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First Paper

'Heritage' is what we inherit from the past, live with them in the present and then pass on to our children or future generation. Our unique source of life and inspiration is our cultural and natural heritage. When we speak of 'World Heritage,' it indicates places and sites that we got from the past and pass on to the future generation of the entire world.

The 'Shat Gambuj Mosque' in Bagerhat is such a heritage. It became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985. Originally, the historic Mosque City was known as 'Khalifatabad.' It is situated at the outskirts of Bagerhat town, not very far from the dense mangrove forest of the Sundarbans. Khalifatabad was a Muslim colony. It was founded by the Turkish general, a saint warrior Ulugh Khan Jahan in the 15th century. The infrastructure of the city reveals significant technical skills in many mosques as well as early Islamic monuments. Baked bricks are used for the construction of the buildings. The planning of the city is distinctly dominated by Islamic architecture and the decorations were a combination of Mughal and Turkish architecture. Khan Jahan built a network of roads, bridges, public buildings and reservoirs to make the city habitable. There are about 360 mosques in the city. Among them the most remarkable is the multi-domed Shat Gambuj Mosque. The mosque is unique in the sense that it has 60 pillars that support the roof, with 77 low height domes. The 4 towers at 4 corners have smaller domes on the roof as well. The vast prayer hall has 11 arched doorways on the east and 7 each on the north and south for light and ventilation. It has 7 aisles running along the length of the mosque and 11 deep curves between the slender stone columns. These columns support the curving arches created by the domes. The thickness of the arches is 6 feet and have slightly narrowing hollow and round wall. The west wall in the interior has 11 'mihrabs' (niche in mosque pointing towards Makkah). These mihrabs are decorated with stonework and terracotta. The floor of the mosque is made of brick. Besides being used as a prayer hall, Khan Jahan used the mosque as his court also. Today, it is one of the greatest tourist attractions and one of the best architectural beauties of Bangladesh.

1. Choose the correct answer from the following alternatives.

 $1 \times 7 = 7$

(a) In paragraph 2, the author says, "The planning of the city is distinctly dominated by Islamic architecture." What does the author mean by this?

- (i) The city has very religious people.
- (ii) The design of the city resembles the architecture of Islamic countries.
- (iii) The planning is Islamic in nature.
- (iv) All the buildings look like mosques.

(b) Which of the following describes Khan Jahan Ali best?

- (i) kind
- (ii) warrior
- (iii) philanthropic
- (iv) pious

(c) 'Mihrab' is ____.

- (i) a corner in the mosque facing Qibla
- (ii) a platform in a mosque
- (iii) a prayer room
- (iv) a place for the Muazzin to stand on

(d) The word 'inherit' in the first line best reflects the meaning ____.

- (i) to search
- (ii) to become heir to
- (iii) to run after
- (iv) to see

(e) The phrase 'our future generation' means ____.

- (i) people who see the future
- (ii) people who will come gradually
- (iii) our future activities
- (iv) those who come after us

(f) Which of the following has the closest meaning of the word 'generation' used in line 2?

- (i) people
- (ii) age
- (iii) group
- (iv) production

(g) The main purpose of the author of the passage is ____.

- (i) to show the heroism of Khan Jahan Ali
- (ii) to show the infrastructure of Bagerhat district
- (iii) to represent Shat Gambuj Mosque built by Khan Jahan Ali
- (iv) to introduce Khan Jahan Ali to the readers

2. Answer the following questions.

 $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) What is 'Mosque City'? Why is it called so?
- (b) "Our unique source of life and inspiration is our cultural and natural heritage"-- Why does the author say this? Explain in 2/3 sentences.
- (c) What did Khan Jahan do to make the city livable?
- (d) What makes the mosque unique?
- (e) How will you justify the view that Khan Jahan Ali was a great hearted Muslim colonizer? Why/Why not? Give reasons in 2/3 sentences.

