

ENGLISH (COMPULSORY)
[According to the syllabus of 2026]7/A
First Paper
Time— 1 hour
Full Marks – 37
Subject code: 107

[N.B-The figures in the right margin indicate full marks.]

1. Read the following text and fill in each gap with a suitable word based on the information of the text. **1x5=5**

Among the most significant causes of soil pollution is the enormous volume of industrial waste which is being produced every day but not disposed properly.

The mismanagement of household wastes, particularly the polythene shopping bags, has caused serious threat to the soil and the drainage system. Another cause for soil pollution is the use of agricultural pesticides, fertilizers, etc. Sometimes fuel leakages from automobiles may get washed away by rain and seep into the nearby soil.

Pesticides and fertilizers are useful for plant growth but their overuse has led to soil pollution. Natural fertilizers and compost can be used instead of their alternatives. Recycling is another way to reduce and control soil pollution. Recycling papers, plastics and other materials reduces the volume of refuse in landfills. De-forestation also causes erosion, pollution and the loss of fertility in the topsoil. Planting trees and re-forestation help prevent soil erosion and pollution.

Soil pollution is primarily caused by (a) _____ disposal of industrial waste and household items like polythene bags. The (b) _____ use of pesticides and fertilizers harms the soil, and fuel leaks from vehicles can (c) _____ it. Using organic fertilizers, recycling materials, and (d) _____ trees can help reduce soil pollution. Deforestation leads to erosion and loss of fertility, so (e) _____ plays a vital role in protecting the soil.

1. Choose the best answer from the alternates.

1x7=7

a) The word "encapsulates" refers to:

- i) Hides ii) Summarizes iii) Complicates iv) Erases

b) The word "covert" refers to:

- i) Open ii) Hidden iii) Clear iv) Public

c) The word "spontaneity" refers to:

- i) Carefulness ii) Impulsiveness iii) Control iv) Awareness

d) What does "pseudonymous" mean?

- i) Written under a false name ii) Completely unknown
iii) Authored collaboratively iv) Clearly identified

e) Noor Hossain was a protester who:

- i) Painted slogans on his chest during a protest ii) Organized peaceful rallies
iii) Delivered speeches against autocracy iv) Used graffiti to decorate public spaces

f) Graffiti during the 1966 protests played a key role in:

- i) Supporting military rule ii) Highlighting student demands
iii) Mobilizing resistance against Ayub Khan iv) Promoting cultural events

g) Noor Hossain's act of painting "Down with Autocracy" on his chest was meant to:

- i) Showcase artistic skills ii) Protest against the Ershad regime
iii) Celebrate democracy's success iv) Support existing political leaders

2. Write short answers to the following questions:

2x5=10

- a. How did graffiti in Bangladesh serve as a form of resistance during political struggles?
b. What was the significance of Noor Hossain's act of painting "Down with Autocracy" on his chest?
c. How did the use of graffiti evolve in Bangladesh from the 1960s to the present day?
d. What emotions did Monowara Begum express after her son Abu Sayeed's death, and why?

e. How did the slogan "The country is nobody's father's" reflect the sentiments of the protesters during the July uprising?

3. Answer the following questions [any five]

2x5=10

- a) What problem was Rosamond having with her shoes?
- b) Why did the jar no longer look purple?
- c) What did Rosamond's mother tell her about buying things?
- d) What was special about the purple jar that Rosamond wanted?
- e) How did the Milliner's shop look like?
- f) How did Rosamond's mother teach her about buying useful things?
- g) What did Rosamond see in the shop windows?
- h) How old was Rosamond?

4. Suppose you are Labib/Lbiba and your friend Rashed/Rasheda. Now make a dialogue between two about the importance of games and sports in our life.

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