

Model Question of HSC Examination 2017 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 (60 Marks)

1. Use articles where necessary. Put a cross (×) where article is not needed: .5×10=5
Mobile phone is (a) — great invention of modern science. As (b) — consumers of mobile phone are increasing day by day, (c) — people are getting benefited. But it is unfortunate that mobile phone sometimes becomes (d) — cause of hazard, especially (e) — children are affected much. (f) — scientists believe that mobile phone causes brain tumours, genetic damage and many other (g) — incurable diseases. They believe that invisible and uncontrolled radioactivity of (h) — mobile phone causes irreparable damage to (i) — human body. They say that (j) — government should control radioactive sources.
2. Fill in the gaps with appropriate prepositions. .5×10=5
Natural disaster has occurred throughout the world (a) — recent years. The reason behind this is greenhouse effect or warming (b) — the air around the earth. Global warming is melting the huge ice (c) — Polar Regions and (d) — the peaks (e) — the mountains. Consequently, the level (f) — sea water has alarmingly increased. Cyclones and tidal bores are inundating and destroying the coastal regions (g) — a large extent. Climatologists believe that (h) — the last 185 years 99 cyclones hit the coastal areas and off shore islands (i) — our country causing irrecoverable loss (j) — life and properties.
3. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box. .5×10=5
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| at all | since | as per | as | as well |
| while | a bit of a | as if | as well as | for |
- (a) Mrs. Takahashi is Japanese. She doesn't speak Hindi —. She can speak English.
(b) — they were playing cards, a thief broke into the house. They caught the thief red handed.
(c) They are in a great trouble. — they had not paid the bill, their electricity was cut off.
(d) Why was I leaving the place? I was doing so, — I was fed up.
(e) I've got — problem. I have lost my national ID card.
(f) It sounds — telephone operator is going to leave his job. We have to hire a new man.
(g) Mrs. M: So you went to Japan on holiday — your decision. I went on business.
(h) He had a terrible road mishap. — breaking his leg, he hurt his arm.
(i) I decided to have lunch, — I was feeling hungry. I met my close friend, Sumon there.
(j) She is a woman of versatile genius. She not only sings, she plays the piano —.
4. Complete the sentences using clauses/phrases. .5×10=5
- (a) He is a liar. Do not rely —.
(b) No sooner had he reached the station —.
(c) He is satisfied with what —.
(d) My mother also —.

- (e) He behaves as if—.
- (f) — that my parents lied on any ground.
- (g) My purse has been lost and—.
- (h) My friend Sakib appeared before the interview board. As he was smart—.
- (i) You are a liar. You cannot eat one mango let alone—.
- (j) I am very hungry today. I had better—.

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

An ideal teacher knows the art of (a) — (teach). He (b) — (make) his lessons interesting. His methods (c) — (be) convincing and inspiring. An ideal teacher (d) — (treat) his students like his own children. He (e) — (praise) the good work done by them. If any of students (f) — (commit) some mistakes, he is not very harsh to him. He tactfully makes the students (g) — (realize) his mistakes. An ideal teacher is never angry with his students. He (h) — (behave) well with all. He (i) — (interest) in simple living and high thinking. He never (j) — (set) a wrong example before his students.

6. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. 1×5=5

Fahima, a college girl, wanted to introduce a debating club. (a) The college authority gave her the responsibility to organize the club (make it complex). (b) She enlisted the name of the people who were interested in debating (make it simple). Fahima happily agreed. (c) When the teacher was not in the class, she went around to every class (make it compound). (d) She made them convince in debating (make it passive). (e) She is one of the cleverest girls in the class (make it positive). Every students like Fahima much for her well-behaviour.

7. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches. 5

"Excuse me, I want to know about reference books of the library," said the student. "In one part of the library you can go to read books but you can't take them out of the building," said the librarian. "What do you call that section of the library?" said the student. "Closed Reserve. However, you'll find some useful books there and you'll need them for the exam," said the librarian.

8. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following passage. Where necessary, rewrite the sentences so that all pronoun references are clear. 1×5=5

The sun is getting hotter. It is also very old. It is about 4,500 million years old! The earth's climate has been changing for all those. But the climate is heating up much faster now. Humans and their machines are responsible for this. Almost all machines use fuels such as oil, gas, coal. All produce pollution. Much of this pollution contains a gas called carbon dioxide. This gas is responsible for the pollution of the atmosphere. To prevent such we should plant trees which produce oxygen in the atmosphere.

9. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces. .5×10=5

Mother is an (a) — (use an adjective to pre-modify the noun) blessing in the world. Mother's day is a (b) — (use an intensifier to pre-modify the adjective) significant day observed as a (c) — (use an adjective to pre-modify the noun) occasion in honour of mothers. The day was for the first time, announced as a formal holiday in the United States of America. Mothers' day is now observed (d) — (use an adverbial phrase to postmodify the verb) as elsewhere around the

world. The sons and daughters (e) — (use an adverb to pre-modify the verb) wait for this day. They buy some special presents for their (f) — (use a superlative degree to pre-modify the noun) mother. When they offer the presents, the mother becomes very happy. It brings a (g) — (use an adjective to pre-modify the noun) happiness between a mother and (h) — (use a possessive to pre-modify the noun) children. The bond of relationship between mother and children becomes everlasting. The mother (i) — (use an adverb to pre-modify the verb) draws her children with her motherly affection. In this way, we pay a (j) — (use a participle to pre-modify the noun) tribute to our dear mothers.

10. Complete the passage using suitable connectors :

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Soil is necessary for life (a) — most of our foods come from soil. It is true (b) — some of us eat meat. (c) — meat comes from animals that live on plants (d) — again grow on soil. (e) — we do not give food to soil, plants will become weak. (f) — natural and inorganic manure are necessary for cultivation. (g) — compost manure is widely used in cultivation. (h) — agriculture scientists discourage the farmers to use pesticides, (i) — they opt for a method of catching pests in traditional way. (j) — it is not so popular.

11. Read the passage and then write the synonym or antonym of the words as directed below :

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Time and tide wait for none. No one can call it back. A man gets back his lost money and health but cannot get back his lost time. Time once lost is lost forever. So we should make the best use of time. We should do our duties properly. If we put off our work for tomorrow, we may not get an opportunity to do it at all. There are some people who idle away time for nothing. They cannot prosper in life. They have to suffer for it. So we should take an oath that we must do our duty properly and in time. (a) tide (antonym) (b) wait (synonym) (c) call (synonym) (d) back (synonym) (e) lose (synonym) (f) use (synonym) (g) duty (synonym) (h) opportunity (synonym) (i) suffer (antonym) (j) oath (synonym)

12. There are ten errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors.

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"Mina have you done your English lesson today?" asked the teacher "Yes sir" she replied. "But I haven't understood one grammatical point." "Come to my room. Ill help you," said the teacher. Thank you, sir she smilingly said.

Part B: Writing (40 Marks)

13. Suppose there is no sound system in your class. The teachers did not take the fruitful multimedia classes for the lack of proper sound system. So, all classes need sound system. Now, write an application to your principal for setting up sound system in all classrooms in your college.

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Or, Suppose you are Ahmed a student of Class xii. One of your classmates has sent you an email that he is sick at home. **Now, write a reply to it.**

14. Suppose, you are Seeam, a reporter of reputed daily. Recently a launch has sunk into the river Padma. Now, write a report of about 120 words on it. Give a title to your report.

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15. Write a paragraph comparing and contrasting 'Democracy and Dictatorship'. Use 100-150 words.

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16. Write a short composition that expresses your opinion about what you would do if you were the Home Minister of Bangladesh. Write at least 200 words but don't exceed 250 words.

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