

# Model Question 09

## English (Compulsory) First Paper

### Part I: Reading Test (60 marks)

#### 1. Read the passage and answer the questions A and B.

I am in a tiny steel cage attached to a motorcycle, stuttering through traffic in Dhaka, Bangladesh. In the last ten minutes, we have moved forward maybe three feet, inch by inch, the driver wrenching the wheel left and right, wriggling deeper into the wedge between a delivery truck and a rickshaw in front of us.

Up ahead, the traffic is jammed so close together that pedestrians are climbing over pickup trucks and through empty rickshaws to cross the street. Two rows to my left is an ambulance, blue light spinning uselessly. This is what the streets here look like from seven o'clock in the morning until ten o'clock at night. If you're rich, you experience it from the back seat of a car. If you're poor, you're in a rickshaw, breathing in the exhaust.

I'm sitting in the back of a CNG, a three-wheeled motorcycle shaped like a slice of pie and covered with scrap metal. I'm here working on a human rights project, but whenever I ask people in Dhaka what they think international organizations should really be working on, they tell me about the traffic.

Alleviating traffic congestion is one of the major development challenges of our time. Half the world's population already lives in cities, and the United Nations (UN) estimates that the proportion will rise to nearly 70 percent by 2050. Dhaka, the world's densest and fastest growing city, is a case study in how this problem got so bad and why it's so difficult to solve.

#### A. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives:

1×5=5

##### a. What could be the closest meaning for 'stuttering'?

- i) slipping  
ii) moving with difficulty  
iii) running  
iv) jumping

##### b. "A tiny steel cage attached to a motorcycle" refers to —

- i) a motorcycle  
ii) a cycle  
iii) an ambulance  
iv) A CNG auto-rickshaw

##### c. Which of the followings is the correct meaning of 'traffic' used in the passage in line 1?

- i) The transportation of goods  
ii) The movement of vehicles or pedestrians  
iii) Vehicles of different types and categories  
iv) The action of dealing or trading in something illegal

##### d. What are the pedestrians doing to cross the roads? They are —

- i) following the traffic rules  
ii) taking the risk of their life  
iii) using rickshaws  
iv) jumping

##### e. The speaker of the passage is a —

- i) businessman  
ii) teacher  
iii) social worker  
iv) driver

#### B. Answer the following questions:

2×5=10

- What are the reasons behind acute traffic jam in Dhaka mentioned in the passage?
- Alleviating traffic congestion is one of major development challenges — how?
- From your reading of the second paragraph, do you think that the Bangladeshi people also lack traffic knowledge?
- What are the estimations of the United Nations (UN) regarding population of cities according to the passage?
- "That is what the streets here look like from seven O'clock in the morning until ten O'clock at night". Explain.

#### 2. Read the passage and complete the table below with the given information.

1×10 = 10

Shilpi was only 15 years old when she married Rashid in 2008. Marrying off daughters at an early age is a standard practice for many families living in rural Bangladesh. After her wedding, Shilpi joined a local empowerment group that provides adolescent girls with the tools needed to gradually change cultural practices, particularly those pertaining to early marriage and pregnancy. The group's activities include discussions on how to most effectively change behaviour related to reproductive health as well as one-on-one counselling. It also offers peer-to-peer support and life skills training that help adolescents say no to early marriage. The empowerment group is one of more than 10,000 groups supported by some local Non Government Organizations (NGOs) working all over Bangladesh. These NGOs work through Canada's Adolescent Reproductive Health Project which also aims to increase access to quality health services for adolescents. During one of the group sessions, Shilpi came to understand the potentially harmful effects of early marriage and pregnancy.

Who/What	Action/Description	When	Where
(i) —	(ii) —	1993	
(iii) —	a standard practice		(iv) —
(v) —	joined	after marriage	(vi) —
(vii) —	support the empowerment groups		(viii) —
Rashid	(ix) —	in 2008	

(x) —	has some potentially harmful effects		
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3. **Summarize the following text.** 10

World Health Organization (WHO) identifies adolescence as the period in human growth and development that occurs after childhood and before adulthood. This phase represents one of the critical transitions in one's life span and is characterized by fast paced growth and change which are second only to those at infancy. Biological processes drive many aspects of this growth and development with the onset of puberty marking the passage from childhood to adolescence. The biological determinants of adolescence are fairly universal; however, the duration and defining characteristics of this period may vary across time, cultures, and socio-economic situations. This period has seen many changes over the past century—puberty for example, comes earlier than before, people marry late, and their sexual attitudes and behaviours are different from their grandparents or even parents. Among the factors responsible for the change are education, urbanization and spread of global communication.

