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**Barishal Govt. College, Barishal**  
**Test Examination—2026; English : Paper II**

**Part A : Grammar (60 Marks)**

1. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks. .5×10=5

My Mother is (a) — ideal housewife. She is (b) — affectionate lady. She manages (c) — family very nicely. She hopes to see me happy at (d) — cost of her own life. She does not enjoy (e) — wink of sleep if I feel sick. She is very kind to (f) — poor. She is also (g) — very religious lady. She advises us to follow (h) — path of truth and honesty. (i) — woman like her is very rare. She bears a good moral (j) — character.

2. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. .5×10=5

A good teacher is an architect (a) — a nation. He plays a vital role (b) — building up an educated nation. He dispels the darkness (c) — ignorance (d) — the lot of a nation. He is a real hero. He is a clear speaker (e) — good, strong and pleasing voice which is (f) — his control. He does not remain motionless in his class. He dexterously explores the potential treasure (g) — each student. He always wishes (h) — make the students happy and (i) — this he keeps them busy and awake. A proficient teacher is an asset (j) — any country.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box. .5×10=5

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| as if | was born | as soon as | it           | what does ... look like |
| there | have to  | let alone  | would rather | had better              |

- (a) Manners make a man. Students — practise good manners in everyday life.  
 (b) Most of the students in our country are weak in English. They — follow the advice of their teachers for improvement.  
 (c) He tries to show off his knowledge in English. He speaks English — he was an Englishman.  
 (d) Cox's Bazar is a popular tourist hub. — are many nice hotels there for tourists.  
 (e) The other day I met an old rickshaw-puller. He told me that he — pull a rickshaw than beg.  
 (f) A poor man struggles hard to survive in our country. He can hardly earn Tk. 200 a day — Tk. 2000.  
 (g) In Dhaka City, traffic jam is very common. — may occur anywhere anytime.  
 (h) Smoking is one of the major causes of heart attack and cancer. — a smoker stops smoking, he can avoid the risk of any danger.  
 (i) Have you ever heard the name of William Shakespeare? He — on the 23rd April, 1564 in England. He was one of the paramount dramatists of the world.  
 (j) Son : Dad, — an alien —?  
 Father : Well. Aliens are believed to come from another planet by UFOs. Films and science fictions tell us about them. They are really awesome.

4. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases. .5×10=5

- (a) Physical exercise keeps us healthy and strong. If you take regular physical exercises, —.  
 (b) They came to you with a view to —, but you scolded them without any reason.  
 (c) Please wait here until —. I have a serious matter to discuss with you.  
 (d) I was not hungry at all. If I had been hungry, —.  
 (e) Trees are essential for our existence. So, we should plant —.  
 (f) There goes a proverb that —. So, we must make proper use of time.  
 (g) We should drink pure water. Since the water of this bottle is not pure, —.  
 (h) The two brothers are not on good terms. Yesterday when we went to their house, —.  
 (i) Air is polluted in many ways. It is high time —.  
 (j) The martyrs laid down their lives in 1971. They did it so that —.

5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. .5×10=5

An idle brain is a devil's workshop. If we (a) — (waste) our time in idleness, all sorts of evil thoughts will crowd our brain. Idle persons who (b) — (kill) their time are burdens of the society. They (c) — (sit) idle and have no lofty ambition in life. They (d) — (not support) themselves. They (e) — (lead) an unhappy life and (f) — (suffer) in the long run. There should be time for reading, for office or other work, time for physical exercise, etc. This (g) — (indicate) that we should do everything at the right moment. We (h) — (lead) a healthy and prosperous life only when we (i) — (follow) the routine which we (j) — (make) for our guidance.

6. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. 1×5=5

We are very much proud of our freedom fighters. (a) They fought for the country with a patriotic zeal. (Make it compound) (b) They are the most courageous sons of our nation. (Make it positive) (c) Everybody admires and respects them greatly. (Make it passive) (d) Nobody denies their contribution to their motherland. (Make it interrogative) (e) They will never be forgotten by their countrymen to the end. (Make it affirmative)

7. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches. 5

The Mayor said, "How much do you want?" "A thousand guilders," said the pied piper. "All right," said the Mayor. "We'll pay you a thousand guilders as you wish. When will you set to work?" "Now," said the pied piper.

8. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following text. Where necessary, rewrite the sentences so that all the pronoun references are clear. 1×5=5  
 A cook once roasted a duck for its master. He looked so delicious that he could not resist the temptation and ate up one of the drumsticks. When he sat down to eat the meal, he quickly noticed the missing leg. He asked him what had happened to the other leg. The cook told him that it had one leg only. The master said that there was no such thing as a one-legged duck but the cook insisted that every duck had only one leg.
9. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces. .5×10=5  
 Water is a (a) — (pre-modify the noun) substance. It has no colour of (b) — (possessive to pre-modify the noun) own. The (c) — (determiner to pre-modify the noun) name of water is life. By drinking water, we can quench (d) — (possessive to pre-modify the noun) thirst. Thus, we can survive on earth. But (e) — (pre-modify the noun) water is life killing. By drinking contaminated water, we suffer from diseases like diarrhoea, typhoid, etc. We may (f) — (pre-modify the verb) face (g) — (pre-modify the noun) death by drinking such type of water. We are responsible for (h) — (noun-adjective to pre-modify the noun) pollution. Waste materials from mills and factories are thrown here and there. Farmers use fertilizers and insecticides in their land. During the rainy season, they are mixed with ponds and rivers. Besides, latrines (i) — (participle to post-modify the noun) on ponds and rivers cause water pollution. (j) — (pre-modify the noun) awareness should be raised to stop water pollution.
10. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage. .5×10=5  
 Honesty is a noble virtue. The man (a) —, possesses this rare quality is the happiest man on earth. To be honest, a man should have trustworthiness (b) — nobody trusts a liar. A liar may prosper for the time being. (c) — ultimately he goes to the dogs. (d) —, we should be honest. It is said that honesty is the best policy. (e) —, dishonesty is the sign of downfall. Allah helps those who are honest. (f) —, dishonest people are cursed. Childhood is the best time (g) — children should be taught honesty. It is found that children follow their parents. (h) —, parents should be honest. (i) —, children should be allowed to mix with those friends who are honest. (j) —, they can mould their characters.
11. Read the following passage and then write the synonym or antonym of the words as directed below. .5×10=5  
 Social values underline a set of principles of generally accepted norms and behavior of a society. Our forefathers practised a good number of social values like simplicity, honesty, sincerity, responsibility, and piety. We have replaced those good aspects with complexity, dishonesty, corruption, conspiracy, faithlessness and envy. Our materialistic attitude has made us self-centered and corrupted. We must get rid of these vices and create awareness among all about the negative impacts of our wrong doings. In order to make a better society, we should create awareness among people about the outcome of their misdeeds. We must have distinctive social values once practised by our ancestors. We should give importance to the past moral values to bring peace and harmony in the society and make the world better for living.  
 (a) accepted (antonym); (b) sincerity (antonym); (c) responsibility (synonym); (d) complexity (antonym); (e) envy (antonym); (f) vice (antonym); (g) impact (synonym); (h) outcome (synonym); (i) ancestors (synonym); (j) awareness (synonym).
12. There are errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors. .5×10=5  
 A : Whats solar energy  
 B : Its one of the renewable energy sources?  
 A : Why is it called green energy.  
 B : Well, its green energy because it helps us to keep the earth green I mean it doesnt emit any pollutant in the atmosphere when we produce and use it.  
 A : I see then it must be a clean source of energy.  
 B : Exactly. And thats why its also called clean energy.

## Border Guard Public School & College, Sylhet

### Test Examination—2026; English : Paper II

#### Part A : Grammar (60 Marks)

1. Fill in the blanks in the following texts with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks. .5x10=5

The national flag represents (a) — independence of (b) — country. Ours is (c) — independent country. Hence, we have a national flag symbolizing our independence. (d) — cloth of a national flag is made of (e) — cotton, silk or linen. Our flag is rectangular in shape maintaining (f) — ratio of its length and breadth 10:6. There are different sizes of national flag. The background of our flag is green which symbolizes our life and energy. In the middle point of the flag, there is (g) — blood red circle representing our hard struggle and blood-shed. (h) — red circle also represents the heroic blood-shed of (i) — martyrs. The national flag plays (j) — vital role in the life of a nation.

2. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. .5x10=5

Patriotism is the quality inherent (a) — a man. This is why, he feels a natural attachment (b) — his native land. Love (c) — motherland is necessary for the betterment of a nation. The people who are patriotic are noted (d) — their patriotism. They are different (e) — other people. Their contribution does not sink (f) — oblivion. They are worthy (g) — praise. They lay down their lives for the good of the country. They are not unaware (h) — their status in the society. They are celebrated (i) — their patriotism. They should not be looked down (j) — in any way.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box. .5x10=5

|                       |                |               |                 |          |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|
| what does...look like | how to         | in order that | it is high time | was born |
| had to                | what's it like | let alone     | unless          | lest     |

- (a) The child cannot walk — run in the field.  
 (b) Tareq Ahmed is a renowned teacher. He — in 1960.  
 (c) At present, the children do not know — swim in water.  
 (d) Parents — work hard to take care of their children.  
 (e) Rima studies hard — GPA-5 should be missed.  
 (f) Father, — a ghost —?  
 (g) Tanisha went to college — she could learn something.  
 (h) — people stopped corruption from society.  
 (i) — swimming in the river? For the first time, it seems new experience for all.  
 (j) You will not succeed in life — you work hard.

4. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases. .5x10=5

- (a) I am an early riser. I am used to —.  
 (b) You are getting fat. If you want to lose weight, —.  
 (c) English is an international language. So, to keep pace with the process of globalization —.  
 (d) Many people of our country are illiterate. They do not know —.  
 (e) Women constitute half of the total population of our country. No progress is possible —.  
 (f) An unhealthy man cannot enjoy life. A proverb goes that —.  
 (g) She loves reading. She will be reading while we —.  
 (h) Habit of eating is also important for good health. We should eat a balanced diet —.  
 (i) Environment pollution is a serious problem nowadays. We should plant trees —.  
 (j) Environment is polluted in many ways. It is high time —.

5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. .5x10=5

Man is a social and rational being. He (a) — (have) freedom of choice, thought and expression. But everybody should (b) — (consider) that he is not the only person in a society. There (c) — (be) many persons in the society and they (d) — (have) the same right that one (e) — (expect) from one's society. So, to (f) — (form) a peaceful society one should be watchful to see that other's rights are not violated. Every citizen must (g) — (cultivate) the habit of obeying the rules and regulations of the society. Selfishness (h) — (not help) the society. It rather (i) — (destroy) the peace and happiness of others. So, we all (j) — (think) of the greater interest of the society.

6. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. 1x5=5

Anger is nothing but a vice. (a) It begets only the worst. (Negative) (b) Anger is one of the most inhuman vices. (Positive) (c) So, we should control it for our own sake. (Passive) (d) He who is taken by anger causes a lot of troubles. (Simple) (e) Realizing it, we should try to be emotionally balanced. (Complex)

7. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches. 5

Returning home, my mother said to me, "Your progress in studies is very slow. You always move about with a group of your friends. Aren't you idling away your time with them? Can't you be more serious?" "I am sorry and I will amend myself," I replied.

8. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentences so that all pronoun references are clear. 1x5=5

Honesty is the best policy. It is honesty which brings happiness in life. Without it, none can dream of a great life. These who were great in their lifetime were honest. They worked with sincerity, lived earnestly and died with honour. His contributions to this world are unforgettable. So, if you want themselves to be in their league, be honest. Remember, there is no shortcut way to a great life.

9. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces. .5×10=5  
 Bangladesh is a (a) — (pre-modify the noun) country. Though it is a small country, it has a (b) — (pre-modify the noun) population. People (c) — (pre-modify the verb with an adverb) depend on agriculture. They grow different kinds of crops (d) — (post-modify the verb with an adverbial phrase). We earn (e) — (pre-modify the noun with a noun+adjective) currencies by exporting some of these crops. We are also rich in (f) — (pre-modify the noun with an adjective) resources. Now, we are able (g) — (post-modify the adjective with an infinitive) natural gas from underground. Our industries are also rising (h) — (post-modify the verb with an adverb). We export (i) — (pre-modify the noun with a noun+adjective) products to the developed countries. In this regard, we have already earned a (j) — (pre-modify the noun) reputation.
10. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage. .5×10=5  
 We cannot walk on a road in the darkness without light. (a) —, we cannot step forward in our life without education. (b) —, throughout the ages, education has always been compared to light and (c) — ignorance has been compared to darkness. (d) —, the light of education enlightens us. (e) —, it broadens our mind and widens our outlook. (f) —, it is education which helps us to become a good citizen. (g) —, education creates good citizen and ensures the smooth development of a country. (h) —, ignorance stands on the way of the development of an individual. (i) — ignorance has a detrimental effect on the overall development of a nation. (j) —, we should come forward to educate every single person of our country and thereby, ensure the development of our country.
11. Read the passage and then write the antonyms or synonyms of the words as directed in the brackets below. .5×10=5  
 An ideal teacher knows the art of teaching. He is the master of his subject. He makes his lessons interesting. His method of teaching is convincing and inspiring. An ideal teacher treats his students like his own children. He praises the good work done by them. If a student does some mistakes, he is never harsh to him. He tactfully makes his student realize his mistake. An ideal teacher is never angry with his students. He believes in simple living and high thinking. He never sets a wrong example before his students. He has high moral values.  
 (a) ideal (synonym); (b) master (synonym); (c) make (antonym); (d) method (synonym); (e) convincing (antonym); (f) praise (antonym); (g) mistake (synonym); (h) angry (antonym); (i) simple (antonym); (j) moral (synonym).
12. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite them correctly. .5×10=5  
 Hasan : Can you tell me a little about Dhaka  
 Hasib : Sure what would you like to know  
 Hasan : Well whats a good time to visit there?  
 Hasib : I think you can visit in winter.  
 Hasan : Good and what should I see there  
 Hasib : Well you can visit Sonargaon Folk Art Museum and you can see the handicrafts. But you must not leave Dhaka without visiting the Lalbagh Fort.  
 Hasan : Anything else  
 Hasib : Oh yes if you have time you may visit Ahsan Manjil. You could have an excellent experience of the Mughal and the British architecture.

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## Test Examination—2026; English : Paper II

### Part A : Grammar (60 Marks)

1. Complete the text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks. .5x10=5

(a) — preference for lighter skin is often (b) — direct legacy of colonialism and (c) — racism. By selling (d) — "whitening" product, (e) — company profits from (f) — insecurity of people of color. This marketing strategy suggests that (g) — fair complexion is (h) — requirement for social acceptance. To fight (i) — global prejudice of colorism, we must realize that (j) — beauty exists in every shade of skin.

2. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. .5x10=5

Bangladesh is blessed (a) — a vast variety of birds due (b) — its tropical climate. These birds are categorized (c) — different groups based (d) — their habitats. The Magpie Robin, which is the national bird, is quite popular (e) — its melodious whistling. On the other hand, the Kingfisher is known (f) — its patience while waiting (g) — a catch. During the winter season, guest birds arrive (h) — large numbers and settle (i) — the haors and beels. We should be aware (j) — the importance of these birds in protecting our environment.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box. .5x10=5

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| there      | what's it like         | would rather | was born   | it        |
| had better | what does... look like | have to      | as soon as | let alone |

- (a) Nelson Mandela — in a small village in South Africa, yet he became a global icon of peace.  
 (b) The government — implement stricter environmental laws to prevent further climate damage.  
 (c) — is expected that the global economy will face significant shifts due to the rise of automation.  
 (d) Many modern professionals — work remotely from home than commute to a traditional office every day.  
 (e) — is no denying the fact that education is the most powerful weapon to change the world.  
 (f) Child : — a black hole —?  
 Scientist : It is a region of space where gravity is so strong that even light cannot escape.  
 (g) — living in a world where every single device is connected to the Internet?  
 (h) The struggling family can barely afford two square meals a day. — expensive luxury goods.  
 (i) According to the new regulations, all citizens — follow the digital security guidelines for online safety.  
 (j) The stock market reacted sharply — the news of the new trade policy was announced by the ministry.

4. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases. .5x10=5

- (a) The physics experiment was risky. If the lab assistant had followed the safety manual properly, —.  
 (b) I don't have enough money to buy a private jet to visit Africa. But if I win the lottery tomorrow, —.  
 (c) Our neighbour, Mr. Khan, acts as if —.  
 (d) Since the Internet connection was restored after three long days, students —.  
 (e) We have wasted enough time gossiping at the canteen. It is high time we —.  
 (f) The mysterious girl — has suddenly disappeared from the neighborhood.  
 (g) There is a famous saying that Nero fiddles —. It means some people are indifferent to the sufferings of others.  
 (h) You must study your grammar rules attentively lest you —.  
 (i) Exam is near. The load of studies is so heavy that —.  
 (j) The mountain peak was so steep and slippery that —.

5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. .5x10=5

Human identity (a) — (not be) a simple thing. Every person (b) — (possess) many identities at the same time. However, sometimes people (c) — (teach) to hate others based on only one identity. When hatred (d) — (spread), violence (e) — (start). Innocent people (f) — (kill) in many parts of the world because of this. If we (g) — (respect) each other, the world (h) — (become) a better place. Education (i) — (play) a vital role here. We must (j) — (learn) to live together in peace.

6. Read the text and change the text as directed. 1x5=5

- (a) If we do not work hard, we will not prosper in life. (Simple)  
 (b) After burning for millions of years, the stars reach the shape of black hole. (Complex)  
 (c) Though the stars burn for millions of years, their energy does not disappear. (Simple)  
 (d) No other magnet in space is as gigantic as the black holes. (Superlative)  
 (e) Many believe that the success of life depends on fate or the opportunity. (Compound)

## 7. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches.

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The teacher said to the boy, "Why are you throwing that polythene bag into the river?" The boy replied, "I am just discarding my trash." The teacher said, "Do not do this because it is very harmful to the fish." The boy said, "Sir, please explain how it affects them." The teacher said, "I will show you a documentary on water pollution in the class tomorrow."

## 8. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph where necessary. Rewrite the sentences so that all pronoun references are clear.

1×5=5

A crocodile gave his seven cubs to a fox so that he could educate them. The fox took him to his den. Each day, the crocodile came to see the cubs, but the fox showed him the same cub seven times. The crocodile was happy because it looked healthy. However, the fox had actually eaten the other six. When the last cub was also eaten, they became worried about the crocodile's reaction. Finally, she discovered the trick when he found only bones in the den. This taught them a lesson about trusting a natural enemy.

## 9. Read the following text and use modifiers in the blank spaces as directed.

.5×10=5

In almost every country of the world unemployment is one of the (a) — (pre-modify another adjective) social and economic problems of the day. It exists not only in the developed countries but also in the (b) — (use a participle to pre-modify the noun) countries. The word "unemployment" means without any job or work by (c) — (use relative pronoun to post-modify the noun) one can earn his livelihood. When a man has a job or a work for (d) — (use possessive to pre-modify the noun) living, he is employed and when he has no job, he is unemployed. Bangladesh is now (e) — (post-modify the verb) facing this problem. The causes of (f) — (use a noun-adjective to pre-modify the noun) problem are many. (g) — (pre-modify the noun) mills and factories were not built and we had been ill fed and ill clad. Even after independence, governments failed (h) — (use infinitive to post-modify the noun) new industries and factories. (i) — (use a noun-adjective to pre-modify the noun) industries have almost decayed. Capital (j) — (use past participle to post-modify the noun) in cottage industries is always at a risk.

## 10. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces as directed.

.5×10=5

Music is a powerful medium that influences our emotions. (a) — it also affects our intellect, even the greatest scientists have recognized its value. (b) —, Albert Einstein was a gifted violinist. (c) — he was struggling with complex equations, he would often play his violin. (d) —, he did this (e) — music helped him relax his mind and think creatively. (f) —, he once claimed that he saw his life in terms of music. (g) — modern studies prove that music improves brain function, it is no longer seen as just for entertainment. (h) —, it is now used as a tool for cognitive development. (i) —, we should encourage children to learn music (j) — they can keep their brains active and sharp.

## 11. Read the following passage and then write the synonyms or antonyms of the words as directed below.

.5×10=5

The justice of nature is inevitable. Be it an iota of truth or falsehood, it will come to light ultimately. Nature never fails in its dispensation of justice. Whatever, we try to resist it, it exposes itself. Some foolish people try to sweep their evil deeds under the carpet. They put on sham modesty and religiosity to hide their evil deeds. But nature is never unflinching in unearthing their hypocrisy, devilry and masquerading. They are condemned to infamy, brought to justice and put to pillory. And the common people heave a sigh of relief.

(a) justice (antonym); (b) inevitable (synonym); (c) falsehood (synonym); (d) ultimately (synonym); (e) never (antonym); (f) resist (antonym); (g) foolish (antonym); (h) sham (synonym); (i) unearth (synonym); (j) pillory (synonym).

# Chattogram Govt. Women's College, Chattogram

Test Examination—2026; English : Paper II

## Part A : Grammar (60 Marks)

1. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (X) in those blanks. .5×10=5

(a) — idle brain is devil's workshop. (b) — man having no work idles away (c) — time he has at his disposal. He roams here and there round (d) — clock. He makes mischief causing harm to others. (e) — busy man does not make friendship with him. (f) — workaholic man avoids him. He becomes (g) — liability for (h) — society he lives in. In our society, (i) — number of idle people is increasing alarmingly. (j) — government must provide them with employment opportunities.

2. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. .5×10=5

Corruption is an impediment (a) — the development of society. A society mired (b) — rampant corruption cannot succeed (c) — attaining prosperity. To get relief (d) — corruption, everyone has to be honest (e) — words and deeds abstaining (f) — committing any crime willy-nilly. In fact, we are an accomplice (g) — corruption wittingly unwittingly. We indulge (h) — it smugly and spontaneously. Most of the people crawl (i) — favour of the rich showing contempt (j) — the poor.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box. .5×10=5

|                |                     |               |            |         |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------|------------|---------|
| what's it like | once in a blue moon | lest should   | had better | used to |
| with a view to | as if               | Achilles heel | would that | seldom  |

- (a) The train is about to leave. We — start now.  
 (b) Check the beast in you — you — commit any savagery.  
 (c) He feigns ignorance — escaping admonition.  
 (d) He behaves — he were born with Silver spoon.  
 (e) When I was a child, I — dive in the river flowing through our village.  
 (f) — I were a child again, I could be free from the cares of life.  
 (g) Success came to me —, I am still proud of it.  
 (h) Don't let your enemy know about your —.  
 (i) Can you tell me — experiencing a nightmare.  
 (j) Barking dog — bites.

