

Part A : Seen Comprehension (40 Marks)**Read the passage below and answer questions 1–4**

The Jamuna Multi-purpose Bridge over the mighty river Jamuna in Bangladesh is a triumph of modern engineering and technological skills. 4.8 kilometers long and 18.5 meters wide, this bridge which connects the districts of Tangail and Sirajgonj is the longest ever in Bangladesh and the eleventh largest in the whole world. The main bridge was constructed by the Hyundai Construction Co. of South Korea. About 15,000 people worked for four years to build this gigantic bridge. The bridge is connected with a 15.3 kilometers, approach road on the east and another of 14.4 kilometers, on the west. It has 50 pillars and 49 spans. Each of its 121 piles has an average depth of 83 meters to guarantee its strength and durability. The total cost of this huge structure was more than seven hundred million US dollars which came jointly from the Bangladesh Government, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and Japan. Apart from railway and motorway communication, this multipurpose bridge will also facilitate gas, electricity and telecommunication lines between the two parts of the country.

1. Choose the right word to complete each sentence. 1×5=5
 - a. The Jamuna Bridge helps the people of Bangladesh in a specific/fixed/numerous ways.
 - b. In the passage the word 'gigantic' means gorgeous/ trivial/ huge.
 - c. Huge number of potential piles of the bridge has ensured its viability/ longevity/ possibility.
 - d. This multi-purpose bridge has accelerated/ hindered/ increased/ the overall communication system of Bangladesh.
 - e. The number of spans used in the bridge is 49/ 94/ 50.
2. True/ False? If false, give the correct information. 1×5=5
 - a. The Jamuna Multi-purpose Bridge is a triumph of technological skill.
 - b. This bridge connects the districts of Mymensingh and Sirajgonj.
 - c. About 1500 people worked for four years to construct it.
 - d. The bridge occupies the eleventh position in the world.
 - e. The Jamuna bridge facilitates water and electricity between the two parts of the country.
3. Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the words in the brackets. Add any preposition if necessary. 1×5=5
 - a. The Jamuna Multi-purpose Bridge has (construct) — the river Jamuna.
 - b. The technological skill has ensured the (durable) — the bridge.
 - c. The bridge (occupy) — a significant position in Bangladesh.

d. The (long) — the bridge is 4.8² kilometers.

e. Bangladesh (pride) — Jamuna Bridge.

Make a list of five features of the Jamuna Multi-purpose Bridge. $1 \times 5 = 5$

Read the passage below all answer the questions from 5–8 :

As his reputation as a scientist soared higher and higher, fate followed with less rewarding things. Stephen gradually started losing control over the muscles of his body as a victim of Gchrigs disease. Since the age of thirty he is confined to the wheelchair with no power to control his body except his head and hands only. He can speak only through a computer with a voice synthesizer that converts his messages into sounds. But such tremendous physical handicap has not managed to dishearten or slow him down. Stephen is still a relentless worker. Using his computer, he carries out research work as well as delivers his lectures. He lives with his wife and three daughters and is provided with twenty four hour nursing facilities by an American organization for his physical well-being.

Write short answers to the following questions about Stephen Hawking. $1 \times 5 = 5$

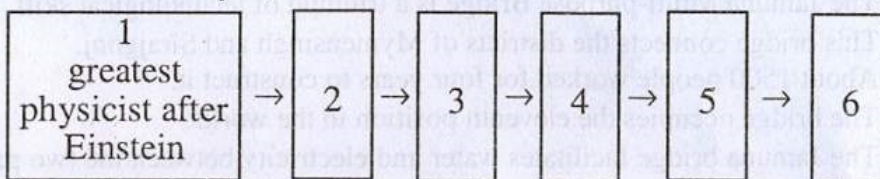
- Why is Stephen physically handicapped?
- How does he continue his research?
- What does stephen Hawking explain in his famous book?
- For what did he receive Aebert Einstein award?
- What do you think of Stephen Hawking?

Fill in the blanks with suitable words. $1 \times 5 = 5$

Stephen Hawking is (a) — the greatest scientist after Einstein. Although he has a (b) — physical handicap, the works relentlessly. The disease has no effect on his (c) — for work. He is more (d) — than an ordinary/ normal human being. He is (e) — with his wife and three daughters.

