

Model Question of HSC Examination 2019 for All Board

English (Compulsory) 2nd Paper

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Time : 3 hours

Total Marks : 100

[N.B. Figure in the margin indicate full marks]

Part A : Grammar

1. Use of articles

(a) ×; (b) the; (c) a; (d) the; (e) a; (f) ×; (g) a; (h) ×; (i) ×; (j) ×.

2. Use of prepositions

(a) in; (b) on; (c) to; (d) after; (e) On; (f) with; (g) from; (h) in; (i) in/by; (j) of.

3. Use of phrases/words

(a) Just after; (b) in a foolish manner; (c) Would you mind; (d) was born; (e) such as; (f) But for; (g) nothing but; (h) provided that; (i) No matter; (j) has to.

4. Use of clauses/phrases

(a) There were so many students in the science fair. Everyone of them put on ID cards so that they could be easily identified.

(b) I never find you studying seriously; in spite of that you always make good results in the examinations.

(c) It was raining heavily when he was returning home. He did not have an umbrella with him so he was wet.

(d) I have failed in the exam and I know better how it feels. You will never know it because the wearer best knows where the shoe pinches.

(e) You take too much food at dinner. You will suffer in the long run unless you change your eating style.

(f) King Lear was so tired of the ruling of kingdom that he decided to divide it among his daughters.

(g) Physical exercise keeps us healthy and strong, but you don't take it regularly. If you took regular physical exercise, you would be healthy and strong.

(h) I went to my village with my father. I had finished my annual exam before he took me to my village home.

(i) Though he is a wealthy man, he spends very little. He is really a close-fisted man.

(j) He came to your house with a view to seeing us/visiting us/seeing how we were but you scolded him without any reason.

5. Right form of verbs

(a) fail; (b) were; (c) meant; (d) is regarded; (e) begin; (f) considered; (g) had; (h) could have learnt; (i) motivated; (j) are not written.

6. Changing sentences

(a) There is no doubt that Pahela Boishakh is the most celebrated festival in Bangladesh.

(b) The roads get so jam-packed on the first day of the Bengali year.

(c) The day is enjoyed by almost everyone in his own way.

(d) I do not like gatherings but I enjoy the activities of this day.

(e) Very few days of the year are as interesting as it.

7. Changing the form of speech

He (Jerry) told the authoress that she looked a little bit like his mother, especially in the dark by the fire. In reply to this the authoress informed him (Jerry) that he had been only four when he had gone there. She further asked him whether he had remembered how she had looked all those years. He told her that his mother lived in Mannville.

8. Pronoun referencing

Boiled egg is very nutritious and tasty as well. Besides, boiling eggs is not a difficult task at all. If one wants to boil eggs, one has to pour some water into a pot at first. Then the pot should be kept on a burner. After that the eggs should be put into the pot. Then the water as well as the eggs should be let to boil for about five minutes. Afterwards the eggs should be taken out with a spoon. After cooling them, they should be separated from their hard skin to be prepared for eating.

9. Use of modifiers

(a) one of the basic needs of human beings; (b) our; (c) educated; (d) to distinguish between right and wrong; (e) sharpening one's intellect/receiving education; (f) all-round; (g) uneducated/illiterate; (h) always; (i) with a view to; (j) their/the.

10. Use of sentence connectors

(a) Incidentally/Simultaneously; (b) So; (c) Then; (d) At first; (e) So; (f) So/Therefore; (g) Then; (h) Again; (i) Therefore; (j) So.

11. Antonym or synonym

(a) failure; (b) work/employment/service; (c) ordinary/common; (d) as/since/for; (e) realize/understand; (f) disobey/ignore; (g) law/order/principle; (h) always/ever; (i) win/triumph; (j) undesirable/unexpected.

12. Use of punctuation marks

"What's your dream? Do you have any dream?" asked Zayed. "Yes, indeed," said Robi. "My dream is a plate full of rice, big pieces of chicken and sweets." Zayed and his friends were surprised. "Is that all? Come on. I'm going to make your dream come true." Robi couldn't believe his ears. "Was he making fun of me playing a cruel trick?" Robi thought.

Part B : Composition

13. Writing formal letter

22 December 2018

The Deputy Commissioner, Rangpur.

Subject : Application for relief for the flood-affected people.

