

Dhamrai Govt. College, Dhaka

Half Yearly Exam -2023

Class –XI

Subject: English

Time: 3 hours

Full Marks 100

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

(ENGLISH FIRST PAPER – MARKS -50)

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

Education gives us knowledge and a set of abilities to function meaningfully in life, such as the ability to decide things rationally and make the right choices. As we learn how to read, write and do the basic operations of arithmetic, we gain a degree of self-confidence. We learn to think for ourselves and articulate our thoughts; we pick up skills to communicate with others and manage our affairs well. Education helps us think independently and make our own opinions. As we know more about the world, we appreciate the good things it offers us but also become critical of the deviations from the values it imparts and the rise of hatred or conflict that follows.

The first thing education does is to give us an awareness about ourselves which leads to the development of our personality. As we begin school, we feel the need to belong to the class and make friends. We then expand our sense of belonging to include the school at large, our community and finally our country.

Education thus prepares every child to become an active member of the community and work for its welfare.

Education, it is believed, releases our potentials and our inner strengths. It sharpens our intellect and develops our creativity. As we are taught to reason well and find solutions to the problems of life we become productive members of society. Education by definition is progressive and liberal, teaching us to respect human diversity and cultural and religious differences. If all of us practise these values in life, the world becomes a much happier place. Education also fosters critical thinking and provides us a set of competencies including life skills that enable us to become competitive even in the most challenging of circumstances. Education also teaches us to appreciate beauty and the bounties of nature.

A. Choose the correct answer from the alternative:-

0.5×10=5

a. Which of the following has the closest meaning of the word 'rationally' used in line 2?

- (i) by illogical means (ii) by logical means
(iii) by a ratio of two numbers (iv) by a ratio of whole numbers

b. What does the expression 'how to read' in line 2 mean?

- (i) the skill of reading (ii) the ability of reading
(iii) the power of reading (iv) the method of reading

c. Which of the following has the closest meaning of the word 'awareness' in line 8 (second paragraph)?

- (i) attentiveness (ii) consciousness
(iii) wickedness (iv) shrewdness

d. What does the expression 'sense of belonging' in line 10 (second paragraph) mean?

- (i) the state of being in a very personal relationship
(ii) the state of belonging a vast wealth and feeling pride of it
(iii) the feeling of autocracy and domination
(iv) the feeling of selfishness

e. Which of the following word describes education best?

(i) companion (ii) weapon (iii) light (iv) friend.

f. The word 'sharpen' in line 12 (third paragraph) stands for

(i) sparkle (ii) polish (iii) improve (iv) beautify

g. The word 'critical thinking' in line 17 (fourth paragraph) stands for –

(i) extremely serious (ii) extremely important

(iii) extremely dangerous (iv) careful judgment

h. According to the passage, good education teaches us not only self-respect but also __

(i) how to dishonour others (ii) how to earn money

(iii) how to cheat others (iv) how to respect others

i. What does the word 'compassion' in the last paragraph of the passage mean?

(i) strong and barely controllable emotion.

(ii) supporting for the rich and powerful people

(iii) sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others

(iv) sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of a selected community

j. The passage is about _____

(i) benefits of education (ii) sources of education (iii) ideas of education (iv) elements of education

B. Answer the following questions :

2×5=10

a. What does education provide us ?

b. How does education sharpen our intellect and develop our creativity ?

c. How does education make us productive members of society ?

d. Does education teaches us values ? If yes , what are these types?

e. How will students not deviate from the right path ?

2. Read the following text and make a flow chart showing why we need to establish relationship

1×5=5

The famous Greek philosopher Aristotle said, 'Man is by nature a social animal.' What he meant was that man, by instinct, seeks company of others and establishes relationships, much like most animals of the wild, for companionship and for physical and emotional support. Unlike the animals however, man's relationships give meaning to his existence and inspires him to do well in education, in workplace or in a profession that he pursues.

Relationships are of different kinds. Some are familial and intimate, formed by blood and by marriage; some are social like the ones we have with friends and some are made in school where we form close bonds with classmates and teachers. Relationships can also be fostered in workplace, which may quickly change from professional to social. There are relationships also between human beings and animals, between children and their toys that they cannot part with.

All these relationships keep us close to each other and provide us all kinds of support, love and affection. A person who has no family feels the pain of loneliness and isolation. There is no one to laugh or cry with him/her. When we share our joy with someone, it simply redoubles, and when we suffer a loss and someone shares our sorrow, it lessens. Relationships are thus needed for our emotional health.

To build relationships, we need to have trust and respect for each other, and love where this is needed. We cannot be selfish and possessive if we want to establish an effective relationship. But quite often we see people quarrelling and fighting with each other which only brings misery and loss to all

1. For companionship → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5 → 6

3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate word in each gap **10**

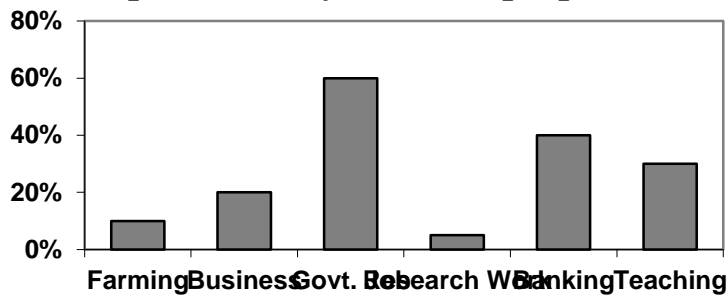
Covid-19, the pandemic disaster has forced us to (a) _____ some rules of health. Students are regularly wearing (b) _____ and using sanitizer. As a result, they are keeping themselves aloof (c) _____ many diseases. They are now very much aware of the (d) _____ of cleanliness. If this habit is (e) _____ permanently, it will certainly be helpful in making a healthy generation. This is a precondition for (f) _____ education. Therefore, this (g) _____ condition has paved the way for a good (h) _____ environment and a good generation. Now, we must (i) _____ the opportunity this pandemic (j) _____ has created.

