

MODEL QUESTION 4

Unit: 3, lesson: 3/4

Read the passage below and answer the questions

21 February is a memorable day in our national history. We observe the day every year as International Mother Language Day. The day is a national holiday. On this day, we pay tribute to the martyrs who laid down their lives to establish Bangla as a state language in undivided Pakistan in 1952. This is known as the Language Movement. The seed of the Language Movement was Sown on 21 March 1948 when Mohammad Ali Zinnah, the then Governor General of Pakistan, at a public meeting in Dhaka declared that Urdu would be the only official language of Pakistan. The declaration raised a storm of protest in the eastern part of the country. The protest continued non-stop, gathering momentum day by day. It turned into a movement and reached its climax in 1952. The government outlawed all sorts of public meetings and rallies to prevent it. The students of Dhaka University defied the law and they brought out a peaceful protest procession on 21 February 1952. When the procession reached near Dhaka Medical College, the police opened fire on the students, killing Salam, Rafiq, Barkat and Jabbar. This enkindled the sparks of independent movement of Bangladesh.

21 February has been observed as Shaheed Dibosh every year throughout the country in remembrance of the martyrs of language movement of 1952. The occasion begins at the early hours of the day with mourning songs that recall the supreme sacrifices of our language martyrs. People wear black badges and go to the Shaheed Minar barefoot in procession, singing mourning songs. They place wreaths at the Minar. Many of them visit the graves of the martyrs at Azimpur graveyard and pray for them. They also attend various programmes organised in remembrance of the language martyrs. The UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) on 17 November in 1999 proclaimed February 21 as the International Mother Language Day in recognition of the sacrifices of the martyrs for the rightful place of Bangla. The day is now annually observed worldwide to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism.

1. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.

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- a) The word '**tribute**' refers to _____
- i. contribution ii. homage iii. tribe iv. transmit
- b) The word '**protest**' refers to _____
- i. deny ii. prelist iii. protection iv. contradict
- c) The word '**momentum**' refers to _____
- i. impetus ii. counterincentive iii. disincentive iv. investigation
- d) The word '**outlaw**' refers to _____
- i. decriminalize ii. to place under ban or restriction
- iii. to remove from illegal way iv. to make legal way



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- e) The word '**defy**' refers to _____
i. disobey ii. comply iii. follow iv. mind
- f) The word '**procession**' refers to _____
i. recession ii. retreat iii. regress iv. cortege
- g) The word '**enkindle**' refers to _____
i. ignite ii. douse iii. quench iv. extinguish
- h) The word '**recall**' refers to _____
i. recollection ii. unclear iii. reminisce iv. forget
- i) The word '**graveyard**' refers to _____
i. grape yard ii. orchard iii. grief iv. cemetery
- j) The word '**recognition**' refers to _____
i. acceptance ii. disavowal iii. repeat iv. remember
- k) The word '**linguistic**' refers to _____
i. nonclinical ii. verbal iii. impoverish iv. lingua
- l) The word '**diversity**' refers to _____
i. similarity ii. sameness iii. alikeness iv. variety
- m) The word '**multilingualism**' refers to _____
i. mixed language ii. mono language iii. several languages iv. bi language
- n) The police opened fire to the students of _____
i. Dhaka Medical College ii. Dhaka University iii. Dhaka Dental College iv. Dhaka College
- o) Which statement of the following is correct?
i. 21 February is a national day. ii. 21 February is observed to pay homage to the intellectual people
iii. 26 March is observed internationally iv. None of them
- p) The word "**linguistic**" is a/an _____
i) noun ii) adjective iii) adverb iv) verb
- q) The climax of something is its _____
i) final stage ii) downfall iii) reward iv) punishment

- r) What does the expression 'a storm of protest' reveal?
- i) intense contest ii) moderate demand iii) intense opposition iv) moderate opposition
- s) 21 February is a memorable day for all Bangladeshis because this is the day when _____
- i) Urdu was declared as the only state language of Pakistan
- ii) we pay tribute to martyres of Liberation War
- iii) some great people laid down their lives to establish Bangla as a state language
- iv) students protested against Mohammed Ali Jinnah's declaration
- t) What did the Pakistani government outlaw to prevent the movement?
- i) walking on the street ii) public meetings and rallies iii) traffic movement iv) talking in the public
- u) Today 21 February is observed _____
- i) all over Bangladesh ii) in Bangladesh & India iii) all over the world iv) a few countries of the world
- v) Why did the government outlaw all sorts of public meetings?
- i) people wanted it
- ii) because of the safety of the people
- iii) to stop language movement
- iv) to stop people's freedom of speech
- w) What is the purpose the author of this passage?
- i) to highlight the brutal killing of the soldiers of the then East Pakistan
- ii) to state the importance of Independence Day
- iii) to portray the brutal characteristics of Mohammed Ali Jinnah
- iv) to sketch the significance of International Mother Language Day
- x) The phrase 'as a result' means _____
- i) by dint of ii) as a consequence iii) as a preparation iv) as a whole
- y) "Urdu would be the state language of Pakistan." What does it signify?
- i) the Pakistanis would speak Urdu ii) Offices would use Urdu
- iii) All activities of the state would run in Urdu iv) none of them
- z) What does 'black badge' symbolize?
- i) sadness ii) disrespect iii) joy iv) courage



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2. Write short answers to the following questions:

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- Why do we observe 21 February as the International Mother Language Day?
- What happened when Urdu was declared as the only official language of Pakistan?
- "The seed of independence was sown in 21 February 1952". Do you agree with the comment? Why?
- Why is 21 February called Shaheed Dibosh?
- Why do people go to the Shaheed Minar? How do they go there?
- Why is 21 February now observed throughout the world every year?

On May 1st in 1886, inspired by the trade unions(2), half of the workers at the McCormic Harvester Company in Chicago went on strike demanding an eight-hour workday. Two days later, a workers' rally was held near the McCormic Hervester Company and about 6000 workers had joined it. The rally was addressed by the labour leaders. They urged the workers to stand together, to go on with their struggle and not to give in to their bosses. Just at this moment some strikebreakers started leaving the meeting place. The strikers went down the street to bring them back. Suddenly about 200 policemen attacked them with clubs and revolvers. One striker was killed instantly, five or six others were seriously wounded and many of them were badly injured.

The events of May 1, 1886 is a reminder that workers will continue to be exploited until they stand up and speak out to gain better working conditions, better pay and better lives.

3. Fill in the blanks with suitable words:

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May first is an international Workers Day. On this day in 1886, workers in Chicago city went on a (a)_____ demanding an eight hour workday. They brought out a rally which was (b)_____ by the labour leaders. Suddenly the policemen (c)_____ the rally. One striker was killed and many others were (d)_____. This tragic incidence of the workers' movement is (e)_____ as May Day all over the world.

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