

Section A : Grammar (30 marks)

1. **Fill in the gaps of the following text with appropriate articles. Put a cross (×) for zero article:** 0.5×6=3

Truthfulness is (a) — greatest of all (b) — virtues that makes (c) — man really great. If we do not cultivate (d) — habit of speaking (e) — truth, we cannot command (f) — confidence of others.

2. **Read the following passage and fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions from the box:** 0.5×6 =3

to	in	from	on	of	to
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A good student is fond (a) — books. He is attentive (b) — his studies. He always tries (c) — cut a good figure (d) — the examination. He never deviates (e) — his duties because he knows, every success depends (f) — hard work.

3. **Make four meaningful sentences from the substitution table:** 1×4=4

Newspaper	learn	us the outside world
It	gives	like a mirror.
Students	shows	us news of home and
	is	abroad.
	called	many things from it.
		the storehouse of
		knowledge.

4. **Change the following passage into indirect speech:** 1×4=4

“ I came here yesterday from my village,” he said. “Why did you come?” I asked. “My mother sent me to you with this letter.” “How is your mother? I have not seen her for a long time. I hope she is quite well.”

5. **Change the following sentences as directed in the brackets:** 1×5=5

(a) Walking is better than any other exercise.
(Superlative)

(b) Every one prefers walking as an exercise usually in the morning. (Interrogative)

(c) It keeps our body fit for working. (Negative)

(d) So, we should never forget this thing.
(Passive)

(e) Good health is very valuable. (Exclamatory)

6. **Rewrite the following passage using capitalization and punctuation** 0.5×6=3

the old man said can you give me some food ive been starving for two days the maid said why do you beg cant you work

7. **Fill in the gaps used in the following text by adding suffix, prefix or both with the root words underlined in the text:** 0.5×8=4

An (a) healthy man leads a (b) pain life. He cannot enjoy (c) happy. He suffers both (d) physical and (e) mental. He passes his days with (j) happy. His life is very (g) misery. He is (h) active too.

8. Complete the following text with suitable verbs in the box with their right form: $0.5 \times 8 = 4$

become	receive	come	be
get	contribute	play	work

Today women (a) — an important role in all spheres of life. They (b) — no longer confined within the four walls of their parents' or husbands' house. They have (c) — out of the kitchens and are (d) — hand in hand with men in the development programmes of the country. By (e) — education they (f) — pilots, doctors, engineers, teachers, administrators etc. If they (g) — more opportunities, they (h) — much to the development of the country.

Section B : Composition (20 marks)

9. Suppose, you are Ayon/Ananna. Your friend is Sumon/Sumona. He/She wants to know about your aim in life. Now, write an e-mail to your friend describing your aim in life. 8

10. Write a composition on the following topic in 250 words:— 12

“Your Aim in Life.”