4. Write a paragraph on the topic ‘ A society I Dream of ’in about 150 words based on the answers to the following questions **10**

- What, according to your idea, is a good society?
- What are the aspects of a fair society?
- What may be your role to make that kind of society?
- How do you want to work to make it happen?
- What is the importance of make this kind of society ?

5. The graph chart shows the choice of profession by educated people in our country. Describe the graph in at least 80 words. **10**

The choice of profession by educated people in recent time



(ENGLISH SECOND PAPER – MARKS -50)

6. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs as per subject and context. **0.5×10=5**

To err is human. If a man commits crime anytime and repents truly for his misdeed, he may (a) _____ (forgive). But the man who (b) _____ (not, give up) the wrong (c) _____ (suffer) surely. In the long run, he (d) _____ (will take) to the land of death. The old sailor (e) _____ (be) _____ a wrong-door in his long journey. He committed a crime (f) _____ (kill) a sea bird (g) _____ (call) Albatross. That crime ultimately head (h) _____ (bring) bad luck to them. The ship (i) _____ (leave) in the icy sea. The sun shone over their head. The wind (j) _____ (drop) down. It was a great disaster.

7. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box. 0.5×10=5

as soon as	it	there	as if	let alone
what's it like	would rather	had better	was born	have to

- The rules of our college are very strict. _____ the bells ring, the students have to attend the class.
- We suspected, _____ was Akram who took away money from the box.
- _____ was a king named Solomon. He was powerful and intelligent.
- His income is very limited. He could not buy a motorbike _____ a luxury car.
- _____ living in English style? You seem to be happy with your life in London.

- (f) Mr. Habib is very honest. He —— resign the post than earn money in a dishonest way.
 (g) Lost time never comes back in life. So, you —— not to waste time in unprofitable work.
 (h) Kazi Nazrul Islam is a rebel poet. He —— in West Bengal.
 (i) Paradise lies under parent's foot. So, we all —— obey our parents.
 (j) I can't remember my father's face because, I lost him in my very tender age, —— he had not been family.

8. Complete the text with suitable prepositions.

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E-mail has brought (a)____ a revolution (b)____ modern communication. Messages can be transmitted (c)____ one country to another (d)____ seconds. It is far cheaper than telephone calls. Trade and commerce has become greatly dependent (e)____ this speedy mode (f)____ communication. It has, however, not reached everyone, especially (g)____ developing countries (h)____ ours, as most people cannot afford (i)____ have a personal computer. But even here people have started using commercially operate e-mail facilities(j)____ important purposes.

9. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.

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Kazi Nazrul Islam is called the Shelley of Bengali literature. He was a (a) ____ (pre-modify the noun) poet. He wrote (b) ____ (post-modify the verb) in every branch of Bengali literature. Nazrul, (c) ____ (use an appositive), won the attention of everyone in his early childhood. He wrote ceaselessly until the death of (d) ____ (use possessive pronoun) poetic flair. He composed his songs (e) ____ (use an infinitive phrase to post modify the verb). His songs are (f) ____ (use an intensifier to pre-modify the adjective) melodious. He enriched the Bengali literature (g) ____ (use an adverb to pre-modify the verb). His literary works have enriched (h) ____ (use a noun adjective) literature. He was (i) ____ (use an article) secular poet. He sang the songs of equality (j) ____ (use an adverbial phrase).

10. Transform the following sentences as directed.

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(a) Water, an important vital element of environment, is polluted in various ways (complex). It is called life. (b) The water which is pure is necessary for us (simple). (c) Men pollute water by throwing waste in it (compound). (d) The farmers use water in time of cultivation largely (passive). (e) It is one of the most important elements of all living beings (positive).

11. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses/phrases.

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- (a) The job market is getting bad to worse day by day. If you don't work hard in your student life,——.
 (b) Trees are most important for our survival. They supply oxygen without which——.
 (c) My HSC exam is knocking at the door. I have to study attentively so that——.
 (d) I have lost my cell phone. Would you mind —— so that I can talk to my mother.
 (e) Last week my friend Hasan met with an accident. No sooner had I heard the news than —.
 (f) Flower is a symbol of beauty, love and purity. There is hardly anyone who——.
 (g) Walk fast lest ——.
 (h) Jui is studying medicine. She wants ——.
 (i) During the recent years, most teenagers have become Facebook freak. They waste time for nothing. They should know that ——.
 (j) He came to my room while ——. He did not wake me up.

12. Write a paragraph on 'Virtual Life vs Real life'

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13. Write an application to the Principal of your college asking for providing 'Sound System' in the large classrooms of your college.

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