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Sample Questions ও এর সহজ সমাধান

Sample Question # 01

Time : 3 hours

Full marks : 100

[Answer all the questions. Figures in the margin indicate full marks]

A: Seen Part

Read the text and answer questions 1 and 2. [Unit-1; Lesson-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 practised 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. Choose the best answer from the alternatives :

1 × 7 = 7

a) The name 'Nakshi Kantha' was derived from the language –

- i) English ii) Bengali iii) Hindi iv) French

b) This art has been continuing for –

- i) generations ii) centuries iii) years iv) ages

c) The word 'indigenous' refers to –

- i) foreign ii) native iii) hand-made iv) all the above

d) 'Nakshi Kantha' becomes popular for its –

- i) beauty ii) high price iii) advertisement iv) low price

e) It is made _____ old or new clothes.

- i) used ii) using iii) uses iv) all the above

f) What are the elements required for the quilt?

- i. thread and needle ii. new cloth and thread
iii. old or new cloth and thread iv. old cloth and needle

g) The word 'expensive' in line 8 of the text means-

- i. low cost ii. costly iii. cheap iv. modern

2. Give short answers to the following questions :

2 × 4 = 8

- What is Nakshi Kantha?
- What are used to make Nakshi Kantha?
- Why are the traditional Kanthas made?
- How did the name Nakshi Kantha become popular?

3. Read the following text and fill in the gaps with appropriate words to make it a meaningful one.

1 × 5 = 5

In a plane, oxygen and the air pressure are always being monitored. In the event of a lack of oxygen, an oxygen mask will automatically (a) _____ in front of you. Pull the mask towards you and (b) _____ it firmly over your nose and mouth. Secure the elastic band behind your head, and breathe normally. If you are travelling with a child or someone who requires (c) _____, secure your mask on first, and then help the other person. Keep your mask on until a uniformed crew member advised you to (d) _____ it. In the event of an (e) _____ please assume the bracing position.

B: Unseen Part

Read the following text carefully and answer questions 4 and 5.

The greatest dramatist of English literature named Shakespeare was born and died at the same date. It was on the 23rd April. He was born at Stratford on Avon. This is why he is called the 'Bard of Avon'. He wrote 37 plays and 154 sonnets. They spread fame of his unrivalled knowledge of human nature and the sympathy and understanding with which he has painted almost every type and class of character.

In the poems, the poet's love of nature has found an eloquent expression as has an undertone, his deep concern for the limitations of human society. In the rough weather nature has no particular enmity towards man and it treats all equally.

4. Complete the following table with the information given in the passage. 1 × 5 = 5

Who	Events	Where/ how many	Time/ what
Shakespeare	was born	(i)	on 23rd April
He	is called		(ii)
He	(iii)	154	sonnets
He	wrote	(iv)	plays
He	died		(v)

5. Read the passage again and write True or False beside the following statements. Give answers for the false statements :

1 × 5 = 5

- Shakespeare is mostly known for his Sonnets.
- He was born in England.
- He wrote 37 dramas.
- His name and fame is still unrivalled.
- He painted only tragic type of character in his plays.

6. Fill in the gaps using clues from the boxes. There are more words than necessary : 0.5 × 10 = 5

unique	patriot	affection	and	it	older
of	civilization	human	progress	loves	the

Patriotism is an inherent quality of (a) _____ being. It creates in man a (b) _____ love for his motherland, the land (c) _____ his birth. Patriotism is older than (d) _____. A man who (e) _____ his country and does his own duty for (f) _____ progress of his country is called a (g) _____. Even the ancient tribes had a great (h) _____ for the land where they lived (i) _____ sacrificed their lives to preserve (j) _____.

7. Fill in the gaps with appropriate word : 1 × 5 = 5
 An honest man is true to (a) _____ words. He does not deviate from the (b) _____ of honesty. He knows that (c) _____ consist in honesty. So he does not (d) _____ victim to any greed. He has no ambition for (e) _____ things.

8. 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
a) The secret of success lies	i) every moment is valuable.
b) Many of us often forget that	ii) when we will die.
c) Life is short	iii) we have to do a lot of work.
d) We don't know	iv) but art is long.
e) In this short period	v) in the proper use of time.

C: Grammar Part

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

Altaf Mahmud is a musician, (a) _____ (culture) activist and a (b) _____ (free) fighter of Bangladesh. He took part in the historic Language (c) _____ (move) of 1952. He is the (d) _____ (compose) of the famous song "Amar Bhaier Rokte Rangano". He wrote that immortal song to honour the language martyrs of 1952. The songs composed and sung by Altaf Mahmud were great source of (e) _____ (inspire) to the people who protested against the (f) _____ (brutal) of Pakistani Government. Altaf Mahmud was very (g) _____ (support) to those who fought for Bangladesh in Liberation of 1971. He created a camp inside his house to provide (h) _____ (accommodate) to them. His (i) _____ (partriot) songs were then broadcast from Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendro. He was awarded the Ekushey Padak for his (j) _____ (contribute) to Bengali culture and the War of Liberation.

