



EXCLUSIVE MODEL TEST 2020 ON ENGLISH FIRST PAPER

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PART-I: READING (60 MARKS)

1. Read the passage and answer the questions A and B.

Conflict can be described as a disagreement among groups or individuals characterized by antagonism and hostility. This is usually fueled by the opposition of one party to another in an attempt to reach an objective different from that of the other party. The elements involved in the conflict have varied sets of principles and values, thus allowing conflict to arise. Conflict can be defined in many ways but one of the simplest is that it pertains to the opposing ideas and actions of different entities, resulting in an antagonistic state. Conflict is an inevitable part of life. All of us possess our own opinions, ideas and sets of beliefs. We have our own ways of looking at things and we act according to what we think is proper. Hence, we often find ourselves in a conflict in different scenarios; it may involve other individuals, groups of people, or a struggle within our own selves. Consequently, conflict influences our actions and decisions in one way or another. Conflict comes naturally; the clashing of thoughts and ideas is a part of the human experience. It is true that it can be destructive if left uncontrolled. However, it shouldn't be seen as something that can only cause negative things to transpire. It is a way to come up with more meaningful realizations that can certainly be helpful to the individuals involved. Conflict can be seen as an opportunity for learning and understanding our differences. We can all live harmoniously despite conflicts as long as we know how to responsibly manage these struggles.

A. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.

(a) Conflict is _____ among groups or individuals.

- (i) an conformity (ii) discrepancy
(iii) an indenture (iv) a concordat

(b) What could be the closest meaning for conflict in the paragraph?

- (i) proper agreement between opposite parties
(ii) a situation in which people groups or countries are involved in a serious disagreement
(iii) a congenial situation
(iv) an authentic agreement between two groups

(c) The word 'antagonism' in the passage refers to _____.

- (i) feelings of good faith (ii) feeling of amiable relationship
(iii) feelings of derision (iv) a very friendly relationship

(d) Which one of the following is true?

- (i) Conflict always does harm (ii) Conflict comes automatically
(iii) Conflict is an unavoidable part of life (iv) Conflict has no action on our actions

(e) What is the main purpose of the author of the passage?

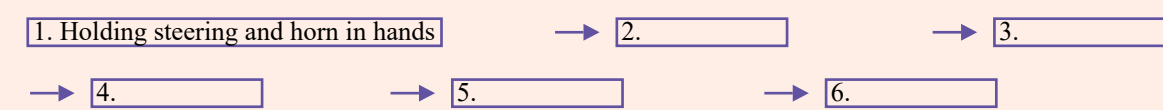
- (i) to show the merits of conflict (ii) to show the demerits of conflict
(iii) to inform about conflict (iv) to show feelings of hostility

B. Answer the following questions.

- (a) What, according to the passage, does the term 'conflict' refer to?
(b) Why is conflict an inevitable part of life?
(c) What are some of the major causes of conflict?
(d) "The clashing of thoughts and ideas is a part of the human experiences." Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.
(e) How can conflict be seen as an opportunity? How can we live harmoniously despite conflict?

2. Read the following text and make a flow chart highlighting the functions of a driver. (No. 1 has been done for you) $2 \times 5 = 10$

When you are in the driving seat of a car, you have the steering and the horn in your hands, the brake and accelerator under your feet, eyes open looking ahead, left and right. The same can be said about a motorcycle rider, with some modifications. These are all very visible. But, behind all, there is something that keeps working unseen. And that is the Central Processing Unit (CPU), your brain. CPUs are artificially intelligent machines that are programmed to do specific jobs under fixed conditions and judgments. But the human brain is intelligent by nature. It is the most sophisticated machine that is able to operate on ever-changing conditions and standards of judgment. As conditions in the traffic keep invariably changing, this virtue of sophistication of your brain must be at work when you are driving. The difference between traffic on the roads and highways and racing circuits must not be blurring inside you. Never imagine yourself to be a Michael Schumacher driving an F-1 at 300 mph. Leave no room for fantasy. You must always be ready to encounter unexpected behavior from any vehicle or pedestrian. 'Keep your cool' is easy to advice but difficult to maintain. Still, you must always restrain yourself because, at the end of the day, you don't want to be regarded as a killer. Now you see, the last thing that differentiates you from a computer is your conscience.



3. Read the following text and fill in the blanks with suitable words from the box. There are more words than necessary. You may change the form of the words if necessary. $0.5 \times 10 = 5$

- eloquent darkness awareness learn intellectual attain
enlighten choice sensibilities purpose human parochialism

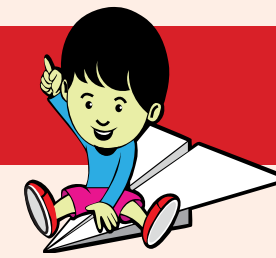
Education is the process by which our mind develops through formal (a) _____ at an institution. It is mental and (b) _____ training. It provides opportunities of growth and helps to meet challenges to (c) _____ success. Moreover, the purpose of education is to (d) _____ an individual. The aim of education is also to train individuals to make right (e) _____. It ennobles our mind and refines our (f) _____. It broadens our outlook and removes (g) _____. It helps us to be (h) _____ of rights and responsibilities. Education furnishes us with an (i) _____ in expressing truth. Therefore, it is compared to light which dispels the (j) _____ of ignorance.



4. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word in each gap. $1 \times 10 = 10$

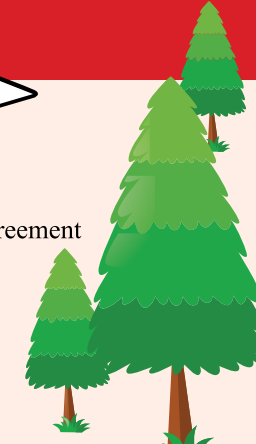
The absence of a (a) _____ tie does not mean that the Bangladeshi (b) _____ is completely detached from their (c) _____. In the era of (d) _____ and social (e) _____ like other Diaspora communities, British-Bangladeshis are also (f) _____ to their countries of (g) _____ by phone, mail, Internet and television. By (h) _____ of (i) _____ advancement, communication of news is rapid and sustained, which gives migrant communities a sense of belonging to multiple homes. Indeed, the first (j) _____ of migrants continues to regard Bangladesh as central to their identity.

ANSWERS



Answers to the question number 1 (A):

- (a) (ii) a discrepancy
(b) (ii) a situation in which people, groups or countries are involved in a serious disagreement
(c) (iii) feelings of derision
(d) (iii) Conflict is an unavoidable part of life
(e) (iii) to inform about conflict



Answers to the question number 1 (B):

(a) According to the passage, the term, 'conflict' refers to a disagreement among groups or individuals characterized by antagonism and hostility. The opposition of one party to another in terms of achieving an objective is the main cause of conflict.

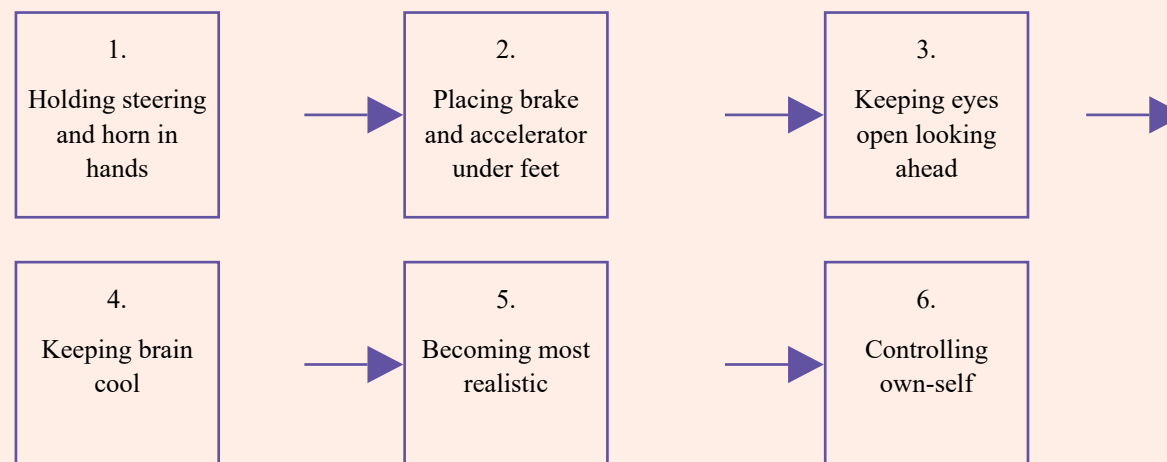
(b) Conflict is an inevitable part of life because all of us possess our own opinions, ideas and sets of beliefs. We have our own ways of looking at things and act according to what we think is proper. Hence, we often find ourselves in conflict with other individuals, groups of people or within our own selves.

(c) Some of the major causes of conflict are a clash of thoughts and ideas, differences of opinions, differences in principles, values and beliefs.

(d) I agree that the clashing of thoughts and ideas is a part of human experience. Whenever we act according to what we think in our own ways of looking at things, we, every now and then, find ourselves in conflict in different scenarios among individuals, groups of people or a struggle within our own selves. In addition, since conflict comes naturally, we cannot easily fight shy of the clashing of our thoughts and ideas that indicates part of human experiences.

(e) Conflict can be seen as an opportunity for learning and understanding our differences. Despite conflicts, we all can live harmoniously if we know how to manage the struggles responsibly as it is inevitable in our life.

Answers to the question number 2:



Answers to the question number 3:

- (a) learning (b) intellectual (c) attain (d) enlighten
(e) choice (f) sensibility (g) parochialism (h) aware
(i) eloquence (j) darkness

Answers to the question number 4:

- (a) strong
(b) community
(c) homeland
(d) globalization
(e) networking
(f) linked/connected
(g) origin
(h) virtue
(i) technological
(j) generation

