

# Jessore Board-2016

## English (Compulsory) 2nd Paper

Time : 3 hours; Full Marks : 100

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

### 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: — .5×10=5

Literacy as (a) — skill was first institutionalized in Mesopotamia, Syria, Egypt and China soon after (b) — art of writing was invented. Education then was not for (c) — general people but (d) — privilege for (e) — chosen (f) — few who took on strategic roles in (g) — running of (h) — state and in religion. In Greece, education became more widespread in about the 5th century BC. (i) — Greeks, however, sent only their (j) — male children to school.

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

A teacher is an architect (a) — a nation. He plays an important role (b) — building up an educated nation. He dispels the darkness (c) — ignorance (d) — the lot of a nation. He is an actor, so to speak. He has to suit his act according (e) — the need of his audience which is his class. He is a clear speaker (f) — good, strong and pleasing voice which is (g) — his control. He does not sit motionless (h) — his class. Everybody has something valuable (i) — him. A good teacher discovers the treasure hidden inside each student. He also wants the students happy and for this he keeps them busy. A good teacher never hankers (j) — money.

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

but for	used to	was born	no sooner had	had better
as if	it	what do you mean	has to	what's the matter

- (a) Shamsur Rahman — in Dhaka in 1929. He is famous both as a poet and a novelist.
- (b) — Diamond jumped upon the table than the lighted candle fell on the papers. It caused a great damage to Newton's research works.
- (c) You — apply to the principal of your college for granting you a stipend. He will surely see on it.
- (d) Thomas Alva Edison was very inquisitive in his childhood. He — do many harmful activities. However, he made a lot of inventions.
- (e) One evening I returned home groaning with a bad headache. My mother asked me, " — with you? Why do you look so pale?"
- (f) — your timely intervention, I would have been assaulted by them. I was just a victim of circumstances.
- (g) —? How can a rope bite a man? It is quite unbelievable.

- (h) He tells the matter — he knew it. Actually, he is quite ignorant of it.
- (i) — is a good idea to walk in the morning. Morning walk is very healthful.
- (j) A good citizen — perform a lot of things. These things will enable him to become a true patriot.

**4. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases: —** .5×10=5

- (a) Geometry is very much confusing to Zillur. He practices geometry a lot so that —.
- (b) I could not recognize you at first. It was five years since we —.
- (c) Sanjida was writing quite well in the exam when suddenly she —. As a result, she could not finish the exam with satisfaction.
- (d) Don't worry. I — after I have finished my study.
- (e) Fahen was really in a great danger. He came to you with a view to — from you, but you disappointed him.
- (f) Sujon was very weak, but he had to carry a big box. The box was too heavy for —.
- (g) The farmers of our country are very poor, but they can work hard. If the bank gives them loan on easy term, they —.
- (h) Load-shedding occurs because we cannot produce adequate electricity. It is high time we —.
- (i) I requested him to join me in playing cricket. He joined me —.
- (j) He tried his best to get the job but he could not get it. Had he got the job, he would —.

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

Idle brain is devil's workshop. If we (a) — (waste) our time in idleness, all sorts of evil thoughts will crowd our brain. Idle persons who (b) — (kill) their time are burdens of society. They (c) — (sit) idle and cherish no high ideal and lofty ambition in life. They (d) — (not support) themselves. They (e) — (lead) an unhappy life and (f) — (suffer) in the long run. There should be time for reading, for office or other work, time for physical exercise, time for recreation and time for prayer. This (g) — (indicate) that we should do everything at the right moment. We (h) — (lead) a healthy and prosperous life only when we (i) — (follow) the routine which we (j) — (make) for our guidance.

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

Most of the people in (a) — (use possessive to pre-modify the noun) country do not know the importance of English. In fact, it is an (b) — (use an adjective to pre-modify the noun) language and we are living in a (c) — (pre-modify the noun) village. So, if you know English (d) — (post modify the

verb with an adverb), you can communicate with (e) — (use article to pre-modify the noun phrase) rest of the world. It is surely an important element of your (f) — (use a noun adjective to pre-modify the noun) skill. Without the knowledge of English with proper understanding, you cannot complete (g) — (use possessive to pre-modify the noun) higher studies because most of the books are written in English in the process of higher education. Poor knowledge of English will also hamper your (h) — (use a noun-adjective) development. In short, if you do not have a good command of English, you will suffer (i) — (post-modify the verb with prepositional phrase/adverbial) of your life. So, don't waste your time and try to learn English (j) — (post-modify the verb with an adverb) from today.

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

I told the rickshaw puller that he had carried me a long way. Then I asked him how much I should pay him. I further asked him if fifty taka would do. He replied that anything was all right.

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

On a summer day, becoming very thirsty, a lion and a boar came at the same moment to a small well to drink. Those fiercely quarrelled which of them should drink first, and were soon engaged in a mortal fighting. On his stopping on a sudden to take breath for renewal of the fighting, it saw some vultures waiting in the distance to feast on the one which should fall first. They at once stopped the quarrel saying, "That is better for us to make friends than to become the food of crows or vultures, as will certainly happen if ourselves are disabled."

**9. Transform the sentences as directed: —  $1 \times 5 = 5$**

- (a) Helal refused the money. (Negative)
- (b) Nasir earnestly desires to see her once. (Exclamatory)
- (c) The house which I live in at present is comfortable. (Simple)
- (d) He delivered a speech and everybody admired it. (Simple)
- (e) It disturbed him but he did not know the reason. (Complex)

**10. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage: —  $.5 \times 10 = 5$**

Time and tide wait for none. (a) — no one can stop the onward march of time. (b) —, we should not waste a single moment in vain. (c) —, we should make proper use of every single moment of our life. (d) —, the students should understand the value of time. It is a matter of great regret

that some of the students pass away their valuable time in Facebook. (e) —, they kill their time. (f) —, they cannot prepare their lessons well. (g) — they always have a poor preparation for the examination. (h) — they cannot do well in the examination. (i) —, they do not stop wasting time. (j) —, they continue to waste their time using cell phone and Facebook till it is too late for them.

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

Democracy is the system of government which allows freedom of speech, religious and political opinion. It means fair and equal treatment for the citizens without social class division. In fact, in a democratic country people elect their representatives who work for the people. Free and fair election is the pre-condition for democracy. In a democratic country, people enjoy the rights of food, cloth, shelter, education, medical treatment and other facilities.

(a) allow (synonym) (b) freedom (synonym) (c) opinion (synonym) (d) fair (antonym) (e) equal (antonym) (f) division (antonym) (g) elect (synonym) (h) system (synonym) (f) treatment (synonym) (j) facility (synonym).

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

Nazmul : Excuse me where is the nearest hospital

Arafat : Its about 2 kilometers from here You will have to hire a taxi You can also go by bus

Nazmul : I see Is there a bus station near here .

Arafat : Yes there is a bus stop at the corner

Nazmul : Thank you.

Arafat : Dont mention it

### Part B: Composition: 40 Marks

13. Write an e-mail to the Admission Section of Oxford University asking them about admission procedure for overseas students. 8
14. Suppose, you are a reporter of an English Daily. You have observed that 'Facebook' is influencing both positively and negatively on our young generation. Now, write a report on 'Impact of Facebook on Young Generation'. 8
15. Write a paragraph mentioning the qualities and duties of an ideal student. Use 100-150 words. 10
16. Drug is an essential element of human life. But abuse of drugs has devastating impact on life. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer and show the ways of saving us from the dangers of drug. Write at least 200 words but don't exceed 250 words. 14