



## MODEL QUESTION 22

Unit: 12, lesson: 2

Read the following passage and answer the questions following it

Mainul Islam is a qualified farmer in Naogaon. Mr Islam was very brilliant as a student. He took his higher education from Bangladesh Agricultural University in Mymensingh. After completing his higher education Mainul came back home and started advanced farming. He has two other brothers who are graduates in different areas. The specialty of the Islam family is that they all are living in their village and all have fame in their own fields. His younger brother, who is a Rajshahi University graduate, is a science teacher in a local school. His youngest brother is a social science graduate and he too would like to start a local NGO to work for this area. When asked “What makes you decide to stay here in this village?”, Mr Islam smiled. He said, “Look, it’s true that we could leave this village for a city life. I could be an officer or my brother could be a bureaucrat. But it didn’t attract us. We are sons of this soil. Yes, we have education but does education prepare a person only to be an officer? Don’t we have any obligation to the soil that has made us what we are?” He also added that every educated individual shouldn’t be a job seeker. He continued that since his discipline was Agriculture, after his education he took the occupation of a farmer. In response to the question whether they have any frustrations to live in a village, he confirmed that they were very pleased with their life. He said, “I work in my own farm, stay with my family members, pass time with my old friends, and sleep at my own home. All these count a lot.” Mr. Islam is right. Many people go to cities and forget or loosen their roots knowingly or unknowingly. Mr. Islam and his brothers are great - they never forgot their roots. They not only stuck to their own roots, they have been torch bearers for others to be respectful of their own roots.

1. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.

1x7=7

- (a) Which of the following has the closest meaning of the word **obligation**?
- (i) responsibility      (ii) motiveless      (iii) irresponsibility      (iv) omission
- (b) Which of the following has the closest meaning of the word **individual**?
- i) prior      ii) identification      iii) personality      iv) preserve
- (c) Which of the following has the closest meaning of the word **stuck**?
- i) struck      ii) stick      iii) abhor      iv) adhere
- (d) Mainul Islam took the occupation of a \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) physician      (ii) farmer      (iii) teacher      (iv) officer
- (e) Which of the following statement is true?
- i) Mainul Islam was a meritorious student      ii) Mainul Islam was a dull student
- iii) Mainul Islam was a normal student      iv) Mainul Islam an average student

- (f) Mainul Islam started \_\_\_\_\_  
i) farming                      ii) gardening                      iii) fishing                      iv) swimming
- (g) Which of the following has the closest meaning of the word **frustration**?  
i) upset                      ii) inspiration                      iii) courage                      iv) inspire
- (h) According to Mr. Islam, should not be the only motto of education \_\_\_\_\_  
i. acquisition of knowledge    ii. to be aware of responsibilities    iii. job seeking    iv. fellow feeling
- (i) Which quality of Mainul describes him best in the passage?  
i. He is a graduate                      ii. He is an educated farmer  
iii. He does not like conventional jobs    iv. He shows responsibility to his root
- (j) Mainul's younger brother graduated from \_\_\_\_\_  
i. Agricultural University    ii. Rajshahi University    iii. Dhaka University    iv. Rajshahi College
- (k) "People forget their roots"-What does '**root**' mean here?  
i. country-side    ii. lower portions of trees    iii. place of birth and its surroundings    iv. world heritage
- l) Who is combined with NGO?  
i. younger brother    ii. youngest brother    iii. relative    iv. Mainul himself
- (m) What should the individual be?  
i. should be a doctor    ii. should be job seeker    iii. should be self-employed    iv. should be employed
- (n) What is the meaning of the phrase '**came back**'?  
i. advanced    ii. returned    iii. forwarded    iv. went
- (o) Because of being \_\_\_\_\_ Mainul Islam has been able to receive higher education.  
i. richness    ii. a son of a rich family    iii. meritorious    iv. intellectually
- (p) What is the specialty of Mr. Islam as a farmer?  
i. He lives in the village                      ii. He is an educated farmer  
iii. He has another two brothers    iv. He knows everything well
- (q) What is the closest meaning of '**bureaucrat**'?  
i. artisan    ii. administrator    iii. politician    iv. craftsman



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2. Answer the following questions.

2x5=10

- Where do Mr. Islam and his two brothers live?
- What did Mr. Islam start and when?
- How many brothers does he have and what do they do?
- Who never forget their roots?
- Do you like Mr. Islam? Why/ Why not?

Read the following passage and answer the question following it

Michael Madhusudan Dutt was a popular 19th-century Bengali poet and dramatist. He was born in Sagordari on the bank of the Kopotaksho River, a village in Keshobpur Upozila under Jessore district. From an early age, Dutt aspired to be an Englishman in form and manner. Though he was born in a sophisticated Hindu family, he took Christianity as a young man, much to the ire of his family, and adopted the first name Michael. In his childhood, he was recognized by his teachers as a precious child with a gift of literary talent. His early exposure to English education and European literature at home and college inspired him to imitate the English in taste, manners and intellect. Since his adolescence he started believing that he was born on the wrong side of the planet, and that his society was unable to appreciate his intellect. He also believed that the West would be more receptive to his creative genius. Michael was an ardent follower of the famous English poet Lord Byron. So after adopting Christianity, he went to Europe and started composing poetry and drama almost entirely in English. They proved his higher level of intellectual ability. However, he failed to gain the right appreciation. With his utter frustrations he saw that he was not regarded as a native writer of English literature.

3. Fill in the blank with suitable word. Use one word only in each blank.

1× 5 = 5

Michael had great (a)\_\_\_\_\_ for English society from his early age. He had a strong will to be an Englishman. He also believed that the west would be more receptive to his (b)\_\_\_\_\_ genius. So he changed his own (c)\_\_\_\_\_. Afterwards he understood his wrong (d)\_\_\_\_\_. Then he composed a sonnet in Bangla Kopotaksha Nad which (e)\_\_\_\_\_ him huge reputation and came back to Bengal.