



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.

Adolescents constitute a nation's core resource for national renewal and growth. Adolescence is a period in life when the transition from childhood to adulthood takes place and behaviours and lifestyles are shaped. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), adolescence is the period which shapes the future of girls' and boys' lives. There are 28 million adolescents in Bangladesh; 13.7 million of them are girls and 14.3 million boys.

The situation of adolescent girls in Bangladesh is characterised by inequality and subordination within the family and society. This inequality leads to the widespread practice of child marriage,

marginalisation or exclusion from health, education and economic opportunities, and vulnerability to violence and sexual abuse.

In Bangladesh, the legal age of marriage is 18 for girls and 21 for boys. However, 33 per cent of adolescent girls are married before the age of 15 and 60 per cent become mothers by the age of 19. Research finds that adolescents with a higher level of education and from more affluent families tend to marry at a later age. Boys, however, become ready for marriage only after several years of adolescence and young adulthood.

When a girl gets married, she usually drops out of school and

begins full-time work in her in-laws' household. In the in-laws' house, she is marginalized. She becomes vulnerable to all forms of abuse, including dowry-related violence. In Bangladesh, it is still common for a bride's family to pay dowry, despite the practise being illegal. Dowry demands can also continue after the wedding. For an adolescent bride, even if her in-laws are supportive, there are greater health risks in terms of pregnancy and childbirth. The majority of adolescent brides and their families are uninformed or insufficiently informed about reproductive health and contraception. The maternal mortality rate for adolescents is double the national rate.

A. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.

(a) What could be the closet meaning of 'constitute'?

- (i) build (ii) comprise
(iii) form (iv) all of these

(b) 'Legal' could be best replaced by ____.

- (i) appropriate (ii) expected
(iii) legitimate (iv) actual

(c) 'Dowry' stands for ____.

- (i) collecting of girls for marriage
(ii) wedding gift was given by the groom to the bride
(iii) wedding gift was given by the groom to the bridegroom
(iv) the money or property demanded by the bridegroom from the bride's family.

(d) What is the gateway between childhood and adulthood?

- (i) adolescent (ii) adolescence
(iii) society (iv) family

(e) By which words is the situation of adolescent girls characterized in Bangladesh?

- (i) equality and cooperation (ii) understanding and admiration
(iii) inequality and subordination (iv) power and domination

B. Answer the following questions.

- (a) What are the effects of female inequality in Bangladesh?
(b) "Adolescents constitute a nation's core resource for national renewal and growth." Do you agree? Why?/ Why not?
(c) Can you guess the reason for inequality and subordination of adolescent girls in the family and society?
(d) Describe the plight of adolescent girls in their in-laws' houses in 2/3 sentences.
(e) Why are the adolescent girls at high risk in term of pregnancy and childbirth?

Part-II: Writing (40 Marks)

1. Suppose, you are Saimum. Now write an email to your friend informing him about the negative impact of Facebook in our life.

For example:

Dear Anwar,

Hope this email finds you well.

I know how much of a blessing social media is, in terms of helping people connect in an instant from many different parts of the world. Facebook not only helps to connect with friends but also helps businesses grow. Facebook is also becoming a source of news. But not all news is true. Today I would like to write to you informing you about the harmful effects of Facebook that I came across very recently. Activities like staying connected through Facebook may seem harmless but scientists advocate that this can affect our mental health immensely. A recent study, from the University of Michigan, found that using Facebook may make people's life miserable. According to a study by Benedictine University, one of the main reasons we use social media is for self-distraction and monotony relief. Researchers found that people who are more anxious and socially insecure are more likely to be addicted to Facebook. One of the reasons why this platform can be addictive is because it can be used as a way of getting attention and boosting self-esteem. But if one fails to gain attention, they may become unmotivated in life and feel less confident.

We cannot stop the usage of social media platforms but it is important that we restrict the amount of usage. We have to remember that the right amount of medicine helps but overdose kills.

I hope I have shared with you something valuable today and hope it helps you all throughout life. Let me know what you think on the matter. Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Saimum

2. The graph below shows the choice of professions by different educated people. Describe the graph in 150 words. You should highlight and summarize the information given in the graph.

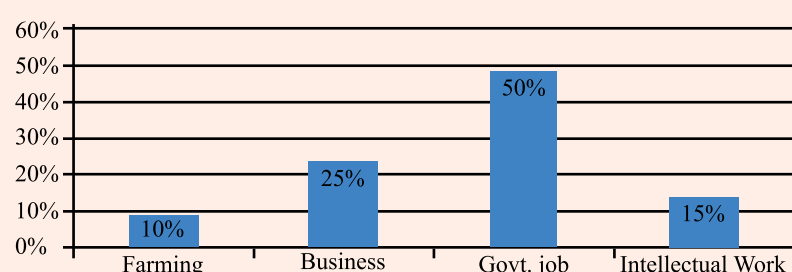


Figure: The choice of profession by different educated people

For example:

Government job is the most picked choice of profession by educated people, which is 50 per cent. Maybe it is because the government recruits a lot of people or educated people rely on and trust the benefits given by the government jobs.

25 per cent of people choose business. Because of the risk factors, some people succeed and others fail, which is why not all

people can make a fortune out of doing business. Maybe who fails goes for government jobs or intellectual works.

15 per cent of the population chooses intellectual works like journalism, research, teacher, etc, for their living. Very few number of educated people have what it requires to do intellectual jobs. That's why not many people choose these professions.

Only 10 per cent of educated people take farming as their profession as farming is not seen as a profession that educated people can choose in our society. This is actually dangerous for a sustainable society, as farmers are the key component of our society and yet deprived of having a secured space in the eyes of society.

3. Write down the theme of the following poem. (Not more than 50 words)

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I wondered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze
Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the Milky Way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay;
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.



For example:

A cloud who roams alone in the sky and watch over what is happening underneath and above it. It describes the hills it sees beneath it and the flowers dancing in the wind by the lake. It also describes the galaxy it sees above the clouds and the dances that occur in the objects inside the galaxy. The stars die and fall off forming a never-ending line over the sky.



ANSWERS

1 (A):

- (a) (iv) all of these
(b) (iii) legitimate
(c) (iv) the money or property demanded by the bridegroom from the bride's family
(d) (ii) adolescence
(v) (iii) inequality and subordination.

1 (B):

- (a) The effects of female inequality in Bangladesh are the widespread practice of child marriage, marginalization or exclusion from health, education and economic opportunities and prone to sexual abuse and violence.
(b) Yes, I agree with the statement because the adolescents are supposed to be the adults within few years. Then they will be the driving force for the development of the country. So, adolescents are considered a nation's core resource for national renewal and growth.
(c) The reasons of inequality and subordination of adolescent girls in the family and society are the widespread practices of considering them weaker sex and burden for the family and society. Besides, they are considered as useless for economic activities.
(d) In in-laws' houses, adolescent girls become full-time household workers. They become victims of all forms of abuse, including dowry-related violence.
(e) The adolescent girls are uninformed or insufficiently informed about reproductive health and contraception. So, the adolescent girls are at high risk in terms of pregnancy and childbirth.

