

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

Section A: Reading (Total Marks 40)

1. Read the following text and answer the question that follows.

Bangladesh is a country full of natural resources. We are proud of our soil, forests, flowers, fruits and birds. The country is gifted with plentiful of fauna due to its geographical location. Birds are one of them. Today we will read about a bird known as ‘Benebau’ in Bangla, and ‘Blackheaded Oriole’ in English. The Blackheaded Oriole is a bird of the plain land of Bangladesh. Its body is deep yellow, its head, its throat, its tail and some parts of its wings are black; its beak is red. It looks like a mayna and is about 25cm in length. It is seen in Bangladesh, India, Srilanka, Myanmar and some other countries.

The Blackheaded Oriole is a very sprightly and restless bird. It never stays at one spot for long. It eats all kinds of worms and insects. Its call is quite sweet and pleasant. The Blackheaded Oriole builds round shaped beautiful nests with dry grass and barks of trees. Both the male and the female bird take part in building their nests. The Blackheaded Oriole lays two to three eggs at a time.

1. Now choose the correct answer to each question from the alternatives given and write the corresponding number of the answers in your answer script. 0.5×10=5

- i. The Blackheaded Oriole is 25 cm —?
 - a. long
 - b. wide
 - c. high
 - d. tall
- ii. ‘Fauna’ means —
 - a. birds
 - b. animals of the whole world
 - c. animals of a particular area
 - d. soil, forests and flowers
- iii. “It looks like a Mayna” Here the word ‘like’ means —
 - a. similar to
 - b. such as
 - c. jove
 - d. familiar to
- iv. Benebau lives in the — shaped nest?
 - a. round
 - b. square
 - c. triangle
 - d. oval
- v. Bangladesh is a country full of natural resources. Here the word ‘resources’ is similar to-
 - a. goods
 - b. chattels
 - c. stuffs
 - d. assets
- vi. The Blackheaded Oriole is a very sprightly and restless bird. Here ‘sprightly’ means
 - a. active
 - b. lazy
 - c. clever
 - d. wise
- vii. Its call is quite sweet and pleasant. What does ‘pleasant’ mean?
 - a. interesting
 - b. enjoyable
 - c. misty
 - d. cheerful
- viii. The colour of Benebau’s throat is ----- .
 - a. red
 - b. black
 - c. yellow
 - d. green
- ix. -----build nests.
 - a. male
 - b. female
 - c. child
 - d. male and female
- x. How many eggs does the Blackheaded Oriole lay at a time?
 - a. 2
 - b. 3
 - c. 2-3
 - d. 3-4

2. Read the text and answer the following questions.

2×5=10

People around the world are slowly changing their attitude towards medicine. More and more they are turning to natural cures. Natural cures are made of natural things, most often herbs and plants. History says that natural or herbal remedies are nothing new. People used them all along in different ages. Herbal medicines were used in ancient civilizations like India, China, Greece, Egypt, and Rome. Some ancient treatment systems are still in practice today. They have come down through generations. For a minor burn injury the doctor may prescribe you a tube of ointment. But for the same, a rural grandma may put some aloe vera or use cold water. If children have cold in our country, grandmas give them honey and tulsi leaves to eat. And it works too. If you have a minor cut or wound, grown-ups may put some turmeric, marigold or aloe vera on it. Rural people usually use garlic, neem or turmeric to cure skin problems. With experience they have seen that these remedies work. Moreover, they are easy to get, are cheap and most often without any side effect.

- a. What are natural cures made of?
- b. Are herbal cures modern inventions? Explain your reason.
- c. Which civilizations are known for herbal treatment?
- d. What herbal cures are used for skin problems?
- e. What does grandma give if children have cold in our country?

3. Read the text and answer the following questions.

Musa Hitam comes from Malaysia. He is forty-seven years old and is a businessman. Now, he is staying in Dhaka. In the hotel book he writes his name, country, age and nationality. Navin Thapa comes from Nepal. He is Nepalese. He is 23 years old and is a student. He has two brothers and three sisters. They are students too. Mrs. Kamal comes from Jamalpur. She is a teacher of 36 years old.

A. Complete the following table with the information given in the passage.

1×5=5

Name	Age	Occupation
Musa Hitam	(a)-----	(b)-----
(c)-----	23 years old	(d)-----
Mrs. Kamal	36 years old	(e)-----

Read the text and answer the following questions.

Last week Shamim visited his uncle's house with his parents. His uncle lives in Dhaka. His cousin Tamim sent an email inviting him to visit his house. He also wrote him that they would visit the Ekushey Book Fair together. Shamim had dream to visit the fair. Every year in February, Ekushey Book Fair is held in Bangla Academy premises. It was 18th February, Shamim and Tamim with their parents went to the fair. Tamim's younger sister, Nowshin was with them. They visited different stalls which were decorated beautifully. They saw many new books there. Shamim brought two novels and two comic books. He presented a comic book to Nowshin. She became very happy as he is fond of such books. Tamim bought two science fictions. Shamim was excited to see his favourite writer in the stall. He took an autograph and a snap with him. It was a very pleasant experience for him. They all enjoyed the day very much.

B. Read the following statements. Write (T) in your answer script if the statement is true. Write (F) if the statement is false. If false, give the correct answer.

1×5=5

- i) Shamim's uncle lives in an urban area.
- ii) Nowshin received a gift from Shamim.
- iii) Nowshin disliked comic book.
- iv) Shamim met his favourite writer in the fair.
- v) Tamim received an email from Shamim.

4. Read the text below and complete it with suitable words given in the box.

0.5×10=5

people	crops	became	is	proud
hard	peace	together	develop	beautiful

Bangladesh is a (a)_____ country. Most of the (b) _____ here are farmers. They work (c) _____ and grow different kinds of (d) _____. People of different religions live here with (e) _____ and amity. Our country (f) _____ independent in 1971. Our country (g) _____ full of natural resources. If we all work (h) _____, our country must (i) _____ soon. We are (j) _____ of our country.

5. Match the parts of sentences given in column 'A' and column 'B' to write five complete sentences.

1×5=5

A	B
a) Every nation has	i) also some glorious and memorable days.
b) Our nation has	ii) observed with due solemnity.
c) These are	iii) always inspire us.
d) These days will	iv) 21 st Februry, 26 th March, 16 th December.
e) These days are	v) some glorious days.

6. Rearrange the following sentences in correct order in your answer script. Only the corresponding numbers of the sentences need to be written. 0.5×10=5

- i) The guests praised the king.
- ii) This made the king very happy.
- iii) The king ordered the man to kill Hatem Tai and bring his head.
- iv) So, the king got furious and wanted to kill him.
- v) There lived a very kind man in Yemen.
- vi) On the following day he sent one of his men to Hatem Tai.
- vii) The name of that kind man was Hatem Tai.
- viii) One day the king gave a dinner.
- ix) He was not rich but he was very hospitable.
- x) The guests also praised Hatem Tai more than their king.

Section B: Writing (Total marks: 40)

7. Read the beginning of the story below and complete it in 10 sentences. 10

It was a hot summer day. A crow felt very thirsty. It flew here and there in search of water.....

8. Suppose you are **Rana/Ranu. You have a friend named **Fahim/Fahima** who stood first in the last Annual Examination. Now, write an e-mail to your friend congratulating him/her on his/her brilliant success. 10**

9. Write a dialogue between two friends about **the importance of early rising. 10**

10. Answer the following questions into a continuous paragraph on “A Tea Stall” 10

- a) What is a tea stall?
- b) How is it furnished?
- c) What things are sold here?
- d) Where does the manager sit and who serves tea?
- e) What do the customers do in the tea stall?