

Part A : Seen (20 Marks)**Read the text and answer questions 1 and 2.****[Unit-5; Lesson-5(A)]**

Once upon a time, a dove and a bat were very good friends. One day the two friends decided to set out on a journey. They flew over the rivers and hills and came to a big jungle. Both the friends were very tired, they needed to sit down and take a rest. Soon night fell and it was dark all around. A storm rose. It started to rain heavily. The dove and the bat started to look for a shelter.

They came upon a century-old rain tree. An owl had his nest in that tree. The dove and the bat knocked at the owl's door. The old grumpy owl opened the door. The dove and the bat requested him to give them shelter. The owl unwillingly let them in. The two birds were hungry too. They begged for some food. The selfish owl was not happy. However, he shared his dinner with them. The dove was so tired that she could hardly eat. But the bat was sly. He ate greedily. He began to praise the owl with the thought of getting more food. The bat said, "O wise and brave owl, you are the most generous person I have ever seen. You are powerful and mighty."

The owl was very pleased at the bat's flattery. He puffed and ruffled himself, trying to look as wise and brave as possible. Then he turned to the dove and asked, "Now little dove, what do you think about me?"

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1. Choose the correct answer to each question from the alternatives given. Write the corresponding number of the answers in your answer script. 1×7=7

- (a) Here the word 'grumpy' stand for —.
 (i) fresh mind (ii) joyful (iii) bad-tempered (iv) shyness
- (b) The synonym of 'generous' is —.
 (i) cruel (ii) heartless (iii) frugal (iv) kind
- (c) The bat was a — creature.
 (i) wise (ii) cunning (iii) foolish (iv) brave
- (d) Actually the bat — the owl.
 (i) criticized (ii) admired (iii) flattered (iv) praised
- (e) The dove ate —.
 (i) too much (ii) greedily (iii) moderately (iv) almost nothing
- (f) What does the word 'shelter' refer to?
 (i) Market (ii) Forest (iii) Abode (iv) Fame
- (g) 'Knocked' refers to —.
 (i) bumped (ii) learned (iii) shared (iv) doubled

2. Answer the following questions from your reading of the above text. 2×4=8

- (a) How did the two friends came to jungle?
 (b) What did they decide to do?
 (c) Which words pleased the owl?
 (d) Why couldn't the dove eat?

3. Read the following text and fill in the gaps with appropriate words to make it a meaningful one. 1×5=5

Nakshi Kantha is a traditional craft that is said to be indigenous to Bangladesh and West Bengal in India. It can be called a (a) — asset of Bengali culture. It is an art of embroidered (b) — which has been practiced in rural Bengal for hundreds of years. (c) —, Nakshi Kantha is made for family use. But because of its high (d) —, now it is produced commercially and sold in many (e) — handicraft shops in cities.

Part B : Unseen (25 Marks)**Read the following text carefully and answer questions 4 and 5.**

Ferdousi, a great poet, had a very set hand. He informed the Sultan of writing something remarkable. Then he began to write 'The Shahnama' in honour of Sultan Mahmud. The Sultan promised to pay him a piece of gold coin for each verse, but when the epic was finished, it was found to contain sixty thousand verses. When the epic was taken to him, the Sultan now offered Ferdousi only sixty thousand pieces of silver coins instead of gold coins. The poet refused to accept. Later the Sultan repenting, sent him sixty thousand pieces of gold coins. But his messengers arrived too late. When they reached the poet's house, they met the dead body being carried out for burial. Then, the messengers came back to the palace and reported to the Sultan. The Sultan sat grave. He did not tell anything to anybody. Last of all, he called his courtiers and asked them to accompany him. The Sultan went there. He expressed his deep shock for the departed poet.

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4. Complete the following table. Write no more than three words and/or numbers for each answer. 1x5=5

Name	Event/Activity	What/Why
Ferdousi	wanted to write	(i)
(ii)	was written	in honour of Sultan Mahmud
The Sultan	promised to give	(iii)
(iv)	contained	sixty thousand verses
The Sultan	(v)	to express his deep shock

5. Read the passage again and write, whether the statements are true or false. Give correct answer. 1x5=5
if the statement is false.

- (a) Sultan Mahmud was a great poet.
(b) Ferdousi wrote an epic for the Sultan.
(c) The Sultan broke his promise.
(d) Ferdousi had a very skilled hand.
(e) The messengers timely reached to pay for the poet.

6. Read the text below and fill in the gaps using clues given in the boxes. There are more words than necessary. One word can be used once only. 5x10=5

duties	lead	himself	of	stretch	social
life	financial	another	other	take	for

Shyamal is a student (a) — class eight. His aim in (b) — is to become a (c) — worker. He knows that social (d) — are done not for (e) — gain or fame. It is (f) — self-satisfaction. He believes that he should (g) — his life for (h) — people, not for (i) —. Social work means to (j) — a helping hand to the needy and the poor.

7. Read the text below and fill in the gaps using suitable words to make it a meaningful text. 1x5=5

Education enlightens (a) —. It is compared to light which removes the darkness of (b) —. It also helps us to distinguish (c) — the right and the wrong. But Bangladesh has to go a long way to educate all of its (d) —. All the educated people should come (e) — to remove the darkness of illiteracy from the country.

8. Match the part of sentences from columns A and B to make five complete sentences. 1x5=5

Column A	Column B
(a) Digital Bangladesh is a	(i) ambitious concept in the country
(b) It is a new but	(ii) white elephant for our country
(c) It is a process of	(iii) digitalization everything in our national life
(d) Our lifestyle, daily work, jobs, transaction	(iv) countries are fully dependent on digitalization process
(e) Economically rich and industrially developed	(v) vision of bringing about a digital change in every sector
	(vi) communication, studies, consolation, etc. will be made online

Part C : Grammar (25 Marks)

9. Read the text below and fill in the gaps with the root words in the brackets adding suitable suffix, prefix or both. 5x10=5

(a) — (Overeat) is not a good habit. It means eating (b) — (excess) food. Some people (c) — (occasional) eat too much. It results in (d) — (digestion) which is (e) — (injure) to health. People suffer from (f) — (digest) trouble (g) — (cause) they cannot resist their (h) — (tempt) for (i) — (eating). They are (j) — (tolerant).

10. Fill in the gaps of the following text with appropriate articles (a, an or the). Put a cross (x) where no article is needed. 5x10=5

Each and every student wants to make (a) — good result in (b) — examination. But it is not (c) — easy task. (d) — student has to do something with this (e) — end in view. From (f) — very beginning, he must have (g) — attention. He should read (h) — texts again and again. He should not make (i) — notes from (j) — common source.

11. Change the following sentences as directed in brackets. 1x5=5

- (a) A book should be taken as a friend. (Active)
(b) We all should read books. (Negative)
(c) A book delights us. (Interrogative)
(d) Who does not like a book. (Assertive)
(e) It is a very valuable thing. (Exclamatory)

12. Read the following passage and change the form of speech. 5

Lubna said to me, "Have you finished reading the book I gave you yesterday?" "Yes, I have," I replied. "What a interesting book it is! I wish I could borrow the book earlier," I said. "Will you return the book to me today?" she enquired.

13. Use capital letters and punctuation marks as needed in the following passage. 5x10=5

i have got gpa 5 in the jsc examination said samia congratulation what do you intend to do now i want to study in science group i will try to get gpa 5 again in the ssc examination samia replied