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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. Then answer the questions no. 1 and 2 :

Mainul Islam is a qualified farmer in Naogaon. Mr Islam was very brilliant as a student. He took his higher education from Bangladesh Agricultural University in Mymensingh. After completing his higher education, Mainul came back home and started advanced farming. He has two other brothers who are graduates in different areas. The speciality of the Islam family is that they all are living in their village and all have fame in their own fields. His younger brother, who is a Rajshahi University graduate, is a science teacher in a local school. His youngest brother is a Social Science graduate and he too would like to start a local NGO to work for this area. When asked "What makes you decide to stay here in this village?" Mr Islam smiled. He said, "Look, it's true that we could leave this village for a city life. I could be an officer or my brothers could be bureaucrats. But it didn't attract us. We are sons of this soil. Yes, we have education but does education prepare a person only to be an officer? Don't we have any obligation to the soil that has made us what we are?" He also added that every educated individual shouldn't be a job seeker. He continued that since his discipline was Agriculture, after his education he took the occupation of a farmer. In response to the question whether they have any frustration to live in a village, he confirmed that they were very pleased with their life. He said, "I work in my own farm, stay with my family members, pass time with my old friends, and sleep at my own home. All these count a lot."

Mr Islam is right. Many people go to cities and forget or loosen their roots knowingly or unknowingly. Mr Islam and his brothers are great - they never forgot their roots. They not only stuck to their own roots, they have been torch bearers for others to be respectful of their own roots. [Unit-12; Lesson-2(D)]

1. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives :

1 × 7 = 7

- (a) According to Mr. Islam, — should not be the only motto of education.
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| i. acquisition of knowledge | ii. to be aware of responsibilities |
| iii. job seeking | iv. fellow feeling |
- (b) Mainul along with his brothers — in a village.
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| i. live | ii. work | iii. studies | iv. lives |
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- (c) Mainul and his brothers are — with their present life.
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| i. frustrated | ii. dissatisfied | iii. satisfied | iv. annoyed |
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- (d) Which quality of Mainul describes him best in the passage?
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| i. He is a graduate | ii. He is an educated farmer |
| iii. He does not like conventional jobs | iv. He shows responsibility to his root |
- (e) Mainul's younger brother graduated from —.
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| i. Agricultural University | ii. Rajshahi University |
| iii. Dhaka University | iv. Rajshahi College |
- (f) "People forget their roots"—What does 'root' mean here?
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| i. country-side | ii. lower portions of trees |
| iii. place of birth and its surroundings | iv. world heritage |
- (g) Mainul started — farming in his village.
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| i. modern | ii. traditional | iii. out dated | iv. conventional |
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2. Answer the following questions.

2 × 5 = 10

- (a) What made Mainul Islam come back to his village?
(b) "Every educated individual should not be a job seeker."—Do you agree? Why?
(c) What is the speciality of Islam family?
(d) Why did Mainul become a farmer?
(e) Why are the three brothers great?

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

1 × 5 = 5

Fish population is at the risk from global warming. Climate change is increasing the water temperature in lakes, rivers and seas. This indicates there is less food and supply of oxygen available for fish. It again means that fish may not grow properly and may have fewer generation. If temperatures rise even by one or two degrees, some fishes will be extinct from our planet.

Climate change increases the pressure on fish population and these fishes are treated as one of the most valuable biological assets. 40% people of the world depend on fish for their protein. In case of our failure to reduce greenhouse gas emission, we will increase the pressure on fish. Thus, people depending on fish will suffer from malnutrition, hunger and poverty. [Unit-5: Lesson-4(C)]

- The temperature rise of water in rivers, lakes and seas has (a) — in the scarcity of food and oxygen for fish. As a result, the (b) — and reproduction of fishes is being hampered. If temperature rise goes on in this rate, it will cause the (c) — of some fishes. If this happens, people (d) — on fish as the main source of protein will suffer a lot. A possible solution to this problem is the (e) — of greenhouse gas emission.

Read the passage on Gustave Eiffel and his Tower and answer questions no. 4 and 5 :

The Eiffel Tower was named after Gustave Eiffel, a Frenchman who designed the tower. He was born in a prosperous family in 1832. He took his graduation from the Central School of Engineering in Paris and went to work for a railway construction company. His mother thought that he would not go far. "Be patient, mum. I've got some ideas. You'll see," Gustave assured his mother. For years, Gustave made plan after plan of dams, factories, stations and structures of great sized buildings. All over Europe engineers copied them. In the middle of 1880's, a group of French industrialists persuaded the government to organize a World Fair in Paris. Gustave proposed a 989 feet tower of iron as a symbol of the fair. The construction of the tower began in January 1887. Forty engineers and designers worked under Gustave's direction for two years. The tower was finally completed in March 1889. It is the highest structure of iron made by man. No such structure had ever been constructed before. It is regarded as one of the wonders of the world.

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

Gustave Eiffel			
Speciality	Designer of the highest structure of iron made by man.		
Time	The construction of the tower began in (i) —		
Who/ What	Event/ Activity	When	Where
Gustave	(ii) —	in 1832	in a prosperous family
Gustave	started working	(iii) —	for a railway construction company
(iv) —	persuaded the government to organise a fair	in 1880's	(v) —

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

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

Column 'A'	Column 'B'	Column 'C'
(a) Substances called acids	i. be very acidic in	i. and damage to human health.
(b) Ordinary rain water	ii. are at risk	ii. known as acidity.
(c) But rain can	iii. between acid rain	iii. slightly acidic.
(d) There is a link	iv. is	iv. due to severe acid rain.
(e) Many world famous buildings	v. have a sharp taste	v. severely polluted areas.

7. Put the following parts of the story in correct order to the whole story. 1 × 8 = 8

- He made his first appearance in literature by writing "Liza of Lambeth", a realistic study on the life of low neighbourhood in London.
- Some of his well-known plays are Mrs. Cardillac, Lady Frederick and so on.
- He was born in Paris in 1874.
- This brought for him a good name.
- He wrote a few other novels too.
- William Somerset Maugham was one of the greatest short story writers of modern time.
- Despite being a doctor, he gave up medicine for literature because of having no charm.
- Then he took to writing plays.