

## Part A : Seen (20 Marks)

Read the text and answer the questions 1 and 2.

[Unit-1; Lesson-5(B)]

Bangladeshi cuisine is rich and varied with the use of many spices. We have delicious and appetizing food, snacks and sweets.

Boiled rice is our staple food. It is served with a variety of vegetables, curry, lentil soups, fish and meat. Fish is the main source of protein. Fishes are now cultivated in ponds. Also we have fresh-water fishes in the lakes and rivers. More than 40 types of fishes are common. Some of them are carp, rui, katla, magur (catfish), chingri (prawn or shrimp). Shutki or dried fishes are popular. Hilsha is very popular among the people of Bangladesh.

Panta ilish is a traditional platter of Panta bhat. It is steamed rice soaked in water and served with a fried hilsha slice, often together with dried fish, pickles, lentil soup, green chilies and onion. It is a popular dish on the Pohela Boishakh.

The people of Bangladesh are very fond of sweets. Almost all Bangladeshi women prepare some traditional sweets. 'Pitha', a type of sweets made from rice flour, sugar, syrup, molasses and sometimes milk, is a traditional food loved by the entire population. During winter Pitha Utsab, meaning pitha festival, is organized by different groups of people.

Sweets are distributed among close relatives when there is good news like births, weddings, promotions, etc.

Sweets of Bangladesh are mostly milk-based. The common ones are roshgolla, sandesh, rasamalai, gulap jamun, kalo jamun and chom-chom. There are hundreds of different varieties of sweet preparations. Sweets are therefore an important part of the day-to-day life of Bangladeshi people.

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

- (a) The word 'appetizing' means —.
- (i) interesting (ii) costly (iii) fascinating (iv) palatable
- (b) What is the main ingredient of the sweets of Bangladesh?
- (i) Flour (ii) Milk (iii) Molasses (iv) Sugar
- (c) The word 'delicious' means —.
- (i) stale (ii) tasteless (iii) tasty (iv) boring
- (d) The word 'source' means —.
- (i) origin (ii) end (iii) foundation (iv) beginning
- (e) What is Bangladeshi cuisine rich with?
- (i) Chilies (ii) Onion (iii) Protein (iv) Spices
- (f) What does the word 'often' refer to?
- (i) Hardly (ii) Slowly (iii) Frequently (iv) Basically
- (g) The use of many spices — made Bangladeshi cuisine rich.
- (i) have (ii) has (iii) is (iv) are

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

- (a) What is our staple food and how is it served?
- (b) When and how is 'Panta ilish' served?
- (c) What has made Bangladeshi food special?
- (d) How many types of fishes are common in Bangladesh?

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

Once there were (a) — any trees in this village. Kartik used to go to different houses (b) — his job. At times he would get (c) — in the scorching sun, but there were no trees under which he could (d) — and (e) — for a while.

## Part B : Unseen (25 Marks)

Read the following text and answer the questions 4 and 5.

George Washington was the first President of the USA. He was born in 1732 in Virginia. His family used to cultivate tobacco in their estate in Virginia. When he was twenty years old, he took over these estates and lived a comfortable life. In 1752, France and Britain started war. Then he left his estates and joined the English forces. He soon made a good name for himself as a brilliant officer. In 1773, the unpleasant incident known as Boston Tea Party took place between the Americans and British. Thirteen colonies joined into a Congress in 1774. In 1775, some English troops were attacked and a war broke. In 1776, the colonies formally declared themselves independent. Peace treaty was signed between America and Britain in 1783. When England and France made peace, he went to his home of Virginia to live happily. In 1789, Washington became the first President of the United States.

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4. Complete the following table with the information given in the passage. 1x5=5

Event	Year	Place
George Washington (i) .....	in 1732	in Virginia
France and Britain started a war	(ii) .....	
Boston Tea Party	(iii) .....	America and Britain
The colonies declared independence	(iv) .....	in America
Washington became first President	in 1789	(v) .....

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

- George Washington was born in New York.
- When a war started between France and Britain, he joined the American force.
- He was acknowledged as an obedient officer.
- He had led a comfortable life before the war broke out.
- He was the pioneer President of the USA.

6. Fill in the gaps using the clues given in the boxes. There are more words than necessary. .5x10=5

gives	a	by	in	the	beautiful
symbol	to be	last	but	cultivation	add

A flower is (a) — best gift of nature. It is a (b) — of purity and beauty. If (c) — us pleasure. There is nobody (d) — loves flower. But it is (e) — matter of sorrow that a flower does not (f) — long. It blooms (g) — the morning and fades away very soon. Nowadays flower (h) — cultivated in our country. Many people earn their livelihood (i) — flower (j) —.

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

Column A	Column B
(a) Honesty is one of the greatest	(i) if we want to be respected and honoured
(b) It helps a man	(ii) virtues of human beings
(c) A person who is honest, is	(iii) is purely short-lived
(d) Success achieved by dint of dishonesty	(iv) respected and honoured by all
(e) So, we all should try to be honest and sincere	(v) succeed in life in all respects

8. Fill in the gaps with appropriate words. 1x5=5

Most of the farmers of our country are very poor. They do not know how to (a) — and write. They do not have (b) — of their own. They work as (c) — labourer to others land. Though they (d) — hard, they do not lead a (e) — life.

#### 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 railway porter is hard-working person. He is a day (a) — (labour). He loads and (b) — (loads) the goods of a goods train. He is not (c) — (known) to us. Besides, he is very busy during the (d) — (arrive) and (e) — (depart) of trains. He is an (f) — (literate) man. He does not want to receive the (g) — (fix) amount of fee for carrying the luggage of the passengers. During the (h) — (festive) he demands a very high charge for his (i) — (serve). He works hard but he cannot lead a (j) — (peace) life.

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

It was a dark night. A blind was walking along (a) — road. He held (b) — lamp in his hand. Two men laughed at him. One of them said, "What is (c) — use of lamp to (d) — blind man?" The other called the blind man (e) — fool. (f) — blind man heard this and took it to (g) — heart. He said, "(h) — lamp is not for me. It is for those (i) — people who are careless. They will not see me in (j) — darkness. The lamp will show them the path."

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

- Trees are our friends. (Negative)
- They are very necessary for human life. (Interrogative)
- Trees play an important role in our environment. (Exclamatory)
- They give us the life saving oxygen. (Passive)
- So, we cannot but plant trees for our existence. (Affirmative)

12. Rewrite the following passage changing the form of speech. 5

"Good morning sir, will you please show me the road to the Cumilla Zilla School?" said the boy to the passer-by. He said, "Yes, it is beside the Dharmashagor." The boy said, "Thank you very much."

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

munir said to the manager may i come in sir yes come in what do you want said the manager i want to open a bank account in your bank

#### Part D : Writing (30 Marks)

- Suppose, you are Mahin and your friend is Tasin. Make a dialogue in 100 words between you and your friend on the importance of learning English. 10
- Suppose, you are Siam and Niamul is your friend who gave a gift on your last birthday. Now, write an email to him thanking him for the nice gift. 10
- Write a paragraph of 150 words on 'Load-shedding'. 10