

DINAJPUR JUBILEE HIGH SCHOOL

Online Half Yearly Exam – 2020

Class: Eight, Subject: English

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 100

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

Part - A: Seen part (Marks: 20)

Seen Passage (Marks: 15)

Read the text carefully and answer the questions 1, 2

Nakshi Kantha is a kind of embroidered quilt. The name was taken from the Bengali word, 'naksha' which means artistic pattern. It is a kind of traditional craft and is said to be indigenous to Bangladesh and West Bengal in India. The art has been practiced in rural Bengal for centuries. The name 'Nakshi kantha' became popular after the poet Jasimuddin's poem 'Nakshi kanthar Math' was published in 1929.

Traditional kanthas are made for family use. Old or new cloth and thread are used to make these quilts. Mymensingh, Jamalpur, Rajshahi, Faridpur, Bogra and Jessore are most famous for this craft. Now it is produced commercially. You can find them in many expensive handicraft shops in cities. The quilts are now in great demand because of the colourful patterns and designs embroidered on them.

1. Guess the meaning of the following words and choose the correct meaning closest to the text: 1×7 = 7

- i. What does the word 'pattern' mean?
a. step by step b. series c. artistic design d. handmade work
- ii. What does the word 'pattern' denote?
a. decoration b. design c. mark d. embellishment
- iii. The word 'indigenous' refers to ____
a. foreign b. native c. hand-made d. all the above
- iv. 'Nakshi Kantha' becomes popular for its—
a. beauty b. high price c. advertisement d. low price
- v. 'Nakshi Kanthar Math' is written by—
a. Kazi Nazrul Islam b. Farrukh Ahmed c. Jasimuddin d. Rabindranath Tagore
- vi. At present, Nakshi Kantha is being produced—
a. commercially b. personally c. officially d. nationally
- vii. A part from Bangladesh Nakshi Kantha is produced in ____
a. China b. England c. India d. Thailand

2. Answer the following questions from your reading of the above text.

2×4 = 8

- a) When did the name 'Nakshi Kantha' become popular?
- b) What districts are famous for 'Nakshi Kantha'?
- c) What are used to make Nakshi Kantha?
- d) Why are the traditional Kanthas made?

3. Read the following text and fill in the gaps with contextually appropriate words.

1×5 = 5

Folk songs are songs sung in (a) ____ traditional style of a community or (b) _____. Here the traditional style includes the (c) _____, words and tunes of the songs (d) _____ have existed for a long time (e) _____ the common people.

Part – B: Unseen part (Marks: 25)

Unseen passage (marks: 10)

Read the following text carefully and answer questions 4 & 5:

Every nation has its own parliament house. Like other nations of the world we also have a parliament house named Sansad Bhaban. It is situated at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in Dhaka. It is a wonder of modern architecture and technology. It is one of the largest and most beautiful parliament buildings in the world. It was designed by Louis I Kahn, the famous American architect. This 155 feet high nine storeyed building is surrounded by an artificial lake called Crescent Lake. The structure has 1605 doors, 335 window, 365 ventilators and corridors totaling to a bewildering length of the 41.6 kilometres. . The house has 354 seats for MPs, 56 for guests, 40 for press people and 430 for spectators. It has three party rooms in each of which can sit 153 people. The whole place is air-conditioned and includes all modern facilities.

4. Complete the table below. Write no more than three words and/or numbers for each answer. $1 \times 5 = 5$

Information about our parliament house			
Name of the items	height	length	number
The Sangsad Bhaban	(i)		
The number of doors			(ii)
The length of corridors		(iii)	
(iv)			880
The number of party rooms			(v)

5. Read the passage again and write, whether the statements are true or false. Give correct answers, if the statement false: $1 \times 5 = 5$

- Our parliament house is located at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in Dhaka.
- It is the largest and most spectacular parliament building in the world.
- It was planned by an American architect.
- It is surrounded by a natural lake.
- The parliament house of Bangladesh contains all modern advantages.

