

MODEL QUESTION 5

Unit: 3, lesson: 5

Read the passage below and answer the questions

26 March, our Independence Day, is the biggest state festival. The day is celebrated every year in the country with great enthusiasm and fervour. It is a national holiday. All offices, educational institutions, shops and factories remain closed on this day. The day begins with 31 gunshots. Early in the morning the President and the Prime Minister on behalf of the nation place floral wreaths at the National Musolium at Savar. Then diplomats, political parties, social and cultural organisations, and freedom fighters pay homage to the martyrs. People from all walks of life also come there with rallies and processions. There are several cultural programmes throughout the day highlighting the heroic struggle and sacrifice in 1971.

The country also witness a smartly dressed parade of defence forces, border guards, police, ansars and the VDP (Village Defense Party) at the National Parade Ground near the National Parliament. In Bangabandhu Stadium, school children, scouts and girl guides take part in various displays to entertain thousands of spectators. The educational institutions also organise their individual programmes. Sports meets and tournaments are also organised on the day including the exciting boat race in the river Buriganga.

In the evening, all major public buildings are illuminated with colourful lights. Bangla Academy, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and other socio-cultural organisations hold cultural functions. Similar functions are also arranged in other places in the country.

1. Choose the best answer from the alternates.

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- a. Our biggest state festival is _____
(i) Victory Day. (ii) Shaheed Dibosh. (iii) Pahela Baishakh. (iv) Independence Day.
- b. The celebration of Independence Day begins with _____
(i) processions. (ii) placing wreaths at the National Memorial.
(iii) gunshots. (iv) the display of parades by defence forces.
- c. The National Musolium is _____
(i) on Dhaka University campus. (ii) at Ramna Park. (iii) at Savar. (iv) near Dhaka Medical College.
- d. On Independence Day the National Parade is held _____
(i) at the National Parade ground. (ii) in the streets.
(iii) in the decorated vehicles. (iv) in Dhaka Stadium.
- e. The word 'enthusiasm' means _____
(i) decision (ii) declaration (iii) inspiration (iv) statement



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- f. The word 'homage' means _____
- (i) esteem (ii) determined (iii) disrespect (iv) state
- g) The word 'illuminated' means _____
- (i) authority (ii) enlightened (iii) planning (iv) educated
- h) What is the main purpose of the author of the passage?
- i) to highlight the celebration of Independence Day ii) to describe our tradition
- iii) to show us the way of arranging programmes iv) to show our nationalism
- i) ".....freedom fighters pay homage to the martyrs" means that they _____
- i) highlight the sacrifice of the martyrs ii) maintain silence
- iii) praise highly of the martyrs iv) show due respect and gratitude to the martyrs
- j) Which of the following activities is done on the Independence Day?
- i) illuminating all the major public buildings ii) organizing debating programmes only
- iii) organizing cultural programmes by different persons only iv) arranging fairs only
- k) VDP means _____
- i) Village Duty Police ii) Village Defend Party iii) Village Defense Police iv) Village Dutiful Police
- l) A diplomat is person who _____
- i) represents his own country ii) highlights their political and social interest to the world community
- iii) creates anarchy among people iv) participates in games and sports
- m) People from all walks of life go to Savar with _____
- i) protest ii) slogan iii) demonstration iv) relies and processions
- n) What does the phrase 'heroic struggle' means _____
- i) simple struggle ii) timid effort iii) highly courageous struggle iv) typical struggle
- o) Cultural programmes are arranged to _____
- i) display our culture ii) entertain people
- iii) illuminate our culture iv) highlight the heroic struggle and sacrifice of 1971
- p) The word **fervor** means _____
- i) pride ii) agony iii) zest iv) vow

q) Which of the following statements is false?

- i) We all pay homage to the freedom fighters
- ii) 26 March is our Independence Day
- iii) 16 December is the biggest festival of the country
- iv) we remember the sacrifice of the martyrs

r) The purpose of the parade at National Parade Ground is _____

- i) to show the military strength
- ii) to demonstrate a sense of supremacy
- iii) to show how to do parade
- iv) to show respect to the martyrs

s) What does the expression 'people from all walks of life' mean?

- i) all categories of people
- ii) all the poor people
- iii) all working class people
- iv) all ordinary people

t) The phrase 'public holiday' means _____

- i) workers holiday
- ii) holiday of the public
- iii) public day
- iv) government holiday

u) The expression 'pay homage' means _____

- i) showing respect
- ii) remembering the dead
- iii) visiting martyrs' home
- iv) pay huge sum of money

2. Write short answers to the following questions:

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- (a) Which is the biggest state festival? Give a short description about it.
- (b) How are the martyrs remembered?
- (c) What do the cultural programmes highlight?
- (d) Who place the floral wreaths first at the National Mausoleum at Savar?
- (e) Which organizations hold cultural functions?

'Pahela Boishakh' is the first day of Bangla New Year. The day is a public holiday. This day has a special significance for us as it forms a part of Bangalee culture and tradition. People from all walks of life, irrespective of their ethnic identity or religious beliefs, celebrate the day with traditional festivities. On this day, the whole of Bangladesh is in a festive mood. The day inspires people to start life with renewed hopes and inspirations. Every year the day is celebrated traditionally. People wake up early in the morning, have a bath and wear their traditional clothes. Women wear white saris with red borders and adorn themselves with colourful churis and flowers, while men dress themselves with pajamas and punjabis. It is a day when people love eating traditional food. This day the most colourful event is held in Dhaka. Early in the morning, people in hundreds and thousands pour in from all directions to attend the cultural function at Ramna Batamul organised by Chhyanata. The cultural programme begins just with sunrise and the renowned artists of the country take part in the program that starts with the famous Tagore-song Esho-he-Boishakh, Esho Esho Artists also sing traditional folk songs, and display classical dances with the rhythm of musical instruments.



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3. Fill in the blanks with suitable words.

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Pahela Baishakh, the first day of Bangla month is the day of (a)_____ for the Bangalees. On this day men, women, and children (b)_____ special Boishakhi dress, eat Boishakhi foods and join colourful (c)_____. The biggest carnival of the day is (d)_____ by the students of Fine Arts, Dhaka University. Pahela Baishakh is a day of cultural unity and (e)_____ for the Bangladeshi people.