10. **Fill-in the gaps in the following text with appropriate articles (a, an or the). Put a cross (×) where no article is used.** $.5 \times 10 = 5$
Friendship is one of (a) _____ most precious gifts of life. (b) _____ person who has true friends in life is lucky enough. Friendship makes (c) _____ life thrilling. It is indeed, (d) _____ asset in life. True friendship is (e) _____ feeling of love, sharing and caring. (f) _____ true friends stand by us when we are in trouble. Lasting friendship is indeed, (g) _____ blessing. However, it is better to have friends of (h) _____ same age group and mentality. In short, friendship is (i) _____ essential condition for (j) _____ happy life.
11. **Change the following sentences as directed in the brackets.** $1 \times 5 = 5$
Sylhet is one of the most beautiful districts of Bangladesh. (a) In the 14th century, Saint Hazrat Shah Jalal conquered Sylhet. (passive) (b) It was declared as a division by the government in 1995. (active) (c) The vast green tea gardens attract many tourists. (interrogative) (d) The climate of this place is very fine. (exclamatory) Sylhet produces a lot of quality pineapple. (e) Sylvi, a local girl, likes pineapple. (negative)
12. **Rewrite the following passage changing the form of speech:** 5
“It’s so unusual! It’s a cold night, but I feel warm now,” the Prince said. “It happens when I do something good to help someone,” he added. The Queen smiled to look at his son and said, “Good night.” “Good night,” the Prince also smiled and said to his mom.
13. **Use capital letters and punctuation marks as needed in the following passage.** $.5 \times 10 = 5$
one day Neela went to see bela her elder sister she found her very depressed there Neela asked what happens darling.

D: Writing Part

14. **Suppose you are Rabid and you are in a restaurant with your sister. Make a dialogue between you and the waiter before ordering your meal.** 10
15. **A social organization in your locality is hiring some volunteers for a fund raising event. Write an email to the coordinator of that organization to be a volunteer for the event. The email can be sent to charity71@gmail.com. In your email, you should.** 10
- write a subject line
 - use proper salutation / greetings
 - give a brief introduction of you
 - express your interest for the role of a volunteer
 - mention why you are interested to work as a volunteer
 - write a closing remark, your name, and contact address
16. **Write a paragraph on ‘The Importance of Learning English’ by answering the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 150 words.** 10
- a) Why is English called an International Language?
 - b) Why should we learn English?
 - c) How does your English help you in managing a job?
 - d) How does English help develop international relations?

সহজে প্যাসেজ সমাধান করার নতুন Technique শিখতে
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01. MCQ-এর ব্যাখ্যা ও সমাধান

১ নং কাজ প্রথমে passage-এর কিছুই না পড়ে সরাসরি প্রশ্নে গিয়ে প্রথম প্রশ্নটি পড়া যাক।
প্রথমে ২/৩ বার passage পড়লে ৯৯% ছাত্রেরই মাথা গরম হয়ে যাবে।

(a)-এর ব্যাখ্যা ও সমাধান

a) The name 'Nakshi Kantha' was derived from the language –
('Nakshi Kantha' নামটির উৎপত্তি হয়েছিল _____ ভাষা থেকে।)

অর্থাৎ, কোন ভাষা থেকে নকশি কাঁথা কথাটি এসেছে, তা বের করতে হবে।

(i) থেকে (iv) পর্যন্ত চারটি উত্তর দেয়া আছে। এগুলো এখন পড়ব না, কারণ চার-টির মধ্যে তিনটি উত্তরই ভুল।
ভুল উত্তরগুলোর তথ্য মাথায় নিয়ে passage-এ উত্তর খুঁজতে থাকলে মাথায় প্যাঁচ লেগে যাবে।

২ নং কাজ এবার উত্তরের জন্য passage-এ গিয়ে মন দিয়ে প্রথম থেকে পড়া যাক:

*Nakshi Kantha (নকশি কাঁথা) is a kind of embroidered quilt.
The name was taken from the Bengali word, 'naksha' which means artistic pattern.*

অর্থাৎ, নকশি কাঁথা হলো সুঁইয়ের দ্বারা নকশা করা এক ধরনের কাঁথা।
নামটি নেয়া হয়েছিল বাংলা শব্দ 'নকশা' থেকে যার অর্থ শৈল্পিক কারুকাজ।

তার মানে, বোঝা গেল 'Nakshi Kantha' নামটি বাংলা ভাষা থেকে উৎপত্তি হয়েছে।

৩ নং কাজ এবার প্রশ্নে গিয়ে সঠিক উত্তরটি বের করা যাক। সঠিক উত্তরটি আছে (ii) নম্বরে।
∴ উত্তর : (ii) Bengali।

এবার পরের প্রশ্নটি পড়া যাক:

(b)-এর ব্যাখ্যা ও সমাধান

১ নং কাজ b) This art has been continuing for _____. (এই আর্ট বা শিল্পটি চালু আছে সময় ধরে ____.)

অর্থাৎ, এটি কত সময় ধরে চলে আসছে তা বের করতে হবে।

২ নং কাজ এবার passage-এ গিয়ে পড়তে পড়তে নিচের বাক্যটি পাওয়া গেল যেটিতে প্রশ্নের উত্তর আছে:

The art has been practised in rural Bengal for centuries.
(শিল্পটি গ্রাম বাংলায় বহু শতাব্দী ধরে চর্চা হয়ে আসছে।)

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Subject: English; Total Marks: 100

Test item	Item-wise marks
Part A: Seen part (20)	
Reading (MCQ)	7 (1 × 7)
Gap filling (without clues)	5
Short answer questions	8 (2 × 4)
Part B: Unseen part (25)	
Information transfer (1 text)	5
True/False	5
Cloze test with clues	5 (.5 × 10)
Cloze test without clues	5 (1 × 5)
Matching	5
Part C: Grammar (25)	
Speech	5
Punctuation	5
Use of Articles	5
Changing sentences (Voice, Sentences, Interrogative, Affirmative, Negative, Exclamatory)	5
Suffixes and Prefixes	5
Part D: Writing (30)	
Dialogue	10
Paragraph	10
Formal/Informal e-mail	10

For load minimising the following chapters will be excluded from the syllabus:

- English for Today based paper 1: Unit 3, Unit 4, and Unit 8
- Grammar and composition based paper 2

Grammar items: Degree of comparison, gerund and participle, modals, linking words, Summary writing, completing story