

Part A: Grammar (60 Marks)

#### Fill in the blanks in the following texts with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks.

Bangladesh is a land of (a) — scenic beauty. (b) — land, (c) — rivers and the forests are (d) — sources of this beauty. Geographically Bangladesh can be divided into four regions. In many places there are a lot of amazing beautiful spots. There are many historical places also. For this reason, (e) — tourism business can flourish here. (f) — wild animals of (g) — Sundarbans are also (h) — great asset. Tourism can play (i) — vital role in national economy. But it is still in its tender age. So, we have to cross (j) — long way.

Complete the text with suitable prepositions.

My neighbour said that she wanted to ask me (a) — a small favour. Little did I know what was (b) — store (c) — me when I agreed to feed her cat. After my neighbour had left (d) — her trip, I walked (e) — the street (f) — her house. Once I got (g) — the house, I was overwhelmed (h) — the stench (i) — cat urine. I looked (j) — the house and couldn't believe what I saw.

Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/words given in the box.

there	what's it like	let alone	as soon as	was born
so that	How doing	would rather	as if	had better

- the thief saw the police, he started running but he was caught shortly.
- You want to come to our house. I'll draw a map for you you can easily find it.
- We went to the theatre yesterday. Today I go to the cinema. What about you? c)
- I knew would not be any examination. So, I did not study seriously. d)
- e) David has gone through a major knee surgery. He'll never walk again, -
- On my way to college I was stopped by an old man. The old man behaved he had met me before. f)
- working in a call center? You don't seem to be very happy with your job.
- You tell her everything now. She might get you wrong. h)
- Mamun: Salam, have you met Mr. Kabir recently? is he —?
- Jalal Uddin Muhammad Akber was a great Mughal Emperor. He in 1542. He introduced Bengali year.

Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/ phrases.

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- "Would you mind —?" "No, thanks. I have just had a glass of milk."
- Shafiq didn't like to meet me. For this, he left the place after b)
- Rakib was too late for the station. He had to take a taxi. Hardly had he reached the station —. c)
- I'm so tired that —. Please, take a rickshaw. d)
- Students should avoid adopting unfairmeans in the examination. Unfairmeans may bring a good result for them,
- Though Bangladesh is a small country, —. It is now the number one problem for her. English is used for global communication. Unless you learn it, f)
- Jahid is ill. I should go to see him. Do you know where
- I may meet Ratan tonight. —, I'll tell him the news.
- The concert is great! I have really enjoyed it. But now I have to hurry lest —.

Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verb as per subject and context.

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My cordial love to you. Your letter (a) — (be) to hand. I'm glad to (b) — (learn) that you are hale and hearty. I've already (c) — (hear) from your friend that you (d) — (not read) newspaper. But you're (e) — (do) wrong. By avoiding it, you (f) (remain) ignorant of things (g) — (happen) in the country and abroad as well. This would (h) — (prove) you unfit in the world. So, I (i) — (advise) you to read them daily in order to (j) — (acquaint) yourself with the current affairs. Be safe.

Yours ever

Raiib

# Read the text and change the sentences as directed.

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(a) Cox's Bazar sea-beach is the largest sea-beach in the world (Make it a complex sentence). (b) It is one of the most beautiful sea-beaches in the world (Make it positive degree). (c) It is called pleasure seekers' paradise (Make it active). (d) The visitors go there to enjoy natural beauties (Make a question). (e) Those who become tired may go to relax there (Make it a simple

## Change the narrative style by using direct speeches.

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The teacher asked the boy if he thought that honesty is the best policy. Replying positively the boy said that he thought so. Then the teacher advised him to be honest from his very childhood. The boy thanked the teacher with respect. The teacher prayed that Allah might grant him a long life.

#### Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear. $1 \times 5 = 5$

Shafiq and Kamal are cousins. They are also classmates. One day, Shafiq told Kamal that their Physics teacher, Mr. Bose, had called him. So, he decided to meet him. In the last exam, Shafiq did very well in physics. But their cousin cut a very sorry figure. Actually he finds no interest in it. He was therefore, afraid of going to Mr. Bose.

## Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.

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I enjoyed my (a) — (premodify the noun) journey by plane (b) — (postmodify the verb). After getting into the plane, I fell a little bit nervous. I looked (c) — (postmodify the verb) and tried to have a glimpse of the other passengers. All of them looked calm and (d) — (postmodify the verb), but I felt my tension (e) — (use a participle to postmodify the noun). The Captain announced that he would be soon starting. I clenched (f) — (use a possessive to premodify the noun) fists. The plane began to race down the runway and after a while with a jerk, it took off. I looked (g) -(postmodify the verb) from my window and saw buildings, people and trees looking like miniatures. As we rose (h) — (postmodify the verb), the plane bumped a little as the weather was a (i) — (premodify the adjective) rough. I held on to my seat and closed my eyes. However, soon I began (j) — (use an infinitive phrase to postmodify the verb) and looked out of my window again.

	wealth. (b) —, health is compared to wealth. (c) —, it is health that can give us bliss and make us happy. (d) —, health alone can enable us to enjoy our life to the full. (e) —, it is not easy to have a sound health. For this, we have to maintain some certain rules and habit. (f) —, we have to take a balanced diet. (g) —, we must take physical exercise regularly. (h) —, we have to be early riser. (i) —, we have to lead a decent life. (j) —, we can attain good health and				
	consequently, wealth also.				
11.	Read the passage and then write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below. $.5 \times 10=5$				
	Presentation is a very <u>important</u> issue in good writing. Your opening paragraph should <u>arrest</u> the reader's attention and show him what you are writing about and why. If you are going to give the readers some information, tell them what <u>subject</u> you are going to deal with. If you are going to argue in <u>support</u> of a particular point of view, say what this point of view is. The main body of your piece of writing should collect together and <u>present</u> the ideas promised in the <u>first</u> paragraph, or give good arguments to support the view put <u>forward</u> there. Your should come to the point at once, say what you promised to say, avoiding <u>irrelevant</u> material, and then finish. Your <u>last</u> paragraph or sentence should bring what you have written to a satisfying end, leaving the reader with a <u>clear</u> idea of what you have been saying.				
	(a) important (antonym) (b) arrest (synonym) (c) subject (synonym) (d) support (antonym) (e) present (synonym) (f) first (antonym) (g) forward (antonym) (h) irrelevant (synonym) (i) last (synonym) (j) clear (antonym)				
12.	There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting				
	the errors. $.5 \times 10 = 5$				
	There are two girls high schools in Gobindapur Comilla Almost one thousand girls study at these schools The PSE JSC and SSC results of the schools are quite good Mohua Tamanna Keya and I are from Gobindapur Intermediate College We all got GPA 5 in HSC				
	Part B: Composition (40 Marks)				
13.	Suppose, your college has not yet set up a computer club. As a result, you are not in a good position to get the benefits of learning computer. It is important to do the job as early as possible. So, write an application to the Principal of				

your college to set up a computer club.

14. Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. You have attended the prize giving ceremony of Dhaka Commerce College. Now, write a report on it about 120 words. Give a title to your report.

15. You have a dream to do something noble for your nation. Now, write a paragraph on 'Your Future Plan of Life'.

16. Which season do you like most? Mention the reason why you like it. Write at least 200 words but don't exceed 250 words.

Health is one of the most important phenomena in human life. (a) —, a healthy man can earn money and accumulate

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