

# Rajshahi 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

Every student wants to do better in (a) — examination. But it is not (b) — easy work. (c) — student has to do something for this. From (d) — very beginning he must be serious. He should read (e) — texts again and again. He must not memorize (f) — answer without knowing the meaning. He must not make notes from (g) — common source. He should have a good (h) — command over English. By doing all these things (i) — student can hope to make a good (j) — result.

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

Once an English and a Bengalee gentleman were travelling (a) — the same train and they were in the same compartment. The Englishman was very proud (b) — himself because he was an Englishman. He looked (c) — upon the Bengalee gentleman who, however, took no notice (d) — it and went to sleep (e) — peace. As soon as the Bengalee gentleman was asleep, the Englishman picked (f) — the gentleman's shoes and threw them (g) — the window and went to sleep. When the Bengalee gentleman woke up, he looked for his shoes and understood it. Then he took the Englishman's long coat (h) — the wall and threw it outside the window and returned (i) — bed laughingly. Next morning the Englishman became startled and shouted, 'Where's my coat gone?' 'Your coat has gone to fetch my shoes,' said the gentleman (j) — a smile. The Bengalee gentleman was Sir Ashutosh Mukherjee.

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

had better	was born	would rather	as soon as	let alone
in order to	has to	as if	whenever	there

- (a) The students were making a noise in the class. But — the teacher entered the class, they kept quiet.  
(b) It was a hot summer day. A crow felt very thirsty. So it was flying here and there — find water.



- (c) Panna was a criminal. So he was always on his toes. — he saw the police, he hid himself.
- (d) The man is so weak that he cannot walk. He cannot walk even a kilometer — five kilometers.
- (e) — is a nice kitchen garden just behind our house. So we can get fresh vegetables from there.
- (f) I am too tired to talk. I can no longer give you company. You — leave me and let me take rest.
- (g) Though I am poor, I hate begging. Begging is most disreputable. I — die than beg.
- (h) Michael Madhusudan Dutt was a popular Bengali poet. He — in a sophisticated Hindu family, but he took Christianity when he was young.
- (i) My friend Ratul talks — he were a millionaire. But he comes of an impoverished family. Moreover, he is good for nothing.
- (j) Rana is a meritorious student. He is the first boy in our class. He — study hard and work more to maintain his position in the class.

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

- (a) Industry is the key to success. If you work hard, —.
- (b) Corruption is the main hindrance to development. It is high time —.
- (c) Abdul is an HSC candidate. He is studying hard lest —.
- (d) There are a good number of reasons why —. That English is a foreign language is the main reason.
- (e) Birds fly in the sky. I wish —.
- (f) No sooner had we reached there than —. Unless we went there earlier, we would miss the beginning of the programme.
- (g) It is not good —. A man is known by the company he keeps.
- (h) Dulal Sheikh is a quack. He behaves as if —.
- (i) It is very cold outside. You had better —.
- (j) My childhood was full of joys and happiness. Would that —.

**5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context: — .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:**  $1 \times 5 = 5$

(a) Cricket is a very exciting game. (Make it exclamatory)  
(b) People of all ages enjoy this game. (Make it passive) (c)  
At present cricket is the most popular game in our country.  
(Make it comparative) (d) Though cricket is a costly game,  
people of all classes enjoy playing it. (Make it simple) (e)  
Bangladesh is a test playing country but its standard is not  
high. (Make it complex)

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

"Have you cut your nails short?" The teacher said to Maruf.  
"No, I've forgotten, Sir," said Maruf. "That's very bad. You  
must be more careful about neatness and cleanliness. By  
doing so, you can prevent diarrhoea and some other diseases  
too," said the teacher.

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

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:** —  $.5 \times 10 = 5$

It was a hot (a) — (use a noun adjective to pre-modify the noun) day. A (b) — (pre-modify the noun) crow flew all over the fields looking for water. For a long time, she could not find any water. She felt (c) — (use an intensifier to pre-modify the adjective) weak, almost giving up hope. Suddenly, she saw a water jug below her. She flew (d) — (post-modify the verb) to see if there was any water inside. Yes, she could see some water inside the jug. The crow tried (e) — (use an infinitive phrase to post-modify the verb). Sadly, she found that the neck of the jug was too narrow. Then she tried to push the jug down for the water to flow out. But she found (f) — (use a demonstrative to pre-modify the noun) jug too heavy. The crow thought (g) — (use a phrase to post-modify the verb) what to do. (h) — (use a participle to pre-modify the verb), she saw some



pebbles nearby. She (i) — (pre-modify the verb) had a good idea. She started picking up the pebbles one by one, dropping each into the jug. As more and more pebbles filled the jug, the water level kept rising. Soon it was high (j) — (post-modify the adjective) for the crow to drink. The crow quenched its thirst and flew away.

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

(a) — I was walking along the road the other day, I happened to notice a small brown leather purse lying on the pavement. I picked it up and opened it to see (b) — I could find out the owner's name. There was nothing inside (c) — some small change and a rather old photograph — a picture of a woman and a young girl about twelve years old who looked like the woman's daughter. I put the photograph back (d) — took the purse to the Police station. (e) — I handed it to the sergeant in charge. Before I left, the sergeant made a note of my name and address in case the owner of the purse wanted to write and thank me. That evening I went to have dinner with an uncle and aunt of mine. They had also invited another person, a young woman, (f) — there would be four people at table. The young woman's face was familiar (g) — I could not remember where I had seen it. I was quite sure (h) — we had not met before. (i) — conversation, however, the young woman happened to mark that she had lost her purse that afternoon. I at once remembered where I had seen her face. She was the young woman in the photograph (j) — she was now much older.

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

Books are men's best friends in life. You may have many good friends; but you do not find them when you need them. They may not always come to you with sympathy. Some may prove true or some may prove false and do you much harm. But books are always ready to be your side. Some books will make you laugh, some others will give you much pleasure. Again some books will bring new knowledge and ideas. They are your ever friends throughout your life.

(a) friend (antonym); (b) need (antonym); (c) sympathy (synonym); (d) prove (synonym); (e) false (antonym); (f) harm (antonym); (g) laugh (antonym); (h) pleasure (synonym); (i) bring (synonym); (j) idea (synonym).



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

Husband : 'Cant you cook food properly

Wife : I cook food properly the problem is with you.

Husband : Really these foods are crap they taste pathetic.

Wife : I spend time in the kitchen from morning till afternoon. I work hard. I take care of two children at home. What do you do?

Husband : I work hard and earn money that you spend lavishly.

Wife : How dare you say that

Husband : Well that is the truth

### Part B: Composition: 40 Marks

13. Suppose, your younger brother is going to participate in a debate competition. Read the following e-mail sent by him and write a reply to it: — 8

From : Zakir <zakir@gmail.com>

To : <sagor@yahoo.com>

Cc :

Subject : Information about creative questions.

Dear brother

You'll be glad to know that I'm going to participate in a debate competition that will be held at our college auditorium next week. The topic of the debate is "Creative question pattern makes students dependent more on guides than text books." I will debate against this statement. But I'm really worried about this, as I can't collect any information. Please, help me. I want to be the winner in the competition. Please send me necessary information in opposition of the mentioned topic.

Thanking you

Zakir

14. Suppose, you are the District Correspondent of a National English Daily published from Dhaka. You have just covered a report on price hike of day to day commodities in your area. Write a news report of about 120 words. Give a title to your report. 8
15. Write a paragraph showing causes and effects of road accident in Bangladesh. Use 100-150 words. 10
16. Is female education essential for social development? Give reasons for your answer. Write at least 200 words but don't exceed 250 words. 14