

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

Section A : Reading Test (Seen passage)

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

River gypsies in Bangladesh are having various problems. First, Bangladesh is getting urbanised very rapidly. Gypsy people are losing their customers in urban population. Hence, their income is threatened. Secondly, 24,000 kilometres of previous waterways has shrunk into only 6,000 kilometres in the country in dry seasons. Scientists believe that Bangladesh will be worst affected by global climate change. The unpredictable rain and drying out of rivers have made boat movement heavily restricted. Thirdly, many river gypsies are changing their lifestyle in the context of changed reality. They are thinking of living permanently on land. The authority feels that river gypsies need help to survive in the mainstream population. Therefore, the government is offering voting rights, permanent housing and bank-loan facilities. However, changes do not come overnight.

Traditionally, river gypsies are used to water life. They have inherited from their forefathers necessary life skills to survive in waters. They have no education and training to adapt to mainstream modern society. So the authority feels the need to bring them under formal education network. But they have no permanent living place. Gypsy children are born and brought up on roaming boats. Therefore, they cannot go to conventional

schools. And hence, mobile boat-schools are coming up for gypsy children. Some voluntary organisations are running special schools on boats to educate river gypsy children in some areas.

1. Choose the best answer from the alternatives.

1×5=5

- a. In this passage 'mobile' stands for—**
- i) static ii) cellular phone
 - iii) easy to access
 - iv) move from place to place
- b. The government is offering them—**
- i) suffrage ii) everything free of cost
 - iii) rationing iv) treatment
- c. The word 'Ethnic' means**
- i) racial ii) mainstream
 - iii) nomad iv) migrant
- d. River gypsies have learnt their way of living**
- i) from the local people
 - ii) from the voluntary organizations
 - iii) from their forefathers
 - iv) from school
- e. River gypsies are – with many problems.**
- i) suffer ii) beset
 - iii) taking iv) doing

2. Give short answers to the following questions.

2×5=10

- a. Why do the river gypsies are thinking of changing their lifestyle?
- b. Where are the gypsy children born and brought up?
- c. What is mobile boat-school?

- d. What is the impact of urbanization on the river gypsies in Bangladesh?
- e. Who are running special schools for river gypsy children? Why?

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

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

The Nobel Prize is the world's most prestigious and important prize. It has been given since 1901. The prize is given to persons with outstanding contributions to physics, chemistry, literature, medicine, peace and economics. Economics was added to the list in 1969 for the first time. The Nobel Prize was instituted by a man who was the inventor of dynamite. This scientist was Alfred Bernard Nobel. He was born in Stockholm, Sweden on October 21, 1833 and died in 1896. Though he was a citizen of Sweden, he was educated in Russia. He earned a huge sum of money by selling dynamite. At the time of his death in 1896, Nobel left behind a huge amount of money. He also left a will indicating that the interest on this money should be given as prizes to persons for their outstanding contributions to physics, chemistry, medicine, literature and peace. This prize was named as Nobel Prize. The first Nobel Prize was given to Roentgen on 10th December, 1901 for inventing X-ray.

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

Event	Place	Year/ Time
Alfred Nobel was born	(i) —	1833
(ii) —		1969

Event	Place	Year/ Time
Nobel received education	(iii) —	
(iv) —		at the time of his death.
(v) —		1896

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

- The Nobel Prize is one of the most esteemed prizes of the world.
- From the very beginning 'Nobel Prize' has been given in six fields.
- Alfred Bernard hails from Russia.
- He invented dynamite for the welfare of mankind.
- He left behind a small amount of money.

6. Fill in the gaps with appropriate words. $1 \times 5 = 5$

We can keep in good health if we play (a) —. If the body is sound, the mind also remains (b) —. We should bear in (c) — that it is a very good rule to (d) — while it is time for reading and play while it is time for (e) —. Good children do not play all day long.

7. Rearrange the following sentences in correct order. 10

- Bruce saw the spider climbing to the ceiling after some unsuccessful attempts.
- He took shelter in a remote cave.
- Then he saw a spider trying hard to reach the ceiling of the cave.

- (d) But it did not give up hope.
- (e) He had to flee from his kingdom to save his life.
- (f) The king fought bravely but lost the battle.
- (g) Once he was lying in the cave.
- (h) The spider failed again and again to succeed.
- (i) Robert Bruce was a famous king of Scotland.
- (j) Enemies invaded his kingdom.

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

foodstuff	or	plays	for
vital	industries	our	both
depend	country	people	animal

Ours is an agricultural (a) —. Hence most of the (b) — of our country directly (c) — indirectly depend on agriculture (d) — their livelihood. Many important (e) — of our country also (f) — on agricultural products. Agriculture (g) — a vital role in (h) — national economy. It supplies (i) — for both human and (j) — consumption.

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) We should say 'no' to corruption	(i) but also harmful to our society.
(b) Corrupt persons are not only	(ii) we do not think of the welfare of the country.

Column A	Column B
dishonest	(iii) did something
(c) Now, it is high	against corruption.
time we	(iv) because it is a
(d) We should work	serious social
together if	crime.
(e) But we are so	(v) we want to control
self-centred that	corruption.

Section B : Writing Test

- 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. 10
- 11.** Write a paragraph on "A Winter Morning" in about 150 words answering the following questions: 10
 (a) How is a winter morning? (b) When does the sun peep? (c) How do people feel in a winter morning? (d) When do people get up in a winter morning? (e) What kind of food do people eat?
- 12.** Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in 150 words: – 10
 One day a lion was sleeping in its cave. A mouse was playing nearby. While playing by chance it ran over the lion's body. At this, the lion woke up
- 13.** Suppose, you are Moni/Monira. You have a friend, named Nayeem/Nayeema who has made a brilliant result in the J.S.C Examination. Now, write a letter to your friend congratulating him/her on the brilliant success. 10