

## ENGLISH SECOND PAPER

### 1. Dhaka Board-2019

English (Compulsory) 2nd Paper

Part A: Grammar: 60 Marks

1. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (×) in those blanks: — 0.5×10=5
- (a) — parliament house of Bangladesh is (b) — exquisitely designed building. In fact, it is (c) — wonder of modern architecture and technology. It is one of (d) — largest and most spectacular parliament buildings in (e) — world. It is (f) — highly expensive building. (g) — maintenance cost of the parliament house is about 50 million taka per year. An American architect (h) — Louis I Kahn designed this (i) — building. Everyday many (j) — visitor comes to visit the building.
2. Complete the text with suitable prepositions: — 0.5×10=5
- Mr. Reza works (a) — a clerk in a local school. He is poor but honest. His honesty is known (b) — everyone in his locality. He often suffers (c) — hunger. He is deprived (d) — comfort and many other things. Nevertheless, he does not long (e) — wealth. He never hankers (f) — name and fame. He leads his life (g) — honest means. He is satisfied (h) — what he has. But sometimes he runs into debt and poverty is responsible (i) — this debt. However, he does not like to depend (j) — others.
3. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box: — 0.5×10=5

would you mind	there
as soon as	was born
it is high time	as if
would rather	unless
what does.... look like	have to

- (a) Your enemies are looking for you. — you left this place.
- (b) It is raining heavily. — closing the window?
- (c) Rifat often behaves — he were a prince. It becomes very difficult for me to tolerate him.
- (d) Humayun Ahmed was a teacher, author, dramatist and filmmaker. He — on 13 November 1948.
- (e) — you work hard, you will not make a good result.
- (f) I — resign my job than tolerate injustice. I have moral courage to raise voice against injustice.
- (g) Son: — a satellite —?
- Father: I have heard of it but never got a chance to see it.
- (h) We informed the police — the incident took place. But the police didn't arrive even after two hours.
- (i) Our society is full of bad persons. We — remain aware of them.
- (j) — is a hue and cry on the road. Something must have happened.
4. Complete the following sentences with suitable clauses/phrases: — 0.5×10=5
- (a) We are late. The class will start soon. Walk fast lest —.
- (b) There goes a proverb that —. So, we must make a proper use of time.
- (c) The condition of Mitu's father was not well. If I knew his mobile number, —.
- (d) Though Bangladesh is a small country, —. We are proud of our world heritage sites.
- (e) We are a free nation now. 1971 is the year when —.
- (f) English is an international language. —, you cannot get a good job.
- (g) I found a box in the room. The box was too heavy for —.
- (h) I was really in a great danger. He came here with a view to —.
- (i) I can't recall his name. It is long since —.
- (j) Time will decide everything. Do your best —.
5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context: — 0.5×10=5
- Cricket is a popular game. Both the young and the old (a) — (get) pleasure from this game. In fact, cricket (b) — (call) the gentlemen's game. It (c) — (entertain) us with politeness and discipline. A sense of brotherhood and fraternity (d) — (create) among the playing nations through it. At present cricket is the most popular game in Bangladesh. The English (e) — (play) it here in this subcontinent and since then it (f) — (become) an integral part of our entertainment. Our team (g) — (consist) of skilled players. They already (h) — (show) their performance in several matches. But it is a matter of sorrow that sometimes our players (i) — (play) so poorly that our countrymen (j) — (become) astonished.
6. Read the text and change the sentences as directed: — 1×5=5
- You must have heard the name of Bayazid Bostami. (a) He was one of the greatest saints of Islam. (Positive) One night he was learning his lessons. (b) At that time, his mother asked him for a glass of water. (Passive) (c) There was no drinking water in the house, so he went out to fetch it. (Complex) (d) When he came back, he found his mother sleeping. (Compound) Then he passed the whole night standing with a glass of water beside his mother. (e) He showed a great love and respect to his mother. (Exclamatory)

7. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches: —  
 "Where do you like to go, sir?" asked the ticket seller. "Cox's Bazar" replied the stranger. "How many tickets do you need?" "I will buy five tickets." "Take these tickets. They will cost three thousand taka," said the ticket seller.

8. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentences so that all pronoun references are clear: — 1×5=5

Autism is a physical disorder of the brain who causes a lifelong developmental disability. Unfortunately, a number of boys and girls become victim of it after their birth. Children with autism vary widely in their activities, abilities, behaviours, etc. and the symptoms may appear differently in him. The sorrows and sufferings of the parents of those know no bounds. Though the autistic children are quite different in activities from the normal children, they should not be neglected. Rather, we have a great responsibility towards them.

9. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces: — 0.5×10=5

Arsenic is a (a) — (pre-modify the noun) substance. It is (b) — (use an intensifier to pre-modify the adjective) dangerous for human health. (c) — (use a demonstrative to pre-modify the noun) substance is found in the water of the tubewell. There are (d) — (use a quantifier to pre-modify the noun) villages in (e) — (use possessive to pre-modify the noun) country. Most of our (f) — (use a noun adjective to pre-modify the noun) people drink tubewell water. As a result, many of them are suffering from arsenic problem. This problem is (g) — (pre-modify the verb) found in North Bengal. We should take proper measures (h) — (post-modify the verb with an infinitive phrase). Government is trying to mark the tubewells having arsenic (i) — (use a participle to post-modify the verb) red colour. People should be refrained from drinking water of (j) — (use demonstrative to pre-modify the noun) tubewells. Otherwise, they will suffer from arsenicosis.

10. Fill in the blanks with suitable linking words/sentence connectors: — 0.5×10=5

Trees are a vital part of our environment. (a) —, they bear a great impact on the climate. (b) —, we are not kind and careful about them. (c) —, we destroy trees at random. (d) —, one day the country will bear the consequence of greenhouse effect. (e) — ours is an agricultural country, our economy depends on agriculture. (f) —, trees play a vital role on our climate. (g) —, trees keep soil strong and protect it. (h) —, trees save us from flood and many other natural calamities. (i) —, trees provide us with timber which is of great use specially in construction works and for making furniture. (j) —, trees are our best friends.

11. Read the following passage and then write the antonyms or synonyms of the words as directed below: 0.5×10=5

After the flight of Yuri Gagarin, the first human being to travel to outer space in 1961, the Soviet Union decided to send a woman in space. Proletarian Valentina Tereshkova was selected for this project from among more than four hundred applicants. Since the successful launch of the spacecraft Vostok-5 on 14 June 1963, Tereshkova began preparing for her own flight. On 16 June 1963, she was dressed in space-suits and taken to the space shuttle launch pad by a bus. After completing her communication and life support checks, she was sealed inside Vostok-6. Finishing a two-hour countdown, Vostok-6 launched faultlessly. Although Tereshkova experienced nausea and physical discomfort for much of the flight, she orbited the earth 48 times and spent almost three days in space. She also maintained a flight log and took photographs of the horizon, which were later used to identify aerosol layers within the atmosphere.

(a) outer (antonym); (b) proletarian (synonym); (c) launch (synonym); (d) prepare (synonym); (e) began (antonym); (f) faultless (antonym); (g) nausea (synonym); (h) discomfort (antonym); (i) maintain (synonym); (j) later (antonym).

12. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors: — 0.5×10=5

Student : Excuse me sir I want to discuss with you some grammatical problems.  
 Teacher : What class are you in  
 Student : Sir I am in class XI I am a newly admitted student here.  
 Teacher : Okay tell me your problems  
 Student : I want to understand the difference between a phrase and a clause.  
 Teacher : Dont worry. Ill help you understand the difference.

### Part B: Composition: 40 Marks

13. On behalf of the students of your class, write an application to the Principal of your college for providing multimedia facilities in the classroom. 8
14. Suppose, you are a reporter of an English Daily. Now, write a report for your newspaper on food adulteration and its damning consequences. 8
15. Write a paragraph on 'Environment Pollution'. Use about 150 words. 10
16. Internet is influencing our young generation both positively and negatively. Write a composition on the 'Uses and Abuses of Internet'. Write at least 200 words but don't exceed 250 words. 14

## 2. Cumilla Board-2019

English (Compulsory) 2<sup>nd</sup> Paper

Part A: Grammar 60 Marks

1. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (×) in those blanks: — 0.5×10=5

An honest man is true to his (a) — words. He does not deviate from (b) — path of honesty. He knows that true happiness consists of (c) — honesty. He does not fall victim to (d) — greed. He does not hanker after (e) — worldly property. (f) — honest man abstains himself from corruption. He does not mix with (g) — corrupt people. He is (h) — man who tries to get pleasure from good deeds. (i) — greed for wealth does not touch him. People should follow the path of (j) — honest people of the society.

0.5×10=5

2. Complete the following text with suitable prepositions: —

Preposition connects all types (a) — words together and supports them to make better sense (b) — the readers. They help us to understand the relationship (c) — objects. (d) — example, the book and the table are (e) — the kitchen. This ensures you a basic understanding. If we add another preposition, it makes it even clearer. This book is (f) — top of the table (g) — the kitchen. We have a clear picture (h) — our mind (i) — the relation of those two objects and their relationship (j) — each other.

0.5×10=5

3. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box: —

what does.....look like	how to	in order that	it is high time	was born
had to	what's it like	let alone	unless	lest

- (a) The child cannot walk — run in the field.  
 (b) Tareq Ahmed is a renowned teacher. He — in 1960.  
 (c) At present, the children do not know — swim in water.  
 (d) Parents — work hard to take care of their children.  
 (e) Rima studies hard — GPA-5 should be missed.  
 (f) Father, — a ghost — ?  
 (g) Tanisha went to college — she could learn something.  
 (h) — people stopped corruption from society.  
 (i) — swimming in the river? For the first time, it seems new experience for all.  
 (j) You will not succeed in life — you work hard.
4. Complete the sentences with suitable clauses/phrases: — 0.5×10=5
- (a) Samudra Haque is a great journalist. Do you know where — ?  
 (b) Unity is power. Unless you are united, you — .  
 (c) Work carefully lest — .  
 (d) Shabbir Khan is a quack. He behaves as though — .  
 (e) It is very cold. I have to put on warm clothes so that — .  
 (f) Could you avoid — ?  
 (g) A proverb goes that morning — .  
 (h) Democratic Govt. will provide — .  
 (i) Let us play in the field, — ?  
 (j) The bee is one of the busiest insects. We should follow the — .

5. Read the following text and fill in the gaps with the right form of verbs as per subject and context: — 0.5×10=5

(a) — (Teach) is a noble profession. A teacher (b) — (teach) his students from the core of his heart. He teaches his students with a view to (c) — (give) the light of education. By (d) — (get) the light of education, students can (e) — (enlighten) their inside. The students (f) — (learn) their lessons now as their teachers (g) — (instruct) them. But the students now-a-days act as though they (h) — (know) everything. They are not (i) — (pay) heed to their teachers' advice. But the students must be careful in their studies lest they (j) — (fail) to secure good marks.