4. Complete the following sentences using suitable clauses/phrases. .5×10=5

- (a) Success follows diligence. So, —.  
 (b) Time once gone is gone forever. All should make the best use of time lest, —.  
 (c) Drug addiction has become a great menace. We should raise public awareness so that —.  
 (d) Be aware of razzle and dazzle. It is said that —.  
 (e) As long as you are frugal, —.  
 (f) The sky is cloudy. Take umbrella —.  
 (g) You can apply for the post if —.  
 (h) A man, who runs after mirage, —.  
 (i) He is not at all affluent. He spends —.  
 (j) Wasting money, —.

5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs. .5×10=5

Della (a) — (finish) her cry and attended to her Checks with the powder rag. She (b) — (stand) by the window and looked out dully at a gray cat (c) — (to walk) a gray fence in a gray backyard. Tomorrow (d) — (to be) Christmas Day, and she (e) — (to have) only \$1.87 with which to buy Jim a present. She (f) — (to save) every penny, she could for months. Twenty dollars a week (g) — (not go) far. Expenses (h) — (to be) greater than she had calculated. They always (i) — (to be). Only \$1.87 to buy a present for Jim. Her Jim, Many a happy hour, she (j) — (to spend) planning for something nice for him.

6. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. 1×5=5

- (a) He was too young to have learnt how to drive a car. (Make it complex)  
 (b) She is supposed to be mistaken. (Make it active)  
 (c) The sun has set and we have returned home. (Make it simple)  
 (d) A rolling stone gathers no moss. (Make it interrogative)  
 (e) Who made mistakes? (Make it passive)

7. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches. 5

"Isn't it a dandy, Jim? I hunted all over town to find it. You'll have to look at the time a hundred times a day now. Give me your watch. I want to see how it looks on it." said Della.

8. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentences so that all pronoun references are clear. 1×5=5  
 Fazlur Rahman had not known Dr. Muktadir very long. Them had first met at the University Club. It had a heart of gold. How could anyone kill such a man? But whom killing was right? One did not wish such cruel death at the hands of brutal soldiers even for their bitterest enemy. Were those whom shot dead a man like Professor Govinda Dev human beings?
9. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces. .5×10=5  
 Trees, (a) — (use an appositive), are our true friends. The (b) — (use pre-modifier) ecosystem is dependent on trees. Most of us do not realise (c) — (use determiner) importance of trees. They fell down trees (d) — (use an adverbial phrase). They are at enmity with trees (e) — (use an adjective clause). All living beings need trees (f) — (use an infinitive phrase). Birds need trees (g) — (use an infinitive phrase). Human beings need trees (h) — (use a prepositional phrase). We need trees for a (i) — (use pre-modifier) environment and safe world. Global warming is the dire consequence of felling trees (j) — (use an adverb).
10. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage. .5×10=5  
 Physical exercise is good for health and mind. We need to do physical exercise (a) — we can enjoy sound health. Many children are getting bulky (b) — they are averse to doing physical exercise. They eat more (c) — sleep more. They consume junk foods (d) — avoid physical exercise. (e) —, they get bulky. They should realise (f) — aversion to physical exercise will make them vulnerable to diseases. (g) — obesity is the root cause of all fatal diseases, (h) — to enjoy sound health, one must do physical exercise more and more. Guardians must be alert (i) — their children promote the habit of enjoying physical exercise. (j) — they will have to repent in the long run.
11. Read the following passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below. .5×10=5  
 The spell wrought by beauty and romance was dwindling. I looked at Tripp and almost sneered. He looked more careworn, contemptible, and disreputable than ever. I fingered the two silver dollars remaining in my pocket and looked at him with the half-closed eyelids of contempt. He mustered up an imitation of resistance. I steeled myself against his unexpressed but palpable desire. He should not coax, cajole, or wring from me the dollar he craved. I had had enough of that wild-goose chase.  
 (a) spell (antonym); (b) dwindle (synonym); (c) sneer (synonym); (d) careworn (antonym); (e) contemptible (synonym); (f) disreputable (antonym); (g) finger (synonym); (h) contempt (antonym); (i) imitation (synonym); (j) palpable (antonym).
12. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors. .5×10=5  
 She is very ill and weak said Sue and the very fever has left her mind morbid and full of strange fancies. Very well, Mr. Behrman, if you do not care to pose for me, you needn't. But you I think you are a horrid-old flibbertigibbet. You are just like a woman yelled Behrman.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ZONE**

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**Test Examination—2026; English : Paper II**

**Part A : Grammar (60 Marks)**

1. Fill in the blanks in the following texts with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (X) in those blanks. .5x10=5

Cultural aggression is (a) — threat to our cultural and national identity. This aggression is against (b) — third world countries that are financially and politically very poor. (c) — east is exposed to western music, modes and entertainment. (d) — satellite television is helping cultural aggression against us. Cultural aggression is launched by (e) — powerful against (f) — weak. Because of satellite television and hightech communication media, (g) — western culture is intruding on our culture. Satellite television is bringing western and alien culture into our home. Our (h) — young generation now imitates the foreign culture forgetting that we also have (i) — age-old culture. When we will lose our cultural identity, we will cease to exist as (j) — independent nation.

2. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. .5x10=5

Violent protests have erupted (a) — multiple cities in Bangladesh (b) — prominent youth leader Sharif Osman Hadi died (c) — Singapore's General Hospital (d) — Thursday. Hadi died (e) — gunshot injuries sustained during an assassination attempt in Bangladesh's capital, Dhaka, last week. Hadi, 32, was a prominent leader (f) — Bangladesh's 2024 student-led uprising. He acted as a spokesperson (g) — Inquilab Mancha, or "Platform for Revolution", and was planning to stand as a member of parliament (h) — the Dhaka-8 constituency in the Bijoynagar area of the city in the upcoming elections, expected in February 2026. Hadi was also an outspoken critic (i) — Indira, where Bangladesh's ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina fled (j) — the uprising last year, and its influence on domestic politics in Bangladesh.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box. .5x10=5

|              |                |            |           |                        |
|--------------|----------------|------------|-----------|------------------------|
| would rather | what's it like | as soon as | let alone | there                  |
| was born     | as if          | it         | have to   | what does... look like |

- (a) William Wordsworth was the second of his father's five sons. He — at Cumberland on April 4, 1770.  
 (b) We — have a snack than sit here silently. The train will arrive in two hours.  
 (c) The people living in the slums lead a very miserable life. They usually suffer from various kinds of troubles. At times they — pass sleepless nights.  
 (d) — the poet arrived, the audiences started clapping loudly. The poet became very pleased.  
 (e) Many students of our country are drug addicted. They think in a way — they were very smart.  
 (f) Once — was a snowman. He was tall but he became small when he melted in the sun.  
 (g) — living in college hostel? You seem to be very happy with your hostel life.  
 (h) Rakib is very introvert. He does not even feel comfortable on the telephone, — speak in public.  
 (i) Teacher : — a fairy —?  
 Student : She was white and beautiful.  
 (j) — was a very cold night. People were sleeping. Suddenly Mohsin heard a sound and found a man standing alone.

4. Complete the sentences using suitable phrases/clauses. .5x10=5

- (a) Had he been a little careful, —. Actually, he was not attentive to his studies at all.  
 (b) All employees want to be —. But the boss may have his own preference.  
 (c) He wants to plant some seedlings. As it is rainy season now, it is high time he —.  
 (d) The present is good though —. We should not forget taking lessons from the present & past as well.  
 (e) — may be very fatal sometimes. It must not linger for long.  
 (f) Kith and kin are persons —. We should help them in their danger.  
 (g) There is no college in our Upazila. Had I possessed a vast property, —.  
 (h) The boy was very hungry and weak. I took him to our house with a view to —.  
 (i) Take proper safety measures lest —. The construction work is going on in full swing.  
 (j) A proverb about fate goes that '—'. But it is partially true.

5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. .5x10=5

When Abu Sayeed (a) — (see) spreading his hands and chanting slogans of protests in front of the police, people could not believe that this innocent student (b) — (shoot) dead. The death of Abu Sayeed along with that of Farhan Faiyaz and so many other youths of great potentials (c) — (turn) the spark of protest to a massive anti-government and anti-fascism movement. When the crisis (d) — (appear) in our national life, we found these great souls of the soil standing tall and (e) — (voice) their concern over the prevailing issues. The nation should pay great homage for the sacrifice (f) — (carry) out by them. They are indeed the torchbearers for the rights of the people (g) — (live) in this time and the time to come. If we fail (h) — (remember) what and how they (i) — (contribute) to the country's betterment, we (j) — (blame) for our ungratefulness.

6. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. 1x5=5

Mother Teresa was born August 26, 1910 in Skopje in Macedonia. (a) Her childhood was comfortable and prosperous due to her father's success. (Compound) (b) Her father encouraged his children to be more generous and compassionate to those who were less fortunate. (Simple). Her mother was very religious and she took the children to morning mass. (c) Mother Teresa often helped her mother deliver parcels of food and money to the poor. (Negative) The family's life changed dramatically after their father's death. (d) Christianity became the most important inspiration in Teresa's life. (Positive) (e) Later, Mother Teresa chose a life of self-sacrifice. (Compound)

7. **Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches.** 5  
 "There's nothing more humiliating than to look poor among other women who are rich." "How stupid you are!" her husband cried. "Go and look up your friend, Madame Forestier, and ask her to lend you some jewels. You are intimate enough with her to do that." Mathilde uttered a cry of joy: "True! I never thought of it."
8. **Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentences so that all pronoun references are clear.** 1×5=5  
 Liberty does not descend upon people. People must raise it to it. It is a fruit that must be earned before them can be enjoyed. This freedom meaning freedom only from foreign domination is an outworn idea. This is the main task that confronts us if we are to take our rightful place in the modern world. We cannot hold the clock back and, therefore, it is we who must go forward at a double pace bending all our resources and all our energies to a great purpose.
9. **Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.** .5×10=5  
 Corruption has become a (a) — (pre-modify the noun) problem in many countries. It prevents development (b) — (use an infinitive to post-modify the verb) progress. Corrupt officials take bribes (c) — (post-modify the verb) their duties. (d) — (use a possessive to pre-modify the noun) greed drives them to commit crimes. (e) — (pre-modify the noun) measures must be taken to fight corruption. Transparency and (f) — (use a noun-adjective) governance are necessary. (g) — (pre-modify the verb) ensure fairness, independent judiciary is essential. People need to be (h) — (use a participle to post-modify the verb) more aware of their rights. Strict punishment (i) — (post-modify the noun) lawbreakers can be a deterrent. Efforts (j) — (use an infinitive to post-modify the verb) corruption must be united.
10. **Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage.** .5×10=5  
 Many people think that money can do everything in life. Although it is a must for our life. It is not the thing that necessarily brings happiness. In fact, happiness is absolutely a psychological matter. The person, who is contented with what he gets and (a) — he has, is really happy. Money has something to do with happiness (b) — it cannot give us happiness. (c) — we can see that the richest men of our society are not the happiest men. (d) — they lead a life burdened with cares and anxieties and pass sleepless nights. (e) —, there are a large number of poor men (f) — are happy and enjoy a sound sleep. Actually, poor people have nothing to worry about. (g) — rich people cannot sleep. (h) — their wealth keeps them worried, they cannot sleep. (i) — we should not hanker after money only. (j) — money cannot ensure happiness.
11. **Read the passage below and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed.** .5×10=5  
 A rift was created between Shilpi and Rashid and their extended family. Some of the members insulted and criticized the couple. Unable to convince their close relatives of the risks of pregnancy, Shilpi and Rashid returned to the counsellor. They took the help of a parent peer who had been trained to speak to other parents about adolescent issues. Eventually everyone came to understand the harmful effects of early pregnancy on mother and child.  
 (a) created (antonym); (b) insulted (antonym); (c) criticize (antonym); (d) close (synonym); (e) early (antonym); (f) return (synonym); (g) help (synonym); (h) everyone (antonym); (i) harmful (antonym); (j) trained (antonym).
12. **Rewrite the text using proper punctuation marks and capitalization.** .5×10=5  
 While I was going to market yesterday, I met a boy begging in the street on being asked to tell the reason of begging the boy with a sad mind and tearful eyes said Oh sir I have a sad tale to tell you would you please hear my story Yes I would like to I said to him instead of telling the story the boy simply began to cry.

