

## PREPARATION FOR HSC EXAMINATION-2020

### English Second Paper

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Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the brackets. 1×10=10

1. Once there lived a (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (pre-modify the noun) fox in a jungle. One day, while he was walking (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (post-modify the verb) through the jungle he fell into a trap and lost his tail. He felt (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (pre-modify the adjective) unhappy and sad. But the fox was very cunning. He hit upon a plan. He invited all the foxes (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (post-modify the verb with an infinitive) to a meeting. When all the foxes arrived, the fox without a tail said, "My dear friends, listen to me, please, I have discovered a (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (pre-modify the noun) thing. It is that our tails are (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (pre-modify the adjective) useless. They look ugly and dirty. So, we all should cut off our tails, shouldn't we?" All foxes listened to the cunning fox (g) \_\_\_\_\_ (post-modify the verb). Most of them agreed (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (post-modify the verb with an infinitive) their tails. But an old and (i) \_\_\_\_\_ (pre-modify the noun) fox said to him, "My friend, your plan is nice but evil. Actually, you want to cut off our tails because you have (j) \_\_\_\_\_ (pre-modify the noun with a determiner) tail of your own."

2.

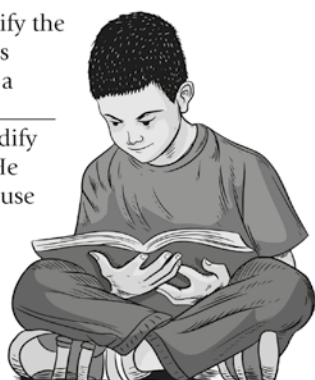


I had a peculiar experience (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (post-modify the verb) while travelling to St. Martin's Island. I visited the island along with my family. Zahid, (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (post-modify the noun with an appositive), was our guide. On our way to the island, we watched (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (demonstrative to pre-modify the noun) seagulls. The (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (pre-modify the noun) birds were flying (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (post-modify the verb) with the ship. They became (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (use an intensifier to pre-modify the adjective) dear and friendly to us. We entertained them with chips and biscuits. (g) \_\_\_\_\_ them (use a present

participle to pre-modify the verb), we became (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (use an intensifier to pre-modify the adjective) excited. We decided (i) \_\_\_\_\_ (use an infinitive phrase to post-modify the verb) in the idyllic island for a couple of days. We can never forget (j) \_\_\_\_\_ (use a demonstrative to pre-modify the adjective phrase) lovely sea birds.

3.

Raja, (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (post-modify the noun with an appositive), is known to his classmates as a good student. He has (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (use a quantifier to pre-modify the noun) good qualities. He knows that the (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (use an adjective to pre-modify the noun) duty of a student is to study and he never neglects (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (use a demonstrative to pre-modify the noun) duty. He prepares (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (use possessive to pre-modify the noun) lessons regularly. He maintains discipline. He knows the value of time. He gets up (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (post-modify the verb with an adverb) so that he can get enough time to study. He goes to school (g) \_\_\_\_\_ (post-modify the verb with an adverb). He never wastes a (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (use determines to pre-modify the noun) moment in vain. Raja is (i) \_\_\_\_\_ (pre-modify the adjective with an intensifier) gentle. He always obeys his parents and teachers. He never mixes with (j) \_\_\_\_\_ (pre-modify the noun) boys. A student like Raja is a great asset of a nation.



1: (a) clever; (b) alone/aimlessly; (c) very; (d) to come; (e) new; (f) quite; (g) attentively; (h) to cut off; (i) wise; (j) no.

2: (a) unexpectedly; (b) a local boy; (c) those; (d) beautiful; (e) elegantly; (f) very; (g) Entertaining; (h) very; (i) to stay; (j) those.

3: (a) a school boy; (b) some/many; (c) main/principal/-first; (d) this; (e) his; (f) early; (g) regularly/daily; (h) single; (i) very; (j) bad/naughty.

## PREPARATION FOR SSC EXAMINATION-2021

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Change the sentences as directed in the brackets and for your convenience answers are provided right below each question. 1×10=10

1.

(a) Refugee crisis has become a common affair throughout the world. (Make complex sentence)

Ans: It is a refugee crisis which has become a common affair throughout the world.

(b) It is one of the biggest problems modern civilization has ever faced. (Use positive degree)

Ans: Very few problems are so/as big as it that modern civilization has ever faced.

(c) The reasons behind displacement of people may vary. (Make negative sentence)

Ans: The reasons behind displacement of people may not be the same.

(d) There are many conflicting areas in different continents. (Make complex sentence)

Ans: There are many areas in different continents which are conflicting.

(e) Different countries respond to this crisis as they please. (Make simple sentence)

Ans: Different countries respond to this crisis according to their pleasure.

