

Satkania Govt. College, Chattogram.

Half Yearly Exam-2021

Class: XI

Subject: English 1st and 2nd Paper

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 100

Part-A

First Paper

1. Read the passage and answer the question A and B.

Adolescents constitute a nation's core resource for national renewal and growth. Adolescence is a period in life when transition from childhood to adulthood takes place and behaviours and life styles are shaped. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), adolescence is the period which shapes the future of girls and boys lives. There are 28 million adolescents in Bangladesh; 13.7 million of them are girls and 14.3 million boys.

The situation of adolescent girls in Bangladesh is characterized by inequality and subordination within family and society. This inequality leads to widespread practice of child marriage, marginalization or exclusion from health, education and economic opportunities, and vulnerability to violence and sexual abuse. In Bangladesh, the legal age of marriage is 18 for girls and 21 for boys. However 33 percent of adolescent girls are married before the age of 15 and 60 percent become mothers by the age of 19. Research finds that adolescents with higher level of education and from more affluent families tend to marry at a later age. Boys, however, become ready for marriage only after several years of adolescence and adulthood.

A. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives:

1×5=5

- a) The phrase 'take place' stands for-
- i) occur ii) recur iii) go to a place iv) all of them
- b) What could be the closest meaning of the word 'core' in the first sentence?
- i) Alternative ii) Subsidiary iii) Central iv) Minor
- c) Which of the following statements is not correct?
- i) After marriage, a girls usually drops out of school.
ii) In the in-laws house she is marginalized
iii) In the in-laws house, a girl usually enjoys freedom in decision making.
iv) In the in-laws house, after marriage a girl begins full-time work.
- d) The synonym of 'legal' is-
- i) illicit ii) banned iii) prohibited iv) lawful
- e) The situation of adolescent girls in Bangladesh is characterized by-
- i) Equality and supremacy within the family and society.
ii) Inequality and subordination within the family and society.
iii) Freedom in speech and movement
iv) Equality and cooperation within the family and society.

B. Answer the following questions:

2×5=10

- a) How does World Health Organization define adolescence?
b) When does a girl drop out of school?
c) What are the effects of female inequality?
d) What are the negative impacts of early marriage of a girl?
e) How do wealth and education influence a girl's marriage?

2. Read the following text and make flow chart showing the factors that influence craftwork.

2×5=10

A craftwork is an applied form of art, a social and cultural product reflecting the inclusive nature of folk imagination. A craftwork, which usually doesn't bear the signature of its maker, retains a personal touch. When we look at a thirty year old Nakshikantha we wonder at its motifs and designs that point to the artistic ingenuity and the presence of the maker in it. The fact that we don't know her name or any other details about her doesn't take anything away from our appreciation of the artist. Indeed, the intimate nature of the kantha and the tactile feeling it generates animate the work and make it very inviting.

A craftwork is shaped by the interaction of individual creativity and community aesthetics, utility functions and human values. It is distinguished by its maker's desire to locate himself or herself in the wider and ever-changing cultural aspirations of the community, and subsequently of the market. But even when the market is an important factor, community aesthetics remains the factor determining the form content of the craftwork. The exquisite terracotta dolls from Dinajpur dating back to early 1940's that form a part of the Bangladesh National Museum's collection were mostly bought from village fairs by some patron. They were no doubt meant to be consumer items, but the dolls reflect community aesthetics in such a manner that the market has not been able to impose its own preferences on them.

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3. Write a paragraph on “The Victory Day” in about 200 words based on the answers to the following questions.

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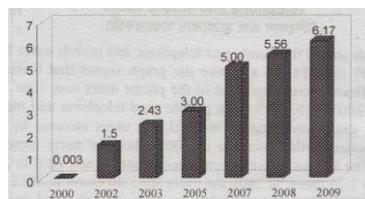
- When is our Victory Day?
- Why is it called so?
- What is the brief history behind it?
- How do we observe the day?
- What is the significance of the day?

4. Write an e-mail to your friend requesting him/her to send you the routine of your pre-test examination-2021.

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5. Look at the graph. It shows the gradual rise of the internet users in Bangladesh. Describe the graph in 150 words. You should highlight and summarize the information given in the graph.

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Part-B

Second Paper

6. Fill in the blanks in the following texts with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (×) in those blanks.

(a) _____ ant is (b) _____ industrious insect. Bees are also (c) _____ industrious insects. If we observe the life of (d) _____ successful man, we will find that he is also (e) _____ industrious (f) _____ industrious are appreciated by all. On the other hand, (g) _____ idle are disliked by all. So, industry is (h) _____ must to prosper in (i) _____ life. We all know that industry is the key to success and laziness leads us to (j) _____ misfortune.

7. Complete the sentences with suitable phrase/words given in the box.

It	had better	have to	what'slike	Let alone
If	there	would rather	as soon as	as if

- (a) Time is over. I _____ go now
(b) You _____ consult with a doctor. The condition of your health may deteriorate.
(c) _____ I had a typewriter. I would type well.
(d) _____ he _____? He is friendly and he can help you.
(e) _____ are many rivers in Bangladesh. The rivers abound with plenty of fishes.
(f) I met him ten years ago. I can hardly recall his name, _____ his address.
(g) _____ has been many years since I saw him. So, I cannot recognize him.
(h) Don't behave _____ you know everything. Remember all others here are senior to you.
(i) You _____ build your own house than live in a rented house. House rent has increased much nowadays.
(j) Give him the good news _____ you meet him.

8. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/ phrases.

- (a) Had I a car, _____. I am fond of travelling.
(b) Health is wealth. For sound health, we _____.
(c) People work with a view to _____. Every man has to do something for a living.
(d) Corruption is the main hindrance to development. It is high time _____.
(e) No sooner had the teacher entered the classroom than _____.
(f) Trees are essential for our existence. We should plant _____.
(g) It is not good _____. A man is known by the company he keeps.
(h) My childhood was full of joys and happiness. Would that _____.
(i) Harun is an HSC candidate. He is studying hard lest _____.
(j) It is very cold outside. You had better _____.

9. Read the text and change the sentences as directed

- (a) People are destroying trees and plants at random (passive)
(b) The losses are particularly severe in the areas of tropical rain forests which cover only 7% of the surface of the globe (simple)
(c) We know that all species are important for maintaining ecological balance. (Compound)
(d) In order to protect the environment from being spoilt, we should protect our wildlife. (Complex)
(e) To save all the species of the wildlife, it is the most important thing. (Positive)

10. Write an application to the principal of your college for providing 'sound system' in the large classrooms of your college. 8

11. Suppose, you are a reporter to a national daily. Now, write a report on a terrible fire accident in a garments factory in your locality. 8

12. The rivers of Bangladesh had a glorious past. Now, the rivers are on the verge of extinction. Write a composition on the 'Importance of the Rivers in Bangladesh' 14