Answer to the question number 1:

(a) (ii); (b) (iii); (c) (i); (d) (ii); (e) (iv); (f) (ii); (g) (iii)

Answer to the question number 2:

(a) The city in which the 'Shat Gambuj Mosque' is situated is known as the Mosque City. It is called so because there are many mosques in this city.

(b) The author of this passage says this. By this, he wants to mean that the things that we inherit culturally and naturally exert great influence on our life as well as on our dreams and thoughts. In fact, our natural heritages make us live and our cultural heritages control and develop our culture.

(c) In order to make the city worth living, Khan Jahan constructed

numerous bridges, public buildings, roads and reservoirs. He also built many mosques. There are as many as 360 mosques in this city, among which the multi-domed 'Shat Gambuj Mosque' is the most prominent one.

(d) The interior decoration of the mosque and its construction dazzles one's eyes. It has 60 pillars that support the roof with 77 low height domes. This feature of the mosque makes it unique.

(e) I wholeheartedly support the view that Khan Jahan Ali was a great-hearted Muslim colonizer. Because he not only turned an inhabitable mangrove forest into a Muslim colony, but also built the infrastructure of the place most conveniently. In fact, he built a network of roads.

Second Paper

Changing Sentences

1. Change the sentences according to directions.

 $1 \times 10 = 10$

- (a) Patriotism is a noble virtue. **(Interrogative)**
- (b) It is the greatest of all virtues in a man's life. **(Comparative)**
- (c) It persuades a man to do everything just. **(Negative)**
- (d) This quality highly motivates a man so that he can sacrifice his life for the country. **(Simple)**
- (e) What an outstanding quality it is! **(Assertive)**
- (f) A man having patriotic zeal is called a patriot. **(Complex)**
- (g) A patriot fears none but the Creator. **(Affirmative)**
- (h) By paying taxes he obeys the law. **(Compound)**
- (i) He is respected by all. **(Active)**
- (j) So, we should be patriots. **(Imperative)**

2.

- (a) Man is the best creation of Allah. **(Comparative)**
- (b) Isn't it our responsibility to do good deeds? **(Assertive)**
- (c) Our life is not measured by months or years. **(Active)**
- (d) Honest people lead a happy life. **(Complex)**
- (e) It matters little if a man lives many years or not. **(Interrogative)**
- (f) Nobody is absolutely happy on earth. **(Affirmative)**
- (g) So, we should not waste time in vain. **(Passive)**
- (h) If we use time properly, we can be benefited. **(Simple)**
- (i) All men must die. **(Negative)**
- (j) Though we take utmost care, we cannot avoid death. **(Compound)**

3.

- (a) Terrorism is a devastating phenomenon of the modern world. **(Exclamatory)**
- (b) At present, it is increasing alarmingly. **(Interrogative)**
- (c) Nothing is as disastrous as terrorism. **(Comparative)**
- (d) It is one of the most corrosive problems of the modern world. **(Positive)**
- (e) A terrorist is hated by people. **(Active)**
- (f) Who is not now in the threat of violence? **(Assertive)**
- (g) Though there are laws to punish the terrorists, they are not properly applied. **(Compound)**
- (h) By applying the laws properly, we can get rid of terrorism. **(Complex)**
- (i) What a miserable life a terrorist leads! **(Assertive)**
- (j) They should be brought to book. **(Active)**

4.

- (a) Internet is a computer-based networking system. **(Interrogative)**
- (b) It is a speedy transmitting system of information. **(Complex)**
- (c) Its functions are smooth and rapid. **(Negative)**
- (d) A man has an Internet connection and gets a link soon according to his expectation. **(Simple)**
- (e) Many educational institutions are greatly benefited through the use of Internet. **(Complex)**
- (f) A student can visit all the renowned libraries of the world without going there. **(Passive)**
- (g) It plays an effective role in the field of trade and commerce. **(Exclamatory)**
- (h) E-commerce has become one of the most popular topics to the customers. **(Positive)**
- (i) It helps the customers to buy or choose anything without going to

market. **(Compound)**

(j) What an amazing milestone it is in the modern world of communication! **(Assertive)**

5.