6. Read the text and transform the sentences as directed: — 1×5=5

Dowry is a curse for our society. It darkens the lives of many women. Dowry hampers the peace of the society (Make it passive). The brutal condition of the dark age must be stopped soon (Make it active). This is one of the major problems of Bangladesh (Make it positive). The dowry seekers are very greedy and demand money from bride's father (Make it simple). What an unworthy crime the dowry is! (Make it Assertive).

7. **Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches:** — 5  
 "Why are you loitering here and there now? Are you in trouble?" said the school teacher. "I am loitering because I have none to take care of me," said the boy. The school teacher said, "Do you feel hungry?" "Yes, I am very hungry now", said the boy.
8. **Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph where necessary. Rewrite the sentences so that all pronoun references are clear:** —  $1 \times 5 = 5$   
 Women are now-a-days as important as men in society. She constitutes nearly half of the total population. No nation can make real progress keeping half of it in the dark. Without the improvement of the women's status, it is not at all possible. Again, without education, women cannot be uplifted. So, proper education should be given to her so that they can work hand in hand with them in all development programmes.
9. **Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces:** —  $0.5 \times 10 = 5$   
 Newspaper plays a very (a) — (pre-modify the noun) role in modern civilization. It publishes news and views of home and abroad. Only (b) — (pre-modify the noun) knowledge is not enough in this competitive world. A newspaper helps a man (c) — (post-modify the verb with infinitive) his general knowledge. Besides, academic books, one should read newspapers (d) — (post-modify the verb). Newspaper helps one (e) — (post-modify the verb with an infinitive) the facts of the world. (f) — (pre-modify the verb with a participle phrase) regularly, one can be aware of everything. There are (g) — (pre-modify the noun) kinds of newspapers. One should select the newspaper (h) — (post-modify the verb). One should choose the (i) — (pre-modify the noun) newspaper because many newspapers present news partially. Whatever the paper is, it (j) — (pre-modify the verb) helps a man.
10. **Fill in the blanks with suitable linking words/sentence connectors:** —  $0.5 \times 10 = 5$   
 Unemployment is a great curse. (a) — all the countries of the world suffer from the curse. (b) — nowhere in the world, this problem is so acute as in our country. (c) — there are many reasons behind it. (d) —, our country is industrially backward. (e) — our traditional education system is not service oriented. (f) —, our students and youths have false sense of dignity. (g) —, they run after jobs only. (h) —, unemployment problem should be removed at any cost. (i) — our education system should be changed. (j) — more mills and factories should be established.
11. **Read the following passage and then write the antonyms or synonyms of the words as directed below:** —  $0.5 \times 10 = 5$

Modern education is somewhat different from the past. In method, it seeks to draw out and improve the mind to make it eager and curious. It depends more on observation than mere bookish knowledge. A mind that is intellectually alert will learn from books. It develops the latent talent of any individual. Teachers play vital role in teaching the students. They aren't just instructors. Rather, they support and guide students so that the students can succeed in their way of life.

- (a) different (Synonym) (b) seek (Synonym)  
 (c) eager (Antonym) (d) observation (Synonym)  
 (e) mere (Antonym) (f) alert (Synonym)  
 (g) latent (Antonym) (h) instructor (Synonym)  
 (i) guide (Antonym) (j) way (Synonym)
12. **There are ten mistakes in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Re-write the text correcting the mistakes:** —  $0.5 \times 10 = 5$
- Sajid : Hurrah weve won the match.  
 Sifat : What match Sajid  
 Sajid : The football match between your school team and our school team.  
 Sifat : Oh my Almighty! How did it happen?  
 Sajid : We won by 3 goals to one (1);  
 Sifat : I thought our team was better than yours.  
 Sajid : The result shows who is better.  
 Sifat : Anyway, well do better next year.  
 Sajid : Best of luck sifaf.

### Part B: Composition 40 Marks

13. Suppose, you are Masum, a student of class XI of Bogura Govt. College, Bogura. Your younger sister, Tabassum, is indifferent to multi-media class in her school. Send an e-mail to her as an advice on the **importance of attending multi-media class regularly.** 8
14. Suppose, you are a Staff Reporter of a national daily "The Daily Swadesh Pratidin". You are advised to make a report on the **increasing number of 'Road Accident' in your district.** 8
15. Launching of satellite in space is an epoch-making fact in the history of Bangladesh. Now, write a paragraph on **"Bangabandhu Satellite-1"** within 150 words. 10
16. Everybody has an aim in life. No one can succeed in life without an aim in life. Now, write a composition on **"Your Aim in Life"** within 200-250 words. 14

**3. Rajshahi Board-2019**

English (Compulsory) 2nd Paper

Part A: Grammar: 60 Marks

1. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks: 0.5×10=5

The national flag represents (a) — independence of (b) — country. Ours is (c) — independent country. Hence, we have a national flag symbolizing our independence. (d) — cloth of a national flag is made of (e) — cotton, silk or linen. Our flag is rectangular in shape maintaining (f) — ratio of its length and breadth 10:6. There are different sizes of national flag. The background of our flag is green which symbolizes our life and energy. In the middle point of the flag there is (g) — blood-red circle representing our hard struggle and blood-shed. (h) — red circle also represents the heroic blood-shed of (i) — martyrs. The national flag plays (j) — vital role in the life of a nation.

2. Complete the text with suitable prepositions: — 0.5×10=5

When the sun was setting (a) — the treetops, the jailor came (b) — the room of Socrates to bid him prepare (c) — death. In those days, people were sentenced to death by giving a cup (d) — poison in Athens. Socrates knew this and he nodded (e) — the jailor. Bursting (f) — tears the jailor went out of the room and returned (g) — a cup of hemlock. Socrates lifted the cup to his lips. His pupils tried to keep back their tears but soon the room was filled (h) — the sound of weeping. With the cup of poison (i) — hand, Socrates said, "What is the strange sound? I have heard that a man should die (j) — peace. So be silent and have patience."

3. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box. 0.5×10=5

had better	let alone	what does ..... look like	as soon as	as if
there	would you mind	would rather	it	was born

(a) Our spring is very charming. During spring various kinds of flowers bloom. — seems that everything has got a new life.

(b) Baby: Mom, — an owl —?

(c) Don't disturb me, you — leave me alone at this moment.

(d) The poor man — starve than beg.

(e) — exists no life on Mars.

(f) — taking tea with me?

(g) Sir Walter Scott was both a poet and a novelist. He — in 1771.

(h) She acts — she were mad.

(i) — we reached the station, the train started.

(j) He did not even see a hill, — a mountain.

4. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases. 0.5×10=5

(a) Florence Nightingale wanted to be a nurse with a view to —.

(b) She was thirty years old when —.

(c) If a man sows good seeds, —.

(d) I got up late today. Let's take a taxi so that —.

(e) A village doctor is a person who —. He is the best friend to the villagers.

(f) She said, "It is high time we —."

(g) I wish I could fly in the sky. If I had the wings of a bird, I —.

(h) I don't know why you go there, most probably —.

(i) But all sorts of attempts to solve food problem will fail unless —.

(j) He who follows two hares —.

5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context: 0.5×10=5

A poor man was once (a) — (put) in a jail, although he (b) — (do) no wrong. After a long time, the king of the state (c) — (visit) the jail and the man told him that he was innocent but a case (d) — (file) against him by some of his enemies. The king (e) — (inquire) privately and (f) — (find) that it was true. He (g) — (give) the man some money and set him free. The man went straight to the market. In a shop there, wild birds (h) — (keep) in cages for sale. He said to the shopkeeper, I wish to buy all the birds of your shop. These birds unjustly (i) — (imprison) and I like to (j) — (set) them free.

6. Read the following sentences and change them as directed in the bracket:— 1×5=5
- Tell me your age. (Complex)
  - Some poets are at least as great as Tennyson (Superlative)
  - What though the field be lost? (Assertive)
  - My watch was lost. (Active)
  - He confessed that he was guilty. (Simple)
7. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches: 5
- A cat hearing that a hen was laid up sick in her nest, paid her a visit of condolence and said, "How are you, my dear? What can I do for you? Only tell me. Is there anything in the world that I can bring for you?" "Thank you" said the hen. "Do you be good enough to leave me, and I have no fear but I shall soon be well."
8. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, re-write the sentences so that all pronoun references are clear:— 0.5×10=5
- Salam and Salma are siblings. They read in a local primary school. Salam is in class five whereas her sister, Salma reads in class three. They go to school together. Sometimes they take rickshaw because it is five kilometers away from his home. Today, she is going to school with her father because her brother Salam is sick. He is taking medicine and bed rest.
9. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces:— 1×5=5
- Taking food is essential. We take food (a) — (use an infinitive phrase to post-modify the verb). We cannot survive on earth if we do not take food. In fact (b) — (use a quantifier to pre-modify the noun phrase) living beings need to take food. But it is a matter of great regret that (c) — (use possessive to pre-modify the noun) food is being adulterated. (d) — (use a noun adjective to pre-modify the noun) adulteration is increasing (e) — (use an intensifier to pre-modify the adverb) alarmingly that we cannot stop it. (f) — (use a determiner to pre-modify the noun phrase) dishonest businessmen use (g) — (pre-modify the noun) chemicals in food and fruits to make illegal and quick money. But they do not think about (h) — (use a possessive to pre-modify the noun) health. (i) — (use present participle) adulterated food, people get sick. They are often attacked with different fatal diseases. So (j) — (use a gerund) food safety is a must today.
10. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage:— 0.5×10=5
- Unemployment is a great problem in our country. (a) —, it is the burning question of the day. (b) — almost all the countries of the world suffer from the curse of unemployment problem. (c) — Bangladesh is the worst sufferer of this so called problem. (d) — nowhere in the world this problem is so acute as in our country. (e) — there are many reasons behind it. (f) — our country is industrially backward. (g) — our system of education fails to give a student an independent start of life. (h) — it has little provision for vocational training. (i) — our students and youths have false sense of dignity. (j) — they run after jobs blindly.
11. Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below:— 0.5×10=5
- Human life is dynamic. Everyone, therefore, must have a plan to do something or to be something in life. And that is one's aim in life. A man without an aim has no direction and can never go ahead as expected. So everyone should choose a profession which suits him most. The choice of profession depends on one's taste, interest, aptitude and ability. These vary from person to person. Teaching is a noble profession. The teachers are nation-builders. They educate the children and train them to become good and useful citizen in future.
- (a) dynamic (antonym); (b) plan (antonym); (c) aim (synonym); (d) direction (synonym); (e) profession (synonym); (f) suit (antonym); (g) aptitude (antonym); (h) vary (synonym); (i) educate (synonym); (j) citizen (antonym).
12. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors. 0.5×10=5
- Youve cut off your hair, asked Jim, laboriously as if he had not arrived at that patent fact yet even after the hardest mental labor. Cut it off and sold it, said Della. Dont you like me just as well, anyhow Im me without my hair aint I Jim looked about the room curiously. You say your hair is gone he said with an air of almost idiocy.
- Part B: Composition: 40 Marks**
13. Write an application to the Principal of your college requesting him for allowing to go for a study tour. 8
14. Suppose, you are a reporter of the Daily Star. You have recently visited the Rohingya camps at Teknaf in Cox's Bazar. Now write a report on it. Give a title to your report. 8
15. Write a paragraph on 'Internet'. 10
16. Write a short composition on 'Your Favourite Hobby'. Write at least 200 words but don't exceed 250 words. 14

## 4. Dinaipur Board-2019

English (Compulsory) 2nd Paper

Part A: Grammar: 60 Marks

1. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (X) in those blanks: —  $0.5 \times 10 = 5$

Childhood or boyhood is (a) — man's formative period. During this period (b) — child receives training from its mother. (c) — mother's tender heart always looks to (d) — welfare and well-being of (e) — child. If during this period (f) — mother tries to bring (g) — child up carefully and according to her (h) — best ideas (i) — child is sure to grow with its superiors, parents and teachers and love (j) — all irrespective of caste, creed and colour.