4. **Read the following text and fill in the blanks with suitable word from the box. There are more words than needed. Make any grammatical change if necessary.** .5×10=5

filled	dangerously	escape	destroy	curse	suffer
civilian	tragic	confined	innocent	brutally	led

War is a (a) — for human civilization. In ancient time, war was (b) — only to the warriors. But at present, all people both (c) — and military have to (d) — the pangs of war. Nobody can (e) — from the bombers of the enemies. Rich cities, fields (f) — with green corns and beautiful places are (g) — to ruins. Even the (h) — citizens have to die a (i) — death. Men, women, boys, girls, children- all are (j) — killed without any reason.

5. **Fill in the blanks with appropriate word in each gap.** 1×10=10

Where is our (a) — generation heading to? This has become a burning (b) — now. Recently an (c) — incident has shaken the whole country where a young girl has been accused of murdering her (d) — . And the reason lying (e) — it is nothing but drugs, *Yaba*, a recent craze to the addicts, drives them to be (f) — violent to show mercy (g) — to their most dear and near ones. Some so-called English Medium School and universities have been (h) — as the market place of this drug. It's a (i) — news, no doubt. So, time has come to be conscious and strict against this drug (j) — we want to see our own child become a victim of that.

6. **Rearrange the following sentences to make a coherent order.** 10

- At the age of 22 he married Hadley Richardson.
- His health deteriorated much in 1961 and he had to receive shock treatments at the Mayo Clinic but they seemed to be of little use.
- On July 2, same year of receiving treatments, he committed suicide.
- In 1954 he won Nobel Prize for literature.
- The famous novelist Earnest Hemmingway was born on July 21, 1898.
- He was then spending a happy life.
- But the most shocking moment of his life came at the suicide of his father in 1928, who after a prolonged illness with hypertension and diabetes took this way.
- The most outstanding novel of Hemingway "The old man and the sea" was published in 1952.
- Next year of publishing the most outstanding novel, he was awarded 'Pulitzer Prize'.
- In 1940 he established his residence in Cuba and the same year his famous novel "For Whom the Bell Tolls" was published.

### Part II: Writing Test (40 marks)

7. **Write a paragraph on "An Ideal Student" in about 200 words based on the answers to the following questions.** 10

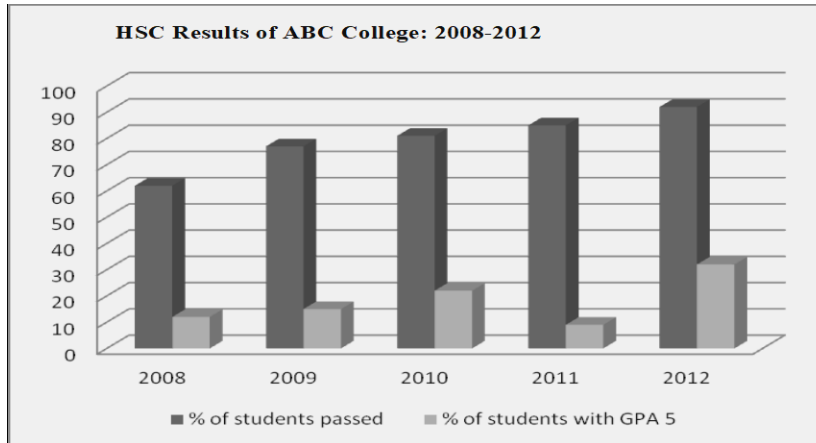
(a) Who is an ideal student? (b) What are his/her duties and responsibilities? (c) What makes his/her different from other students? (d) Why should he/she be polite in his/her behaviour? (e) Do you want to be an ideal student? How?

8. **The following is the beginning of a story. Complete it in your own words.** 7

Once two rats found a piece of bread. They couldn't agree on how to divide it, because each of them wanted the larger share. They quarrel for some times. Suddenly they saw a monkey passing by. They asked the monkey to divide the bread between them. The monkey was very clever. He said, "It is really a difficult task." He brought a pair of scales.....

9. Imagine, you are Nibir living at Oxford Mission Road, Barisal. You have a pen friend Alice who lives at 10 Park Street, U.S.A. He wants to know about Bangladesh. **Now, write a letter to your friend describing your country.** 5

10. The graph below shows the results of HSC exam of ABC College from 2008 to 2012. **Describe the chart in at least 80 words. You should highlight the information and report the main features given in the chart.** 10



**11. Write down the theme of the following poem (Not more than 50 words).**

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For days and days I've climbed a tree  
 A dappled yellow tree  
 And gazed abroad at many things  
 I've always wished to see.

I see the green and gentle fields  
 All bounded in with hedge  
 And shining rivers swimming through  
 The rushes on the edge.  
 And little sheep who play all day  
 I watch them as they run,  
 While far away the roofs of town  
 Are shining in the sun.

I think it's very nice to sit  
 So high and look so far .....  
 How very large the world can be!  
 How many things there are!