Sir,

On behalf of the people of the village Rasulpur under Sonapur Upazila, I, the undersigned, would like to draw your kind attention to the deplorable fact that we are suffering terribly from the sudden outbreak of a devastating flood. All the crops have been submerged and virtually destroyed, houses are damaged and many of our cattle have been washed away by the flood streams. People are living in open high places. Most of them are starving for want of food. Their sorrows and worries have reached an unspeakable point. Many have happened to catch diarrhoeal diseases only to suffer more. People are suffering from want of food, clothes, drinking water and medicine. In the above circumstances, we are impatiently waiting for a kind help from you. We hope that you would visit our area in person to watch the miserable plight and take necessary relief measures to save these suffering souls from further agony.

We would truly be obliged if you kindly be sympathetic to us and provide us relief as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Joy

On behalf of the people of Rasulpur, Sonapur, Rangpur.

14. Writing a report on situation/event/incident

People's Concern on Children's Gradual Tendency to Prefer Virtual Reality to Reality Itself

Riyad, Staff Reporter, The Daily Star, 23 December 2018 : Science has certainly given us a lot but it is, at the same time, taking away many things from us. Human life has been blessed with many gifts of science such as television, radio, mobile phone, computer, etc. These things are undoubtedly very useful in our life. But these things have also become a great factor for separating children from nature and real world. Nowadays, children are seen to pass their time on computer, mobile phone, etc. They remain busy playing video games on computer and mobile phone. Most of the children have great tendency to watch cartoon on television. The things in video games and cartoons are in the forms of men, trees, birds, animals, forest, rivers. These are virtual reality. And their tendency to prefer this virtual reality to reality itself seems to be on the rise. Now, children don't like to mix with their fellows or friends. They don't like to go in contact with nature. Now men, animals, trees, forests, flowers, birds, rivers, etc. don't attract children. In other words children don't feel any interest in the real things of nature. This is certainly a thing of great concern. People think man and nature are inseparably connected. Children should grow up in the lap of nature. They should have knowledge of reality. So, people express great concern about this negative tendency of the children. They should be encouraged to go in contact with nature and reality. Their attraction for virtual reality should be reduced by taking proper steps. Otherwise these children will not grow into perfect men with rationality, humanity and empathy.

15. Writing paragraph

Brain Drain

The migration of meritorious, skilled and experienced people from one country to another is called brain drain. Lured by the charms of developed countries bright boys and girls leave their poor native lands and go abroad and after finishing their higher studies settle there. Often expert doctors, scientists and engineers go abroad and work there for fat salaries and better service conditions. Owing to this brain drain the home country becomes loser as it is deprived of the services of its better people. This happens when these people settle there permanently. But if they work there for a limited period and send money to their native land then the country benefits by getting foreign exchange. And if the intelligent and skilled people leave the country for good then the poor native land becomes poorer indeed by losing its better sons. But disregarding the lure of high salary and better living conditions some people stay home and work for the betterment of the motherland and they are the real patriots.

16. Writing composition

The Problems and Prospects of Bangladesh as a Developing Country

Bangladesh is a developing country. As a developing country, it is afflicted with many problems. But it has also many prospects. It has manifold potentials. If the government and people from all walks of life work unitedly for the development of the country, our country will really turn into golden Bangla.

The main problems of our country are overpopulation, illiteracy, poverty, malnutrition, drug-addiction, terrorism, political instability, corruption, natural disasters, superstition and unemployment. But most of these problems can be overcome if people assist the government in realizing various steps taken by the government. Educated people are skilled human resource. They can bring about great change in the socio-economic condition of the country. These people can properly utilize the natural resources of the country. Moreover educated people can realize their own problems and can take proper steps to get rid of them. Educated people are enlightened people and so they can easily get rid of unemployment, superstition, etc. They can be self-employed in various ways. In order to remove corruption, political instability and terrorism from the country people of all walks have to work unitedly. Bangladesh is a country of great potentials. It has many natural resources such as fertile land, natural gas, coal, etc. If these things are properly utilized, the country will certainly be developed to a much extent. Population is its great resource. If we turn this vast population into a skilled human resource the country will advance to a great extent. Making people skilled in technology we can export them to different countries and thus can earn huge amounts of foreign exchange. We can develop or expand our industrial sector by attracting both native and foreign investors.

Present world is the globalized world where there prevails a great competition. The countries which have capital and technologically skilled manpower are getting the greatest benefit of globalization. So, we have to train our people in technology so that they can compete with the developed countries successfully. Thus it is clear that Bangladesh as a developing country has many problems which can be reduced by taking proper steps. At the same time this country has great prospects. By taking adequate steps we can turn this developing country into a developed one. Then it will really become Sonar Bangla.