2. Complete the text with suitable prepositions: —  $0.5 \times 10 = 5$

A craftwork is an applied form (a) — art, a social and cultural product reflecting the inclusive nature (b) — folk imagination. A craftwork, which usually doesn't bear the signature of its maker, retains a personal touch. When we look (c) — a thirty-year old nakshikantha, we wonder (d) — its motifs and designs that point (e) — the artistic ingenuity and the presence of the maker (f) — it. The fact that we don't know her name or any other details (g) — her doesn't take anything (h) — from our appreciation (i) — the artist. Indeed, the intimate nature (j) — the kantha and the tactile feeling in it generates animate the work and make it very inviting.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box: —  $0.5 \times 10 = 5$

there	was born	have to	let alone	what if
had better	as soon as	would rather	what's it like	as if

- (a) I have never walked five miles at a stretch, — ten miles. The idea of walking so much distance frightens me.  
 (b) I have never visited Kuakata. — visiting this place in the coming summer vacation?  
 (c) People do not like his way of behaviour. He always behaves — he were a great leader.  
 (d) The price of mango is high in our country. — we turn this land into a mango orchard?  
 (e) The criminal ran away — he saw the police. He was afraid of being arrested.  
 (f) Smoking tells upon the smoker's health greatly. You — give up this bad habit.  
 (g) Once — lived a king named Solomon. He was very wise.  
 (h) Shimul — work hard than beg. He is very industrious and painstaking.  
 (i) Tapan is somewhat backward in his preparation for the coming HSC exam. He — study hard to get completely prepared before the exam.  
 (j) Albert Einstein was a great scientist of physics. He — in 1879 and breathed his last in 1955.

4. Complete the following sentences with suitable clauses/phrases: —  $0.5 \times 10 = 5$

- (a) He is a liar. Do not rely —.  
 (b) Mobile phone is a wonder of modern science. But —.  
 (c) Time has its wings. It was five years since we —.  
 (d) Our country is beset with many problems. We all should come forward with a view to —.  
 (e) Whenever he speaks in English, —. But we learn through mistakes.  
 (f) Patriotism is a noble virtue. It is high time —.  
 (g) A student has to be punctual. He has to study regularly lest —.  
 (h) There is nobody —. Hence happiness is a relative term.  
 (i) Trees are essential for our existence. So, we should plant —.  
 (j) Early rising gives a man enough free time. Since I am an early riser, —.

5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context: —  $0.5 \times 10 = 5$

Most of the people who (a) — (appear) most often and most gloriously in the pages of history (b) — (be) great conquerors and generals. Whereas, the people who really (c) — (help) civilization forward are often never (d) — (mention) at all. We do not know who first (e) — (set) a broken leg or (f) — (launch) a sea worthy boat or (g) — (calculate) the length of a year. The great men are those who (h) — (work) ceaselessly to quicken the pace of civilization. On the contrary, the condemned men are those who (i) — (cause) bloodshed and violence in the world. All of us (j) — (adore) the great men of the world.

6. Read the text and change the sentences as directed: —  $1 \times 5 = 5$

Success never comes automatically. (a) We work hard to attain success in our life. (Complex) (b) Peace and prosperity is not possible without being industrious. (Affirmative) (c) A man who leads an idle life, brings misery for his life. (Simple) (d) He can never help the people of the society. (Passive) Such kind of man is the burden on the society. (e) Everybody abhors him. (Negative)

7. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches: — 5

"My sons," said he, "A great treasure lies hidden in the estate. I am about to leave you." "Where is it hidden?" said the sons. "I am about to tell you," said the old man. "But you must dig the land for it."

8. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentences so that all pronoun references are clear: — 1×5=5

The Liberation War of Bangladesh is a memorable event in our national life. She achieved her independence through sacrifice and bloodshed. It is the birthright of a man. On the night of March 25, 1971, the Pakistan army fell upon the unarmed sleeping Bangalees. But we were not cowards. They built up strong resistance against them. They fought with courage for long nine months. After nine months' bloody war and sacrifice of the freedom fighters, the red sun of independence rose in our soil on the 16th December, 1971. Now we remember them with great respect.

9. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces: — 0.5×10=5

Bangladesh is a (a) — (pre-modify the noun) country. Though it is a small country, it has a (b) — (pre-modify the noun) population. People (c) — (pre-modify the verb with an adverb) depend on agriculture. They grow different kinds of crops (d) — (post modify the verb with an adverbial phrase). We earn (e) — (pre-modify the noun with an adjective) currencies by exporting some of these crops. We are also rich in (f) — (pre-modify the noun with an adjective) resources. Now, we are able (g) — (post-modify the adjective with an infinitive) natural gas from underground. Our industries are also rising (h) — (post-modify the verb with an adverb). We export (i) — (pre-modify the noun with a noun-adjective) products to the developed countries. In this regard, we have already earned a (j) — (pre-modify the noun) reputation.

10. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage: — 0.5×10=5

We cannot walk on a road in the darkness without light. (a) —, we cannot step forward in our life without education. (b) —, throughout the ages, education has always been compared to light and (c) — ignorance has been compared to darkness. (d) — the light of education enlightens us. (e) — it broadens our mind and widens our outlook. (f) —, it is education which helps us to become a good citizen. (g) —, education creates good citizens and ensures the smooth development of a country. (h) — ignorance stands on the way of development of an individual. (i) — ignorance has a detrimental effect on the overall development of a nation. (j) — we should come forward to educate every single person of our country and thereby, ensure the development of our country.

11. Read the passage and write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below: 0.5×10=5

An ideal teacher knows the art of teaching. He is the master of his subject. He makes his lessons interesting. His method of teaching is convincing and inspiring. An ideal teacher treats his students like his own children. He praises the good work done by them. If a student does some mistakes, he is never harsh to him. He tactfully makes his student realize his mistake. An ideal teacher is never angry with his students. He believes in simple living and high thinking. He never sets a wrong example before his students. He has high moral values.

(a) ideal (synonym) (b) master (synonym) (c) make (antonym) (d) method (synonym) (e) convincing (antonym) (f) praise (antonym) (g) mistake (synonym) (h) angry (antonym) (i) simple (antonym) (j) moral (synonym)

12. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors: — 0.5×10=5

Hasan : Can you tell me a little about Dhaka  
 Hasib : Sure what would you like to know?  
 Hasan : Well, whats a good time to visit there?  
 Hasib : I think you can visit in winter.  
 Hasan : Good and what should I see there?  
 Hasib : Well, you can visit Sonargaon Folk Art Museum and you can see the handicrafts. But you must not leave Dhaka without visiting the Lalbagh Fort.  
 Hasan : Anything else?  
 Hasib : Oh, yes, if you have time you may visit Ahsan Manjil. You could have an excellent experience of the Mughal and the British architecture.

### Part B: Composition (40 Marks)

13. Suppose, you are Abid and studying at ABC College in Feni. Now on behalf of the students of your college, write an application to the principal of your college to set up an English Debating Club at your college. 8
14. Suppose, you are a reporter of a national daily. Now, write a report for your newspaper on "Frequent road accidents". 8
15. Write a paragraph in about 150 words on "Climate Change". 10
16. Deforestation has a great impact on Bangladesh. Because of deforestation our country is gradually turning into a desert. Now, write a short composition on "Deforestation and its Adverse Consequences." Use 200-250 words. 14

### 5. Jashore Board-2019

English (Compulsory) 2nd Paper

Part A: Grammar: 60 Marks

1. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (×) in those blanks: — 0.5×10=5  
 Industry is (a) — key to success in our life. (b) — industrious can prosper in life. (c) — man who does not undertake (d) — hard work can never go (e) — long way in (f) — world. Many (g) — man is not aware of (h) — significance of (i) — diligence for which they cannot reap (j) — benefit of success. 0.5×10=5
2. Complete the text with suitable prepositions: — 0.5×10=5  
 Patriotism is the quality inherent (a) — a man. This is why, he feels a natural attachment (b) — his native land. Love (c) — motherland is necessary for the betterment of a nation. The people who are patriotic are noted (d) — their patriotism. They are different (e) — other people. Their contribution does not sink (f) — oblivion. They are worthy (g) — praise. They lay down their lives for the good of the country. They are not unaware (h) — their status in the society. They are celebrated (i) — their patriotism. They should not be looked down (j) — in any way.
3. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box: — 0.5×10=5
- |                           |          |              |            |         |
|---------------------------|----------|--------------|------------|---------|
| would you mind            | was born | let alone    | had better | there   |
| what does ..... look like | as if    | would rather | as soon as | have to |
- (a) — flying in the sky? I think you will enjoy a lot.  
 (b) — was a king named Robert Bruce. He was very famous.  
 (c) I — and brought up in Bangladesh. This is a very beautiful country.  
 (d) Bangladesh is an emerging power in the world cricket. But we — struggle more to win the world cup.  
 (e) He cannot tell my name, — my address. He is really a liar.  
 (f) — the earth —? It's not completely round.  
 (g) We — walk fast than get on the train. The train is very crowded.  
 (h) The class started — I reached my college. I was really lucky.  
 (i) You look so weak. You — go home as early as possible.  
 (j) The man pretended — he had been very poor. So, we disliked him.
4. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases: — 0.5×10=5  
 (a) We cannot buy a car if —. It costs a lot of money.  
 (b) You are now very helpless. Call me whenever —.  
 (c) The man was so weak that —. He should consult with a doctor.  
 (d) Since it was raining heavily, —. We stayed at home.  
 (e) Though he is dull of hearing, —. He can make a good result.  
 (f) Danger comes when —. So, we have to be careful in our life.  
 (g) When I was a child, —. I was fond of playing cricket.  
 (h) Hardly had we seen the police when —. Thus we were saved.  
 (i) Speak the truth or —. A truthful man is always honoured everywhere.  
 (j) He took Biology in lieu of —. Biology is not difficult for him.
5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context: — 0.5×10=5  
 Kuakata, locally (a) — (know) as Sagar Kannya (b) — (be) an uncommon scenic spot of Bangladesh. Kuakata (c) — (take) its origin from the story of a 'Kua' or well-dug on the sea-shore. It (d) — (allow) a visitor to watch both the sunrise and the sunset from the beach. The beach (e) — (have) a typical natural setting. This sandy beach (f) — (slope) gently into the Bay and (g) — (bathe) there is as pleasant as is swimming or diving. Fishing boats (h) — (ply) in the Bay of Bengal and (i) — (surf) waves add to the vibrant colours of Kuakata. Steps (j) — (take) to preserve the beauty of the famous beach.
6. Go through the following sentences and change as directed: — 1×5=5  
 (a) An honest man is honoured everywhere by all. (Active)  
 (b) He is not only a teacher but also a singer. (Simple)  
 (c) Though we are improving very fast, we have to work hard for the country. (Compound)  
 (d) Very few cricket teams in the world are as unpredictable as Pakistan. (Superlative)  
 (e) My friend came to me to get help from us. (Complex)