Summarise to passage, above in five sentences in the form of a small paragraph. 5

Based on your reading of the passage, make short notes in each of the boxes in flow chart showing the important achievements in Stephen's life. (No 1 has been done for you). $1 \times 5 = 5$



Part B : Vocabulary (20 Marks)

Fill in the gaps with a suitable word from the box (make any grammatical changes if necessary). There are more words in the box than you need. $1 \times 10 = 10$

identity	pioneer	leader	man	than	combining	went
student	now	remembered	know	then	design	concept

Hamidur Rahman was the (a) — who gave shape to the (b) — and design of the Shaheed Minar, by (c) — all the aspirations of Bengali (d) — and nationalism. He was the first art (e) — of Bangladesh who in the 1950s (f) — to Europe and studied at “Ecole de Beaux Art” in Paris. He was the (g) — of the new painting movement in the (h) — Pakistan. But he is most (i) — for his remarkable (j) — of the central Shaheed Minar.

10. Fill in the blanks with a suitable word in each gap. $1 \times 10 = 10$

Electricity is (a) — a part of our every day (b) — that we rarely think twice about its importance and necessity when we switch (c) — the light and the fan or turn on our TV and computer, we enjoy (d) — blessings of electricity. Even when we turn off the bedside lamp and are fast asleep, (e) — remains working for us driving our fans, heating or cooling our rooms and running our refrigerators. Unfortunately, we (f) — enjoy the uninterrupted blessings of electricity. There is some (g) — in the generation (h) — electricity in Bangladesh. (i) —, load shedding or suspension of the supply of electricity has (j) — a regular programme of the Power Development Board.

Part C : Guided Writing (40 Marks)

11. Match the phrases in the following substitution table to make sensible sentences. Write out the sentences if full. $2 \times 6 = 12$

A	B	C	D
i) Begum Rokeya	is	the pioneer	insignificant.
ii) She	was	born	a great lady.
iii) She	considers	a great eagerness for education	in a wakening Muslim womenfolk.
iv) Her contribution of Bengali literature	remember	not	with respect.
v) Our nation	was	her	in Rangpur.
vi) We	had	her to be	from her childhood.

12. The sentences in the following text are jumbled. Rewrite the sentences in the proper order and in a continuous paragraph to make a story. 14

- i) Patients used to come to him from far and near for treatment.
- ii) He could tract the boil in three ways.
- iii) Finding no other way the poor village folk called in him.
- iv) Then, he prided himself on his success.
- v) Some of his patients were cured.
- vi) Once, there lived a shrewd barber in a village.
- vii) He would operate boils with his razor.
- viii) They complained of this and that.
- ix) The barber pretended to know all about diseases and their cures.
- x) He was more than a mere barber but a false doctor.
- xi) To him, cutting boails was as simple as shaving beard.

- xii) In pain and agony, the patient would cry aloud.
 - xiii) The barber treated them in their illness.
 - xiv) He was a specialist in treating boils.
13. Answer the following questions to make it a continuous paragraph. Your answers should give as much detail as possible. 14
- i) What kind of family do you live in?
 - ii) Is it Extended or Nuclear?
 - iii) What type of family is popular at present?
 - iv) What are the advantages and disadvantages of a Nuclear Family?
 - v) Do you like Nuclear Family? If so why?

Subject : English 1st Paper

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks—100

Part A : Seen Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer the questions 1 – 4 :

Working opportunities for women are very few in rural areas of Bangladesh. They usually spend their time doing their household chores. The ILO recently started a project titled ‘Technologies for Rural Employment with Special Reference to Women and Sustainable Development’. The aim of this project is to impart training to rural women in various activities and make them self-reliant.

Sakhina Begum is a beneficiary of this project. She attended a training course on food processing at the Bangladesh Agriculture Research Institute (BARI) at Gazipur. Sakhina has two school-going children. Her husband is a rickshaw puller who does not earn enough to support the family and pay for the children’s education. From the BARI training course, Sakhina learnt how to make, jam, jelly, pickles, popcorn and many other food items. Along with her fellow project beneficiaries, she is now producing these items and selling them in the local market. With the proceeds, she is now able to add to her family income. If they continue doing their work, Sakhina and other women working with her will surely see happier days with the new employment opportunities created by the ILO project.