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**Part A : Grammar (60 Marks)**

1. Fill in the gaps in the following texts with suitable articles. Some of the gaps may not require articles. Put cross (x) in those gaps. .5×10=5

Communication plays (a) — major role in (b) — maintaining (c) — modern civilization. (d) — postal system is (e) — elevated part of (f) — present communication system. And (g) — postman is (h) — important man of this system. He is (i) — government employee directly (j) — serving the people.

2. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. .5×10=5

The environment plays an important role (a) — our life. (b) — short, what we have (c) — us including people, houses, air, water, etc. is called environment. These are the main elements (d) — our environment. (e) — ensuring sound life the balance (f) — the natural elements is very significant. Sometimes (g) — lack of knowledge, we don't realize the importance (h) — it. As a result, we are polluting our environment unknowingly. Living (i) — a polluted environment is undoubtedly a matter (j) — great regret.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable words/phrases given in the box. .5×10=5

|                |            |            |         |       |              |
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| would you mind | as fast as | as soon as | there   | it    | would rather |
| let alone      | had better | what if    | be born | as if | have to      |

- (a) I like typing. I — use a computer than write with a pen.  
 (b) You look very dirty. You — take a bath before you go to bed.  
 (c) A poet is a great thinker. New ideas — in his brain always.  
 (d) Her eyes are red. She looks — she cried.  
 (e) — having a cup of tea? It seems you are caught by cold.  
 (f) My mother is ill. She — be shifted to hospital.  
 (g) Rupa is very weak. She cannot move — drive the car.  
 (h) I wanted to escape my father. — he saw me in the park?  
 (i) We know — is easy to say but difficult to do.  
 (j) You should go home — you can. It is very important.

4. Complete the sentences with suitable clauses/phrases. .5×10=5

- (a) He is a scholar. Had he come to our college earlier —.  
 (b) We eat so that —. Every animal does so.  
 (c) She ran so fast that —. At last, she could do it.  
 (d) Unless you work sincerely —. So, sincerity is a must.  
 (e) Those students — will make a good result. There is no doubt about this.  
 (f) Drug addiction which —. We must hate it.  
 (g) Students are asked not to — in the examination. But they don't obey it.  
 (h) — he did not tell a lie. He always speaks the truth.  
 (i) — although she was in hospital for a month.  
 (j) — as if I knew nothing about it.

5. Fill in the gaps in the following text with correct form of verbs. .5×10=5

Nowadays, the credit card (a) — (become) a topic of discussion in Bangladesh. Most of the people (b) — (know) how to use it. They only think that it is equivalent to money. They do not know how it (c) — (work) exactly. It (d) — (be) just an alternative to paper money. It looks as if it (e) — (be) a plastic card. There (f) — (be) a good number of credit cards. Nowadays, we are accustomed to (g) — (use) this card as it is safe. A credit card (h) — (provide) to use like cash. We are made (i) — (shop) by this card for our safety. But it (j) — (have) some disadvantages too.

6. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. 1×5=5

- (a) An honest man is respected by all. (Active)  
 (b) Besides not being a teacher, he is a singer. (Compound)  
 (c) We turned every stone to solve the problem. (Negative)  
 (d) The uneducated don't know about health and sanitation. (Complex)  
 (e) Bangladesh is not the smallest country of the world. (Comparative)

7. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches. 5

"Where do you come from?" I asked him. "From San Carlos," he said, and smiled. "I was taking care of animals." "Oh," I said, not quite understanding. "Yes," he said, "I stayed, you see, taking care of animals. I was the last one to leave the town of San Carlos."

8. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following text and rewrite the text making them clear. 1×5=5

Women are nowadays as important as men in society. She constitutes half of our total population. No nation can make real progress keeping half of it in the darkness. Without the uplift of women, it is not at all possible. Again, without education, women cannot be uplifted. So, proper education should be given to her so that they can work hand in hand with them in all development programs.

## 9. Read the text and use modifiers as directed.

.5×10=5

There was an (a) — (pre-modify the noun) house in a village. In that house, there lived a lot of mice. They were doing a lot of mischiefs (b) — (post-modify the verb). The master of the house made a plan (c) — (post-modify the verb with an infinitive phrase). So, he bought a cat (d) — (post-modify the verb) the mice. The mice were in (e) — (pre-modify the noun) danger. They could not move (f) — (post-modify the verb) as before. They held a meeting (g) — (post-modify the verb) the matter. A young mouse rose (h) — (use an infinitive phrase to post-modify the verb). He gave them a (i) — (pre-modify the noun) plan. (j) — (pre-modify the verb with a present participle) pleased with his plan, all thanked him.

## 10. Use appropriate connectors in the gaps of the following passage.

.5×10=5

Unemployment is a great problem in our country. (a) —, it is the burning question of the day. (b) —, almost all the countries of the world suffer from the curse of unemployment problem. (c) — Bangladesh is the worst sufferer of this so-called problem. (d) — nowhere in the world this problem is so acute as in our country. (e) — there are many reasons behind it. (f) — our country is industrially backward. (g) — our system of education fails to give a student an independent start of life. (h) — it has little provision for vocational training. (i) — our students and youth have false sense of dignity. (j) — they run after jobs blindly.

## 11. Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below.

.5×10=5

A good writer must be a good reader. A good reader may be a good speaker or make a good recitation. Nothing of this is impossible for a man if he is not lazy. The main things is sincerity. Seriousness should also be taken under consideration. If a man is serious, he can make the impossible possible. If we become serious in our intention. We can shine in life. Otherwise, we will suffer a lot and our life will fill up with unhappiness.

(a) writer (synonym); (b) good. (antonym); (c) speaker (synonym); (d) recitation (synonym); (e) impossible (synonym); (f) lazy (antonym); (g) sincerity (antonym); (h) seriousness (synonym); (i) consideration (synonym); (j) possible (antonym).

## 12. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks and capitalization in the following text.

.5×10=5

Rewrite the text correcting the errors.  
He said, I can chop some wood today. "You but youre small." Size dont matter, chopping wood, he said, "Some of the big boys dont chop good. I've been chopping wood at the orphanage a long time." "Very well theres the axe. Go ahead and see what you can do." I went back to work closing the door. He began to chop. The blows were rhythmic and steady and shortly I had forgotten him the sound no more of an interruption than a consistent rain. I suppose an hour and a half passed and I heard the boys steps on the cabin stoop..... "I have to go to supper now," he said. "I can come again tomorrow."



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**Part A : Grammar (60 Marks)**

1. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put cross (x) in those blanks. .5x10=5

(a) — July Declaration serves as a mechanism to officially bind (b) — future governments to (c) — principles and demands of (d) — July Uprising, which represents (e) — citizens' utmost desires. On August 05, 2025 the first anniversary of (f) — uprising. Dr. Muhammad Yunus, read out (g) — declaration. (h) — document expresses (i) — intent to provide (j) — legal protection to the national heroes who were injured or killed in the movement.

2. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. .5x10=5

Flowers are the excellent gift of nature. They have existed (a) — earth (b) — prehistoric time. Since then, they have been treated (c) — the symbol of beauty. It is an undeniable fact that flowers are used (d) — various spheres (e) — our life. It is used mostly (f) — decoration. People (g) — all walks of life use flowers usually (h) — national occasion and (i) — wedding. Everyone prefers flowers (j) — expressing their love and devotion.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box. .5x10=5

|            |           |         |            |                 |
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| as if      | was born  | what if | there      | what's ... like |
| as soon as | let alone | has to  | had better | would rather    |

- (a) Aristotle is the great philosopher who had a vast knowledge in different disciplines. He — in Stagira in 384 BC.  
 (b) — was a big tree in the forest. But people cut it down for their settlement.  
 (c) He is behaving — he were the king of the world. Actually he is a rogue.  
 (d) — you had not passed the exam? So, study attentively.  
 (e) — she finished her work, she called her father.  
 (f) Mayna can not do it alone. She — wait for me.  
 (g) Suvo can not ride a bicycle, — drive a car. I have never seen an inactive person like him.  
 (h) — the summer — in Japan? I have heard that it is enjoyable and enchanting.  
 (i) We have an important task with you. We — meet early.  
 (j) I — speak the truth. Otherwise, the innocent boy may be punished.

4. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases. .5x10=5

- (a) I wish —, I would portray my feelings in my writing.  
 (b) Time flies very fast. Five years have passed since —.  
 (c) The man was very weak. But he had to carry a big box. The box was too heavy for —.  
 (d) He earns such a small amount that —. So, he is looking for some additional income.  
 (e) — because sincerity is the key to success. An insincere person always becomes failure.  
 (f) As she is firmly determined, —. Strong determination is the precondition of any success.  
 (g) The path is not smooth at all; walk carefully lest —.  
 (h) Rahim is such a man whom —. He deserves it for his honesty.  
 (i) — is not true at all. I know the fact.  
 (j) Mathematics is no doubt a hard subject. But you can find it interesting if —.

5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. .5x10=5

Once upon a time, there (a) — (live) a bird. It was unlettered. It sang but (b) — (not recite) a word of scripture. It hopped and it (c) — (fly) but lacked all sense of manners. The king said, 'Such a bird (d) — (be) of no use. Yet, it (e) — (devour) fruits from the forests, (f) — (bring) down the profits of fruiterers in the royal market.' He summoned the ministers and (g) — (command), 'Educate the bird!'. The task of (h) — (educate) the bird fell on the king's nephews. The learned men of the court (i) — (deliberate) long. They (j) — (ponder) the reasons behind the ignorance of the creature in question.

6. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. 1x5=5

- (a) I went back to work, closing the door. (Complex) (b) At first the sound of the boy dragging a brush annoyed me. (Complex) (c) The blows that he made were rhythmic and steady. (Simple) (d) The sound of his blows was more rhythmic than a consistent rain. (Positive) (e) Having forgotten the boy, I went back to work. (Compound)

7. Change the narrative style by using direct speeches. 5

"Oh, my Lord, please do not kill the child," said the woman. "Let her have it" the king said. "Now everything is clear to me." Pointing to the woman, he said to the servant, "Give her the child. She is the mother of the baby."

8. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following text. Where necessary, rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear. 1x5=5

Teaching is a profession who is full of challenge. I want to be a teacher because you like working with children. But my father argues that one cannot make much money from it. He wants me to look after their farms instead. But this does not inspire me much.

9. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces. .5×10=5  
 Newspaper plays a very (a) — (pre-modify the noun) role in modern civilization. It publishes new views of home and abroad. Only (b) — (pre-modify the noun) knowledge is not enough in this competitive world. A newspaper helps a man (c) — (post-modify the verb with infinitive) his general knowledge. Besides academic books, one should read newspapers (d) — (post-modify the verb). Newspaper helps one (e) — (post-modify the verb with an infinitive) the facts of the world. (f) — (pre-modify the verb with a present participle phrase) regularly, one can be aware of everything. There are (g) — (pre-modify the noun) kinds of newspapers. One should select the newspaper (h) — (post-modify the verb). One should choose the (i) — (pre-modify the noun) paper because many newspapers present news partially. Whatever paper is, it (j) — (pre-modify the verb) helps a man.
10. Use appropriate sentences connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage. .5×10=5  
 Time is a special resource that you cannot store or save for future use. (a) — it is managed properly to gain success. The skills of managing time properly are called time management skills. (b) — these skills are necessary for job hunting and career success. (c) — it is essential to improve these skills. (d) — there are several useful strategies that can be used to improve your time management skills. (e) — have a clear goal in mind. (f) — set up your priorities. (g) — block out time for your high priority activities first and protect that time from interruptions. (h) — set a deadline to do them and try your best to stick to it. (i) — your skills will help you avoid stress in completing any work successfully. (j) — reward yourself when the job is done.
11. Read the passage and write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed. .5×10=5  
 Linguistics is the science of language. In using language, people employ principles of grammar, the complex and subtle rules of language use, without having no conscious knowledge of the principles. Part of the work of linguistics is to discover or establish those principles. Another part of the linguistics is to compare and contrast between languages, their grammars, pronunciations, how meaning is created and how the languages are used. Modern linguistics emerged as a distinct field of study in the 19th century while colonialism was flourishing, world travel was increasing, and European cultures were encountering other cultures and languages. Linguistics made an effort to study the languages that they were encountering. They have often been called upon to ease confrontations between cultures by helping people to learn foreign languages as quickly as possible.  
 (a) employ (synonym); (b) subtle (synonym); (c) conscious (antonym); (d) discover (synonym); (e) pronunciation (synonym); (f) create (antonym); (g) emerge (synonym); (h) encounter (antonym); (i) ease (synonym); (j) foreign (antonym).
12. Rewrite the following text correcting the errors in punctuation. .5×10=5  
 You look a little bit like my mother, he said, especially in the dark by the fire. But you were only four Jerry, when you came here. You've remembered how she looked all these years? My mother lives in Mannville he said. For a moment finding that he had a mother shocked me as greatly as anything in my life has ever done and I did not know why it disturbed me.

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**Test Examination—2026; English : Paper II**

**Part A : Grammar (60 Marks)**

1. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (X) in those blanks. .5×10=5

William Shakespeare was born on April 23, 1564 in (a) — village of Stratford-on-Avon in (b) — country of Warwickshire. His father John Shakespeare was (c) — farmer's son who came to (d) — Stratford about 1531, and began to prosper as (e) — trader in corn, wheat, leather and agricultural products. His mother Mary Arden was (f) — daughter of (g) — prosperous farmer, descended from (h) — old family of mixed Anglo-Saxon and Norman blood. It is generally believed that neither (i) — poet's mother nor his father could read or write. In 1582, Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway, the daughter of (j) — peasant family. She was eight years older than Shakespeare.

2. Fill in the gaps with appropriate prepositions. .5×10=5

The old grey bearded sailor sat (a) — a stone (b) — the church: The sailor watched the people walking (c) — him. The marriage guest listened (d) — him. He had a strange mad look (e) — his eyes. The old man told him (f) — his last journey (g) — the sea. They had sailed away (h) — the south (i) — they arrived (j) — cold grey seas.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box. .5×10=5

|           |              |                         |                       |                |
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| was born  | as soon as   | What does ... look like | there                 | have to/has to |
| let alone | would rather | had better              | not only ... but also | it             |

- (a) Manners make a man. Students — practice good manners in everyday life.  
 (b) Most students in our country are weak in English. They — follow the advice of their teachers for improvement.  
 (c) Cox's Bazar is a popular tourist hub. — are many nice hotels for tourists.  
 (d) The other day, I met an old rickshaw-puller. He told me that he — pull a rickshaw than beg.  
 (e) A poor man struggles hard to survive in our country. He can hardly earn Tk. 200 a day. — Tk. 2,000.  
 (f) In Dhaka city, traffic jam is very common. — may occur anywhere, anytime.  
 (g) Smoking is one of the major causes of heart attack and cancer. — a smoker stops smoking, he can avoid the risk of many health hazards.  
 (h) Have you ever heard the name of William Shakespeare? He — on 23 April, 1564 in England. He was one of the greatest dramatists of the world.  
 (i) Son : Dad, — an alien —? Father : Well. Aliens are believed to come from another planet by UFOs. Films and science fictions tell us about them. They are really awesome.  
 (j) Learning more than one language — improves a person's capacity — boosts his confidence. So, children are being taught more than one language.

4. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases. .5×10=5

- (a) Patriotism is a noble virtue. We all should have patriotism —.  
 (b) Our freedom fighters risked their lives in the war of liberation so that —.  
 (c) He was not hungry at all. Had he been hungry, —.  
 (d) They continued to walk until —.  
 (e) She can't ride a bicycle, let alone —.  
 (f) Corruption is rampant in the country. It is high time the government —.  
 (g) 21<sup>st</sup> February is a red-letter day in our national history, because —.  
 (h) There goes a proverb —.  
 (i) Mira has not been able to recall where —.  
 (j) No sooner had she crossed the main gate —.

5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs. .5×10=5

Man is a social and rational being. He (a) — (have) freedom of choice, thought and expression. But everybody should (b) — (consider) that he is not the only person in a society. There (c) — (be) many persons in society and they (d) — (have) the same right that one (e) — (expect) from one's society. So, to (f) — (form) a peaceful society one should be watchful to see that other's rights are not violated. Every citizen must (g) — (cultivate) the habit of obeying the rules and regulations of the society. Selfishness (h) — (not help) society. Rather it (i) — (destroy) the peace and happiness of others. So, we all (j) — (think) of the greater interest of the society.

6. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. 1×5=5

Success never comes automatically. (a) We work hard to attain success in our life. (Complex) (b) Peace and prosperity is not possible without being industrious. (Affirmative) (c) A man, who leads an idle life, brings misery for his life. (Simple) (d) He can never help the people of society. (Passive) Such kind of man is the burden on the society. (e) Everybody abhors him. (Negative)

7. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches. 5

Jerry said, "I can chop some wood today." "But I have a boy coming from the orphanage." "I'm the boy." "You? But you are small." "Size does not matter, chopping wood." Jerry said. "Some of the big boys don't chop good. I've been chopping wood at the orphanage for a long time."

8. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentences so that all pronoun references are clear. 1×5=5

There lived a man in a village which had a great attraction to English. He went to a teacher in order to learn English well though he was dull-headed. He tried his best to teach him but the man learnt only three English words—yes, no and very good. Though the man did not know the meaning of it, he used them frequently in his conversation. He did not understand that a little learning is a dangerous thing and very soon he would be a victim of it.

9. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces. .5×10=5

Newspaper plays a very (a) — (pre-modify the noun) role in modern civilization. It publishes news and views of home and abroad. Only (b) — (pre-modify the noun) knowledge is not enough in this competitive world. A newspaper helps a man (c) — (post-modify the verb with infinitive) his general knowledge. Besides academic books, one should read newspapers (d) — (post-modify the verb). Newspaper helps one (e) — (post-modify the verb with an infinitive) the facts of the world. (f) — (pre-modify the verb with a present participle phrase) regularly, one can be aware of everything. There are (g) — (pre-modify the noun) kinds of newspaper. One should select the newspaper (h) — (post-modify the verb). One should choose the (i) — (pre-modify the noun) newspaper because many newspapers present news partially. Whatever the paper is, it (j) — (pre-modify the verb) helps a man.

10. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage. .5×10=5

We cannot walk on a road in the darkness without light. (a) —, we cannot step forward in our life without education. (b) —, throughout the ages, education has always been compared to light and (c) — ignorance has been compared to darkness. (d) —, the light of education enlightens us. (e) —, it broadens our mind and widens our outlook. (f) —, it is education which helps us to become a good citizen. (g) —, education creates good citizen and ensures the smooth development of a country. (h) —, ignorance stands on the way of the development of an individual. (i) — ignorance has a detrimental effect on the overall development of a nation. (j) —, we should come forward to educate every single person of our country and thereby, ensure the development of our country.

11. Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below. .5×10=5

In Bangladesh, students require to read English for about ten years. But the level of proficiency they reach is very low. No wonder that most of them fail in their English tests. People taking the Civil Service Examination are also tested on their knowledge of English, but the results are equally disappointing although almost all the candidates have presumably master degree in various disciplines. Even those who pass or qualify are hardly able to write a free composition in acceptable English. Obviously, there is something seriously wrong with the teaching and learning of English in Bangladesh.

(a) require (synonym); (b) proficiency (antonym); (c) wonder (synonym); (d) tested (synonym); (e) equally (antonym); (f) disappointing (synonym); (g) presumably (antonym); (h) qualify (antonym); (i) Obviously (antonym); (j) wrong (synonym).

12. There are ten mistakes in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors. .5×10=5

Sajid : Hurrah weve won the match.  
Sifat : What match Sajid.  
Sajid : The football match between your school. team and our school team.  
Sifat : Oh my Almighty! How did it happen?  
Sajid : We won by 3 goals to one (1);  
Sifat : I thought our team was better than yours.  
Sajid : The result shows who is better.  
Sifat : Anyway, well do better next year.  
Sajid : Best of luck sifat.

# Government College of Commerce, Chattogram

## Test Examination—2026; English : Paper II

### Part A : Grammar (60 Marks)

1. Fill in the blanks in the following texts with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (X) in those blanks. .5×10=5

Education is (a) — process by which our mind develops through formal learning at (b) — institution like a school, college or (c) — university. It is (d) — mental and intellectual training which provides (e) — opportunities of growth and helps to overcome (f) — obstacles to progress. Again, the purpose of education is to enlighten (g) — individual and develop his/her capacity to (h) — limit. It is also the business of education to train (i) — individuals to make (j) — choices to go ahead. It ennobles our mind and refines our sensibility. It also broadens our outlook and helps us become aware of our rights and responsibilities.

2. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. .5×10=5

A significant step on the way (a) — the achievement of top position was the domestication (b) — fire. *Homo sapiens* were using fire (c) — regular basis. Humans then had a dependable source of warmth and light, and deadly weapons (d) — wild animals. But the best thing fire did was cooking. The advent of cooking enabled humans to eat more kinds of food and devote less time (e) — eating using smaller teeth and shorter intestines. Some scholars believe there is a direct link (f) — the advent of cooking and the growth of the human brain. Since long intestines and large brains are massive energy consumers, it's hard (g) — have both. (h) — shortening the intestines and decreasing energy consumption, cooking inadvertently opened a new horizon (i) —, the *Homo sapiens* and they gained control (j) — a potentially limitless force.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box. .5×10=5

|             |                |               |                |           |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| supposed to | as soon as     | Achilles heel | enough to      | let alone |
| was born    | what's it like | as fast as    | whether ... or | used to   |

- (a) A rickshaw puller cannot afford two square meals a day. — lead a lavish life.  
 (b) He has serious lacking in decision-making and that could be an — to his opponents.  
 (c) You are wise — understand what I say. You are not a child.  
 (d) In ancient time, people — fight against dangerous wild animals.  
 (e) — you are coming — not. I shall complete the work by 5 p.m.  
 (f) He has taken loan from a bank to start a business. He will repay — he can make profit from the business.  
 (g) He could not run — the other competitors.  
 (h) You — with a silver spoon in your mouth. So, you need not worry about money.  
 (i) — living in a crowded city? I don't have any idea.  
 (j) We are — check in at 9 p.m. What's the time now?

4. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases. .5×10=5

- (a) I don't know his name. Do you know —?  
 (b) Since it has been raining in torrent —  
 (c) You should never give up hope. If winter comes, —  
 (d) The obscurity of light prevails everywhere. I don't know whether —  
 (e) Hobby is one's favourite pastime. It may not bring one profit, but —  
 (f) Once there was an honest farmer. He used to support his family with the crops —  
 (g) Load-shedding hampers our normal life. Most of our laborious effort will be frustrated unless —  
 (h) She looks older —. She had better not wear glasses.  
 (i) He is not well off. The car is too luxurious —  
 (j) Prodigality costs huge in our life. So, we should cut our coat —

5. Read the text and fill in the blanks with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. .5×10=5

Student life is the best time for (a) — (prepare) ourselves for future. It is (b) — (call) the seed time of life. So, during this period of life students mustn't waste time. The main pursuit of the students (c) — (be) study. They should prepare themselves for the life (d) — (lie) ahead. They should also participate in co-curricular activities. By (e) — (read) newspaper, they will know what (f) — (happen) in the world. When the country (g) — (face) with a natural calamity, they should come forward with a view to (h) — (remove) the sufferings of the affected people. Even in normal times they (i) — (engage) themselves in acts of social service. The students cannot do well in the examination without (j) — (work) hard. It is a pity that many students are trying to succeed in the shortest and easiest way.

6. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. 1×5=5

- (a) The birds that come to our country in winter are called migratory birds. (Simple)  
 (b) In winter, the weather is too cold for them to live in the north. (Complex)  
 (c) They find a better shelter in Bangladesh. (Passive)  
 (d) We must protect them. (Negative)  
 (e) Migratory birds fly faster than the dove. (Positive)

7. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches. 5

"Are you ready to order, sir?" said the waiter. "I would like to have a plain vegetable soup for starter. Then grilled chicken, boiled potatoes and garlic bread for main course," replied the customer. "Anything for desert?" asked the waiter. "Just a scoop of ice cream, please," replied the customer.

8. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentences so that all pronoun references are clear. 1×5=5

Hamlet was suspicious about the sudden death of his father. Claudius, his uncle, showed much love for Hamlet but Hamlet suspected some evil in Claudius. The ghost of the king urged him to take revenge for his murder but Hamlet became suspicious if they were really the ghost of his father or if it was an evil spirit compelling him to do evil.

9. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces. 5×10=5

Trees (a) — (use an appositive) are essential for maintaining ecosystem. Without trees, the balance of ecosystem will be (b) — (post-modify the verb) lost. Trees provide us with (c) — (pre-modify the noun) elements without which we cannot live on this earth. It is a matter of (d) — (pre-modify the noun) concern that we are cutting down trees (e) — (post-modify the verb). As a dire consequence, the global temperature is rising (f) — (post-modify the verb). The existence of flora and fauna is at an (g) — (use a pre-modifier) risk. Polar ice caps are melting and (h) — (use a noun-adjective) level is rising. (i) — (use a present participle phrase), we can avoid such a catastrophe. If we want to keep our (j) — (use a noun-adjective) earth safe and sound, we have to plant trees and protect our forests.

10. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following text. 5×10=5

A cyclone is a devastating storm in Bangladesh that moves at a high speed. Consequently, it causes immense harm to people and property. (a) — the inhabitants of the coastal regions are the main victims of cyclones. (b) — the cyclones of Bangladesh originate from the Bay of Bengal. (c) — it is accompanied by thunder and heavy showers. Beforehand unbearable heat is felt for a few days. (d) — one day the sky becomes terribly dark and strong winds begin to blow. (e) — a terrible situation is created that lasts for hours. (f) — it causes a great havoc causing death to people and other animals. (g) — dwelling houses are blown away. (h) — the cyclone is followed by scarcity of food and outbreak of various diseases. However, the great loss cause by cyclone can be reduced. (i) — prior warning can be given to people using modern technology of weather forecast. (j) — people and domestic animals of the cyclone-prone areas can be shifted to cyclone shelters. Finally, a quick relief work and medical facilities should be ensured.

11. Read the passage and write the synonym or antonym of the words as directed below. 5×10=5

Sincerity is the most important element of life. Since it is the root of success, it is the quality of great men. They know its importance in human life. A sincere person is concerned about the outcome of his deeds. He has good intentions. People would like to trust a sincere person as he does not prove false. So, he usually wins respect from others. A sincere person is always eager to possess a truthful mind, friendly and real personality. With these qualities, he can overcome many difficulties in life. He can also recognize the intrinsic value of something. His good deeds are recognized and praised everywhere. Undoubtedly, a sincere person is a trustworthy person.

(a) great (antonym); (b) intention (synonym); (c) trust (antonym); (d) eager (antonym); (e) prove (synonym); (f) overcome (synonym); (g) value (synonym); (h) deed (synonym); (i) praise (antonym); (j) sincere (synonym).

12. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors. 5×10=5

Son : Hello, Mah! what are you doing?

Mother : I will need only ten minutes more by this time you dress up yourself.

Son : I have already done it now I am waiting for food.

Mother : I am coming my child don't worry. I will give you a drop if necessary.

Son : In that case, I have no problem to wait. Please ask your driver to make the car ready.

Mother : Ok, no problem, I myself will drop you at your college.

Son : That's like a good mother.

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**Test Examination—2026; English : Paper II**

**Part A : Grammar (60 Marks)**

1. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross mark (x) in those blanks. .5×10=5

In (a) — twenty-first century (b) — number of undesirable practices have emerged as mobile phone usage spreads into everyday life. In (c) — workplace, employers report that many members of their staff use (d) — individually owned mobile phones to socialize during work hours. It results in (e) — loss of productive work time and effort. In social settings, people comment that they are irritated by (f) — intrusion of mobile phone conversations in (g) — restaurants, theatres and other public venues. Another worrying trend is that face to face social interaction seems to have been taken over by (h) — mobile phone devices. For example, (i) — analysis of (j) — survey of 2000 teenagers reveals that 93 percent of today's youth terminate relationships by voice mail or text message.

2. Complete the text with suitable preposition. .5×10=5

The ship sailed out (a) — the icy waters (b) — another sea. Day after day, the sailors stayed (c) — that silent sea. It was like a painted ship (d) — a painted ocean. There was no cloud in the sky to guard them (e) — the burning sun. The other sailors were very angry (f) — the old man. They blamed him (g) — their sufferings. So, they hung the dead Albatross (h) — his neck. They were filled (i) — fear and there was not a breath (j) — wind.

3. Complete the following sentences with words/phrases given in boxes. .5×10=5

|       |         |           |                        |              |
|-------|---------|-----------|------------------------|--------------|
| there | what if | have to   | no sooner had          | would rather |
| lest  | as if   | let alone | what does... look like | so that      |

- (a) The students were loitering in the corridor. — they seen the teacher than they entered the classroom.  
 (b) He took a part-time job — he could earn some money. He was very sincere.  
 (c) I can't stand Rubel. He always acts — he were smarter than everyone.  
 (d) The little girl was suddenly crossing the road. A bus was passing by. As it came near the girl, the driver halted it. — he would not have stopped the bus?  
 (e) Shoma — live in a hostel than in her relative's home. She feels free and comfortable there.  
 (f) You started late. Now, you are walking slowly. Walk fast — you should miss the bus.  
 (g) He is very poor. He can't afford to travel by an AC bus — aeroplane.  
 (h) Daughter : Mom, — an albatross —?  
 Mother : It is a very large white bird living in the Pacific.  
 (i) Long ago, — lived a mighty warrior named Kubla Khan. He was the grandson of Chenghis Khan.  
 (j) I — seek advice from a doctor. I have been suffering from fever for a long time.

4. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/clauses. .5×10=5

- (a) There is a vacant post in my company. If you are a graduate, —.  
 (b) Hospitality has long been a part of our culture. Although many other things are changing now —.  
 (c) The passer-by was too —. He had walked a long distance.  
 (d) Acid throwing is a barbarous act. We should create public awareness so that —.  
 (e) Food adulteration is a crime. It is high time —.  
 (f) We should take umbrellas with us lest —. The sky is overcast with dark clouds.  
 (g) Your HSC Exam is knocking at the door. Study hard so that —.  
 (h) Samira's father died of a heart attack while working in his office. No sooner had she heard the news —.  
 (i) Begging is not a profession. I would rather die —.  
 (j) We were unable to go by train as —.

5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. .5×10=5

It is very alarming (a) — (note) that our talented young generation (b) — (reluctant) to stay in their motherland. They try to leave as soon as they (c) — (finish) their academic education. There are many reasons why the talented and qualified people (d) — (leave) their motherland. The first reason is the developed countries (e) — (allure) them by offering the best opportunities to succeed in life. Second, the country fails (f) — (provide) suitable jobs for them. Again, if employed, they (g) — (get) a handsome salary as per their quality. Besides, some people feel that their life is not (h) — (secure) in the country. But whatever may be the cause, nobody (i) — (leave) the country. For, it is equal (j) — (betray) their motherland.

6. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. 1×5=5

(a) The impact of climate change will pose a great threat to human existence. (Complex) (b) Global warming can catastrophically reduce our ability to grow food and destroy wilderness. (Passive) (c) Melting of icecaps of polar regions will cause an alarming rise in the sea level. (Compound) (d) How terrible the consequences are to come! (Assertive) (e) Greta Thunberg is the most sincere teenager to protest against climate change. (Positive)

7. Change the narrative style. 5

"Have you seen your mother, Jerry?" "I see her every summer. She sends for me." The authoress wanted to cry out, "Why are you not with her? How can she let you go away again?" He said, "She comes up here from Mannville whenever she can. She doesn't have a job now."

8. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentences so that all pronoun references are clear. 1×5=5

The moon is a very familiar figure to all of us. She awakens a feeling of love in our hearts. Even the infant stretches out his hand to grasp this beautiful thing. It has always played an important role in literature. But science has a different tale to tell about the moon. Science reveals to them that the moon has no light of her own. It grasps only a little of what the sun pours forth. She reflects a small fraction of it.

9. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces. .5×10=5

We know that (a) — (use quantifiers to pre-modify the noun) species is important for maintaining (b) — (pre-modify the noun) balance. If one is lost, the whole natural environment changes (c) — (post-modify the verb). In order to protect the environment from being spoilt, we should protect (d) — (use possessive to pre-modify the noun) wildlife. (e) — (use determiner to post-modify the noun phrase) good news is that many countries are taking action (f) — (use infinitive phrase to post-modify the verb). George Lay Cock. (g) — (use appositive to post-modify the noun) writes, "Mankind must develop a concern for wild creatures and determine that (h) — (use demonstrative to pre-modify the noun) wild species will not perish (i) — (use prepositional phrase as post-modifier). We have to save wild animals (j) — (use relative clause as post-modifier).

10. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage. .5×10=5

A student should prepare himself to face the problems (a) — lie before him. He is (b) — an individual (c) — a member of the community too. He should try to equip himself fully (d) — in future he can be able to discharge his duties as an individual (e) — as a member of the community to (f) — he belongs. (g) — he wastes his time in (h) — activities (i) — agitational policies, his future will be doomed. The students should not forget that their main duty is to study. (j) —, it is their first and foremost duty also.

11. Read the passage and then write the antonyms or synonyms of the words as directed below. .5×10=5

Modern education is somewhat different from that of the past. In method, it seeks to draw out and improve the mind to make it eager and curious. It depends more on observation than mere bookish knowledge. A mind that is intellectually alert, will learn from books. It develops the latent talent of any individual. Teachers play a vital role in teaching the students. They aren't just instructors. Rather, they support and guide students so that the students can succeed in their way of life.

(a) different (syn); (b) seek (syn); (c) eager (ant); (d) observation (syn); (e) mere (ant); (f) alert (syn); (g) latent (ant); (h) instructor (syn); (i) guide (ant); (j) way (syn).

12. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors. .5×10=5

The superintendent said Nobody can drive in the fog Jerry said I came just before bed time last night and you hadn't come. So I brought pat some of my breakfast this morning. I would have let nothing happen to him. I didn't worry replied the authoress.

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## Test Examination—2026; English : Paper II

### Part A : Grammar (60 Marks)

1. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (X) in those blanks. .5×10=5

What is (a) — role of men and women in our society? The common answer would be that (b) — man is the guide, protector and provider for his wife and children. (c) — women's role is that of wife, mother and homemaker. It was (d) — common early belief that men should be (e) — bread-winners and women should be busy at home preparing food. In addition, women would give birth to and bring up children. (f) — women had to be feminine which meant they had to be soft and weak. It was held that women lacked competency and efficiency. But women have proved this otherwise throughout (g) — world including Bangladesh. Women have (h) — great part to play in the progress of our country. It is rightly said, "(i) — hand that rocks (j) — cradle rules the world."

2. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. .5×10=5

Tea is a popular drink. We get it (a) — the leaves (b) — the tea plants. These plants grow (c) — the slopes of hills. They grow well (d) — Bangladesh, China, India and Sri Lanka. In Bangladesh, it grows (e) — Sylhet and Chittagong Hill Tracts. This drink needs boiling water, milk and sugar (f) — its preparation. Tea is a common drink and it is known (g) — a cheap drink. I take tea twice a day. It refreshes my body and mind and removes fatigue and drowsiness. I like to drink tea very much. Bangladesh earns a lot (h) — foreign currency (i) — exporting tea to other countries of the world. It is one (j) — the main cash crops of Bangladesh.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box. .5×10=5

|            |            |              |                        |           |
|------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------|
| as soon as | have to    | there        | what does... look like | as if     |
| it         | as long as | would rather | was born               | let alone |

- (a) He speaks — he were a king. He should change his attitude.  
 (b) He can't remember the face of his father — the details of his activities.  
 (c) — the master saw the duck, he started clapping. He wanted to unfold the secret.  
 (d) Everybody has heard the name of Aristotle. He was a great philosopher. He — in 384 BC in Greece.  
 (e) We — starve than eat poisonous fruits. Now, the presence of formalin is very common in fruits.  
 (f) People lead a very uncomfortable life. They — face various types of problems everyday.  
 (g) Once upon a time — lived a king. He had four daughters whom he loved very much.  
 (h) Baby : Mom. — Dracula — ?  
 Mother: It's very dangerous. You can watch them in films.  
 (i) Life is very difficult in the deserts. It is very hot. — hardly rains.  
 (j) The people will suffer — they are not sincere of their political rights.

4. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases. .5×10=5

- (a) Ahnaf studies medicine so that —.  
 (b) Time has its wings. It was five years since we —.  
 (c) Nazimul knocked at my door. He came to me with a view to —.  
 (d) I found a box in the room. The box was too heavy for —.  
 (e) I went to market yesterday. Had you requested me, I —.  
 (f) Do not worry about me. I — after I have finished my study.  
 (g) They are very hardworking. If the bank gives them loan on easy terms, they —.  
 (h) Unity is strength. United we stand. —.  
 (i) We had to walk through a jungle. We saw a snake while we —.  
 (j) Everybody will go to the graveyard after death. A graveyard is a place —.

5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. .5×10=5

We can't help (a) — (rely) on English. Now, English is (b) — (use) as a common language for global communication. It (c) — (recognize) as an international language. English is important for (d) — (maintain) communication with our development partners. A good command of English as well as regular practices (e) — (be) essential for us. With a view to (f) — (exchange) our views with the rest of the world, we have to (g) — (learn) English. Now, it (h) — (belong) to the world's people. It is high time we (i) — (pay) more attention to English. Otherwise, we (j) — (lag) behind.

6. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. 1×5=5

(a) Some essential agricultural inputs are to be ensured to increase our food production. (Make it active) (b) Farmers who are poor do not get loans on easy terms. (Make it simple) (c) What a pity! (Make it assertive) (d) Farmers do not get the facilities necessary for food production. (Make it complex) (e) Unfortunately, they do not get the due price of their products. (Make it compound)

7. **Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches.** 5  
 "Coffee?" I said. "Yes, just an ice cream and coffee," she answered. "You know, there's one thing I thoroughly believe in," she said, as she ate the ice cream. "One should always get up from a meal feeling one could eat a little more." "Are you still hungry?" I asked faintly. "Oh, no, I'm not hungry; you see, I don't eat luncheon. I have a cup of coffee in the morning and then dinner, but I never eat more than one thing for luncheon." "Follow my example," she said as we shook hand, and never eat more than one thing for luncheon."
8. **Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentences so that all pronoun references are clear.** 1×5=5  
 A cook once roasted a duck for its master. He looked so delicious that he could not resist the temptation and ate up one of the drumsticks. When he sat down to eat the meal, he quickly noticed the missing leg. He asked him what happened to the other leg. The cook told him that it had one leg only. The master said that there was no such thing as a one-legged duck, but the cook emphasized that every duck had only one leg.
9. **Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.** .5×10=5  
 Books are (a) — (pre-modify the adjective with an intensifier) essential for us. They help us (b) — (post-modify the verb with an infinitive) knowledge. (c) — (pre-modify the verb with a present participle) books, we can know everything. They show us the (d) — (pre-modify the noun) way. Books can be our (e) — (pre-modify the noun) friends. They help us (f) — (post-modify the verb with an infinitive) our mind. They improve our (g) — (pre-modify the noun) power. They give us solace to our (h) — (pre-modify the noun) mind. Besides, reading (i) — (pre-modify the noun) books, students should read other books. If they read other books, they will be able to know everything (j) — (post-modify the verb).
10. **Complete the passage using suitable connectors.** .5×10=5  
 Time and tide wait for none. (a) — no one can stop the march of time. (b) —, it is very important to value our time. (c) —, if time once has gone, we cannot regain it. (d) —, we should not waste a single moment in vain. (e) — we should make the proper use of every single moment of our life. (f) —, the students should understand the value of time. (g) —, it is a matter of great regret that some of the students pass away their valuable time in Facebook. (h) —, they kill their time. (i) — they cannot prepare their lessons well. (j) —, they always have a poor preparation for the examination.
11. **Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below.** .5×10=5  
 Sincerity is the root of success of all work. One can go a long way if one does a job with sincerity. The great men are sincere because they know that sincerity is the key to success. Those who do not follow the rules of sincerity can never go a long way. Sincerity is the secret of victory. If any work is not done with sincerity, one will never receive desirable output from it. So, we should be sincere in every walk of life.  
 (a) success (antonym); (b) job (synonym); (c) great (antonym); (d) because (synonym); (e) know (synonym); (f) follow (antonym); (g) rule (synonym); (h) never (antonym); (i) victory (synonym); (j) desirable (antonym).
12. **Use capitals and punctuation marks where necessary in the following text.** .5×10=5  
 why are you going to barishal said father i want to buy some important books said Labiba do you need money dont go alone as time is not going well.

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**Part A : Grammar (60 Marks)**

1. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks. .5×10=5

There is a saying that sincerity is (a) — key to success. (b) — person can prosper in life by doing hard work. (c) — man who does not follow (d) — rules of sincerity can never go (e) — long way in the world. Many (f) — man is not conscious of (g) — importance of (h) — sincerity for which they don't have (i) — benefit of (j) — success. However, we should be sincere to our works if we want to achieve anything notable.

2. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. .5×10=5

Abraham Lincoln was the greatest president (a) — the United States of America. He was born (b) — 1809. He rose (c) — a humble origin. As a man, he was simple and kind. Lincoln became great by dint (d) — his own efforts and perseverance. (e) — the time when he was the president of America, a civil war broke (f) —. There were many negro slaves in America (g) — those days. The civil war occurred (h) — the question of slavery. It began in 1861 and continued (i) — more than four years. Lincoln was (j) — favour of the slaves.

3. Complete the sentences with the suitable phrases/words given in the box. .5×10=5

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|------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|------------|
| have to    | was born              | let alone    | what's .... like | it         |
| had better | what does.. look like | would rather | there            | as soon as |

- (a) I cannot remember the title of the book, — the details of the story. I read it many years ago.  
 (b) Let's go to the library. — is not worth waiting any longer.  
 (c) I — die than indulge in corruption.  
 (d) Panic seized me — I heard his roaring voice.  
 (e) No one is happy with her rude behaviour. She — understand it.  
 (f) A library is a storehouse of knowledge. — is a very large library in our college.  
 (g) — your new house —? It's a modern one, quite big, with a nice garden.  
 (h) We — educate all and work hard to develop our country.  
 (i) — the device —? Is it easily portable?  
 (j) Alexander the Great, was a great king. He — to conquer the world.

4. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases. .5×10=5

- (a) Time flies very fast. Five years have passed since —.  
 (b) The old man is walking carefully lest —. He does not want to take any risk.  
 (c) He is a liar. Don't rely —.  
 (d) Smoking is detrimental to health. It is high time you —.  
 (e) I don't have enough money. Had I been a rich man, —.  
 (f) Life should not be considered —. It is full of sorrows and sufferings.  
 (g) He studies medicine so that —.  
 (h) Dulal is a quack. He behaves as if —.  
 (i) The poem was too difficult for —. The teacher told the students to listen to him carefully.  
 (j) The woman — was taken to the hospital.

