

SPECIAL PREPARATION FOR HSC EXAMINATION-2020

English First Paper

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Seen Passage

Read the passage and answer the question A and B.

In Bangladesh folk music has great variety, with songs being composed on the culture, festivals, views of life, natural beauty, rivers and rural and riverine life. These songs are also about social inequality and poverty, about the material world and the supernatural. Mystical songs have been composed using the metaphors of rivers and boats. Since the country is basically riverine, the Bhatiyali forms an important genre of folk music. Folk music is formed and develops according to the environment. Differences in the natural environment are reflected in the people of the different regions. The dialects too vary across the different regions. Bangladeshi folk music, therefore, varies from region to region. Thus there are the northern Bhawaiya, the eastern Bhatiyali and the southwestern Baul songs. The culture and the lifestyle of the different tribes have also influenced folk music. Tribes like the Santal, Garo, Hajong, Chakma, Manipuri, Tripuri, Marma, etc., have interacted with ethnic Bengali culture and lifestyle over the years. The interaction has been clearly reflected in the richness of folk music.

Folk songs may be sung individually or in chorus. Folk songs sung individually include Baul, Bhatiyali, Murshidi, Marfati, Marfati, while songs sung in chorus include Kavigan, Leto, Alkap and Gambhira. Some songs are regional in character, but others are common to both Bangladesh and West Bengal. Similarly, some songs belong distinctively to one religious community, Hindu or Muslim; others cross religious boundaries. Some songs belong exclusively to men, others to women, while some are sung by both men and women. Thus only women compose and sing Bratagan and MeyeliGit, but both men and women participate in the 'roof-beating' songs that are sung while beating down and firming rooftops.



A. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.

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(a) The word 'ethnic' refers to ____.

- (i) race
(ii) religious
(iii) Muslim
(iv) pagan

(b) The phrase 'roof-beating' refers to ____.

- (i) songs while cutting crops
(ii) songs while riding boat
(iii) songs while making roofs steady
(iv) songs while cooking food

(c) Bhawaiya is the folk music of ____ part of Bangladesh.

- (i) eastern
(ii) southeastern
(iii) northeastern
(iv) northern

(d) The word 'distinctive' means ____.

- (i) characteristic
(ii) embody
(iii) company
(iv) harmony

(e) Which of the following has the closest of the word 'chorus'?

- (i) chart of country
(ii) culture of a country
(iii) a band of singers
(iv) a singer in a concert

B. Answer the following question.

2×5=10

- (a) What is folk music?
(b) What are these songs about?
(c) How does Bangladeshi folk music vary from region to region?
(d) Which folk songs do women only compose?
(e) What is the theme of the passage?

Answer Script:

Answer-1(A):

- (a) (i) race
(b) (ii) songs while making roofs steady
(c) (iii) northern
(d) (iv) characteristic
(e) (v) a band of singers

Answer-1(B):

(a) Folk music is a type of local and rural music which springs from the heart of a community.

(b) These songs are about social inequality and poverty, about the material world and the supernatural world.

(c) The songs vary from region to region because of the differences in natural environment and lifestyle of people.

(d) Women only compose Bratagan and MeyeliGit.

(e) The main theme of the passage is the features and characteristics of folk songs of Bangladesh.

English Second Paper

Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.

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1. A balanced diet is a good mixture of (a) ____ (pre-modify the noun) foods. It is essential for us (b) ____ (post-modify the adjective with an infinitive) a healthy life. There are many benefits of eating a (c) ____ (pre-modify the noun) diet because it prevents (d) ____ (use determiner to pre-modify the noun) diseases. As a result, we do not get sick (e) ____ (post-modify the verb with an adverb). We should select (f) ____ (pre-modify the noun with possessive) diet according to our needs. We should not eat the (g) ____ (use adjective to pre-modify the noun) foods for the whole week. We can keep fit (h) ____ (use a participle) a balanced diet. But it is not easy (i) ____ (post-modify the adjective with an infinitive) a balanced diet. Here (j) ____ (use a determiner) nutritionist can help us.

