

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

The advantages of the Internet technology have made a good number of websites to emerge to facilitate social relations among people around the world. These are known as social networking services or social networks. At present, Facebook is the most popular. Google +, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc. are other frequently used social services. Social networking services are web-based and hence, provide ways for the users to interact through the Internet. These services make it possible to connect people sharing interests and activities across the borders and thus have made a lot for the users to feel that they really live in a global village.

Why are social networks expanding so fast? The answer is simple. Most of the social services are cost-free. You can make use of them free, paying a very little to your Internet service provider. Secondly, you can make your personal profile public before the entire online community. It is like presenting yourself before the entire world. You can also look into other people's profile if you are interested. It is simple and easy. Thirdly, social networks allow users to upload pictures, multimedia contents and modify the profile. Some services like Facebook allow users to update their profiles. Fourthly, networks allow users to post blog entries. User profiles have a section dedicated to comments from friends and other users. Finally, there are privacy protection measures too. A user himself or herself decides over the number of visitors, viewers and what information should be shared with others.

**1. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives:****1 x 7 = 7**

- a) The social networking services are expanding so fast because-
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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| i) these are available   | ii) these are totally costless |
| iii) these are unpopular | iv) these are valuable         |
- b) The word 'social' is a/an-
- |         |          |             |               |
|---------|----------|-------------|---------------|
| i) noun | ii) verb | iii) adverb | iv) adjective |
|---------|----------|-------------|---------------|
- c) How many social networks are mentioned in the passage you can see?
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|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| i) three kinds | ii) four kinds | iii) five kinds | iv) six kinds |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
- d) Social networks – relations among people.
- |            |            |              |                |
|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|
| i) improve | ii) reduce | iii) cut off | iv) disconnect |
|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|
- e) At present Facebook is the ---- thing.
- |                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| i) most wanted      | ii) most time killer |
| iii) most essential | iv) most harmful     |
- f) The social services have made our world
- |         |             |           |            |
|---------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| i) vast | ii) smaller | iii) wide | iv) busier |
|---------|-------------|-----------|------------|
- g) Which of the following has the closest meaning of the word 'emerge' used in line 1.
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|------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| i) come up | ii) come across | iii) come at | iv) come by |
|------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|

**2. Write the answers of the following questions:****2x5=10**

- a) What are the benefits of internet technology?
- b) 'The social networks are expanding so fast.' Explain it within 2/3 sentences.
- c) What do you know about the social networks?
- d) How can the users communicate with each other?
- e) 'The world is changing day by day with the touch of modern technology'. Do you support this idea? Why or why not?

3. **Read the following text and fill in each gap with a suitable word based on the information of the text. 1x5=5**  
 Eid is the main religious festival of the Muslims in Bangladesh. Eid means happiness. Everyone wants to share this happiness with their near and dear ones. So most of the people, who are living outside their homes for different reasons have a strong desire to get back home during the Eid vacations. As a result, there is a mad rush in the buses, trains, or launches for the home-bound people. This often causes transport accidents that take away many lives. However, it cannot stop people's desire to meet their family, in-laws, or friends. What makes people rush for their homes in spite of serious hazards? This is the pull of the roots. Do human beings have roots like the trees? The answer is 'yes' but unlike the roots of the trees they are invisible, they lie in our minds. It's these roots that make a bond between us and family members, in-laws, friends, neighbors or even between us and the land where we were born and grew up. In that sense our families, land of birth, relatives, our culture, traditions, or surroundings are our roots. And wherever we stay, we have a continuous pull of our roots. It's our roots that develop our identity making us what we are. When we lose that bond, we become rootless.

The main religious festival Eid is the (a) \_\_\_\_\_ moment for the Muslims. Everyone wants to spend this happy moment (b) \_\_\_\_\_ it with their near and dear ones. People (c) \_\_\_\_\_ outside for different reasons try to (d) \_\_\_\_\_ to their relatives during Eid vacations. Sometimes they take a risky travel and climb on the roofs of the bus, train and truck. This causes (e) \_\_\_\_\_ road accidents and many people lose their lives.

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions No. 4 and 5:**

Muneer Chowdhury was a Bangladeshi educationist, playwright, literary critic and political dissident. He was born on 27 November 1925. He attended Aligarh Muslim University and later studied English Literature for his Bachelor degree (with honors, 1946) and Masters (1947) at Dhaka University. In 1958, he obtained another Masters in Linguistics from Harvard University.