1×5=5

7. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches: —

"Have you learnt your lessons?" father said to Arman. "No, I've forgotten," said he. "That's very bad. You must be more careful about your preparation for the examination. By doing so, you can make a good result," said his father. "Thank you very much for your timely advice."

8. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentences so that all pronoun references are clear: —

Both educated and uneducated women are at present as important as men in our society. She constitutes nearly half of our total population. No country can make real progress keeping half of it in darkness. Without the upliftment of our women, it is not at all possible. Again, without education, women cannot be uplifted. So proper education should be given to her in order that they can work hand in hand with them in all development programmes.

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

Air and water are the most (a) — (pre-modify the noun with an adjective) elements of the environment. But we are polluting them (b) — (post modify the verb with an adverb). Mills and factories use fuel (c) — (post modify the verb with an infinitive) their products. The burning of this fuel creates smoke (d) — (post modify the verb with an adverbial). Motor vehicles also pollute the air, (e) — (use an appositive). Water is polluted by (f) — (pre-modify the noun with a quantifier) kinds of waste and filth. We also contaminate water (g) — (post-modify the verb with a present participle phrase) into it. Farmers use (h) — (pre-modify the noun with an adjective) fertilizers and insecticides and pollute water. (i) — (pre-modify the noun with a past participle) water is (j) — (pre-modify the adjective with an intensifier) harmful for health.

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

Honesty is a noble virtue. The man (a) — possesses this uncommon quality is the happiest man in the world. Truly speaking, a man should have trustworthiness (b) — nobody believes a liar. A liar may prosper for the time being, (c) — ultimately he goes to the dogs. (d) — we should be honest in our life. It is believed that honesty is the best policy (e) — dishonesty is the sign of downfall. God helps those who are honest. (f) — dishonest people are cursed. Childhood is the best time (g) — children should be taught honesty. It is seen that children follow their parents, (h) — parents should be honest. (i) — they should be allowed to mix with those friends who are really honest (j) — they may build up their character.

11. Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the underlined words as directed below :

Courtesy is a virtue in a man. It goes without saying that courtesy costs us nothing but gives a lot. So, you should be courteous. You must have politeness. People will disrespect and dislike you if you are discourteous. Nobody likes discourtesy. Try to be gentle from your student life. You can win the heart of your enemy by being courteous. You can ensure removal of hatred and anger by embracing your enemy. Courtesy can remove the bitter relationship and improve mutual understanding and cordiality among people.

(a) virtue (Synonym), (b) a lot (Synonym), (c) courteous (Antonym), (d) discourtesy (Synonym), (e) Win (Antonym), (f) enemy (Synonym), (g) ensure (Synonym), (h) anger (Antonym), (i) remove (Synonym), (j) cordiality (Antonym).

12. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors: —

Jerry : I can chop some wood today.  
 Writer : But Ive a boy coming from the orphanage.  
 Jerry : Im the boy  
 Writer : You But youre very small in size.  
 Jerry : Size doesnt matter chopping wood. Some of the big boys don't chop well. Ive been chopping wood for a long time.  
 Writer : Very well theres the axe. Go ahead see what you can do

### Part B: Composition: 40 Marks

13. Suppose, you are Apurba/Amin, a student studying at 'X' College in Dhaka. You want to go on a study tour somewhere with your classmates.  
 Now, on behalf of your classmates of your college, write an application to the principal seeking permission to arrange a Study Tour. 8
14. Think that you are a local reporter of the Daily Star. Recently your college has arranged the prize giving ceremony in the college compound.  
 Now write a report of about 120-150 words on it. Give a title to your report. 8

## 6. Chattogram Board-2019

English (Compulsory) 2nd Paper

Part A: Grammar: 60 Marks

1. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (×) in those blanks: — 0.5×10=5

What is patriotism? It is (a) — noble virtue. It inspires (b) — man to dedicate his life to the freedom and development of his (c) — country. (d) — man without patriotism is no better than (e) — beast. A true patriot is honoured by (f) — his countrymen. He thinks for (g) — betterment of his country. On (h) — contrary, (i) — unpatriotic man thinks only of his own interest. Those who die for (j) — country are true patriots.

2. Complete the text with suitable prepositions: — 0.5×10=5

What are the qualities of a good student? A good student is always attentive (a) — his studies. He is never indifferent (b) — his studies. He does not learn things (c) — rote. He is always curious and innovative. He does not hunt only (d) — traditional guide books. His thirst (e) — knowledge knows no bounds. He does not confine himself (f) — the traditional studies. He is aware (g) — the current affairs (h) — the world. He listens (i) — his teachers and abides (j) — their advice.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box: — 0.5×10=5

no sooner had	unless	what does .... look like	in order to	as if
what if	there	let alone	was born	it

(a) Accessibility to higher education in our country is very difficult. Students must work hard — get themselves admitted into universities.

(b) Time is very important in our life. You cannot prosper in life — you make the best use of time.

(c) The students were talking in the class. — the teacher entered the class than they stopped talking.

(d) He proceeded — he had never seen me. His behaviour shocked me.

(e) The man is very weak. He cannot walk a mile, — five miles.

(f) I'm in short of time. — the train is late?

(g) Once — lived a farmer. He had four sons.

(h) Have you seen a camel? — it — ?

(i) — is unfortunate that many students spoil their time by using Facebook.

(j) Joydul Abedin was a great artist. He — in Kishoregonj.

4. Complete the following sentences with suitable clauses/phrases: — 0.5×10=5

(a) English is an international language. So, to keep pace with the process of globalization —.

(b) I am an early riser. I am used to —.

(c) You are getting fat. If you want to lose weight, —.

(d) Many people of our country are illiterate. They do not know —.

(e) Women constitute half of the total population of our country. No progress is possible —.

(f) An unhealthy man cannot enjoy life. A proverb goes that —.

(g) She loves reading. She will be reading while we —.

(h) Habit of eating is also important for good health. We should eat a balanced diet —.

(i) Environment pollution is a serious problem nowadays. We should plant trees —.

(j) Environment is polluted in many ways. It is high time —.

5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs: — 0.5×10=5

Man is a social and rational being. He (a) — (have) freedom of choice, thought and expression. But everybody should (b) — (consider) that he is not the only person in a society. There (c) — (be) many persons in the society and they (d) — (have) the same right that one (e) — (expect) from one's society. So, to (f) — (form) a peaceful society, one should be watchful to see that other's rights are not violated. Every citizen must (g) — (cultivate) the habit of obeying the rules and regulations of the society. Selfishness (h) — (not help) the society. Rather it (i) — (destroy) the peace and happiness of others. So, we all (j) — (think) of the greater interest of the society.

6. Read the text and change the sentences as directed: — 1×5=5

(a) Tea is the most popular drink. (Comparative)

(b) Tea helps us remove our fatigue. (Passive)

(c) Almost everyone enjoys tea. (Negative)

(d) Bangladesh is one of the tea producing countries. (Compound)

(e) Bangladesh exports tea and earns a lot of foreign exchange. (Simple)

7. **Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches: —** 5  
 "Whose picture is it?" I asked. "A little girl's of course," said Grandmother. "Can't you tell?" "Yes, but did you know the girl?" "Yes, I knew her," said Granny, "But she was a very wicked girl and I shouldn't tell you about her."
8. **Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following text and rewrite the sentences so that all pronoun references are clear: —** 1×5=5  
 Do you know the importance of trees? They are our best friends. Our existence on earth will be at stake without it. We inhale oxygen which trees produce. Again, we exhale carbon dioxide which it absorb. Besides, we get food from trees and firewood to cook it. But some irresponsible people cut down trees indiscriminately. It should be brought to light. Furthermore, one should take keen interest to plant more trees so that we can live comfortably on earth.
9. **Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces: —** 0.5×10=5  
 We can't think of our existence without language. It plays a (a) — (use an intensifier) important role in our life. We use language from the time we wake up (b) — (post-modify the verb) till we go to bed at night. We use language not only in our (c) — (pre-modify the noun) hours but also in our dreams. We use language (d) — (use an infinitive) what we feel and to say what we like or dislike. We also use language (e) — (post-modify the verb with an infinitive) information. Language is (f) — (pre-modify the adjective) present in our life. It is an (g) — (pre-modify the noun) part of our life. As an (h) — (pre-modify the noun) nation, we also have a language. But we had to struggle (i) — (post-modify the verb) to establish the right of our language. Many (j) — (pre-modify the noun) sons sacrificed their lives for the language.
10. **Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage: —** 0.5×10=5  
 We must be aware of the dangers of smoking. It is harmful to us in various ways. It causes various diseases (a) — blood pressure, heart attack, bronchitis, cancer, etc. (b) — it pollutes air. (c) — smoking causes harm to (d) — the smokers (e) — the non-smokers who remain by them. (f) — we should give up smoking. (g) — it is (h) — great an addiction to get rid of. (i) — nothing is impossible for us. (j) — we are determined to give up it, we can certainly do it.
11. **Read the passage and then write the antonyms or synonyms of the words as directed below :** 0.5×10=5  
 Children are our best assets. They always like to listen to fascinating stories. But if the stories are uninteresting, they lose interest. There should not be anything immoral in the stories for children. Again, stories should not be so long that they can make children impatient. Stories should not even contain anything illogical or anything that can make children indifferent to their studies. The stories should be instructive leading the children to be perfect morally and ethically. Parents and teachers can play a vital role here in guiding the children what to choose and what not.  
 (a) fascinating (antonym); (b) interest (synonym); (c) impatient (antonym); (d) immoral (synonym); (e) contain (synonym); (f) illogical (antonym); (g) indifferent (synonym); (h) perfect (antonym); (i) instructive (synonym); (j) ethical (antonym).
12. **There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors: —** 5  
 Student: Excuse me sir. May I come in?  
 Teacher: Yes come in.  
 Student: Thank you sir.  
 Teacher: What can I do for you.  
 Student: Would you kindly make me clear about the use of this punctuation mark.  
 Teacher: Didnt you attend my class yesterday?  
 Student: No sir. I did not come.  
 Teacher: Why? You must not miss any class.  
 Student: Ill never miss any class sir.

