

Bangladesh Open University
Sample Question
English 2nd Paper
HSC– 2852

Time: 3 hours

Full marks: 100

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

Part-A: Grammar (Marks 60)

1. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles. Put a cross where an article is not needed.

0.5×10=5

(a)..... ideal student is (b)..... asset for a country. He is different from (c)..... idle student. (d)..... industrious work hard. On the other hand, (e)..... idle waste away their time. They do not know (f)..... time is (g)..... most valuable thing. If anyone wants to shine in life, he should make (h)..... best use of time. Otherwise he will suffer in (i)..... long run. He will have to drag a very miserable (j)..... life.

2. Complete the text with suitable preposition:

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English is full of problems (a) ___ the second language learners. Some of these points are easy (b) ___ explain. Instant formation (c) ___ question, the difference (d) ___ since and for, the meaning (e) ___ after all and so on. Other problems are more tricky (f) ___ advanced students and teachers-what is the difference between big, great and large and so many other difficulties. But (g) ___ the other hand, when we have a glance (h) ___ its importance, we may discover English gives us easy access (i) ___ the ever-expanding knowledge of science and technology, arts and education, innovations and discoveries. Moreover, all the books, journals, reports, research findings are available (j) ___ English.

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

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was born	had better	have to	wished	lest
let alone	used to	would you mind	what if	supposed to

- (a) We live in a small room in our apartment. It can hardly accommodate four people ___ twenty.
- (b) We were ___ go to Dhaka on an urgent place of business. But we missed the train and so we could not go.
- (c) Recently, I bought a lottery. So, I ___ I had become a millionaire.
- (d) A thief felt very nervous. He trembled in fear ___ he might be attacked by anyone.
- (e) A cricket match is going on BTV. ___ switching on the TV? I want to watch it.
- (f) While living in London, Rabindranath often ___ visit the Parliament House. He was interested to listen to debates on Irish Home Rule.
- (g) Begum Rokeya, the pioneer of women renaissance, ___ in 1880.
- (h) Our Country will face a great problem due to corruption. So, all walks of people ___ come forward to stop this.
- (i) I am fond of both tea and coffee. Formerly I used to drink tea: ___ I now drink coffee.
- (j) If you can't do anything for me in my distress, you ___ leave me and go away.

4. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases:

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- (a) Education is the backbone of a nation. It energizes our mind so that ___
- (b) Rafiq's father wants him to be a doctor. Though his mother wants him to be an engineer. _____

- (c) One who rises early can get many benefits _____ a late riser can't get all these benefits.
 (d) Life is full of struggle. We can't shine in life _____ hard labor.
 (e) We should avoid sin. Sinners are not only hated _____
 (f) Rana, a good student wants to be a banker. But all his hopes were _____ at this father's death.
 (g) Some students don't read attentively. They are usually worried _____ their examination.
 (h) Health is wealth. If you want to enjoy good health, _____
 (i) As Jerry did many gracious work for the authoress, she _____
 (j) Mr. Khan is an honest man. His honesty is _____

5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subjects and context: 0.5×10=5

There (a) _____ (be) many unemployed people in our country. If you have not (b) _____ (learn) any skill, you may have to remain unemployed. You (c) _____ (need) to learn some skill if you want employment to anywhere. You certainly (d) _____ (have) to have learnt a skill if you are to be a self-employed person. If you (h) _____ (want) to prosper in life. The biography of great people (i) _____ (prove) that they were hard working. They never (j) _____ (waste) their time.

6. Read the text and change the sentences as directed: 1×5=5

(a) Once upon a time, there lived a certain merchant who had three daughters (compound). To the reply of a question of the merchant, the eldest daughter answer, "Papa. (b) I get my living by your fortune (complex). (c) The same answer was given by the second daughter (active). But the youngest daughter said, (d) How difficult the question is! (Assertive). I get my living by my own fortune. (e) The merchant got very angry with the youngest daughter (Interrogative)

7. Change the narrative style of the following text: 1×5=5

My father looked at me in anger and said to me, "Where have you been so long and why are you wasting your time?" After a moment he said, "Will you not appear in the final examination?" I said, "I went to my friend's house to borrow an essential book, but he was not at home. So, I had to wait for him."

8. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the passage to make them clear: 5

Charles Karoro, a banker in Nairobi, gets enough salary but cannot afford everything. He lives in a small apartment without gardening facility for his wife Maria. He can't work outside, as there is none to look after his children. He neither can send his children to good schools nor can share his income with her rural needy brothers. Sometimes life becomes tough when his relatives stay in his house for a long period for searching jobs.

9. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces: 0.5×10=5

Facebook is (a) _____ (pre-modify the noun) networking website. Today it has been become (b) _____ (pre-modify the noun) website to the young generation. We stay (c) _____ (pre-modify the verb) with all around the world through facebook. Facebook users join the network (d) _____ (use a participle to post-modify the verb). With the emergence of it, we see that people (e) _____ (pre-modify the verb) use e-mail or tools or any other online social communication. Facebook can cause (f) _____ (pre-modify the noun) tendencies because people are not (g) _____ (pre-modify the verb) communicating with each other. One can harass another (h) _____ (use an intensifier to pre-modify the adverb) easily by using a false ID. Several news stories suggest that (i) _____ (use a participle to pre-modify the verb) facebook causes divorce between a lot of couples every year. Though facebook has some demerits, its popularity is increasing (j) _____ (post-modify the verb) among the young ones.

10. Use appropriate sentences connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage:**0.5×10=5**

Child labour is a very common issue in Bangladesh. Ours is an agro based country. (a)_____ a citizen owns a very small plot of land. (b) _____ it is not at all sufficient for his existence. (c) _____ there is a lot of landless people too. (d) _____ they continue as day labourers. (e)_____ they can't maintain their families, they are compelled to engage their children in manual work in their very childhood. (f)_____ most of the children work as domestic servants and maid servants. (g)____ they are sometimes engaged for making gardens. (h) _____ many children work in workshops, hotels and shops. (i) _____ children rights to educate themselves for the preparation of life, they can't fulfill it. (j)_____ people of all walks of life and the government should try sincerely to solve this problem and help them so that they can get the light of education.

11. Read the passage and write the antonym and synonym of the words as directed below:**0.5×10=5**

The Taj Mahal is one of the most beautiful buildings in the world. It is made of fine white marble with inlays of coloured marble. It has eight sides and many open arches and its platform is made of red sandstone. The pool water reflects its varied look at different times. However, it looks best on moon lit night.

- (a) beautiful (antonym)
- (b) fine (antonym)
- (c) platform (synonym)
- (d) pool (synonym)
- (e) reflect (synonym)

12. There are errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Re-write the text correcting the errors:**0.5×10=5**

Rupa said to me have you finished reading the book I gave you yesterday yes I have I replied what and interesting book it is I wish I could borrow the book earlier will you return the book the me today she asked.

Part-B: Composition (Marks 40)

13. Suppose you are Olive/Oliva. You study in a local college. You want to get admission at a foreign university named Oklahoma University, Norman. Now compose an e-mail to the concerned authority asking for the admission information to the university.

or

Write a letter to your pen friend describing the natural beauty of Bangladesh. **01×8=8**

14. Suppose you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. Now, write a report on your visit to some areas of a locality have been affected by Kushiara River erosion.

or

Suppose you are a reporter of the Daily Ittefaq. Now, write a report on Slum dwellers. Give a title to your report **01×8=8**

15. Write a paragraph on Road Accident that happens in Bangladesh.

or

Write a paragraph on Female Education within 150 words. **10×1=10**

16. Write a composition on "Television as a Wonder of Modern Science".

or

Write a short composition on Natural calamities of Bangladesh within 200 words.

14×1=14