5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. .5×10=5

Jerry is an orphan. He (a) — (come) to the orphanage at the age of four. He (b) — (lose) his parents in his infancy. Then, he (c) — (commit) to the care of the orphanage. He could hardly (d) — (recollect) his parent's memory. In spite of (e) — (be) an orphan, he had developed a strong fabric of morality. His intimate morality (f) — (draw) him close to the writer. The writer (g) — (impress) with him. She started (h) — (show) affection for him. Jerry (i) — (take) her for his mother. He fabricated a lie (j) — (win) her heart.

6. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. 1×5=5

Success never comes automatically. (a) We work hard to attain success in our life. (Complex) (b) Peace and prosperity are not possible without being industrious. (Affirmative) (c) A man who leads an idle life, brings misery for his life. (Simple) (d) He can never help the people of the society. (Passive) (e) Everybody abhors him. (Negative)

7. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches. 5

"Why are you loitering here and there now? Are you in trouble?" said the schoolteacher. "I am loitering because I have none to take care of me," said the boy. The schoolteacher said, "Do you feel hungry?" "Yes, I am very hungry now," said the boy.

8. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentences so that all pronoun references are clear. 1×5=5  
 Travelling is a part of education. These means going from place to place. One can enhance knowledge by going from place to place. Thus, gives one the opportunity to see the unseen and know the unknown. Some people are averse to travelling. This limits his vision. However, by travelling different parts of the world, my knowledge may be enriched.
9. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces. .5×10=5  
 Air and water are the most (a) — (pre-modify the noun with an adjective) elements of the environment. But we are polluting them (b) — (post-modify the verb with an adverb). Mills and factories use fuel (c) — (post-modify the verb with an infinitive) their products. The burning of this fuel creates smoke (d) — (post-modify the verb with an adverbial). Motor vehicles also pollute the air (e) — (use an appositive). Water is polluted by (f) — (pre-modify the noun with a quantifier) kinds of waste and filth. We also contaminate water (g) — (post-modify the verb with a present participle phrase) into it. Farmers use (h) — (use a noun adjective) and insecticides and pollute water. (i) — (pre-modify the noun with a past participle) water is very harmful (j) — (use a prepositional phrase).
10. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank space of the following passage. .5×10=5  
 The human body is a wonderful creation. (a) — it is shaped practically. (b) — it can do many types of work which other animals cannot. (c) — it is not strong like the body of a tiger. (d) — physical strength, it has a big and sharp brain. (e) — by using this brain, the human physique has been able to overcome many of its limitations. (f) —, by sitting in an aeroplane, it flies faster than a kite by riding a motorcycle, it travels faster than a leopard; and, by firing a machine gun it fights much better than a tiger. (g) — this, the human body suffers from many diseases because it has a weakness for habits (h) — drinking and overeating. (i) — it is healthy, the body can give great pleasure but when it is sick, it can cause great pain. The wise man would always keep
11. Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below. .5×10=5  
 Rivers are one of the most useful and wonderful gifts of nature. And Bangladesh has been adorned generously with a great number of rivers. From time immemorial, these rivers, have been flowing over our country graciously, making her a land of rivers. Rivers have immense influence on our economy, culture and prosperity, no doubt.  
 (a) adorned (synonym); (b) generously (antonym); (c) great (synonym); (d) immemorial (antonym); (e) over (synonym); (f) graciously (synonym); (g) immense (antonym); (h) influence (synonym); (i) culture (synonym); (j) prosperity (antonym).
12. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors. .5×10=5  
 Entering the study room my elder brother looked around and burst out in disgust. How dirty you have made the room why do you use it if you can't keep it tidy I said, I am extremely sorry. I have been a nuisance. In future you'll never see the room in such a bad condition I promise.  
 his mother. He fabricated a lie (j) — (w/n) her heart.

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**Part A : Grammar (60 Marks)**

1. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the). Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (X) in those blanks. .5×10=5

Once upon (a) — time there lived (b) — wise king called Solomon. He was (c) — son of David and inherited the kingdom from his father after his death. He begged Allah for (d) — competence that befitted a righteous ruler. Allah granted his wish and blessed him (e) — with wisdom. He solved the dispute over (f) — baby by proposing to cut it, disclosing the genuine mother. Besides wisdom, Allah had blessed Solomon with many other (g) — abilities. He could command the winds and understand the languages of birds and animals and talked to them. Allah directed him to teach both men and genies to mine (h) — earth and extract its minerals to make tools and weapons. In Jerusalem, on a huge rock, Solomon built (i) — beautiful prayer place to draw the people to worship Allah. Today this building is known as 'The Dome of the Rock.' Every day many (j) — visitor comes to visit it.

2. Complete the text with suitable prepositions. .5×10=5

Sharif Osman Hadi is an instance of exemplary patriotism. He has recently laid (a) — his life (b) — the sake of his motherland, Bangladesh. His struggle was (c) — the existing system, where he wanted (d) — change the malpractices (e) — the present system. He never looked down (f) — the poor, rather, he treated them as a part (g) — his own being. Some narrow-minded people took him (h) — task during his lifetime. But the majority of the countrymen were overwhelmed (i) — grief upon hearing the news of his death. His sacrifices will never sink (j) — oblivion.

3. Complete the sentences using suitable words/phrases from the list. .5×10=5

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| would rather | have to/has to | as if   | no sooner had          | had better       |
| there        | it             | used to | what does... look like | what's .... like |

- (a) Sher-E-Bangla A. K. Fazlul Huq was very talented from his boyhood. He — to tear up the pages from his book he had read once.  
 (b) Mirza doesn't like to wear a tie. But he — do it every day when he goes to the office.  
 (c) It's such a nice weather! I — sit in the garden than watch TV.  
 (d) The cultural program resumed until electricity came back. — was a great relief for the audience.  
 (e) I will meet Nipa within ten minutes. I — go now or I will be late.  
 (f) — is a bazar beside the railway station. Thus the station is always found very noisy.  
 (g) — driving a motorbike in a rainy day —?  
 (h) — the thief seen the police than he ran away.  
 (i) Baby: Mom, — a time machine —? Mom: Sorry dear, no idea. I have never seen a science fiction film.  
 (j) Homer was a great poet. Almas pretends — he were a Homer.

4. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases. .5×10=5

- (a) Rishan tried his best to get the job but he could not get it. Had he got the job, he —.  
 (b) Solving Higher Math is very interesting for Ruma. She practices math a lot so that —.  
 (c) "Why did you say that?" "I wouldn't say that unless —."  
 (d) I could not recognize you. It was three years since we —.  
 (e) His writing was quite well but suddenly he —. So, he could not finish his examination with satisfaction.  
 (f) The man was very weak but he had to carry a big box. The box was too heavy for —.  
 (g) Afrin was really in great danger. She came to you with a view to —.  
 (h) You are being bulky by day. It is high time —.  
 (i) The servant performs his duty lest —. He was very obedient to his master.  
 (j) A proverb goes that "Fools rush in where —."

5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. .5×10=5

Knowledge (a) — (be) the source of enlightenment. By reading various kinds of books and (b) — (travel) various places, we (c) — (gather) knowledge. It (d) — (increase) the creativity of a student. In the very (e) — (begin) of The Holy Book Al-Quran, the Almighty has given the first instruction-read (f) — (utter) the name of your creator. He (g) — (create) human from a clinging clot. However, the arena of rote learning (h) — (shrink). Yet many students (i) — (habituate) to a gadget life i.e. copying and pasting. It is time for them to (j) — (train) themselves to be cured of that habit.

6. Read the following text and change the sentences as directed. 1×5=5

You must have heard the name of Bayazid Bostami. (a) He was one of the greatest saints of Islam. (Positive) (b) One night he was learning his lessons. (Passive) (c) At that time his mother asked him if he could bring a glass of water. (Simple) (d) When he brought water, he found his mother sleeping. (Compound) Then he passed the whole night standing with the glass beside his mother. (e) He showed a great love and respect to his mother. (Exclamatory)

7. **Change the narrative style by using reported speeches.** 5  
 "What do you want" said the merchant. "To earn my bread by the sweat of my brows" said the youth. "Do you really want work?" said the merchant. "Yes, if you have any." "Then follow me and carry a box from the shop to my house."
8. **Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentences to make pronoun references clear.** 1×5=5  
 Teaching is a profession who is full of numerous challenges. I want to be a teacher because you like working with children. But my father argues that one cannot make much money from it. He wants me to look after their farms instead. But this does not inspire me much.
9. **Use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces of the following text.** .5×10=5  
 Theology is a branch of systematic study that increases (a) — (use a possessive) divine knowledge. (b) — (pre-modify the noun using present participle) faithon God. Al-Quran, (c) — (use appositive) is acclaimed as the only book (d) — (use relative pronoun) has no doubt and is the guidance for (e) — (use a demonstrative) who love and fear their Creator. In this Book the believers are declared as (f) — (use determiner) most successful people. To portray the characteristics of these comparatively (g) — (pre-modify the noun) people, it is mentioned that they are (h) — (use an intensifier) humble in their prayer. They do hardly utter (i) — (use quantifier) unnecessary vain word. In brief, theology of Al-Quran teaches us (j) — (use infinitive phrase) and forbids us to do unethical activities.
10. **Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage.** .5×10=5  
 Good health refers to the physical and mental soundness. It make one fit and active. (a) —, it keeps one free from diseases. (b) —, it is not easy to maintain good health. In order to keep good health, one should follow certain rules of health. (c) —, one should take regular physical exercise, proper rest or sleep and above all, a balanced diet. (d) — it is a matter of regret that a large number of people live below the poverty line. (e) — they cannot manage all types of food necessary for maintaining good health. (f) —, there are some rich people who live in plenty. (g) — they can't maintain good health. For they don't know the rules of health. (h) — they are unable to choose the right food necessary for good health. Frustration, hopelessness, mental disorders, socio-economic confusions, etc. are part of our life. All these factors take a toll on our mind and (i) —, affect our body. (j) —, a person with a simple and carefree life can enjoy a sound mind in a sound body.
11. **Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below.** .5×10=5  
 A lion was drinking water from a brook. At the same time, a lamb was also drinking water from downstream of the same brook. The lion wanted to devour the lamb, so he was thinking about how to accomplish his evil design. At last, he hit upon a plan. The lion accused the lamb of disturbing him by muddying the water. However, the lamb tried to refute the accusation. Then the lion retorted that the lamb's father had insulted him last year. Saying this, the lion attacked the lamb.  
 (a) brook (synonym) (b) devour (synonym) (c) accomplish (antonym) (d) evil (antonym) (e) plan (synonym) (f) downstream (antonym) (g) refute (antonym) (h) accuse (synonym) (i) retort (synonym) (j) insult (antonym)
12. **There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors.** .5×10=5  
 Raihan : Whats wind power  
 Rakib : Its one of the renewable energy sources  
 Raihan : Why is it called green energy  
 Rakib : It is so called for its virtue of emitting zero pollutant and zero waste Moreover some people call it eco-friendly energy  
 Raihan : Then we shall term it clean energy shant we  
 Rakib : Wonderful It is already termed so