

JSC Exam. SYLHET BOARD-2016

English First Paper

Subject Code

Time : 3 Hours

Marks : 100

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

Section-A : Reading Test

Seen Passage [Marks : 25]

Read the text and answer questions 1, 2 and 3.

Thousands of years ago, the first pearl was probably discovered while human beings were searching for food at the sea shore. Throughout history the pearl with its shine has been one of the most highly valued gems.

Pearls have been mentioned many times in religious texts and mythologies from the earliest times.

The ancient Egyptians valued pearls so much that they were buried with them. It is said that, the famous queen of Egypt Cleopatra would dissolve a pearl in a glass and drink it as a sign of love and respect for the entire nation.

The Greeks thought the pearls as a sign of wealth and social position. The beauty of pearls was associated with love and marriage. In ancient Rome, pearls were considered the greatest sign of wealth and social status.

At that time the young women of noble families loved to wear beautiful pearl necklaces. The brave knights used to wear them in the battles for good luck. [Total Words : 161] [Unit-7: Lesson-1(B)]

1. Choose the best answer from the alternatives : $1 \times 5 = 5$

- (a) The word 'wealth' means —
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| i. poverty | ii. riches |
| iii. brightness | iv. power |
- (b) The verb form of 'beautiful' is —
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| i. beauty | ii. beautifully |
| iii. beautify | iv. beautifier |
- (c) The word 'dissolve' stands for —.
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| i. mould | ii. fasten |
| iii. prepare | iv. melt |
- (d) Pearls have been — many times in religious texts.
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| i. adorned | ii. cited |
| iii. excited | iv. remarked |
- (e) Pearl was discovered when people searched for —.
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| i. money | ii. shelter |
| iii. jobs | iv. food |

2. Give short answers to the following questions : $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) When were pearls discovered by human beings?
(b) What is said about Cleopatra in mythology?
(c) Why did the brave knights used to wear pearls in battle fields?

- (d) Where have pearls been mentioned?
 (e) What did the Egyptians do with the dead?

3. Read the text in A again. Now, write the summary of it in around 50 words. 10

Unseen Passage [Marks : 10]

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

Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir was an officer in the Bangladesh Army during Liberation War in 1971. He was born on 7 March 1949 at Rahimganj village under Babuganj Upazilla in Barisal district. He finished his H.S.C from the Barisal B.M. College. In 1967 he took admission in the Department of Statistics at the University of Dhaka. On 5 October 1967 he joined the armed forces as a Cadet at the Pakistan Military Academy. He obtained commissioned rank in the Engineering Corps in 1968. He was promoted to the rank of Captain on 30 August in 1970. He was an officer in sector 7 of the Mukti Bahini. He was given the responsibility to fight at Chapainawabganj border at Rajshahi district. On 14 December, he was killed in an attempt to break through enemy defences on the bank of the Mohananda river. He was buried near Sona Masjid premises. In recognition of his valour and sacrifice in the War of Liberation, Mohiuddin Jahangir was awarded with the highest state honour of Birshreshtha.

4. Complete the following table with the information given in the passage. $1 \times 5 = 5$

Who/ What	Event/ Activity	Where/ Place	When
Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir	born	(i) —	7 March, 1949
He	(ii) —	from Barisal BM College	
Mohiuddin Jahangir	joined the armed forces	in Pakistan	(iii) —
He	(iv) —	in the Engineering Corps	in 1968
He	was killed	(v) —	14 December 1971

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

- (a) Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir was a great fighter.
- (b) He was a pilot officer.
- (c) Mohiuddin Jahangir obtained commissioned rank in the army.
- (d) He fled away from the battle field.
- (e) 'Birshrestha' is the highest state honour for the freedom fighters.

6. **Fill in the gaps with appropriate words :** $1 \times 5 = 5$
Good manner is an integral part (a) — education. The necessity of good manners (b) — be ignored. Rather, priority should be (c) — to them. To win love and (d) — of others, good manner is a (e) —.

