

HSC Board Question 2014

ENGLISH (COMPULSORY)

SECOND PAPER

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Time—3 hours

Full marks—100

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

Part A—Grammar

Marks—40

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

say	be	rise	provide	face	participate	promote
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Human life (a) _____ not static but dynamic. A man cannot reach the highest peak of success if he (b) _____ in extra co-curricular activities. Travelling is an important part of co-curricular activities. It is travelling which enriches our knowledge and experience and (c) _____ our attitudes. Therefore, travelling (d) _____ us with knowledge and practical experience. It can be clearly (e) _____ that our knowledge can be mobilized by travelling different corners of the vast globe.

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

Plants and trees are important elements (a) _____ our environment. They are absolutely necessary (b) _____ our existence on the earth. They are a great source (c) _____ food and vitamins. We cannot think of our surroundings (d) _____ trees. We use trees to make furniture, windows, doors etc. for our domestic use. (e) _____ fact, our life and civilization is inconceivable without trees.

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3. Use articles where necessary. Put a cross (×) mark where an article is not needed :— $\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$

Humayun Ahmed (1948—2012) was (a) ——— great novelist, screenwriter, playwright and film-maker of Bangladesh. He went to many (b) ——— schools in Sylhet, Comilla, Chittagong, Dinajpur and Bogra as his father lived in many places upon official assignment. He passed (c) ——— S.S.C Examination as (d) ——— student of Bogra Zilla School in 1965. Later he was admitted to Dhaka College and passed (e) ——— H.S.C Examination in 1967. He initially planned to study (f) ——— Economics but suddenly changed his (g) ——— mind and got admitted into the University of Dhaka to study (h) ——— Chemistry. He passed both B.Sc (Honours) and M.Sc with First Class. Subsequently, he joined the University of Dhaka as (i) ——— Lecturer in Chemistry. Later, he went to (j) ——— United States to do his Ph.D.

4. Make meaningful sentences with the following idioms (any five) :— $1 \times 5 = 5$

Bone of contention; carry the day; big gun; for good; up and doing; cut out; at the outset.

5. Rewrite the following passage in the reported speech :— 5

“Stop ! You’re eating all our bread,” shouted the two rats. “I’m doing my best but I’ve told you that it’s very difficult,” said the monkey. “Give us that little piece,” said the rats. “This is my piece. Have’nt I laboured a lot for you?” replied the monkey. “How foolish we are believing you !” said the rats.

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

(a) Cricket is a very exciting game. (Complex) (b) People all over the world enjoy this game very much. (Passive) (c) At present, cricket is one of the most popular games in our country. (Comparative) (d) Though it is a very costly game, young men and children get a great deal of delight playing it. (Compound) (e) The Bangladesh Cricket Team is progressing very rapidly. (Exclamatory)

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

- (a) Everybody wants to be happy, _____?
 (b) Speaking the truth is a great virtue, _____?
 (c) A liar has to lead a miserable life, _____?
 (d) He hardly works hard, _____?
 (e) You ought respect your seniors, _____?

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

- (a) I live in a rented house which _____
 (b) The rooms are so small _____.
 (c) My parents cannot afford rich food _____
 (d) I wish we had a _____.
 (e) So, I have to work hard _____.

Part B—Composition

Marks—60

9. Suppose, you are Ayesha, a student of class XI of Nilgonj Govt. Mohila College. The cultural week of your college was observed a few days ago. Now, write a report on it. 10
10. Write a short composition on any **one** of the following :— 15
- (a) The Common Fruits of Bangladesh.
 (b) Female Education.

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11. Write an application to the Principal of your college for a seat in your college hostel. 10
12. Write a dialogue between two friends on the causes of failure in English. 10

Or,

Write a summary of the following passage :—

Drug addiction is now a serious social problem. There are many reasons why the young people of the present generation become addicted to drugs. For example, they take drugs when they fail to fulfil their ambition and suffer from deep frustration. Some young people take drugs when they are disappointed in love. They also take drugs when they do not get their expected love and affection from their parents. The unhappy relationship between the parents is another reason why their children become drug-addicts. Of course, some people take drugs only to satisfy their perverted curiosities. However, the society as a whole is responsible for this fatal degeneration of the young.

13. Complete the following story with the cue :— 15

The crows are ugly to look at. So, they are unhappy. They want to be beautiful. But how! Once a crow got a chance to be beautiful. One day, the crow found some beautiful feathers of a peacock in a jungle. He became very glad