



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ZONE

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English (Compulsory)- First Paper

Time : 3 hours

Full marks : 100

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

Part-A : Reading Test [Marks-50]

Read the passage carefully and then answer the questions below.

Meherjan lives in a slum on the Sirajgonj Town Protection Embankment. Her polythene-roofed shelter looks like a cage. She is nearly 45 but looks more than her age. In front of her shelter, she is trying to make a fire to cook the day's only meal. Her weak hands tremble as she adds some fallen leaves and straw to the fire. The whispering wind from the river Jamuna makes the fire unsteady. The dancing flames remind Meherjan of the turmoil in her life.

Not long ago Meherjan had everything--- a family, cultivable land and cattle. The erosion of the Jamuna gradually consumed all her landed property. It finally claimed her only shelter during the last monsoon. It took the river only a day to devour Meher's house, trees, vegetable garden and the bamboo bush. She had a happy family once. Over the years, she lost her husband and her family to diseases that cruel hunger and poverty brought to the family. Now, she is the only one left to live on with the loss and the pain. The greedy Jamuna has shattered her dreams and happiness.

There are thousand others waiting to share the same fate like Meherjan. Bangladesh is a land of rivers, some of whose banks overflow or erode during monsoon. Erosion is a harsh reality for the people living along the river banks. During each monsoon many more villages are threatened by the mighty rivers like the Jamuna, the Padma and the Meghna. It is estimated that river erosion makes at least 100,000 people homeless every year in Bangladesh. In fact, river erosion is one of the main dangers caused by climate change. If we can't take prompt actions to adapt to climate change, there will be thousands of more Meherjans in our towns and villages every year.

[Unit-5: Lesson-1(A)]

1 × 7 = 7

1. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.

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| (a) Meherjan tries to make fire to —. | i. warm herself | ii. cook day's meal | iii. make tea | iv. make night's meal |
| (b) Before the erosion of the river she was —. | i. wealthy | ii. healthy | iii. unhappy | iv. joyful |
| (c) — has made Meherjan's life miserable. | i. Old age | ii. Sickness | iii. River erosion | iv. Frustration |
| (d) How old is Meherjan? | i. Below 40 | ii. Below 45 | iii. Below 50 | iv. Above 50 |
| (e) What does the word 'Demolish' mean? | i. Build | ii. Preserve | iii. Destroy | iv. Support |
| (f) What is the dangerous result of climate change? | i. Cruel hunger | ii. River erosion | iii. Landed property | iv. The course of nature |
| (g) Meherjan's hands are trembling because —. | i. she is frightened | ii. she is feeble | iii. she is tired | iv. she is exhausted |

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2. Answer the following questions.

- (a) Where does Meherjan live?
- (b) What happened to her after the erosion of Jamuna?
- (c) Describe Meherjan's residence.
- (d) What property did Meherjan lose due to river erosion?
- (e) What crushed Meherjan's dream and happiness and how?

3. Read the following text and fill in each gap with a suitable word based on the information of the text. 1 × 5 = 5

26 March, our Independence Day, is the biggest state festival. The day is celebrated every year in the country with great enthusiasm and fervour. It is a national holiday. All offices, educational institutions, shops and factories remain closed on this day. The day begins with 31 gunshots. Early in the morning the president and the Prime Minister on behalf of the nation place floral wreaths at the National Mausoleum at Savar. Then other leaders, political parties, diplomats, social and cultural organizations, educational institutions and freedom fighters pay homage to the martyrs. People from all walks of life also go there in rallies and processions. There are many cultural programmes throughout the day highlighting the heroic struggle and sacrifice in 1971. [Unit-3; Lesson-5(B)]

- 26 March is a (a) — day for the people of Bangladesh. On this day, our (b) — war began. The heroic sons of our country sacrificed their (c) —. So, the whole nation (d) — the day every year to (e) — respect to the martyrs.

Read the following text carefully and answer the question no. 4 and 5 :

Milton was a great poet after William Shakespeare. His father decided early that Milton was to have a literary career. At the age of 7, in 1615, he got himself admitted in Star Palace School. But Milton could not pay attention to his studies in this school. After a couple of years, he left the school and studied at St. Paul's School till 1624. In the succeeding year John Milton entered Christ College in Cambridge. He took his M.A. degree at the age of 24 and went to his father's house in the village of Horton. Milton's father, however, had faith in his son and allowed him to continue his studies at Horton from 1632 to 1638. During this time he made himself master of everything worth knowing in the literature of Rome, Greece, Italy, France, Spain and the Bible. In 1643 Milton met Mary Powell in an occasion and married her. But this great poet became blind in 1652. The idea behind his famous work "The Paradise Lost" developed after his blindness. "The Paradise Lost" saw the light of the day in the year 1665. Nine years after its publication, this great artist in English literature died.

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

John Milton			
Name of events	Place	Year/ Time	What/ Contribution
Born		(i) —	
Studied from 1617-1624	(ii) —		
(iii) —		at 24	
Famous work			(iv) —
Milton passed away		(v) —	

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

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

Column 'A'	Column 'B'	Column 'C'
(a) Education means	i. conscious of our rights	i. the individual.
(b) The purpose of education	ii. frees a man	ii. removing darkness.
(c) Education makes us	iii. aims at	iii. from restrictions.
(d) Education	iv. is to enlighten	iv. from an educational institution.
(e) Education	v. the receiving of formal learning	v. and responsibilities.

7. Put the following parts of the story in correct order to write the whole story. Only the corresponding numbers of the sentences need to be written. 1 × 8 = 8

- (a) In the evening a lion entered the cave.
- (b) One day he fled from his master's house and took shelter in a cave.
- (c) Once upon a time there lived a young man named Androcles.
- (d) He came near Androcles and lifted his paw.
- (e) He was caught by a slave merchant who sold him to a rich man in another country.
- (f) The lion seemed wounded as he was groaning.
- (g) His master was very bad and inflicted heavy torture on him.
- (h) He took the lion's paw in his hand and removed a big thorn from it. The lion was relieved of his pain.