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

- (a) He rose to a high position in the army by his courage and good work.
- (b) Under him France was very powerful.
- (c) More than 170 years ago there lived in France one of the greatest soldiers called Napoleon Bonaparte.
- (d) When he was young, he joined the French Army as an ordinary soldier.
- (e) He was born in 1769.
- (f) He fought several wars with the neighbouring countries and won victories over them.
- (g) Yet the Frenchmen remember him with due respect.
- (h) He died in 1821.
- (i) In 1804 he proclaimed himself to be the Emperor.
- (j) He grew very powerful and soon became the greatest man in the country.

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

live	illiterate	native	can	vacation	flood
are	remove	as	from	in	of

Students should not separate themselves (a) — society. They can serve society (b) — many ways. Their service is (c) — great importance to society. During (d) — they should go to their (e) — village. They can educate (f) — villagers. During flood, they (g) — remove the sufferings of the (h) — affected people by raising funds (i) — they live in society. They (j) — human beings. So, they are not isolated from society.

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) A flower is regarded as the	i. of a flower for its charming beauty.
(b) It is also a symbol	ii. are held in our country.
(c) It is very sad that a flower blooms	iii. best gift of nature.
(d) Everybody on earth is fond	iv. in the morning and fades away very soon.
(e) At present flower exhibitions	v. of purity and beauty.

Section-B : Writing Test [Marks : 40]

10. Suppose, you are Reza/ Rina and your friend is Limon/ Luna who gets up from bed late in the morning. Now, write a dialogue between you and your friend about the importance of early rising.

11. Write a paragraph on "Your School Library" by answering the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 100 words. 10
(a) What is a school library? (b) What is the importance of a school library? (c) Where is it located? (d) How are the books arranged? (e) Do you feel good in your school library?
12. Read the beginning of the following story. It is incomplete. Use your imagination and complete it. 10
You must have heard the name of Bayazid Bostami. He was famous for devotion to his mother. One night he was reading. His mother
13. Suppose, you are Helal/ Helen. Your father wanted to know from you about your preparation for the JSC Examination. Now, write a letter to your father telling him about your preparation for the JSC Examination. 10

Answer Sheet

Section-A : Reading Test

1. (a) ii. riches (b) iii. beautify (c) iv. melt (d) ii. cited (e) iv. food
2. (a) Pearls were discovered by human beings thousands of years ago.
(b) In mythology, it is said about Cleopatra that she would dissolve a pearl in a glass and drink it as a sign of love and respect for the entire nation.
(c) The brave knights used to wear pearls in battle fields for good luck.
(d) Pearls have been mentioned in religious texts and mythologies from the earliest times.
(e) The ancient Egyptians buried the dead with pearls.

3. Pearls were discovered thousands of years ago while people were searching for food at the sea shore. Ancient Egyptians, Romans and Greeks valued pearls very highly. The ancient Egyptians were buried with pearls. The ancient Romans and Greeks considered it as a sign of wealth and social position. In the battle field the brave knights used to wear pearls for good luck. [Total Words : 64]

4. (i) Babujanj, Barisal (ii) completed HSC (iii) 5 October, 1967 (iv) Obtained Commissioned rank (v) on the bank of Mahananda

5. (a) False. Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir was a great freedom fighter.

(b) False. He was a Mukti Bahini officer.

(c) True.

(d) False. He did not flee away from the battle field.

(e) True.

6. (a) of (b) can't (c) given (d) respect (e) must

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
c	e	d	f	a	j	i	b	h	g

8. (a) from (b) in (c) of (d) vacation (e) native (f) illiterate (g) can (h) flood (i) as (j) are

9. (a) + iii → A flower is regarded as the best gift of nature.

(b) + v → It is also a symbol of purity and beauty.

(c) + iv → It is very sad that a flower blooms in the morning and fades away very soon.

(d) + i → Everybody on earth is fond of a flower for its charming beauty.

(e) + ii → At present flower exhibitions are held in our country.