1. Choose the right word to complete each, sentence: 1×5 = 5
 - a. Working opportunities for women in the village areas are ample/adequate/little.
 - b. Sakhina’s husband draws/carries/takes rickshaw.
 - c. Women in villages usually spend time in rearing children/working in fields/doing domestic works.
 - d. The word ‘Proceeds’ means procedure/profit/procure.
 - e. The BARI makes research on technology/agriculture/industry.
2. True/false? If false, give the correct information:- 1×5 = 5
 - a. Sakhina Begum sells her products in the capital market.
 - b. ILO training is highly beneficial for the rural women.
 - c. Before receiving training, Sakhina’s family was well-off.
 - d. Sakhina has learnt how to read and write from the training course.
 - e. Sakhina is the mother of two school going children.
3. Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the words. You may add any preposition if necessary: 1×5 = 5
 - a. The ILO has started the project (recent) —.
 - b. Sakhina Begum is a (benefit) —this project.
 - c. (Self-reliant) — is the aim of the ILO project.
 - d. The ILO training brings (add) — income to Sakhina Begum’s family.
 - e. Jam, jelly etc. are one sort of ((process) —food.

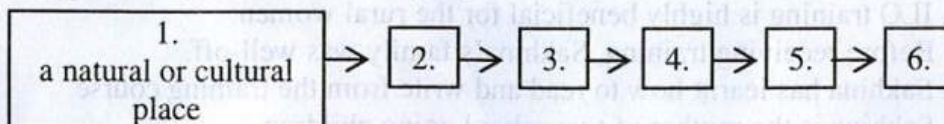
4. Make a list of five points about the efforts made by Sakhina to improve her lot. 1×5=5

Read the passage below and answer questions. 5-8 :

A World Heritage Site is a place (natural or cultural) recognized by the international community in the shape of the World Heritage Convention declared by UNESCO in 1972 as possessing universal value and coming under a collective responsibility for its preservation. A country nominates a site to the convention, and a decision on whether to include it in the World Heritage list is made by a 21-member international committee. Though a small country Bangladesh has three World Heritage Sites-the historic Shatgombuj Mosque of Bagerhat, the ruins of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur and the Sundarbans.

The Shatgombuj Mosque is a 15th century Islamic edifice situated in the suburbs of Bagerhat. It is an enormous Moghul architectural site covering a very large area. The Buddhist Vihara was founded in the 7th century. It is the largest single Buddhist monastery in the Indian sub-continent. It was a renowned intellectual centre from the 7th century until the 17th century. The Sundarbans the 52nd World Heritage site of the world is the largest mangrove forest in the world. Many people love to see its natural beauty. It's a wonderful place to go to far from the crowded towns and cities.

5. Write short answers to the following questions: 1×5 = 5
- What do you understand by a World Heritage Site?
 - What are the World Heritage Sites of Bangladesh?
 - When was the Buddhist Vihara renowned as an intellectual centre?
 - What do you learn from the text above about the Sundarbans?
 - Where is the Shatgombuj Mosque situated?
6. Fill in the gaps with suitable words: 1×5 = 5
- A World Heritage Site needs an international (a) —. It has to be (b) — by a country. It comes under a (c) — responsibility for its preservation, The (d) — to include the site is (e) — by a 21-member International Committee.
7. Summarise the passage in five sentences. 1×5 = 5
8. Based on your reading of the passage, make short notes in each of the boxes in the flow chart showing different aspects of the World Heritage Sites in Bangladesh. (No. 1 is done for you) : 1×5 = 5



Part- B : Vocabulary

9. Fill in the gaps with suitable words from the box (make any grammatical change if necessary). 1×10 = 10

resources	potential	create	for	among	likely
fail	have	returns	achievement	success	from

Investment in education (a) — girls increases the economic and social (b) — of development investment in all other sectors. Educating girls contributes (c) — wealth through its impact on economic development. Educated women have a higher income (d) — than those who have (e) — no schooling. Educated mothers are more (f) — to send both their boys and girls to school. It is important to realise that (g) — in girl's education generally results (h) — an integrated approach to community development. Thus (i) — to educate girls results in a tremendous waste of potential human j) — .

10. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word in each gap: $1 \times 10 = 10$
 An elephant does many things with its trunk. It smells, feels and picks things up with its (a) —. Elephants can uproot trees (b) — their trunks. They can defend themselves by warping their trunks (c) — enemies and dashing them (d) — the ground. They use their trunks to eat (e) — peanuts too. They can even brush (f) — flies. In the lumberyards of India elephants learn to pull logs out (g) — rivers and stack them. Elephants have even been taught to sweep. By holding a broom in (h) — trunk, an elephant can (i) — a road clean of dust. What a wonderful (j) — that trunk is!

