

2. Answer the following questions. 2 × 5 = 10
- What is 'Nakshi Kantha'?
 - Which districts are famous for 'Nakshi Kantha'?
 - When does 'Nakshi Kantha' become famous?
 - Why are the quilts now in great demand?
 - What kind of craft is it?
3. Read the text in A again. Now, write the summary of it in around 70 words. 10

Unseen Passage [Marks : 10]

Read the following text carefully and answer the questions no. 4 and 5.

John Donne was born in 1573 in London. His father was a rich merchant. He had a name and fame in his circle. But he died in 1576. Donne was at first educated as Catholic. He entered Oxford in 1584 and left it in 1587. Then he studied at Cambridge for three years. He returned to London in 1591. He then entered Lincoln's Inn to study law in 1592. When Donne came of age, he had a considerable fortune. Donne travelled Italy, Spain and on the continent between 1594 and 1597. He joined Essex Expedition to Cabiz in 1590. During this time he wrote several poems. His lyrical poetry was mainly the outcome of these years. In 1609 he began to compose his great prose work 'Pseudo Martyr'. It was printed in 1610. In 1611, he wrote a satirical prose piece.

4. Complete the following table with the information given in the passage. 1 × 5 = 5

Who/What	Events/Activity	Place	Year
Donne	entered	(i) —	in 1584
He	shifted to	London	(ii) —
He	(iii) —	Lincoln's Inn	in 1592
(iv) —	travelled	Italy, Spain and on the continent	between 1594 to 1597
John Donne	(v) —	Essex Expedition to Cabiz	in 1590

5. Read the passage again and write True or False beside the following statements. Give answers for the false statements. 1 × 5 = 5

- (a) John Donne had studied at Cambridge for three years.
- (b) He was born in Oxford.
- (c) He was a son of a rich teacher.
- (d) John Donne's father was famous beyond his circle.
- (e) His father breathed his last in 1576.

6. **Fill in the gaps with appropriate words :** 1 × 5 = 5
 Honesty is a great virtue. It helps a man to (a) — in life. An honest man is loved and (b) — by all. Nobody believes a (c) — man. A man may be (d) — by means of dishonesty but that is short-lived. A dishonest man (e) — in the long run.

7. **Re-arrange the following sentences in correct order :** 10

- (a) One said, "I have lost my husband."
- (b) A poor woman once came to Buddha.
- (c) The sorrowful mother went from door to door seeking the mustard seeds but at every door she met with sad replies.
- (d) She returned with heavy heart to the great teacher and told him the result of her great search.
- (e) He told her that there was only one medicine which could revive her son.
- (f) Another said, "Our youngest child died last year."
- (g) Then Buddha told her affectionately that she must not think much of her own grief since sorrow and death are common to all.
- (h) The holy man was touched by the great sorrow of the woman.
- (i) She asked him whether he could give her any medicine to restore her dead child to life.
- (j) He told her to bring a handful of mustard seeds from a house where death had never entered.

8. **Fill in the gaps using clues from the boxes. There are more words than necessary :** 0.5 × 10 = 5

with	what	seek	who	desires	have
brings	worldly	for	rather	has	happiness

It is true that complete (a) — does not exist in (b) — life. A man cannot (c) — all the things that he (d) — in life. It is better not to (e) — more and more of a thing. (f) — one should be satisfied (g) — what one gets. Contentment is the key to happiness. One should not always think about (h) — he does not have. There are some people (i) — think that it is money that (j) — happiness in life.

9. The phrases in column A are the beginnings of some sentences. The phrases in column B are the endings. Match the phrases in column A with the phrases in column B to make complete sentences : $1 \times 5 = 5$

Column-A	Column-B
(a) Frustration is the cause	i. not only a national but also a global problem.
(b) Drugs kill the addicts	ii. effect on human body.
(c) Drugs bear a terrible	iii. slowly but surely.
(d) Addiction means	iv. of drug addiction.
(e) Drug addiction is	v. strong attraction for harmful things.

Section-B : Writing Test [Marks : 40]

10. Suppose, you are Rana/ Rani and you have a friend named Ripon/ Runa. Your friend is interested in reading newspaper. Now, write a dialogue between you and your friend about the importance of reading newspaper. 10
11. Write a paragraph on 'A Tea Stall' by answering the following questions. 10
 (a) What is a tea stall? (b) Where is it found? (c) How is it furnished? (d) What things are sold here? (e) What do the customers do in the tea stall?
12. Read the beginning of the story. Complete it in about 150 words in your own way. 10
 Once there lived a farmer in a village. He had a wonderful goose and it laid a golden egg every morning. One day
13. Suppose, you are Moni/ Munia. You have a friend named Rahim/ Rahima. Now, write a letter to your friend describing what you intend to do after JSC Examination. 10

Answer Sheet

Section-A : Reading Test

1. (a) ii. Bengali (b) iii. Commercially (c) iii. Artistic design
 (d) iii. Rural area (e) iii. Jasimuddin
2. (a) Nakshi Kantha is a kind of embroidered quilt made from old or new cloth and thread. It is an age-old tradition in rural Bengal.

- (b) Mymensingh, Jamalpur, Rajshahi, Faridpur, Bogra and Jessore are most famous for Nakshi Kantha.
- (c) The name 'Nakshi Kantha' becomes popular after publishing the poem "Nakshi Kanthar Math" in 1929, written by the poet Jasimuddin.
- (d) Nakshi Kanthas are in great demand because of the colourful patterns and designs embroidered on them.
- (e) It is a traditional craft.
3. Nakshi Kantha is a traditional craft that is said to be indigenous to Bangladesh and West Bengal in India. It can be called a unique asset of Bengali culture. It is an art of embroidered quilt which has been practised in rural Bengal for hundreds of years. Traditionally Nakshi Kantha is made and used for family life. But because of its high demand, now it is produced commercially and sold in many expensive handicraft shops in cities. *[Total Words : 77]*
4. (i) Oxford (ii) 1591 (iii) Attended Lincoln's Inn to study law (iv) Donne (v) joined
5. (a) True.
 (b) False. He was born in London.
 (c) False. He was a son of a rich merchant.
 (d) False. John Donne's father was famous in his circle.
 (e) True
6. (a) succeed (b) respected (c) dishonest (d) successful (e) suffers
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| b | i | h | e | j | c | a | f | d | g |
8. (a) happiness (b) worldly (c) have (d) desires (e) seek (f) Rather (g) with (h) what (i) who (j) brings
9. (a) + iv → Frustration is the cause of drug addiction.
 (b) + iii → Drugs kill the addicts slowly but surely.
 (c) + ii → Drugs bear a terrible effect on human body.
 (d) + v → Addiction means strong attraction for harmful things.
 (e) + i → Drug addiction is not only a national but also a global problem.