

**MODEL QUESTION 17**

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

What is life? Life is (a)\_\_\_\_\_ challenge, meet it. (b)\_\_\_\_\_ adventure, dare it, (c)\_\_\_\_\_ affliction, overcome it. (d)\_\_\_\_\_ duty, perform it, (e)\_\_\_\_\_ mystery, unfold it. (f)\_\_\_\_\_ opportunity, take it, (g)\_\_\_\_\_ tragedy, accept it, (h)\_\_\_\_\_ agreement, fulfill it, (i)\_\_\_\_\_ endeavor, fight it and (j)\_\_\_\_\_ solve it.

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**2. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions.**

Time and tide wait (a)\_\_\_\_\_ none. A stitch (b) \_\_\_\_\_ time saves nine. Those are the two very well-known proverbs (c) \_\_\_\_\_ the significance of time. Some people don't care (d) \_\_\_\_\_ anything. They put (e) \_\_\_\_\_ a job for tomorrow though they are not sure whether tomorrow will come. (f) \_\_\_\_\_ this way, they cannot finish a work when they need it. Then they say, "Alas! If we did not fight shy (g)\_\_\_\_\_ our jobs when we had a lot of time we could be successful." So (h)\_\_\_\_\_ get (I)\_\_\_\_\_ in life we have to make (j)\_\_\_\_\_ the importance of utilizing time.

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

as soon as	what's it like	as if	have to	Had better
let alone	there	it	was born	what does look like

- (a) The police came quickly. The thief ran away \_\_\_\_\_ he saw the police coming.
- (b) Dina : I've an experience in Paris.  
Bina : I want to know life in Paris. \_\_\_\_\_ living in French style? You seem too happy with your life in France.
- (c) I lost my brother in tender age. So, Salam behaves with me \_\_\_\_\_ he were my own brother.
- (d) You \_\_\_\_\_ start for Dhaka at 3 pm.
- (e) I requested Asif to give me 1000 taka as loan. He told that he could not lend me 500 taka \_\_\_\_\_ 1000/-.
- (f) \_\_\_\_\_ was a king in India named Akber. He was very powerful.
- (g) You told many things but failed to do. \_\_\_\_\_ is easy to say but difficult to do.
- (h) Mao Setung was a communist leader. He \_\_\_\_\_ in china.
- (i) Many people believe in ghosts. In practical, \_\_\_\_\_ in seeing a guest?
- (j) Great people worked hard to succeed in life. So, we \_\_\_\_\_ work hard if we want to be successful in life.

**4. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases**

- a) The students were making noise in the classroom. No sooner had the teacher entered the class \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) I did not know that you were very busy with your examination. If I \_\_\_\_\_, I would not have come to disturb you.
- c) It is very cold today. You will be sick unless you \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) Environment is part and parcel of our life. We should keep the environment free form pollution so that \_\_\_\_\_
- e) The rain will stop soon. We have a plan to go out. We will start when \_\_\_\_\_.
- f) You are now very busy arranging the programme. Call me in case \_\_\_\_\_.
- g) 21 February is a red-letter day in our life because \_\_\_\_\_. It is our Mother Language Day.
- h) Please remember that I can't do the work alone. I will do every work provided \_\_\_\_\_
- i) Playing in the sun may make you sick. Avoid playing in the sun lest \_\_\_\_\_
- j) Bangladesh is a populous country. The area of Bangladesh is so small that \_\_\_\_\_.

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



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A few days ago, I (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) an interesting football match. It was an (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (excite) match. It (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (Play) between the top two teams of our country, Abahani and Mohammedan. On the day of the match I (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the Dhaka Stadium quite early. I (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a long line in from of the ticket counter, but I (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) not discouraged to (g) \_\_\_\_\_ (see) such a huge number of people. Having (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the crowd I hurried to the ticket counter and (i) \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) in the line. (j) \_\_\_\_\_ (think) that I would have to wait for a long time, I grew somewhat angry.

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### 6. Read the following passage and transform the underlined sentences as directed:

Bangladesh is called nature's darling child. (a) No other country of the world is so blessed with the beauty of nature as Bangladesh. (Comparative) There is always the play of light and shade in the land. (b) The banks of the rivers present an unbroken view of a variety of sights which enchant the eyes. (Compound) The blue water of Bay of Bangal soothes our turbulent mind whereas the Sundarbans presents a very spectacular view. (c) Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bangdarbans are the three hilly districts where nature has opened her wings of beauty. (Simple) (d) The beautiful lakes and fountains of crystal clear water which charm us all are easily noticeable here. (Passive) (e) The presence of tribal people there makes this place more splendid. (Complex).

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

The teacher said to the boy, "Do you think that honesty is the best policy?" The boy said, "Yes sir, I think so." "Then learn to be honest from your boyhood," said the teacher. "Thank you sir," said the boy. "May Allah grant you a long life," said the teacher to the boy.

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

On Pahela Boishakh, you can join the traditional celebration at any place all over Bangladesh. it can make your time more enjoyable by celebrating it along with your family members or friends. This will lead you to a greater understanding of our rich cultural heritage. This is an important part of creating a patriotic fervor within you. Joining it is very important for a Bengali nation.

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

A postman is (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (Pre-modify the noun) figure. Formerly he used to put on (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (Pre-modify the noun by a noun) dress with a turban on his head. A (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (Pre-modify the noun by a noun adjective) bag hung across his shoulder. But (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (Pre-modify the sentence) the outfit does not seem to matter much. The postman goes (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post-modify the verb by adverb phrase) house to house and delivers letters, parcels and money-order. In (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (Pre-modify the noun) areas he is (g) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post-modify the verb) friendly with all. But in towns and cities he maintains an (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (Pre-modify the noun) air and does not mix freely with the people. The postman is a (i) \_\_\_\_\_ (Pre-modify the noun) employee of the postal department. But the job he performs is (j) \_\_\_\_\_ (Pre-modify the adjective) important.



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

We want success (a) prosperity in life. (b) — we do not do what are needed for achieving these. (c) — we want to make our life glorious, we must follow some rules. (d) —, we have to be industrious. (e) —. without hard work, success in life is impossible. (f) —. we should be sincere in our activities. Some people think that good luck is at the root of all achievements in life. (g) — nothing is farther from truth than it. (h) — every success in life depends totally on our activities. (i) — we spend time in idleness. we must suffer. (j) — we should be honest in life because this virtue helps us greatly to gain our goal.

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

Education plays a vital role in the alleviation of poverty. In poverty alleviation, the dynamic role of education cannot be devalued. Bangladesh is placed in human development efforts at 147 out of 174 poor countries of the world. About 48% of its population live under the poverty line. So, our main concern is to alleviate poverty. The literacy rate of Bangladesh is about 65.5% which is deplorable. Female literacy rate is about 30% and male literacy rate is 49%. In the literacy programmes, women and rights should have priority as two thirds of them are illiterate. The condition of the girls is deplorable compared to that of the boys. The colossal number of drop-outs hampers the national progress and prosperity.

(a) vital (antonym), (b) alleviation (antonym), (c) poverty (synonym), (d) dynamic (synonym), (e) efforts (synonym), (f) concern (synonym), (g) deplorable (antonym), (h) priority (synonym), (i) hamper (antonym), (j) colossal (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**

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