### Part B: Composition: 40 Marks

13. Suppose, you are Raju/Meena. You read in class XII. There is no multimedia facility in your classroom. Now, write an application to the principal of your college requesting him to provide multimedia facilities in your classroom. 8
14. Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. Now, write a report on traffic jam in your locality. Use about 120 words. 8
15. Write a paragraph about 'Our National Flag'. Use 100-150 words. 10
16. Write a short composition on 'Duties and Responsibilities of Students'. Write at least 250 words but don't exceed 300 words. 14

## 7. Sylhet Board-2019

### English (Compulsory) 2nd Paper

#### Part A: Grammar: 60 Marks

1. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks: — 0.5×10=5

I have (a) — uncle who has just retired from (b) — army. He used to be (c) — ABI agent, and everybody says he has been an honest man all his life. As a child, I loved him for his stories. He once told me that he met (d) — one-eyed alien from (e) — space. (f) — alien did not need any oxygen. And it did not have (g) — nose. I now understand that it was (h) — hard story to believe. I am not sure he was telling me (i) — truth. Maybe, he is not so (j) — honest, after all.

2. Complete the text with suitable prepositions: — 0.5×10=5

Luna's cat was missing. So she started looking around (a) — it. She opened her closet and looked (b) —. Then she went to the bedroom crawling (c) — the floor to look (d) — the bed. The cat was not there. In fact, it was nowhere inside the house. Therefore, Luna decided to go (e) — to look for it. Just as she was (f) — to open the door, the door bell rang. It was her neighbour, Mrs Haq. "Look, Luna! Your cat is (g) — the sunshade!" said Mrs. Haq pointing (h) — a tall building opposite (i) — her house. Luna smiled and thanked her friendly neighbour, saying that (j) — her help she would not be able to find out her cat.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable words/phrases given in the box: — 0.5×10=5

as if	it is about time	would rather	feel like	blow one's own trumpet
is used to	as far as	when it comes to	had better	needn't have

- (a) "Can I smoke here?" "I — you didn't. It's a no smoking zone."  
 (b) This car is absolutely fine — the engine is concerned.  
 (c) We rushed to the station lest we might miss the train. But the train was late and we had to wait for an hour. We — hurried.  
 (d) It's well past 10 and Diba is still in bed. — she got up.  
 (e) Nishi is a nice girl. But — cooking, she is absolutely hopeless.  
 (f) Lima has always lived alone. She — living alone.  
 (g) Well, you don't need to —. We know that you have some talent.  
 (h) Look at that building! It looks — it's going to fall down!  
 (i) I am very tired. I don't — going out this evening.  
 (j) "It's getting late. I have to go now." " You — not. It's raining very hard."

4. Complete the following sentences with suitable clauses/phrases: — 0.5×10=5

- (a) "Do you know this man?" "Yes, I know him. — since he was a boy."  
 (b) What a lovely view that was! If I had had a camera, —.  
 (c) I have never been suspicious of his honesty. I have always believed —.  
 (d) It was very hot outside. Nobody actually wanted —.  
 (e) The woman — was taken to hospital.  
 (f) When my sister was young, she hid chocolate in impossible places. Once I found a bar —.  
 (g) My grandfather has no interest in TV. He often talks about the old days —.  
 (h) I am not a rich man. So I never go to the shops —.  
 (i) Don't worry. We are going to be there right on time. I am driving —.  
 (j) She never travels alone. She is — of travelling alone.

5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs in brackets: — 0.5×10=5

When I was a child I (a) — (be) afraid of the dark, and I (b) — (go) to sleep with a light on. Even then, I feared that monsters (c) — (climb) in through my bedroom window. Every sound I (d) — (hear) struck fear into me. Often, I ran away from the room and (e) — (sleep) on the floor at the foot of my parents' bed. Now that I (f) — (be) almost twenty, I obviously do better than what I (g) — (do) as a child. However, I (h) — (be) still scared of bedtime. I hate (i) — (sleep) alone, and I still keep a tiny night-light on. And before I go to bed, I double check every door and every window to make sure that they (j) — (be) locked.

6. Transform the underlined parts of the following text as per direction: — 1×5=5

- (a) "Beautiful! Isn't she?" Tanvir whispered. (Make it assertive)  
 (b) Tania nodded in agreement, but she was extremely nervous. (Make it complex)  
 (c) The tigress was now quite close to them. (Make it interrogative) Tania's heart was pounding, but Tanvir seemed oblivious to any danger.

- (d) He got closer to the animal and pressed the shutter button with a boyish grin in the face. (Make it simple)
- (e) And it suddenly occurred to Tania that her husband was the strongest man she had ever met. (Use the positive degree of the adjective)
7. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches: — 5  
"Why did you stop me? I didn't do anything wrong, did I?" asked Riyad. "You were driving too fast," said the traffic sergeant, giving him a glare, "Now! Show me your driving licence."
8. Here is a text with five unclear pronoun references. Re-write the text making all the pronoun references clear. Underline the areas where you make any changes: —  $1 \times 5 = 5$   
Robin hates people who are mean to animals. Last afternoon, as he was walking home from work, he saw some boys throwing stones at an old lame dog. Immediately, he rushed to help the animal. "Stop it!" he shouted as he ran towards the unruly boys, "Leave him alone!"  
Startled by the big man's shouts, they ran away. One of them jeered at him while running away. Robin, however, was totally unmoved by the jeering. He was happy that he could save it. Robin has always felt some affection for animals. Once he even went to the police station to complain against a neighbour who threw a cat out of the window. Instead of taking any action, they laughed at him and advised him not to worry about such 'petty' matters.
9. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces: —  $0.5 \times 10 = 5$   
A library is a (a) — (pre-modify the noun) of knowledge. The students (b) — (use a participle) to all classes visit it in their library periods. Our college library is housed in two rooms. (c) — (pre-modify the noun) almirahs are placed in one room. The other room is the (d) — (use a participle to modify the noun) room where magazines, journals and newspapers are placed. There are about five thousand books in our library which are arranged (e) — (post modify the verb). Any type of book can be traced in no time. The books cater to the needs and interests (f) — (use a prepositional phrase). There are two separate sections in the library. One of them contains reference books like (g) — (use nouns) etc. The other section contains books (h) — (use prepositional phrase). Every student has a library (i) — (use a noun). The reading room is always crowded (j) — (post modify the verb) in the afternoon.
10. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage: —  $0.5 \times 10 = 5$   
Education is essential in our life. (a) — we are not properly educated, we cannot live an honorable life in society. It teaches us (b) — how to earn but also how to spend. (c) —, it teaches (d) — to live in amity with others in society. (e) —, we must get proper education. (f) — we should bear in mind (g) — education is not only what we learn at educational institutions but also (h) — we learn outside these institutions. (i) —, education is a lifelong process. It begins just after our birth (j) — ends only in death.
11. Read the text and give the synonyms/antonyms of the underlined words as per instruction given below the text :  $0.5 \times 10 = 5$   
Rima is a good-looking young woman. Her large, dark eyes are beautiful. Her complexion is flawless, and she has got a lovely big smile. Her long, black hair is full and shiny. She is tall and slender, and her movement is graceful. And she always dresses stylishly. Everybody appreciates her beauty. But Rima worries that people do not notice her talents and hard work. She wants people to know that a woman can have beauty, ambition and a bit of intelligence too.  
(a) good-looking (synonym), (b) dark (synonym), (c) flawless (synonym), (d) shiny (antonym), (e) slender (antonym), (f) graceful (synonym), (g) stylishly (antonym), (h) appreciate (antonym), (i) notice (antonym), (j) ambition (synonym).
12. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors: —  $0.5 \times 10 = 5$   
The traveller said to the peasant "Can you tell me the way to the nearest inn" The peasant said " Yes I can Do you want one in which you can spend the night" The traveller said, " I dont wish to stay there i only want a meal" Follow me and I will take you to a nice one.

### Part B: Composition: 40 Marks

13. As you are a student, you attend classes regularly. But your classrooms are overcrowded. Now, write an application to the principal of your college to provide sound system in large classrooms. 8
14. A small boat carrying 25 people capsized in the Karnaphuli last afternoon. Some people were able to swim ashore while some others were rescued by a fishing trawler that was passing by. Three bodies have been recovered till now. Some passengers are still missing. Draft a report of about 150 words for a local daily. 8
15. Write a cause-and-effect paragraph on 'Indiscriminate Cutting of Trees'. Briefly point out the causes of this large scale deforestation and its effect on our environment. 10
16. Write a composition on Your Visit to a Place of Historical Interest within 250 words. 14

## 8. Barishal Board-2019

English (Compulsory) 2nd Paper

Part A: Grammar: 60 Marks

1. Use articles where necessary. Put a cross (×) where an article is not needed : — 0.5×10=5  
Mr. Bright is (a) — European. As he is (b) — Englishman, he knows (c) — English well. He is (d) — honourable to everyone though he is (e) — one-eyed man. One day having (f) — SOS, he went to (g) — USA. His brother, Johnson living there joined (h) — Army last year. He is (i) — younger of the two brothers. When Mr. Bright met his brother, he could not but shed (j) — tears.

2. Fill in the gaps with appropriate prepositions : — 0.5×10=5  
The old grey-bearded sailor sat (a) — a stone (b) — the church. The sailor watched the people walking (c) — him. The marriage guest listened (d) — him. He had a strange mad look (e) — his eyes. The old man told him (f) — his last journey (g) — the sea. They had sailed away (h) — the south (i) — they arrived (j) — cold grey seas.

3. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box: — 0.5×10=5

as though	was born	what ... look like	it	had to
had better	would rather	there	as soon as	let alone

- (a) We — hire a rickshaw. It's already too late. We have to reach the exam hall in time.  
(b) I can't remember the name of the story, — the details about the different characters. I read the story many years ago.  
(c) Nobody likes Suborna at all. She talks — she knew everything in the world.  
(d) Rabindranath Tagore is one of the greatest poets in world literature. He — in the famous Tagore family.  
(e) — does a leopard —?  
(f) The cricket match restarted — the third umpire declared the decision. It was a great relief for the spectators.  
(g) It was a terrible ship. — was no crew in that ship of death.  
(h) In ancient time, people — fight against dangerous wild animals. Is it same in the present days?  
(i) In our country, rainy season is very different. During this season — rains heavily without any gap.  
(j) Tarek — sleep than watch such type of film. It's really boring.

