

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

Section A : Reading Test (60 Marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions following it (1-3).

[Unit-5; Lesson-5(A)]

Once upon a time, a dove and a bat were very good friends. One day the two friends decided to set out on a journey. They flew over the rivers and hills and came to a big jungle. Both the friends were very tired, they needed to sit down and take a rest. Soon night fell and it was dark all around. A storm rose. It started to rain heavily. The dove and the bat started to look for a shelter.

They came upon a century-old rain tree. An owl had his nest in that tree. The dove and the bat knocked at the owl's door. The old grumpy owl opened the door. The dove and the bat requested him to give them shelter. The owl unwillingly let them in. The two birds were hungry too. They begged for some food. The selfish owl was not happy. However, he shared his dinner with them. The dove was so tired that she could hardly eat. But the bat was sly. He ate greedily. He began to praise the owl with the thought of getting more food. The bat said, "O wise and brave owl, you are the most generous person I have ever seen. You are powerful and mighty."

The owl was very pleased at the bat's flattery. He puffed and ruffled himself, trying to look as wise and brave as possible. Then he turned to the dove and asked, "Now little dove, what do you think about me?" (249 words)

1. Choose the best answer from the alternatives.

1×5=5

- (a) However, he shared his dinner with them. Here 'however' is a/an —.
- (i) conjunction (ii) adverb (iii) preposition (iv) adjective
- (b) Ruffle means —.
- (i) rumple (ii) ravenous (iii) voluptuous (iv) adorn
- (c) The word 'grumpy' means —.
- (i) ill-tempered (ii) ill-fated (iii) jolly (iv) joyous
- (d) In fact, the bat — the owl.
- (i) buttered up (ii) buttered off (iii) exhausted (iv) criticised
- (e) The owl gave them shelter out of —.
- (i) willingness (ii) unwillingness (iii) temptation (iv) confession

2. Give short answer to the following questions.

2×5=10

- (a) How did the two friends come to a jungle?
- (b) Why did the dove wonder?
- (c) How was the friendship between the dove and the bat?
- (d) What happened after their journey?
- (e) How can you differentiate the characters of the dove and the owl?

3. Read the text in "A" again. Now, write the summary of it in around 50-70 words.

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Read the passage carefully and answer the questions following it (4-5).

Jasimuddin was a famous Bengali poet. He was also a song writer, prose writer, folklore collector and radio personality. He is known as 'pollikobi' because through his poems he depicted the Bengali rural life. He was born in the village of Tambulkhana in Faridpur District on 1 January 1903. He received his early education at Faridpur Welfare School. He obtained BA degree in Bangla from the University of Kolkata in 1929 and MA in 1931. Jasimuddin joined the University of Dhaka in 1938 as a lecturer. He left the university in 1944 and joined the Department of Information and Broadcasting. He worked there until his retirement in 1962 as Deputy Director.

Jasimuddin collected more than 10,000 folk songs. He wrote many poems, dramas, novels, memoirs music etc. His major works are Rakhali, Nakshi Kanthar Math, Sojan Badiyar Ghat, Bedder Meye, Madhumala. The major honours and awards that received are President Award for Pride Performance, Pakistan (1958), D. Lit by Rabindra Bharati University, India (1969), Ekushey Padak (1976), Bangladesh and Independence Day Award (1978). He died on 13 March 1976 and was buried near his ancestral home at Gobindapur.

4. From your reading of the above text complete the following table with the relevant information.

1×5=5

Who/What	Event/Activity	Year/When	Place/Where
Jasimuddin	born	1903	(i)
He	obtained BA degree	(ii)	the University of Kolkata
He	(iii)	1938	the University of Dhaka
He	joined	(iv)	the Department of Information and Broadcasting
He	got President Award for Pride Performance	1958	(v)

5. Read the passage again and write true or false beside the following statements. If false, give the correct answer. 1×5=5

- (a) Jasimuddin worked in mass media.
- (b) He is called 'pollikobi' for his pastoral poetry.
- (c) He wrote many proses.
- (d) He is famous for 'Lokogiti'.
- (e) He perished at the age of 74.

6. Fill in the gaps with appropriate words. 1×5=5

Bangladesh is a (a) — child of nature. Nature has (b) — our country with (c) — beauties. But now these beauties are (d) — shrunk for the (e) — of unwise people.

7. Rearrange the following sentences in correct order. 1×10=10

- (a) Then the leader of the robbers came to Sa'adi.
- (b) The merchants had their goods and a lot of money.
- (c) He had a bundle of books and some money with him.
- (d) They travelled for twelve days without any trouble.
- (e) He ordered Sa'adi to give all he had with him.
- (f) On the thirteenth day, a gang of robbers attacked them.
- (g) Sheikh Sa'adi handed him the bundle of books and also the little money he had without any fear.
- (h) Once Sheikh Sa'adi was going to Baghdad with a group of rich merchants.
- (i) Sa'adi then said, "I hope that you will make good use of these books."
- (j) The robbers took away all the goods and money from the merchants.

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

properties	that	occur	originates	natural	thunder
unbearable	accompanied	loss	measures	destroy	society

A cyclone is undoubtedly a (a) — calamity. It may (b) — any time and any place. The cyclone (c) — occurs in Bangladesh (d) — from the Bay of Bengal. (e) — and heavy showers are often (f) — with it. Before cyclone (g) — heat is felt for a few days. It is a great (h) — for human beings and (i) —. There are no preventive (j) — of it.

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. 1×5=5

Column A	Column B
(i) Introverts and extroverts are	(a) don't like talking too much
(ii) They are quite	(b) outgoing, noisy and dominating in nature
(iii) Introverts are shy and they	(c) to remain lonely
(iv) In contrast, extroverts are usually	(d) two particular types of personality
(v) Unlike the introverts, they do not like	(e) opposite in nature

Section B : Writing Test (40 Marks)

10. Suppose, you are Shamim/Shamima and your friend is Nafis/Nafisa. Now, write a dialogue between you and your friend about the dangers of smoking. 10

11. Write a paragraph on "Tea Stall" in about 150 words. 10

12. Read the beginning of a story. Now, complete it giving a suitable title in 150 words. 10

Once there was a scholar. One day he hired a boat and was crossing a river by boat.....

13. Suppose, you are Suman/Sumona. Your younger brother/sister is Tanim/Tonima. Now, write a letter to your brother/sister advising him/her to be sincere and attentive to his/her study. 10