(f) Only a few of them respond to the call of humanity. (Make negative sentence)

Ans: Many of them do not respond to the call of humanity.

(g) Bangladesh has set a very praiseworthy example. (Make exclamatory sentence)

Ans: What a praiseworthy example Bangladesh has set!

(h) When Bangladesh accepted the refugees, they honoured humanity. (Make simple sentence)

Ans: Accepting the refugees, Bangladesh honoured humanity.

(i) Bangladesh is showing great care and love to distressed humanity. (Make complex sentence)

Ans: Bangladesh is showing great care and love to humanity who are distressed.

(j) The world should learn from Bangladesh. (Make it negative)

Ans: The world should not ignore to learn from Bangladesh.

2.

(a) Cox's Bazar seabeach is the largest seabeach in the world. (Complex)

Ans: It is Cox's Bazar seabeach which is the largest seabeach in the world.



(b) It is one of the most beautiful seabeaches in the world. (Positive)

Ans: Very few seabeaches in the world are so beautiful as it.

(c) It is called pleasure seekers' paradise. (Active)

Ans: We/People call it the pleasure seekers' paradise.

(d) The visitors go there to enjoy natural beauties. (Compound)

Ans: The visitors go there and they can enjoy natural beauties.

(e) Those who become tired may go to relax there. (Simple)

Ans: Tired people may go to relax there.

(f) They come here to enjoy themselves. (Complex)

Ans: They come here so that they can enjoy themselves.

(g) Our government is going to take some steps to make it more attractive. (Passive)

Ans: Some steps are going to be taken by our government to make it more attractive.

(h) Would that I could visit this place. (Exclamatory)

Ans: If I could visit this place!

(i) It is very suitable for wealth. (Exclamatory)

Ans: How suitable it is for wealth!

(j) We must take care of it for our nation. (Negative)

Ans: We cannot but take care of it for our nation.

## Knowledge Center

use English effectively. English cannot be conveyed without vocabulary. This issue contains various vocabulary exercises to enhance student's understanding of English.

### ● Choose the correct synonyms:

#### 1. Slough-

- a) Shed
- b) hide
- c) scratch
- d) repair

#### 2. Conceal-

- a) camouflage
- b) create
- c) drape
- d) set

#### 3. Sprint-

- a) minimal
- b) hasten
- c) slow
- d) drag

#### 4. Gash-

- a) attain
- b) lop
- c) sail
- d) hold

#### 5. Enact-

- a) travel
- b) flee
- c) waft
- d) accomplish

#### 6. Indicate-

- a) fill
- b) sustain

- c) blueprint
- d) exhibit

#### 7. Retort-

- a) acknowledge
- b) refuse
- c) neglect
- d) interrogate

#### 8. Grunt-

- a) minimal
- b) bellow
- c) mumble
- d) shriek

### ● Test your pronunciation-

- 1) Are son and sun pronounced the same way?
- 2) Does basic have an s or z sound?-
- 3) Does fool rhyme with wool?
- 4) Are where and were pronounced the same way?
- 5) Does of have a v sound or f sound?
- 6) Does toad rhyme with broad?
- 7) Is any pronounced like penny or nanny?
- 8) Is the n in damnable silent?

### ● Choose the correct spelling-

1. aberrant/ abhorrent
2. argosy/ ergosy
3. barque/ barq
4. crescent/ crescent
5. eder/ ether
6. gird/ gar
7. hark/ her
8. kneel/ knil
9. manifold/ menofold

Write the meaning of the following words:

1. Marge
2. Orb
3. Stilly
4. Zephyr
5. Arrant
6. Beget
7. Ingrate
8. Purl
9. Sans
10. Bard

Mention the parts of speech for the words below:

1. Divulge
2. Bestrew
3. Furtive
4. Corrode
5. Brume
6. Absolve
7. Ignominy
8. Temerity
9. Despondent
10. Blight



Spelling Bee Season 5 is commencing this year. There is little time left for the registration of our online game "Spell Champs", thus hurry up and register! The last date of registration is March 15, 2020.

With the assistance of The Daily Star, this week's issue consists of further vocabulary practice to enable students to have a stronger grip over their English. Spelling Bee set its roots in schools for its physical initiation of the first round. On the grounds for taking preparation, all students are urged to enhance their vocabulary, pronunciation and exptency of word meanings. Students should adapt a regular habit of reading The Daily Star as it has remarkable vocabulary at its display. Furthermore, "English In Schools" is bound to shape the students' knowledge over grammar and word stock.

Vocabulary represents itself as one of the most essential skills in learning and teaching a language. It is the core of language development and is crucial to any language teachings. It is the main toolkit for students to understand and