Part- C : Guided Writing

11. Match the phrases in the following substitution table to make sensible sentences. Write out the sentences in full : $2 \times 6 = 12$

A	B	C	D
i. Emperor Shah Jahan	from the	for the tourists	the grave of his wife
ii. The building was	surrounded	on the	moonlit night.
iii. Four slender towers rise	a great attraction	by a beautiful	inlays of coloured marbles
iv. The Taj Mahal is	to look at	the Taj Mahal on	of the whole world.
v. It is very nice	made of white	four corners with	terrace.
vi. It is now	built	marbles with	garden.

12. The following sentences are jumbled. Re-write them in the proper order and in a continuous paragraph to make a story : $1 \times 14 = 14$
- He made up his mind to step down the throne and divide his kingdom.
 - Goneril declared 'Sir, I love you more than I can say'
 - But first he wanted to know how much they loved him.
 - Lear was satisfied.
 - He called for the map of his kingdom and drew, his finger round one-third of it.
 - He was tired of ruling and needed rest.
 - Then it was the turn of 'Cordelia' the youngest and most loved daughter.
 - Lear was shocked and said. "Nothing will come of nothing".

- ix. When asked, his second daughter Regan said, 'My love for you shall never change'.
 - x. At first Lear asked his eldest daughter. "How much do you love me?"
 - xi. He had three daughters Goneril, 'Regan and Cordelia'.
 - xii. Lear was pleased and gave her a third of his kingdom.
 - xiii. When asked Cordelia said 'Nothing'.
 - xiv. Long ago there was a mighty old king of England named Lear.
13. Write a paragraph of about 100 words based on the following questions. Your answers to the questions should give as much detail as possible: 14
- a. Where is the central Shaheed Minar located?
 - b. Who was its architect?
 - c. What do the vertical lines and columns of the Shaheed Minar Suggest?
 - d. What does it stand for?
 - e. How do you feel standing before a Shaheed Minar?

Part A : Grammar (40 Marks)

1. Complete the passage with suitable verbs from the list. Put them in the correct tense. Use the negatives where necessary. 1×5=5

provide	leave	turn	be	cut	stop	prevent
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Trees (a) — useful to us in many ways. They (b) — us with food, fruit, shade and shelter. They prevent a region from (c) — into a desert. But it is a pity that the people of our country (d) — trees indiscriminately. It is high time we (e) — such an act of human cruelty towards trees.

2. Read the following letter and fill in the blanks with suitable preposition. 1×5=5

Dear Afrin,

I think you are aware (a) — globalization. It is mainly associated (b) — business, trade and international relations but it has a far reaching effect (c) — culture of developing nations. The current of globalization is now encroaching (e) — our national culture.

Runa.

3. Use articles where necessary. Put a cross (x) where an article is not needed. 1×5=5

Bangladesh is (a) — developing country of (b) — third world. As (c) — result, it has a lot of problems. Like (d) — other developing countries, it is in (e) — grip of (f) — economic crisis. Here (g) — prices of essential commodities are increasing day by day. It makes the life of (h) — common people miserable. (i) — immediate step should be taken to stop the price hike. Our authority should take (j) — effective measure to control it.

4. Make meaningful sentences with the following idioms and phrases :
(any five) 1×5=5

well of, on the contrary, by the by, at sixes and sevens, out of date, high and low, cry in wilderness.

5. Re-write the following in the reported speech. 5

“Excuse me, Dr. Johnson. May I speak to you for a minute?” said Ms. Tahmina. “Yes, come in,” said Dr. Johnson. “I’m Tahmina Ahmed. I’m taking your course in Population Studies.” said Tahmina. “How can I help you?” said Dr. Johnson. “I am having a bit of trouble with the course . I think the days are few to finish the course.” said Ms. Tahmina.

6. Read the following passage and transform the underlined sentences as directed. 1×5=5

(a) The birds which come to our country in time of winter are called guest birds. (simple) (b) As the cannot tolerate the severe cold in their native land, they come to a temperate country like Bangladesh. (compound) (c) They come to our country to search a better shelter. (complex) (d) They perform an important role to balance the environment. (passive) (e) They are always welcome here. (Negative)

7. Fill in the blanks with tag questions. 1×5=5

: Mina is having a birthday party in the afternoon, (a) — ?

: So she has been busy cleaning the room, (b) — ?

: Yesterday her father bought her a lovely dress, (c) — ?