4. Complete the following sentences with suitable clauses/phrases: — 0.5×10=5  
(a) A railway station is the place where —  
(b) No sooner had he reached the station —  
(c) He is satisfied with what —  
(d) The car made in Japan —  
(e) He behaved as if —  
(f) What is lotted —  
(g) My purse has been lost where —  
(h) My friend, Ripon, appeared before the interview board. As he was smart —  
(i) You are a liar. You cannot eat a mango, let alone —  
(j) I am very hungry today. I had better —

5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with right form of verbs as per subject and context: — 0.5×10=5  
Once there (a) — (live) an idle king. He (b) — (not undergo) physical labour. As a result, he (c) — (get) bulky and could not move from one place to another. He (d) — (call) in a doctor. The doctor (e) — (be) clever and wise. He did not (f) — (prescribe) any medicine for the king. He asked the king to buy a club and (g) — (move) it in the air till his hands (h) — (get) moistened. The king started (i) — (follow) the prescription, Thus the king (j) — (relieve) of his problem.

6. Read the text and change the sentences as directed: — 1×5=5  
Anger is nothing but a vice. (a) It begets only the worst. (Negative) (b) Anger is one of the most inhuman vices. (Positive) (c) So, we should control it for our own sake. (Passive) (d) He who is taken by anger causes a lot of troubles. (Simple) (e) Realizing it, we should try to be emotionally balanced. (Complex)

7. **Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches: —** 5  
Returning home, my mother said to me, "Your progress in studies is very slow. You always move about with a group of your friends. Aren't you idling away your time with them? Can't you be more serious?" "I am sorry and I will amend myself," I replied.
8. **Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentences so that all pronoun references are clear: —** 1×5=5  
Honesty is the best policy. It is honesty which brings happiness in life. Without it, none can dream of a great life. These who were great in their lifetime were honest. They worked with sincerity, lived earnestly and died with honour. His contributions to this world are unforgettable. So if you want themselves to be in their league, be honest. Remember, there is no shortcut way to a great life.
9. **Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces: —** 0.5×10=5  
The roads (a) — (use an adjective phrase to post modify the noun) are beset with problems. (b) — (pre-modify the noun) driving is one of them. Most of the drivers are not (c) — (pre-modify the participle) trained. They are not well educated. They can (d) — (use an adverb to pre-modify the verb) put their signature and read Bengali. They are indifferent to (e) — (use a noun adjective) life. They do not realize that life is (f) — (use a determiner) valuable than time. They drive (g) — (post modify the verb). They do (h) — (use an adverb to pre-modify the verb) drive consciously. Even they themselves are not conscious of (i) — (use a possessive) own lives. They drive (j) — (use an adverb phrase to post modify the verb) and try to overtake others.
10. **Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage: —** 0.5×10=5  
We should always keep in mind (a) — all kinds of physical exercise are not suitable for all. (b) — different people have different capacities. (c) —, harder exercise (d) — wrestling and gymnastics are suitable for young people (e) — they have energy to perform them. Weaker and old people should take the milder exercise (f) — walking, jogging and free hand exercise. Over exercise never does good, (g) — it breaks down the health. (h) —, we should always take those exercises (i) — would suit us. Physical exercise is important for the preservation of good health. It (j) — builds our character.
11. **Read the passage and then write the antonyms or synonyms of the words as directed below :** 0.5×10=5  
In Bangladesh, students require to read English for about ten years. But the level of proficiency they reach is very low. No wonder that most of them fail in their English tests. People taking the Civil Service Examination are also tested on their knowledge of English, but the results are equally disappointing although almost all the candidates have presumably master degree in various disciplines. Even those who pass or qualify are hardly able to write a free composition in acceptable English. Obviously there is something seriously wrong with the teaching and learning of English in Bangladesh.  
(a) require (synonym); (b) proficiency (antonym); (c) wonder (synonym); (d) tested (synonym); (e) equally (antonym); (f) disappointing (synonym); (g) presumably (antonym); (h) qualify (antonym); (i) obviously (antonym); (j) wrong (synonym).
12. **There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors: —** 0.5×10=5  
While I was going to market yesterday I met a boy begging in the street on being asked to tell the reason of begging the boy with a sad mind and tearful eyes said oh sir I have a sad tale to tell you would you please hear my story yes I would like to I said to him Instead of telling the story the boy simply began to cry.

### Part B: Composition: 40 Marks

13. Write an application to the principal of your college for providing multimedia facilities in the classroom. 8
14. Suppose, you are a reporter of 'The Daily Star'. Now, write a report for your newspaper on 'Food Adulteration' which has become a burning issue. 8
15. Dowry system is a curse for our society. Write a paragraph on it. 10
16. Write a composition on "The Necessity of Compulsory ICT Education in Bangladesh". 14

# Answer to Board Questions



## 1. Dhaka Board-2019

1. (a) The; (b) an; (c) a; (d) the; (e) the; (f) a; (g) The; (h) ×; (i) ×; (j) a.
  2. (a) as; (b) to; (c) from; (d) of; (e) for; (f) after; (g) by; (h) with; (i) for; (j) on.
  3. (a) It is high time; (b) Would you mind; (c) as if; (d) was born; (e) Unless; (f) would rather; (g) What does...look like; (h) as soon as; (i) have to; (j) There.
  4. (a) Walk fast lest we should miss the first part of the class.  
(b) There goes a proverb that time and tide wait for none.  
(c) If I knew his mobile number, I would call him to know his well-being.  
(d) Though Bangladesh is a small country, it has three World Heritage Sites.  
(e) 1971 is the year when we achieved our freedom.  
(f) Unless you have a good command of English, you cannot get a good job.  
(g) The box was too heavy for me to lift.  
(h) He came here with a view to helping me.  
(i) It is long since I met him last.  
(j) Do your best in order to receive the best.
  5. (a) get; (b) is called; (c) entertains; (d) is created; (e) played; (f) has become; (g) consists; (h) have shown; (i) play; (j) become.
  6. (a) Very few saints of Islam were as great as he.  
(b) At that time, he was asked for a glass of water by his mother.  
(c) As there was no drinking water in the house, he went out to fetch it.  
(d) He came back and found his mother sleeping.  
(e) What a love and respect he showed to his mother!
  7. The ticket seller politely asked the stranger where he liked to go. The stranger replied that he liked to go to Cox's Bazar. Then the ticket seller asked him (s) how many tickets he needed. In reply, the stranger said that he would buy five tickets. Next, the ticket seller gave him (s) the tickets and said that they (the tickets) would cost three thousand taka.
  8. Autism is a physical disorder of the brain **which/ that** causes a lifelong developmental disability. Unfortunately, a number of boys and girls become victim of **this disease** after their birth. Children with autism vary widely in their activities, abilities, behaviours, etc. and the symptoms may appear differently in **them**. The sorrows and sufferings of the parents of **the autistic children** know no bounds. Though the autistic children are quite different in activities from the normal children, they should not be neglected. Rather, we have a great responsibility towards **these autistic children**.
  9. (a) poisonous; (b) very/extremely; (c) This; (d) many/a number of; (e) our; (f) village/country; (g) basically/usually; (h) to solve this problem; (i) painting; (j) these/those.
  10. (a) For example; (b) But/Unfortunately; (c) Rather; (d) As a result/Consequently; (e) As/Since; (f) Moreover/Furthermore; (g) Actually/As a matter of fact; (h) Furthermore/Besides; (i) Again; (j) Truly speaking/Indeed.
  11. (a) inner; (b) working-class/amateur; (c) takeoff; (d) arrange/plan; (e) ended/completed; (f) faulty; (g) sickness; (h) comfort; (i) keep; (j) earlier.
  12. Student : Excuse me, sir. I want to discuss with you some grammatical problems.  
Teacher : What class are you in?  
Student : Sir, I am in class XI. I am a newly admitted student here.  
Teacher : Okay. Tell me your problems.  
Student : I want to understand the difference between a phrase and a clause.  
Teacher : Don't worry. I'll help you understand the difference.
- 13-16. See the Composition Part of this Book.

## 2. Cumilla Board-2019

1. (a) ×; (b) the; (c) ×; (d) ×; (e) ×; (f) An; (g) ×; (h) the; (i) ×; (j) the.
2. (a) of; (b) to; (c) between; (d) For; (e) in; (f) on; (g) in; (h) in; (i) of/about; (j) with.
3. (a) let alone; (b) was born; (c) how to; (d) have to; (e) lest; (f) what does...look like; (g) in order that; (h) It is high time; (i) What's it like; (j) unless.
4. (a) Do you know where he lives now?  
(b) Unless you are united, you cannot accomplish great tasks.

## Appendix III: Board Questions &amp; Answers

- (c) Work carefully lest you should make silly mistakes.  
 (d) He behaves as though he is an FRCS/a qualified doctor.  
 (e) I have to put on warm clothes so that I can avoid catching a cold.  
 (f) Could you avoid keeping bad companies?  
 (g) A proverb goes that morning shows the day.  
 (h) Democratic Govt. will provide the people with all fundamental rights.  
 (i) Let us play in the field, shall we?  
 (j) We should follow the example of a bee in our daily life.
5. (a) Teaching; (b) teaches; (c) giving; (d) getting; (e) enlighten; (f) are learning/should learn; (g) are instructing/instruct; (h) knew; (i) paying; (j) should fail/might fail.
6. (a) The peace of the society is hampered by dowry.  
 (b) We must stop the brutal condition of the dark age soon.  
 (c) Very few problems of Bangladesh are as major as this.  
 (d) Being very greedy, the dowry seekers demand money from bride's father.  
 (e) The dowry is a very unworthy crime.
7. The school teacher asked the boy why he was loitering here and there then. He also asked him if he was in trouble. The boy answered that he was loitering because he had none to take care of him. Then the school teacher questioned the boy if he felt hungry. The boy replied that he was hungry then.
8. Women are now-a-days as important as men in society. They constitute nearly half of the total population. No nation can make real progress keeping half of its population in the dark. Without the improvement of the women's status, progress/development is not at all possible. Again, without education, women cannot be uplifted. So, proper education should be given to women so that they can work hand in hand with men in all development programmes.
9. (a) important/significant; (b) bookish; (c) to improve/to enhance; (d) regularly/daily; (e) to know; (f) Reading newspaper; (g) various/different; (h) wisely/properly/as per choice; (i) proper/ correct/right; (j) definitely/certainly/ obviously.
10. (a) At present/Nowadays/Now; (b) But/However/ Unfortunately; (c) Obviously/Actually; (d) To begin with/At first/Firstly; (e) Then/Secondly; (f) Besides/ Moreover/Finally; (g) As a result/Consequently/So; (h) However; (i) Also; (j) Besides/Next/Then/ Afterwards.
11. (a) dissimilar/unalike; (b) attempt/try/endeavour; (c) apathetic/uninterested; (d) examination/consideration; (e) immense/great/huge; (f) vigilant /watchful/ observant; (g) manifest/ obvious/ active; (h) trainer/guide/advisor; (i) misguide/ mislead; (j) lifestyle/circumstances/situation.
12. Sajid : Hurrah! We've won the match.  
 Sifat : What match, Sajid?  
 Sajid : The football match between your school team and our school team.  
 Sifat : Oh, my Almighty! How did it happen?  
 Sajid : We won by 3 goals to one (1).  
 Sifat : I thought our team was better than yours.  
 Sajid : The result shows who is better.  
 Sifat : Anyway, we'll do better next year.  
 Sajid : Best of luck, Sifat.
- 13-16. See the Composition Part of this Book.