Muneer Chowdhury started his career in teaching at Brojolah College in Khulna and worked there between 1947 and 1950. Later he worked for some time at the Jagannath College (Now Jagannath University) in Dhaka in 1950. He joined the Dhaka University in the same year and taught both in English and Bengali language departments till 1971. Muneer Chowdhury actively participated in the Language Movement of 1952 and imprisoned by the Pakistan Government. He wrote his famous symbolic drama 'Kabar' during his imprisonment. On 14 December, 1971 he along with a larger number of Bengali intellectuals, educationist, doctors and engineers were kidnapped from their houses only two days before the end of the Bangladesh liberation war and were killed. His dead body could not be identified.

4. **Complete the table below with information from the above passage: 1x5=5**

Biography of Muneer Chowdhury					
<b>Famous for</b>	Educationist, playwright, literary critic and political dissident.				
<b>Lifespan</b>	From 27 November 1925 to (i) -----				
<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Event/Activity</b>	<b>Time/When</b>	<b>Place/Where</b>	<b>Subject/Specialty</b>
Muneer Chowdhury	studied	Bachelor's degree	(ii) -----	Aligarh University	English Literature
Muneer Chowdhury	obtained	(iii) -----	in 1958	Harvard University	(iv) -----
Muneer Chowdhury	last professional life	(v) -----	from 1950 to 1971	Dhaka University	

5. **Write a summary of the above passage in your own words. 10**

6. **Match the parts of sentences given in column 'A', 'B' and 'C' to write five complete sentences: 1x5=5**

Column A	Column B	Column C
a) Mount Everest which is in	i) George Everest who surveyed	i) the Himalayas in 1841.
b) It was named after an Englishman	ii) Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay reached the top on May 10 and	ii) mountains always look exciting and challenging to them.
c) Climbing mountains like Everest	iii) mountaineers are not daunted because	iii) is the highest mountain in the world.
d) In spite of all the difficulties and dangers the daring	iv) is difficult and dangerous because	iv) have gone into history as the first to conquer the highest mountain in the world.
e) After two months of difficult and dangerous climbing	v) the Himalayan Mountains to the north of India between Tibet and Nepal	v) there is snow, snow slides and cracks under the ice and snow.

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:

1x8=8

- He found a snake half dead with cold.
- Taking pity upon it, he brought it home and placed it by the fire side.
- It was lying by the side of the road.
- At this he became very angry and killed the snake.
- When the snake became well, it began to play with the children of the villager.
- In a cold winter morning, a villager was going to his field.
- He then gave it warm milk and made the snake comfortable.
- While playing with the children of the villager, it bit one of them.

### Part B: Writing Test (50 Marks)

8. Answer the following questions to write a paragraph on “Your School Library”. 10

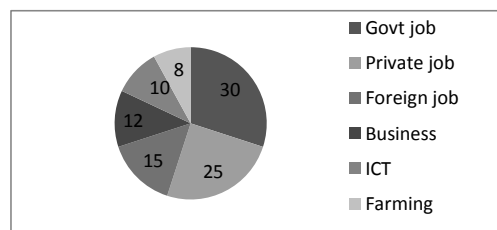
- What is a school library? (b) Where is it situated?
- What is the use of your school library?
- How can you borrow books from your school library?
- What kinds of books are there in your school library?

9. Read the beginning of the story. Write at least ten new sentences to complete it. 10

Once upon a time there was a poor farmer. His name was Abul Mia. He could not maintain his family properly. One day he heard about the training of raising poultry. Hearing about the training he -----

10. Look at the following pie chart. It shows the choice of professions by different educated youths in Bangladesh. Now, describe the pie chart in your own words in 150 words. You're advised to highlight and summarize the information given in the pie-chart. 10

30% prefer govt. job  
25% prefer private job  
15% foreign job  
12% like business  
10% like ICT related job  
8% opt for farming



11. Imagine, you are Tamim /Tamima of Bandarban Govt. High School, Bandarban. Your father who lives in 10, Court Road, Barisal wants to know about your preparation for the Pre-Test Examination. Now, write a letter to your father about your preparation for the ensuing pre-test exam. 10

12. Suppose you are Sumon/ Saima. Your friend is Rafi/Rafia. The students of your school are going to Cox's Bazar for study tour. Now, write a dialogue between you and your friend about the importance of study tour. 10