories, but that is considered only as a broad umbrella. These foods are prepared in a way that they look appealing and are enjoyable so you are chemically programmed to ask for more. According to Dr. Sunali Sharma, a Dietician & Nutritionist, "Commercial products including salted snack foods, chewing gum, candy, sugary desserts, fried fast food, and sweetened carbonated beverages that have little or no nutritional value but are high in calories, salt, and fats may be considered junk foods. Though not all fast foods are junk foods, a great number of them are. For instance, a salad may be fast food but is definitely not junk food. Some foods like burgers, pizzas and tacos may alternate between junk and healthy categories depending on the ingredients, calories and process of manufacturing."

Frequent consumption of junk food increases the intake of excess fat, simple carbohydrates, and processed sugar which may lead to a higher risk of obesity and cardiovascular diseases, among other chronic health problems. The resulting obesity may begin clogging up the arteries and lay the basis of an impending heart attack. It has also been suggested that eating junk food affects the brain in the same way as consuming addictive drugs. An addiction to junk food may even result in the rejection of healthier food options like fruits, vegetables, salads, etc. leading to further lack of nourishment.

4. Read the following text and fill in the blanks with suitable words from the box. There are more words than needed. Make any grammatical change if necessary. (.5x10=5)

possible	religion	positive	discourage	tie	yet
waste	allow	circular	safe	recruit	though

To encourage female education, the government has taken some (a)..... steps such as giving stipends to students, (b)more female teachers, etc. (c)..... girls cannot receive the full benefit of education mainly because of the following reasons. (d).....misinterpretation and social structures (e)girls from going to schools. Even in urban schools girls are not (f)by many parents to live in hostels for their daughters' (g)..... . Early marriage and childbirth make women (h)..... to home with no (i)..... of going back to school. Any expenditure for sending girls to school is considered a (j) by many parents whereas it is regarded as an investment in case of boys.

5. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word in each gap. (1x10=10)

The environment (a)various things. All the things of the environment are related to (b)another. Any change in the ecosystem can (c).....all the other parts. To prevent the environment from destruction is the (d)of human beings. The environment should be (e)neat and clean to enjoy a healthy and comfortable (f) But people are not (g) of the dangerous effect of the ecological change. They do unwise things and bring about dangers for their

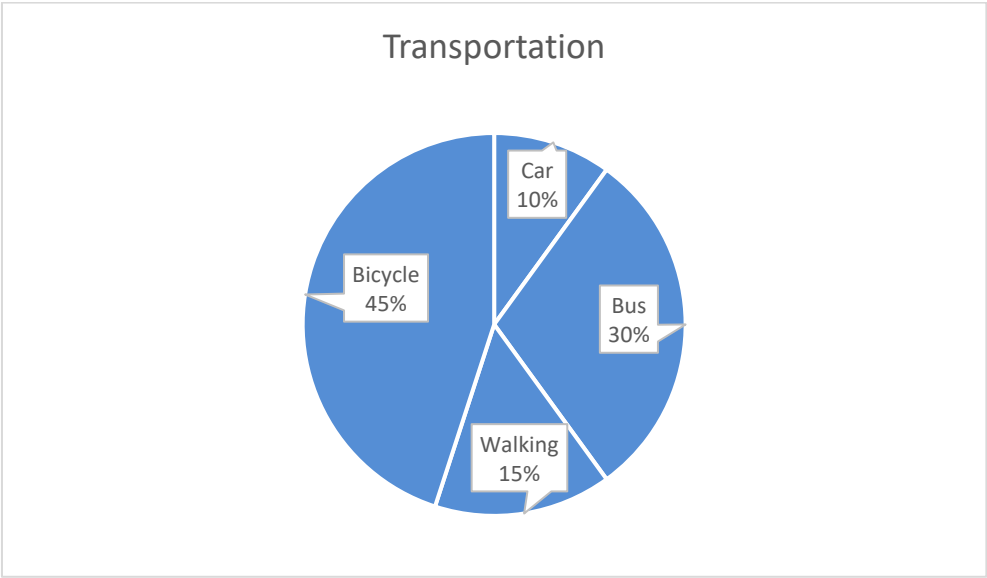
own (h)..... . Imbalance in the ecology brings about climatic (i)and the result of the change is various natural (j)..... .

6. Rearrange the following sentences to make a coherent order. 10

- (i) "Please let me go to my country."
- (ii) An English boy was making a small boat.
- (iii) "I shall cross the sea and go to my country by this boat."
- (iv) He made all arrangements to send him to his country.
- (v) Suddenly, he noticed a wonderful thing.
- (vi) Napoleon was charmed by the words of the small boy.
- (vii) "I haven't seen my mother for a long time."
- (viii) The boy said, "My country is on the other side of the sea."
- (ix) One day Napoleon, the king of France, was walking along the seashore.
- (x) The boy was brought before him and he asked him what he would do with such a small boat.

Part – II(Writing- 40 Marks)

7. The pie chart shows the percentage of transportation used by 800 students to come to college. Describe the chart in 150 words. 15



8. The following is the beginning of a story. Complete it in your own words. Give a suitable title to it. 15

Once there lived a poor farmer. He had a goose. It used to lay a golden egg every day. He sold the golden egg in the market. He

9. Write a letter to your friend thanking her for nice birthday gift. 10

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1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions :

(.5×10=5)

Badal lived (a)..... a village of Bangladesh. He was a school boy. There was a canal (b).....his way (c).....school. An old bridge was (d)..... that canal. It was useful to one and all of the villagers. Yet none cared (e)..... its repair. So one day it broke (f)..... and caused a good deal (g)..... hardship to the villagers. They were (h)..... difficulty. They could not go to the town (i).....the other side of the canal to sell their fruits and vegetables profitably. They sold their production (j)..... local market at a nominal price.

2. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases /words given in the box.

(.5×10=5)

what does.....look like	have to /has to	would rather	what's.....like	let alone
as soon as	there	was born	it	had better

- a. The child cannot walk..... run in the field.
- b. Tareq Ahmed is a renowned teacher. He.....in 1960.
- c. Salam..... work hard to take care of his children.
- d. Father,..... a ghost.....?
- e..... your family..... ? Our family is an ideal family.
- f. It started raining..... we got out of the car.
- g. Long ago,..... lived a boy named Bayezid Bostami.
- h. The baby is sleeping. You..... turn off the TV.
- i. It is winter. He..... buy a coat than a shirt.
- j..... requires nothing but goodwill to do to people.

3.Complete the sentences using suitable clauses / phrases.

1×10=10

- (a) We take physical exercise so that.....
- (b) Air is polluted in many ways. It is high time
- (c) Prosperity does not come in one's life automatically. If..... ,you can't prosper in life.
- (d) Time is very important in our life. You can't succeed in life unless.....
- (e) He wrote very quickly. He had finished the exam before the.....
- (f) A village doctor is a person whoHe is the best friend to the villagers.
- (g)We all are attracted to gold. But..... is not gold.

(h) I am fond of cricket. I wish.....

(i) He walks slowly lest.....

(j) He is dull headed. The poem is too difficult.....

4 Read the text and fill in the gaps with correct form of verbs as per subject and the context. (.5×14=7)

Air (a).....(be) an important element of the environment. But it is constantly being (b)..... (pollute) in many ways. We make fire to cook food and (c)..... (do) many works . This fire emits smoke which (d)..... (contaminate) air. Vehicles pollute air to a great extent by (e)..... (burn) fuel. Air pollution also (f)..... (happen) when coal and oil (g)..... (burn). Mills and factories can be (h)..... (hold) responsible for this pollution. It is high time we (i)..... (check) air pollution. Otherwise, we (j).....(suffer) a lot. People from all walks of life (k)..... (be) aware of (l).....(keep) the environment free from pollution. The government (m)..... (take) stern steps and the criminals have to be (n)..... (bring) to book to stop environment pollution.

5. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches. 7

"Have you saved something for the future?" said the rich man. "No," said the cobbler. "I am happy with the present and think little about tomorrow. " "No,that would not do," said the rich man. "I like to see you above want.Have this money and keep it." "What a great amount of money it is! Where will I keep so much money?" whispered the cobbler himself.

6. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces. (.5×10= 5)

Newspaper plays a very (a)..... (pre-modify the noun) role in modern civilization. It publishes news and views of home and abroad. Only (b).....(pre-modify the noun) knowledge is not enough in this competitive world.A newspaper helps a man (c)..... (post-modify the verb with infinitive) his general knowledge. Besides academic books, one should read newspapers (d)..... (post-modify the verb). Newspapers helps one (e)..... (post-modify the verb with an infinitive) the facts of the world. (f)..... (pre-modify the verb with a participle phrase) regularly, one can be aware of everything. There are (g)..... (pre-modify the noun) kinds of newspapers. One should select the newspaper (h)..... (post-modify the verb).One should choose the (i)..... (pre-modify the noun) newspaper because many newspapers present news partially. Whatever the paper is,it (j).....(pre-modify the verb) helps a man.

7. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage. (.5×14=7)

Mobile phone has become an essential gadget for everyone. (a)....., it has become very popular. (b)..... it has created a number of problems. It has (c)..... advantages (d)..... disadvantages. (e)....., it helps to connect people. (f)....., it helps to exchange information. (g)....., it can be used for various purposes. (h)..... it has a few disadvantages (i)..... cause a lot of troubles. (j)....., many students are getting addicted to it. (k)....., they spend more time using it. (l)..... most of them cannot do well in the examinations. (m)..... many of them are getting involved in criminals activities thorough it. (n)....., its advantages are more than its disadvantages.

8. Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below. (.5×14=7)

Books are the unique medium through which we contact mighty minds of ages. Books tell us about their feelings what they said and what they did. Books are one of the greatest friends to us. They introduce us to the best humanity. They are reliable records of the history of the past men. A book is a valuable living voice. We can know about the thoughts and rituals of past men through books. We should read good books and avoid worthless ones. A good book is a friend in loneliness and a nurse in ailment. We can find real happiness by reading good books.

a. unique (antonym);b. mighty (antonym);c. humanity (synonym);d. reliable (antonym);e. valuable (antonym);f. ritual (synonym);g. read (synonym) ;h. avoid (synonym);i. worthless (synonym);j. loneliness (synonym);k. nurse (synonym) ;l. ailment (synonym) ;m. find (synonym) ;n. happiness (antonym)

9. There are fourteen errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors. (.5×14=7)

A: Whats solar energy.

B: Its one of the renewable energy sources!

A: Why it is called green energy.

B: Well its green energy because it helps us keep the earth green I mean it doesnt emit any pollutant in the atmosphere when we produce and use it.

A: I see Then it must be a clean source of energy

B: Exactly And thats why its also called clear energy .

Part B : Composition (40 marks)

10. Write an application to the Principal of your college for increasing library facilities. 10

11. Write a paragraph on 'An Ideal Student ' within 200 words. 15

12. Write a paragraph showing causes and effects of 'Climate Change'. 15