6. Read the text below and fill-in the gaps using the clues given in the boxes. There are more words than necessary. One word can be used once only. $.5 \times 10 = 5$

interests	think	society	around	kept	form
important	value	supply	way	devoted	different

Man is curious by nature. He wants to know what is happening (a) ____ the world. The newspaper is the best (b) ____ to meet this curiosity. This is why it plays an (c) ____ role in modern life. The primary object of a newspaper is to (d) ____ news. Modern newspapers have wide range of subjects to meet different (e) ____ Greater space is (f) ____ to political and economical news because they are common (g) _____. Its editorial and letter columns point out what is good or bad in the (h) _____. They also help to (i) ____ public opinion. Without a newspaper we cannot even (j) ____ of our own life.

7. Read the text below and fill in the gaps using suitable words to make it a meaningful text. $1 \times 5 = 5$
Independence is the (a) ____ of a man. But no nation can (b) ____ it without struggle. Our war of independence (c) ____ in 1971. People of all walks of (d) ____ joined the war with a smiling face to (e) ____ the country.

8. Match the party of sentences from columns A and B to make five complete sentences. $1 \times 5 = 5$

Column A	Column B
(a) A flood is	(i) by melting of snow and tidal bore.
(b) Heavy rainfall is	(ii) a natural calamity.
(c) It is also caused	(iii) the main cause of flood in Bangladesh.
(d) It causes a lot of	(iv) good to our soil by scattering silt.
(e) But it also does	(v) damage to our lives and properties.

Part - C: Grammar (25)

9. Read the text below and fill in the gaps with the root words in the brackets adding suitable suffix prefix or both. $.5 \times 10 = 5$

The use of computer has got worldwide (a) ____ (popular). It has been further (b) ____ (modern). People are going to have a (c) ____ (computer) system of world in every sector. But one thing is very important to know that the (d) ____ (use) of computer affects eyesight. So, students should (e) ____ (minimum) the period of using a computer. Some children have (f) ____ (addict) to computer. Instead of giving (g) ____ (attend) to study, they waste time on computer games. This is a very bad habit that makes them (h) ____ (attentive) to studies and (i) ____ (simultaneous) affects eyesight (j) ____ (serious). Children should give up this bad habit.

10. Fill in the gaps of the following text with appropriate articles (a, an or the). Put a cross (×) where no article is used. $.5 \times 10 = 5$

(a) ____ reporter is (b) ____ person who collects (c) ____ news from any place of the country or from any country of the world. He works for (d) ____ certain newspaper or (e) ____ news agency. He plays (f) ____ important role in the newspaper industry. He supplies (g) ____ various news to (h) ____ news agency or

newspaper. A reporter should be (i) ____ ideal person to supply true reports. He must be (j) ____ industrious person too.

11. **Change the following sentences as directed in the brackets:** 1×5 = 5
- a) He is a regular student. (Negative)
 - b) He is never late to attend his classes. (Affirmative)
 - c) He wants to be a doctor to serve the people. (Interrogative)
 - d) The importance of reading books is very great. (Exclamatory)
 - e) He is loved for his good qualities. (Active)

12. **Rewrite the following passage changing the form of speech.** 1×5 = 5
- “Why are you late?” said the teacher. “I am late for traffic Jam.” said the student.” Always try to attend the class in time,” said the teacher, “Yes, sir. I shall try my best to attend my class in time,” replied the student.

13. **Use capital letters and punctuation marks as needed in the following passage.** .5×10 = 5
- hold your tongue he muttered glaring fiercely in their faces have you not read the warning on the door we pray for Allah’s pardon cried the dervishes our lives are at your mercy.

Part D: Writing Test (Marks : 30)

14. **Suppose, you are Khalid/Khalida and your friend is Hasan/Hasina. Make a dialogue between you and your friend about the importance of reading newspaper.** 10

15. **Suppose, your are Roni/Rina. You have a friend named Selim/Selina. Now, write an e-mail to your friend about your preparation for the coming JSC examination.** 10

- * write a subject line.
- * use proper salutation/greetings.
- * give a brief description of hospitality
- * mention the main food you are served
- * regret for the unfortunate situation
- * Write a close remark, your name, address and phone

16. **Write a paragraph on “Traffic Jam” in about 150 words by answering the following questions:** 10

- * What is traffic Jam?
- * What are the causes of it?
- * Why is traffic jam a great problem to us?
- * What problems do the people face for it?
- * How can we get rid of this problem?