



English Language Zone

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MODEL QUESTION 08

1. Use the article where necessary. Put a cross[x] where an article is not needed.

We were returning home. On (a)_____ way we met (b)_____ little girl. She was selling (c)_____ flowers on (d)_____ street. She requested us to buy (e)_____ flower. My mother is (f)_____ kind-hearted woman. (g)_____ motherly affection rose at (h)_____ sight of her. She gave her (i)_____ ten taka note and bought some flowers. We should be kind to (j)_____ helpless.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J

2. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions.

During the last four years, several devastating cyclones swept (a)_____ Bangladesh and caused immense harm (b)_____ the people. A cyclone may occur any time and (c)_____ any place. The cyclone of Bangladesh generally originates (d)_____ the Bay of Bengal, and blows (e)_____ that land. It is often accompanied (f)_____ thunders and heavy showers. Before a cyclone commences unbearable heat is felt (g)_____ a few days. Then suddenly one day, the sky becomes terribly dark (h)_____ clouds and strong winds begin to blow with flashes (i)_____ lightning and the rumbling of thunders. It causes a great havoc. A lot of people and other animals die. Dwelling houses are blown (j)_____.

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3. Fill in the blanks with suitable phrase/words given in the box

let alone	what's ___ like	as long as	have to	used to
would you mind	in case	there	need not	wish

- (a) I entered the classroom. Everyone in the room stared at me _____ they could.
- (b) A: _____ making a call for me?
B: No problem. Just tell me the number.
- (c) There are many people who do not get proper treatment for want of money. I _____ I were a doctor.
- (d) He cannot cross a small pond, _____ a river. Actually, he can't swim well.
- (e) The teacher owns a rich library. He _____ buy any more book.
- (f) Swimming is a good exercise. When I was young, I _____ swim.
- (g) A: _____ the road to Rangamati _____?
B: It's good but it has some dangerous turns.
- (h) Impure water is harmful for health. We _____ drink pure water always.
- (i) You are now going on a tour. Keep a first-aid kit with you _____ you cut yourself.
- (j) _____ should be a solution to this problem. We should try to solve this problem as soon as possible.

4. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases.

- a) Time is very valuable. Those who shone in life _____.
- b) It is very cold today. You will be sick unless _____.
- c) Since he behaved badly, _____. Actually, he misbehaves with everybody.

- d) This year crops did not grow well because of _____ . The price of all necessary things is rising day by day.
- e) It is high time _____ . It is detrimental to health.
- f) Faysal got a scholarship. He opened a bank account so that _____ .
- g) Yesterday I had an interview at Motijheel. Although it was peak hour, _____ .
- h) Sabina's father died of heart attack. _____ than she burst into tears.
- i) The final exam is near. Our English teacher gave us some special tips lest _____ .
- j) Although the man is 60 years old, _____ . It is his food habit and physical exercise that makes him look so.

5. Complete the following text with right forms of the verbs given in the box:

One day a scholar (a) _____ (cross) a river with a boat. Suddenly a ghastly wind (b) _____ (begin) to blow. The scholar (c) _____ (tremble) with fear. The boatman (d) _____ (say) to him, "Do you (e) _____ (know) how to swim?" The answer from the scholar (f) _____ (be) in negative. Then the boatman said, "Very soon you (g) _____ (go) to be (h) _____ (drown). You (i) _____ (have) a lot of academic knowledge but it (j) _____ (come) to use at this moment.

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b	f	j
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6. Read the following passage and transform the underlined sentences as directed:

(a) Traffic jam is the most serious problem in Dhaka city. (Comparative) (b) It is now a common affair. (Negative) (c) Sometimes a traffic jam is so acute that it blocks about half a kilometer of the street. (Compound) (d) It kills our valuable time and work. (Passive) (e) However, this problem can be solved by adopting some pragmatic steps.(Complex).

a.	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ZONE <i>Committed to better teaching</i>
b.	
c.	
d.	
e.	

7. Change the narrative style by using direct speeches.

"Will you go to college today?" the mother said to her son. "No, mother, our classes are suspended." "Then go to the market and bring some vegetables." "Let me be ready and give me money."

8. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

Observe a good teacher and one will see that he does not sit motionless before his class. One walks about the class and uses his eyes, arms, hands and fingers as a means of communication with his students. The fact that he is a good actor does not, however, mean that a good teacher will act well on a theatrical stage. He is an actor in that sense. He shares some qualities of a good actor. He is quite different from the stage actor. He has to speak out his fixed and memorized words. He cannot go beyond that. He is chained to his



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fixed speech. On the other hand, the teacher actor plays his role in his own style. He is not chained to fixed rules.

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

Mother Teresa was a (a) _____ (pre-modify the noun) woman. She was born in the then Yugoslavia. When she was a young girl, she swore (b) _____ (post modify the verb with an infinitive phrase) for the service of mankind. She wanted to serve the (c) _____ (pre-modify the noun) people. When she was eighteen, she decided to be a nun (d) _____ (post modify the verb with an infinitive) her purpose. (e) _____ (pre-modify the verb with a present participle) she came to Calcutta. There she joined a school (f) _____ (post modify the verb with infinitive) the poor children. She also served lepers (g) _____ (post modify the verb). She sacrificed her life (h) _____ (post modify the verb with an infinitive) mankind. The whole world knows her as (i) _____ (pre-modify the noun with a noun adjective) Teresa. She was awarded (j) _____ (use a noun adjective to modify the noun) prize for peace.

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

Dowry is a social curse. This system prevails in our society. (a) _____, there is no written statement about this system. (b) _____ it is available in our society. (c) _____, it is a tradition that exposes our narrow mentality. (d) _____, it is an inhuman torture for both the brides and their guardians. (e) _____, the bridal guardians have to suffer a lot to meet up the demand of the bridegroom. (f) _____, the brides are to undergo mental and even physical torture in their in laws houses for being unable to pay the dowry (g) _____, this social curse must be removed. (h) _____, laws against dowry should be enforced strictly. (i) _____, female education should be ensured and more employment opportunities have to be created. (j) _____, public awareness should be increased.

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11. Read the following text and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below.

Answer to the question in the examination should be to the point. You should not enlarge your answer unnecessarily. When you write prompt ideas, you can shorten you sentences. Unnecessary exaggeration of the answer is deliberately wastage of time. This sport of answer displeases the examiners and they get irritated and do not want to give high marks.

(a) enlarge (synonym), (b) unnecessarily (antonym), (c) prompt (synonym), (d) shorten (antonym), (e) exaggeration (synonym) (f) deliberately (synonym), (g) wastage (synonym), (h) displease (antonym), (i) irritated (antonym), (j) high (antonym)

Word	Synonym	Antonym	Word	Synonym	Antonym

12. There are errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correction

Joy : Hello Shamim, Howre you?

Shamim : Fine thanks. And you?

Joy : Fine. Whatre you thinking about selecting future profession?

Shamim : I expect to be a doctor in my future!

Joy : Thanks Shamim. Its a very noble profession. But itll take a hard labour?

Shamim : What about your choice?

Joy : My ambition is to be a lawyer.

Shamim : Lawyer? Why do you want so?

Joy : I think my profession is respectable.

Shamim : Thank you joy, for having such an excellent idea about profession.

Joy : Youre welcome.