- (a) We should read books to acquire knowledge. **(Complex)**
- (b) Books introduce us to the realm of knowledge. **(Passive)**
- (c) The books of great writers contain noble thoughts and great ideas. **(Interrogative)**
- (d) By reading good books, we can enrich our mind. **(Compound)**
- (e) Reading books is a very good habit. **(Exclamatory)**
- (f) This habit is rarely disliked. **(Affirmative)**
- (g) More and more books should be read. **(Active)**
- (h) No other thing is as interesting as reading books. **(Comparative)**
- (i) When we read good books, we discover new worlds. **(Simple)**
- (j) Very few friends are as great as a good book. **(Superlative)**

Answer Script of Changing Sentences

1.

- (a) Isn't patriotism a noble virtue?
- (b) It is greater than all other virtues in a man's life.
- (c) It does not persuade a man to do anything unjust.
- Or, It persuades a man to do nothing unjust.
- (d) This quality highly motivates a man to sacrifice his life for the country.
- (e) It is a very outstanding quality.
- (f) A man who has patriotic zeal is called a patriot.
- (g) A patriot fears only the Creator.
- (h) He pays taxes and thus obeys the law.
- (i) All respect him.
- (j) So, let's be patriots.
- Or, So, let us be patriots.

2.

- (a) Man is better than all other creations/any other creation of Allah.
- (b) It is our responsibility to do good deeds.
- (c) We do not measure our life by months or years.
- (d) Honest people lead a life which is happy.
- Or, The people who are honest, lead a happy life.
- (e) What does it matter if a man lives many years or not?
- Or, Does it matter much if a man lives many years or not?
- (f) Who is absolutely happy on earth?
- (g) So, time should not be wasted in vain (by us).
- (h) We can be benefited by using time properly.
- (i) All men cannot but die.
- Or, All men cannot help dying.
- Or, No man can avoid death.
- (j) We take utmost care but we cannot avoid death.

3.

- (a) What a devastating phenomenon of the modern world terrorism is!
- (b) Isn't it increasing alarmingly at present?
- (c) Terrorism is more disastrous than anything.
- (d) Very few problems of the modern world are as corrosive as it is.
- (e) People hate a terrorist.
- (f) Everybody is now in the threat of violence.
- (g) There are laws to punish the terrorists but they are not properly applied.
- (h) If we apply the laws properly, we can get rid of terrorism.
- (i) A terrorist leads a very miserable life.
- (j) We should bring them to book.

4.

- (a) Isn't Internet a computer-based networking system?
- (b) It is a transmitting system of information which is speedy.
- (c) Its functions are not only smooth but also rapid.
- (d) A man having an Internet connection, gets a link soon according to his expectation.
- (e) There are many educational institutions which are greatly benefited through the use of Internet.
- Or, Many educational institutions are greatly benefited if they use Internet.
- Or, As many educational institutions use Internet, they are greatly benefited.
- (f) All the renowned libraries of the world can be visited by a student without going there.
- (g) What an effective role in the field of trade and commerce it plays!
- (h) Very few topics to the customers have become as popular as e-commerce.
- (i) The customers want to buy or choose anything without going to market and it helps them to do so.
- Or, The customers can buy or choose anything without going to market and it helps them.
- (j) It is a very amazing milestone in the modern world of communication.

5.

- (a) We should read books so that we can acquire knowledge.
- (b) We are introduced to the realm of knowledge by books.
- (c) Don't the books of great writers contain noble thoughts and great ideas?
- (d) We read books and we can enrich our mind.
- (e) What a good habit reading books is!
- (f) This habit is always/mostly/commonly often liked.
- (g) We should read more and more books.
- (h) Reading books is more interesting than any other thing/anything.
- (i) By reading good books, we discover new worlds.
- Or, At the time of reading good books, we can discover new worlds.
- (j) A good book is one of the greatest friends.