: Her mother has planned for a nice gift also, (d) — ?

: Let us buy a nice gift for her, (e) — ?

8. Complete the following sentences : 1×5=5

(a) I read in BAF Shaheen College now though —.

(b) Since I am a Sheen now, —.

(c) In spite of all difficulties, —.

(d) My teachers advised me to remember that —.

(e) As my future depends on my present preparation, —.

Part-B : Composition (60 Marks)

9. Suppose, you are Shihab Ahmed/ Sabiha Ahmed Now write a report on the recent incident of earthquake in Dhaka city. 10

10. Write a dialogue between you and your friend of loadshedding. 10

11. Write a short composition on any one of the following. 15

(a) The Benefits of Reading Newspaper

(b) Child Labour

(c) My Favourite Festival

12. Write an application along with a detailed CV for the post of an English lecturer. 10

13. Complete the following story. 15

There lived a happy cobbler. Who passed his days working and singing from morning till night. He had a rich neighbour who oneday asked him, "How much a year do you earn?"

HSC Examination - 2013
Model Question - 4

Subject : English 2nd Paper

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks—100

Part A : Grammar

1. Complete the passage with suitable verbs, given in the box. Put them in the correct tense. Use negatives where necessary.

disturb	illustrate	forbid	go
compares	give	work	

Anger is often (a) — to fire because it spoils one’s good qualities as fire burns and destroys our valuable things. Of course a man may get angry but if his anger (b) — beyond control, it becomes destructive. In all religions anger (c) —. At the time of anger man’s peace of mind (d) — and conscience (e) —.

2. Read the following passage and fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions. 1×5=5

Dear Sara

Here goes the story of an explorer that you have wished to know from me. In 1995 he led an expedition to Eastern Island, a tiny speck of land (a) — 2000 miles (b) — the western coast of Chile. Here he found stone statues, some (c) — fifty tons, relics of very early civilization. How could a primitive people have carried them? How could they have stood them (d) —? But the mysteries of Eastern Island went far (e) — its statues. My next letter will follow the last part of the story.

With best love

Raima

3. Use articles where necessary. Put a cross (×) where an article is not needed. 0.5×10=5

Though he is (a) — LLB, he does not practice in (b) — court. He passed his LLB from (c) — Dhaka Law College in (d) — year 2000. After passing the got (e) — job in (f) — food office. Everybody admires (g) — man. He works as (h) — humble man all (i) — time. One day he sets out for Agra to see (j) — Tajmahal there.

4. Make meaningful sentences with the following phrases / idioms (any five) 1×5=5

through thick and thin, dead language, on the sly, in a body, beyond one’s means, cut out, lean against.

5. Rewrite the following in the reported speech. 5

“How can I help you, Sir?” enquired the receptionist. The man said, “Sure, I want to meet the Managing Director of the Company”. “Do you have an appointment, Sir?” “Yes, I have.” “Then, please go straight in.”

6. Read the following and transform them as directed. 1×5=5
(a) I was there in autumn. (Complex) (b) I wanted mountain air to blow out Malaria. (Interrogative) (c) I visualized mangled and inadequate branches for my fires. (passive) (d) As I was well into my work, I was not inclined to conversation. (compound) (e) You have done as much as a man (compound)
7. Fill in the blanks with tag questions. 1×5=5
a) You know about Computer.....?
b) Of course, it is a recent invention.....?
c) It benefits us greatly.....?
d) It is an essential part of our life.....?
e) Any device that helps people perform mathematical calculation can be called a computer.....?
8. Complete the following sentences : 1×5=5
a) Since Bangladesh is an agricultural country.....
b) As her economy depends on agriculture.....
c) We have to develop scientific methods of cultivation, otherwise.....
d) Though our farmers work hard, they do not.....
e) They cannot improve their condition but though.....

Part B : Composition

9. Suppose you are a student of a certain college. The annual cultural function of your college was held few days ago. Now, write a report on it. 10
10. Write a short composition on any one (1) of the following topics. 15
i. Uses and abuses of satellite TV channels.
ii. Importance of Female Education in Bangladesh.
11. Write an application to the Principal of your college for setting up an English Language club in your college. 10
12. Write a dialogue between two friends on frequent road accidents in our country, solution to the problem. 10
13. Complete the following story with the cue : 15
Once upon a time, there was a King in England. He had three daughters. One day, he made up his mind to divide his Kingdom among them. So he called them in the court and asked each of them, how much they loved him.....