## 3. Rajshahi Board-2019

1. (a) the; (b) a; (c) an; (d) The; (e) ×; (f) the; (g) a; (h) The; (i) the; (j) a.
2. (a) behind; (b) in/into; (c) for; (d) of; (e) at; (f) into; (g) with; (h) with; (i) in; (j) in.
3. (a) It; (b) what does...look like; (c) had better; (d) would rather; (e) There; (f) Would you mind; (g) was born; (h) as if; (i) As soon as; (j) let alone.
4. (a) Florence Nightingale wanted to be a nurse with a view to serving the ailing people.  
 (b) She was thirty years old when she laid the foundation of her nursing school in London/she left her village.  
 (c) If a man sows good seeds, he is sure to reap a good harvest/he will reap a good harvest.  
 (d) Let's take a taxi so that we can reach the college in time.  
 (e) A village doctor is a person who treats the ailing villagers.  
 (f) She said, "It is high time we studied hard for the ensuing HSC examination."  
 (g) If I had the wings of a bird, I would fly in the sky.

- (h) I don't know why you go there, most probably you have someone very close living there.  
 (i) But all sorts of attempts to solve food problem will fail unless we become alert about the waste of food.  
 (j) He who follows two hares catches neither.
5. (a) put; (b) did; (c) visited; (d) was filed; (e) inquired; (f) found; (g) gave; (h) were kept; (i) are imprisoned; (j) set.
6. (a) Tell me what your age is.  
 (b) Tennyson is not the greatest of all poets. Or, Tennyson is one of the greatest poets.  
 (c) It does not matter though the field be/is lost.  
 (d) I lost my watch.  
 (e) He confessed his guilt.
7. A cat hearing that a hen was laid up sick in her nest, paid a visit of condolence and affectionately asked her how she was and what he could do for her. He also requested her to only tell him if there was anything in the world that he could bring for her. At this, the hen thanked the cat and requested him to be good enough to leave her. She also added that she had no fear but she would soon be well.
8. Salam and Salma are siblings. They read in a local primary school. Salam is in class five whereas his sister, Salma reads in class three. They go to school together. Sometimes, they take rickshaw because the school is five kilometres away from their home. Today, Salma is going to school with her father because her brother, Salam is sick. Salam is taking medicine and bed rest.
9. (a) to live/to survive on earth; (b) all; (c) our; (d) Food; (e) so; (f) Some; (g) harmful; (h) our; (i) Taking /Eating; (j) Ensuring.
10. (a) Also/In fact; (b) At present/ Now; (c) However; (d) Because; (e) However/In fact; (f) Firstly/ For example; (g) Besides; (h) Actually/As a matter of fact; (i) Again/ In addition; (j) Therefore/Hence.
11. (a) lethargic; (b) venture; (c) goal/objective; (d) target; (e) career/occupation; (f) mismatch; (g) incapability/incapacity; (h) differ; (i) teach; (j) foreigner/immigrant.
12. "You've cut off your hair?" asked Jim, laboriously, as if he had not arrived at that patent fact yet, even after the hardest mental labor. "Cut it off and sold it, said Della. "Don't you like me just as well, anyhow? I'm me without my hair, aint I?" Jim looked about the room curiously. "You say your hair is gone?" he said with an air of almost idiocy.
- 13-16. See the Composition Part of this Book.

#### 4. Dinajpur Board-2019

1. (a) a; (b) a; (c) A; (d) the; (e) a; (f) a; (g) a; (h) ×; (i) the; (j) ×.
2. (a) of; (b) of; (c) at; (d) at; (e) to; (f) in; (g) about; (h) away; (i) of; (j) of.
3. (a) let alone; (b) What's it like; (c) as if; (d) What if; (e) as soon as; (f) had better; (g) there; (h) would rather; (i) has to; (j) was born.
4. (a) Do not rely on him as he may cheat you.  
 (b) But it has some demerits that are doing much harm to the young generation.  
 (c) It was five years since we had met last.  
 (d) We all should come forward with a view to solving all those problem.  
 (e) Whenever he speaks in English, he makes mistakes.  
 (f) It is high time we loved our country and developed it.  
 (g) He has to study regularly lest he should cut a sorry figure in the examination.  
 (h) There is nobody who doesn't confront the cruelty of life.  
 (i) So we should plant more and more trees to save ourselves.  
 (j) Since I am early riser, I get sufficient time to complete my day's works.
5. (a) appeared; (b) were; (c) help/helped; (d) mentioned; (e) set; (f) launched; (g) calculated; (h) work; (i) cause; (j) should adore.
6. (a) We work hard so that we can attain success in our life.  
 (b) Peace and prosperity is impossible without being industrious.  
 (c) Leading an idle life, a man brings misery for his life.  
 (d) The people of the society can never be helped by him.  
 (e) Nobody loves him.
7. The old man told his sons that a great treasure lay hidden in the estate and also said that he was about to leave them. The sons asked him where it was hidden. He replied that he was about to tell them, but they had to dig the land for it.

8. The Liberation War of Bangladesh is a memorable event in our national life. Bangladesh achieved her independence through sacrifice and bloodshed. Independence is the birthright of a man. On the night of March 25, 1971, the Pakistan army fell upon the unarmed sleeping Bangladeshis. But the Bangladeshis were not cowards. They built up strong resistance against the Pakistan army. They fought with courage for long nine months. After nine months' bloody war and sacrifice of the freedom fighters, the red sun of independence rose in our soil on the 16th December, 1971. Now we remember those freedom fighters with great respect.
9. (a) small; (b) large/big/huge; (c) mainly/basically; (d) all the year round; (e) foreign; (f) natural; (g) to collect/to extract; (h) rapidly; (i) plastic; (j) good.
10. (a) Similarly/In the same way; (b) That is why/For this reason; (c) on the other hand/contrarily; (d) Thus; (e) Also; (f) In fact/Actually/Indeed; (g) That is; (h) On the contrary/On the other hand/ Instead/ Moreover; (i) Again/Truly speaking/In fact/ In real; (j) Therefore/So.
11. (a) good; (b) expert; (c) destroy/repel; (d) way/ system; (e) unconvincing; (f) criticize/humiliate; (g) error/fault/blunder; (h) calm/pleased; (i) luxurious; (j) ethical.
12. Hasan : Can you tell me a little about Dhaka?  
 Hasib : Sure. What would you like to know?  
 Hasan : Well, what's a good time to visit there?  
 Hasib : I think you can visit in winter.  
 Hasan : Good. And what should I see there?  
 Hasib : Well, you can visit Sonargaon Folk Art Museum and you can see the handcrafts. But you must not leave Dhaka without visiting the Lalbagh Fort.  
 Hasan : Anything else?  
 Hasib : Oh, Yes! If you have time, you may visit Ahsan Manjil. You could have an excellent experience of the Mughal and the British architecture.
- 13-16. See the Composition Part of this Book.

**5. Jashore Board 2019**

1. (a) the; (b) The; (c) The; (d) ×; (e) a; (f) the; (g) a; (h) the; (i) ×; (j) the.
2. (a) in; (b) to; (c) for; (d) for; (e) from; (f) into; (g) of; (h) of; (i) for; (j) upon.
3. (a) Would you mind; (b) There; (c) was born; (d) have to; (e) let alone; (f) What does.....look like; (g) would rather; (h) as soon as; (i) had better; (j) as if.
4. (a) We cannot buy a car if our bank does not grant us a loan.  
 (b) Call me whenever you need any help.  
 (c) The man was so weak that he could not do any work properly.  
 (d) Since it was raining heavily, we cancelled our programme.  
 (e) Though he is dull of hearing, he is very studious.  
 (f) Danger comes when danger/ it is feared.  
 (g) When I was a child, I was quite active.  
 (h) Hardly had we seen the police when we were attacked.  
 (i) Speak the truth or you will be dishonoured everywhere.  
 (j) He took Biology in lieu of Higher Math.
5. (a) known; (b) is; (c) takes; (d) allows; (e) has; (f) slopes; (g) bathing; (h) plying; (i) surfing; (j) should be taken.
6. (a) All honour an honest man everywhere.  
 (b) He is both a teacher and a singer.  
 (c) We are improving very fast but we have to work hard for the country.  
 (d) Pakistan is one of the most unpredictable cricket teams in the world.  
 (e) My friend came to me so that he could get help from us.
7. Father asked Arman if he had learnt his lessons. Arman replied in the negative and said that he had forgotten. Then father rebuked Arman saying that that was very bad. He added that he (A) had to be more careful about his (A) preparation for the examination. His father further added that by doing so, he (A) could make a good result. After that Arman thanked him (F) very much for his (F) timely advice.
8. Both educated and uneducated women are as important as men in our society. They /women constitute nearly half of our total population. No country can make real progress keeping half of its population in darkness. Without the upliftment of our women, real progress is not at all possible. Again, without education, women cannot be uplifted. So, proper education should be given to women in order that they can work hand in hand with men in all development programmes.
9. (a) important; (b) indiscriminately; (c) to manufacture; (d) in large amounts/largely/to a great extent/profusely; (e) a vital element of the environment; (f) many; (g) throwing toxic chemicals/dumping oils; (h) chemical; (i) Polluted/ Contaminated; (j) very.



10. (a) who; (b) since/because/as; (c) but; (d) So/Therefore; (e) and; (f) On the other hand/On the contrary; (g) when; (h) that's why/and so; (i) Again/Besides; (j) so that.
11. (a) goodness/morality/ethicalness/merit; (b) plenty; (c) discourteous/rude/impolite; (d) rudeness/ impoliteness; (e) lose; (f) foe/ rival/ opponent; (g) make sure/secure/ guarantee/confirm; (h) calmness/ pleasure; (i) dispel; (j) hostility/ unfriendliness.
12. Jerry : I can chop some wood today.  
 Writer : But I've a boy coming from the orphanage.  
 Jerry : I'm the boy.  
 Writer : You? But you're very small in size.  
 Jerry : Size doesn't matter chopping wood. Some of the big boys don't chop well. I've been chopping wood for a long time.  
 Writer : Very well. There's the axe. Go ahead; see what you can do.
- 13-16. See the Composition Part of this Book.

