

Time: 3 hours

[N.B: Answer all the questions. The figures in the right margin indicate full marks]

Part-A : Reading Test (50 Marks)**Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions No. 1 & 2.**

21 February has been observed as Shaheed Dibosh every year throughout the country in remembrance of the martyrs of language movement of 1952. The occasion begins at the early hours of the day with mourning songs that recall the supreme sacrifices of our language martyrs. People wear black badges and go to the Shaheed Minar in barefooted processions, singing mourning songs. They place wreaths at the Minar. Many of them visit the graves of the martyrs at Azimpur graveyard and pray for them. They also attend various programs organized in remembrance of the language martyrs.

The UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) on 17 November in 1999 proclaimed February 21 as the International Mother Language Day in recognition of the sacrifices of the martyrs for the rightful place of Bangla. The day is now annually observed worldwide to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism.

1. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.**1×7=7**

- The word 'proclaim' means-
 - reveal
 - design
 - restore
 - announce
- February 21 is known as-
 - Victory Day
 - Mother Language Day
 - Shaheed Dibosh
 - Independence Day
- What does the word 'multilingualism' mean?
 - practice of having two nations
 - having two languages
 - practice of having several traditions
 - practice of having several languages
- 21 February is observed all around the world____.
 - weekly
 - monthly
 - daily
 - annually
- On this day, we remember the martyrs of____.
 - Sepoy Mutiny, 1857
 - Language Movement, 1952
 - Mass Movement, 1969
 - Liberation War, 1971
- The word 'diversity' refers to____
 - similarity
 - same
 - abundant
 - variety
- Language Movement was held in____.
 - Bangladesh
 - Pakistan
 - West Pakistan
 - Undivided Pakistan

2. Answer the following questions.**2×5=10**

- Why is 21 February called International Mother Language Day?
- What do people of Bangladesh do on this day?
- "The day is now annually observed worldwide to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism." What do you mean by this sentence?
- Do you support the idea that people wear black badges and go to the Shaheed Minar in barefooted processions, singing mourning songs? Why/Why not? Explain in 2/3 sentences.
- Why is 21 February observed throughout the world?

3. Read the following text and fill in each gap with a suitable word based on the information of the text. 1×5=5

Ms Anjali Barua, a retired college teacher, is a widow who lives in her own flat in Dhaka. At this stage of her life, she wants to do something for the people of her village in Sherpur district. Her only daughter lives in Khulna with her husband and children. Right now she is in her village home. She is writing about her future plan in a diary. "I don't exactly know how I should go about my plan. But one thing I know for sure, I will need a lot of money for the work. If I had 5 million taka, I would start an adult education centre. Then if I found an expert on adult education, I would prepare learning materials for the people." If you ask him what the materials will look like, he will be able to explain in details. I know if the people attended the classes at the centre, they would learn how to read, write and count.

I will definitely (a)_____time to this project. But to (b)_____the project successfully I will have to (c)_____in the village almost permanently. Here is a problem. Who will (d)_____of my flat in Dhaka? If I had a good reliable man, I would make him caretaker of my flat. But where (e)_____I find such a man?

Read the passage and answer the questions No. 4 and 5.

William Wordsworth was born in 1770 at Cockermouth. He was sent to St John’s College, Cambridge in 1787. He was attracted by the hopes born of the French Revolution, lived for some while in France returning in 1792. Subsequently he settled down with his sister Dorothy and Coleridge at Alfoxden. He published Lyrical ballads in 1798. He married in 1802. He was appointed in a sinecure office in 1813. In 1814 he published his largest poem “The Excursion”. For the last fifty years of his life, he lived first at Dove Cottage, Grasmere and finally at Rydal Mount. Many of his sonnets were written during the years of 1820-1835. He died in 1850.

4. Complete the table below with information from the above passage:

1×5=5

Biography of William Wordsworth			
Lifespan	From 1770 to (i)-----		
Who/What	Event/Activity	Place/Whom	Year/Time
William Wordsworth	was sent	(ii) -----	in 1787
(iii) -----	was published	by Words Worth	in 1814
He	(iv) -----	in a sinecure office	(v) -----

5. Write a summary of the above passage in your own words.

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6. Match the parts of sentences given in column ‘A’, ‘B’ and ‘C’ to write five complete sentences.

1×5=5

Column A	Column B	Column C
a) Women	i) have never	i) in our modern society.
b) Women labourers	ii) are married off	ii) their due wage.
c) Yet gender discrimination	iii) constitute	iii) at their tender age.
d) Fifty percent of the girls	iv) exists	iv) attended school.
e) Many girls in our country	v) do not get	v) half of the workforce.

7. Put the following parts of the story in correct order to make the whole story. Only the corresponding numbers of sentences need to be written:

1×8=8

- He felt fast asleep there but a great noise woke him up.
- It was crying for pain in his leg.
- Androcles was very much afraid and he felt sure that the beast would kill him.
- A lion had entered the cave roaring loudly.
- He went to the lion.
- Then he removed a thorn from the lion’s paw.
- Soon he realized that the lion was not angry.
- Once Androcles fled away from his master’s house and hid himself in a forest.

Part-B : Writing Test (50 Marks)

8. Answer the following questions to write a paragraph on ‘Environment Pollution’. You should write it in about 150 words.

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- What is environment pollution?
- How is environment polluted?
- What are the effects of environment pollution?
- What measures should we take to prevent environment pollution?

9. Read the beginning of the story. Write at least ten new sentences to complete the story in the way you would like.

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Anika, an 18 year old garments worker lives with her family in a slum. She dreams of having a life full of joy and happiness. One day while going to her work place, she found a bag of money in front of her office gate.-----

10. The Chart below shows the facts about some countries including Bangladesh. Now, describe the chart in 150 words. You should highlight and summarize the information given in the chart.

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	Bangladesh	Sri Lanka	India	China
Land Area	1,44,000 sq km (approx)	65,600 sq km	3,287,590 sq km	9,600,000 sq km
Population	150 m	20 m	1.15 b	1.33 b
Density of population	1000	332	382	143
Birth rate (per 1000)	20.1	17.42	22.22	12.29
Death rate (per 1000)	6.1	5.92	7.48	7.03
Growth rate	1.40%	0.7%	1.41%	0.5%

11. Suppose, you are Alok/Aloka . You have a pen-friend named Alexander/Lucy. Now write a letter telling him/her about the natural beauty of your country.

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12. Think you have met a florist in a flower shop. You want to buy some flowers. Now write a dialogue between you and the florist.

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