2. Rabindranath Tagore was a (a) ____ (pre-modify the noun) poet of Bengali literature. He was born in a (b) ____ (pre-modify the noun) family at Jorasanko, Kolkata. He went to school (c) ____ (post-modify the verb). He wrote his (d) ____ (pre-modify the noun) verse at the age of eight. At the age of seventeen, he went to London (e) ____ (post-modify the verb with an infinitive) school there. He was put up in a lodging house under the care of a (f) ____ (pre-modify the noun) coach, Mr Scott. He was lucky (g) ____ (post-modify the adjective with an infinitive) an English family of Mr Scott. He also visited the House of Parliament (h) ____ (post-modify the verb with an infinitive) Gladstone and John Bright's debates on Irish rule. He wrote letters to Kolkata (i) ____ (post-modify the verb with a present participle) English society. At this, his family thought that they might lose their son (j) ____ (post-modify the verb). So, he was called back to Kolkata.

Answer Script

Answer-1:

(a) various/good/several; (b) to lead/to maintain; (c) balanced; (d) some/many; (e) easily/frequently; (f) our; (g) same/similar; (h) eating/taking; (i) to select/choose/make; (j) a.

Answer-2:

(a) renowned; (b) noble; (c) early; (d) first; (e) to attend; (f) professional; (g) enough to find; (h) to listen to; (i) admiring; (j) forever.

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English Second Paper

Make tag questions of these statements.

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1.
(a) Fishes can swim, ____?
(b) Once our rivers abounded with fishes, ____?
(c) But at present the water of most of the rivers has been polluted, ____?
(d) So, there is a scarcity of fish, ____?
(e) We must take measures to protect the rivers from being polluted, ____?

2.
(a) Mina is having a birthday party in the afternoon, ____?
(b) Yes, she's been busy cleaning and dusting the drawing room, ____?
(c) Yesterday her father bought her a lovely dress, ____?
(d) And her mother wants to give her a pleasant surprise, ____?
(e) Let's buy a nice gift for her, ____?

3.
(a) Shapna has little knowledge about computer, ____?
(b) But she can improve herself if she is interested in it, ____?
(c) I think she has no interest in it, ____?
(d) She should be motivated at all, ____?
(e) Let's talk to her, ____?

4.
(a) Hello, Mehenaj. You watched the programme on arsenic pollution in the ATN yesterday, ____?
(b) Oh! Ratul. It has already become a serious problem in our country, ____?
(c) Yes, it enters into our body when we take arsenic contaminated water, ____?
(d) It can cause different diseases, ____?
(e) You are right, Mehenaj. Everyone must be careful about taking water, ____?

5.
(a) Your letter gave me much pleasure, ____?
(b) I am glad to inform you about our sports day, ____?
(c) We decorated the school campus colourfully, ____?
(d) Among the events, sack race and three leg race were interesting, ____?
(e) None could resist laughter watching these events, ____?

6.
(a) We see that Hamza has little knowledge about games and sports, ____?
(b) Let's talk to him, ____?
(c) We think, he doesn't know how to play tennis, ____?



- (d) Everybody praises an all-rounder, ____?
(e) Though he is a good student, he is lazy, ____?

7.
(a) I am Ishmam, a boy of class 10, ____?
(b) I am reading in science group. I aim to be a doctor, ____?
(c) But my parents want that I shall be an army officer, ____?
(d) I have to work hard for whatever I want to be. Because success in life depends on hard work, ____?
(e) My parents always advise me to work hard, ____?

8.
(a) I am sorry, Shadman. I am very late, ____?
(b) There was a traffic jam, ____?
(c) Oh! Don't worry. The train is late, ____?
(d) Then, have a cup of tea, ____?
(e) Yes. Let's go to the canteen, ____?

9.
(a) I need a pen, ____?
(b) I must write a letter to my friend, ____?
(c) I have not written any letter to him for a long time, ____?
(d) As we are friends, I think, we should keep in touch, ____?
(e) I am irregular in writing but my friend is always regular in writing, ____?

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