### 6. Chattogram Board-2019

1. (a) a; (b) a; (c) ×; (d) A; (e) a; (f) ×; (g) the; (h) the; (i) an; (j) the.
2. (a) to; (b) to; (c) by; (d) for; (e) for; (f) to; (g) of; (h) in/of; (i) to; (j) by.
3. (a) in order to; (b) unless; (c) No sooner had; (d) as if; (e) let alone; (f) What if; (g) there; (h) What does ... look like; (i) It; (j) was born.
4. (a) So, to keep pace with the process of globalization we have to master this language/ there is no alternative to learning this language.  
 (b) I am used to doing exercises in the fresh air of the morning.  
 (c) If you want to lose weight, you have to reduce the consumption of dairy products/ you have to take regular exercise.  
 (d) They do not know how to lead a healthy life/the basic rules of health.  
 (e) No progress is possible keeping half of our population in the darkness of illiteracy.  
 (f) A proverb goes that health is wealth.  
 (g) She will be reading while we are taking a walk along the river bank.  
 (h) We should eat a balanced diet if we want to maintain good health.  
 (i) We should plant trees to save our environment from destruction.  
 (j) It is high time we checked environment pollution/ we took steps to save nature.
5. (a) has; (b) consider; (c) are; (d) have; (e) expects; (f) form; (g) cultivate; (h) does not help; (i) destroys; (j) should think.
6. (a) Tea is more popular than any other drink.  
 (b) We are helped in removing our fatigue by tea.  
 (c) There is hardly anyone who does not enjoy tea.  
 (d) There are many tea producing countries and Bangladesh is one of them.  
 (e) Bangladesh earns a lot of foreign exchange by exporting tea.
7. I asked grandmother whose picture it was. Grandmother replied emphatically that it was a little girl's picture. Then she asked me if I couldn't tell that. I answered that I could tell but I wanted to know whether she had known the girl. Next, granny answered me that she had known her. But she added that she (Girl) had been a very wicked girl and she shouldn't have told me about her.
8. Do you know the importance of trees? They are our best friends. Our existence on earth will be at stake without them. We inhale oxygen which trees produce. Again, we exhale carbon dioxide which they absorb. Besides, we get food from trees and firewood to cook that food. But some irresponsible people cut down trees indiscriminately. They should be brought to light. Furthermore, we should take keen interest to plant more trees so that we can live comfortably on earth.
9. (a) very; (b) in the morning; (c) waking/ active; (d) to express; (e) to impart/ to record; (f) constantly/ always; (g) essential/ indispensable/important; (h) emerging; (i) hard/earnestly/persistently; (j) brave/ valiant/ heroic.
10. (a) like; (b) Besides; (c) Again/ Also; (d) both/ not only; (e) and/ but also; (f) Therefore/ Hence; (g) However; (h) actually; (i) But; (j) If.
11. (a) boring/ uninteresting; (b) attraction/ curiosity; (c) patient/ tolerant; (d) corrupt/ indecent ; (e) include/have; (f) logical/sensible; (g) inattentive/ callous; (h) imperfect/flawed; (i) educative/ instructional; (j) unethical/ immoral.



12. Student : Excuse me, sir. May I come in?  
 Teacher : Yes, come in.  
 Student : Thank you, sir.  
 Teacher : What can I do for you?  
 Student : Would you kindly make me clear about the use of this punctuation mark?  
 Teacher : Didn't you attend my class yesterday?  
 Student : No, sir. I did not come.  
 Teacher : Why? You must not miss any class.  
 Student : I'll never miss any class, sir.
- 13-16. See the Composition Part of this Book.

### 7. Sylhet Board-2019

- (a) an; (b) the; (c) an; (d) a; (e) ×; (f) The; (g) a; (h) a; (i) the; (j) ×.
  - (a) for; (b) in; (c) on; (d) under; (e) outside; (f) about; (g) on; (h) to; (i) to; *Note: The question setter expects you to use a 'to' in this blank. However, in this case no preposition is required. Look up the word 'opposite' in Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary.* (j) without.
  - (a) would rather; (b) as far as; (c) needn't have; (d) It is about time; (e) when it comes to; (f) is used to; (g) blow your own trumpet; (h) as if; (i) feel like; (j) had better.
  - (a) "Yes, I know him. **I have taught him English** since he was a boy".  
 (b) If I had had a camera, **I would have taken a lot of pictures.**  
 (c) I have always believed **in his honesty.**  
 (d) Nobody actually wanted **to go outside at this hour.**  
 (e) The woman **who was seriously wounded yesterday** was taken to hospital.  
 (f) Once I found a bar **which she hid inside a pillow.**  
 (g) He often talks about the old days, **he passed in the village with his parents.**  
 (h) So I never go to the shops **of luxury items.**  
 (i) I am driving **fast enough to reach there on time.**  
 (j) She is **too afraid to think** of travelling alone.
  - (a) was; (b) went; (c) would climb; (d) heard; (e) slept; (f) am; (g) did; (h) am; (i) sleeping; (j) are.
  - (a) It is emphatically exclaimed that she is beautiful./She is emphatically described as a beautiful girl.  
 (b) Though Tania nodded in agreement, she was extremely nervous.  
 (c) Wasn't the tigress now quite close to them?  
 (d) Getting closer to the animal, he pressured the shutter button with a boyish grin in the face.  
 (e) No other man she had ever met was as strong as her husband.
  - Riyad asked the traffic sergeant why he (T) had stopped him (R). He also wanted to know if he (R) had done anything wrong. Giving him (R) a glare, the traffic sergeant told him that he (R) had been driving too fast. He (TS) then ordered him (R) to show him/ his (R) driving licence.
  - Robin hates people who are mean to animals. Last afternoon, as he was walking home from work, he saw some boys throwing stones at an old lame dog. Immediately, he rushed to help the animal. "Stop throwing stones"! he shouted as he ran towards the unruly boys, "Leave the dog alone!"  
 Startled by the big man's shouts, they ran away. One of them jeered at him while running away. Robin however was totally unmoved by the jeering. He was happy that he could save the dog. Robin has always felt some affection for animals. Once he even went to the police station to complain against a neighbour who threw a cat out of the window. Instead of taking any action, the police laughed at Robin and advised him not to worry about such 'petty' matters.
  - (a) store-house; (b) belonging; (c) Some; (d) reading; (e) systematically/orderly; (f) of all ages; (g) dictionaries, thesauruses, encyclopedias; (h) on various subjects; (i) card; (j) with the students.
  - (a) If; (b) not only; (c) Above all/Again; (d) actually/also; (e) So/Therefore; (f) Moreover/Most importantly; (g) that; (h) what; (i) Thus/That is/ However; (j) and.
  - (a) beautiful/pretty; (b) black; (c) impeccable/ perfect/unblemished; (d) matt/dull/ murky; (e) obese; (f) elegant/ charming/gracious; (g) unfashionably; (h) criticize/ humiliate; (i) ignore/ neglect; (j) desire/zeal/ aspiration.
  - The traveler said to the peasant, "Can you tell me the way to the nearest inn?" The peasant said, "Yes, I can. Do you want one in which you can spend the night?" The traveler said, "I don't wish to stay there. I only want a meal." "Follow me and I will take you to a nice one."
- 13-16. See the Composition Part of this Book.

## 8. Barishal Board-2019

1. (a) a; (b) an; (c) x; (d) x; (e) a; (f) an; (g) the; (h) the; (i) the; (j) x.
2. (a) on; (b) outside; (c) past; (d) to; (e) in; (f) about; (g) on; (h) to; (i) until; (j) in.
3. (a) had better; (b) let alone; (c) as though; (d) was born; (e) What... look like; (f) as soon as; (g) There; (h) had to; (i) it; (j) would rather.
4. (a) A railway station is a place where **trains stop and start from**.  
 (b) No sooner had he reached the station **than the train left**.  
 (c) He is satisfied with what **he has got in his life**.  
 (d) The car made in Japan **is very expensive and luxurious**.  
 (e) He behaved as if **he had been a celebrity**.  
 (f) What is lotted **cannot be blotted**.  
 (g) My purse has been lost where **we got down from the bus**.  
 (h) As he was smart, **he faced the interview confidently**.  
 (i) You cannot eat a mango, let alone **ten mangoes**.  
 (j) I had better **eat something**.
5. (a) lived; (b) did not undergo; (c) got; (d) called; (e) was; (f) prescribe; (g) move; (h) got; (i) following/to follow; (j) was relieved.
6. (a) It begets nothing but the worst.  
 (b) Very few vices are as inhuman as anger.  
 (c) So, it should be controlled for our own sake.  
 (d) Taken by anger, he causes a lot of troubles.  
 (e) As/After we realize it, we should try to be emotionally balanced.
7. Returning home, my mother told me that my progress in studies was very slow and also said that I always moved about with a group of my friends. She then asked me if I wasn't idling away my time with them. She also asked if I couldn't be more serious. In reply, I apologized to her and said that I would amend myself.
8. Honesty is the best policy. It is honesty which brings happiness in life. Without **honesty**, none can dream of a great life. **Those** who were great in their lifetime were honest. They worked with sincerity, lived earnestly and died with honour. **Their** contributions to this world are unforgettable. So, if you want **yourself** to be in **those great men's league**, be honest. Remember, there is no shortcut way to a great life.
9. (a) situated in Bangladesh; (b) Reckless/Careless; (c) well/properly; (d) hardly; (e) public/human; (f) more; (g) carelessly/recklessly; (h) not; (i) their; (j) violating the traffic rules/in a competitive way.
10. (a) that; (b) In fact/Actually/Truly/True that; (c) For example; (d) like/such as; (e) as/since/because; (f) like/such as; (g) rather; (h) So/Therefore; (i) that/which; (j) also.
11. (a) need; (b) incompetence; (c) surprise; (d) assessed/evaluated; (e) unequally; (f) upsetting/ disheartening; (g) doubtfully/improbably; (h) disqualify; (i) perhaps/uncertainly; (j) incorrect/ mistaken/error.
12. While I was going to market yesterday, I met a boy begging in the street. On being asked to tell the reason of begging, the boy with a sad mind and tearful eyes said, "Oh! Sir, I have a sad tale to tell you. Would you please hear my story?" "Yes, I would like to," I said to him. Instead of telling the story, the boy simply began to cry.

13-16. See the Composition Part of this Book.