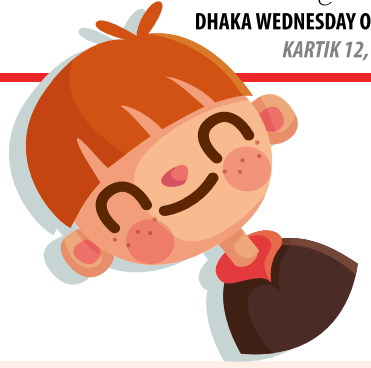




HSC SPECIAL MODEL TEST 2020

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SUBJECT: ENGLISH FIRST PAPER

Dear Students,

Today we will practise Multiple Choice Questions and Open-ended questions of question number 1 of Part one of English First Paper. With a view to evaluating your comprehensive aptitude, questions will be provided. 15 (5+10) marks will be allotted for this question. Let's practise.

SEEN PASSAGE

Read the passage and answer the following questions.

**Water, water, everywhere,
And all the boards did shrink;
Water, water, everywhere
Nor any drop to drink.**

Coleridge's poem, a ballad, narrates the harrowing sea-voyage of an old mariner who at one point of his journey didn't have any water to drink because of a curse. Cursed or not, we know how important drinking water is in our life. We know we cannot survive without it. In fact, two-thirds of

our body is made up of water. Not for nothing is it said that the other name of water is life. Is there a crisis in our time with regard to access to clean drinking water? The United Nations in a meeting on the eve of the new millennium identified the drinking water problem as one of the challenges for the future. But do we need to worry about the problem as ours is a land of rivers and we have plenty of rainfall? Besides, we have a sea in our backyard too.

One of the sources of water in

our country is the rivers. Rivers are everywhere in our life, literature, economy and culture. But are the rivers in good shape? Unfortunately, they are not. A few are already dead and several are going through the pangs of death. The river Buriganga is an example of a dying river. A report published in the Daily Sun describes what has happened to the river Buriganga and why. Its water is polluted and a perpetual stench fills the air around it. But that is not what it was like before.

1. A. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.

1×5=5

(a) The old mariner had a very ____ sea-voyage.

- (i) pleasant
- (ii) agonizing.
- (iii) wonderful
- (iv) memorable

(b) The word 'harrowing' mentioned in the passage means ____.

- (i) soft
- (ii) dangerous
- (iii) mellifluous
- (iv) melodious

(c) What kind of river the Buriganga is now?

- (i) dying
- (ii) flowing
- (iii) having current
- (iv) none of the above

(d) The best synonym of 'perpetual' is ____.

- (i) continuous
- (ii) stable
- (iii) entire
- (iv) temporary

(e) "Harrowing sea-voyage" refers to ____.

- (i) horrifying sea-animals
- (ii) destructive sea-animals
- (iii) frightening and shocking journey across a sea
- (iv) frightful condition of sea

B. Answer the following questions.

- (a) What is the present situation of the Buriganga?
- (b) Why is it said that the other name of water is life?
- (c) Why did the old mariner suffer a lot?
- (d) Do you think the Buriganga river is dying? If so, why?
- (e) "But that is not what it was like before." Explain.

2. Read the following text and make a flow chart showing about what type of teachers, classroom, environment, system, etc. there should be for children's education. (One is done for you). 2×5=10

Children's right to education also implies that the school they go to will have a pleasant and learning-friendly environment where everyone will have an enjoyable time. Teachers will be kind, caring and supportive and children will feel relaxed. No harsh words will be spoken to them and special care will be taken of children with learning disabilities.

That, unfortunately, is not the general picture in our schools. The system of education in our part of the world does not allow children much freedom, and classrooms look more like cages where they are pent up for hours. Rabindranath Tagore (read his "An Eastern University" in Unit Six) found it unacceptable, so did William Blake (1757-1857),

an English poet and painter, whose favourite subjects included children. In his poem "The School Boy" Blake writes about a young boy who is unhappy with his school where dour-faced teachers give joyless lessons. He would rather like to be outdoors and enjoy the summer day. He pleads with his parents to rescue him from the drudgery of school.

1. To have a pleasant and learning-friendly environment → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5 → 6

Dear Students,

Today we will practise gap filling activities with clues of question number 4 of English First Paper. With a view to evaluating your aptitude in using appropriate words, a text having 10 gaps will be provided. 5 marks will be allotted for this question. Let's practise.

Read the following text and fill in the blanks with suitable word from the box. There are more words than needed. Make any grammatical change if necessary.

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enriched	about	various	belong	naturally	combines
bears	criteria	included	in	remains	variety

Folk music (a) ____ to a community. It (b) ____ uninfluenced by any rules of classical music. Bangladesh is (c) ____ with folk music. Both religious and secular songs are (d) ____ in it. It (e) ____ the note of a community. It expresses styles (f) ____ and does not bother (g) ____ rules. As music (h) ____ tune, voice and dance, folk music has its own (i) _____. Folk music has a great (j) ____ of singing style.

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difficult	consolidate	attraction	disappear	importance
solutions	success	provide	producers	practice

There are no easy (a) ____ to the problems that craftworks face in our time. Crafts that are (b) ____ can and should be revived, even where the machine has made the prospect (c) _____. And crafts that are still (d) ____ can be safeguarded and made to (e) ____ their position further. This can be done by (f) ____ grants, loans, assistance and other support to the (g) _____, and helping them find a comfortable customer base. But more (h) _____, craftwork can be branded and (i) ____ marketed throughout the country and beyond as there are always buyers and users of handmade products who feel a strong (j) ____ towards such cultural products.

SUBJECT: ENGLISH SECOND PAPER

Dear Students,

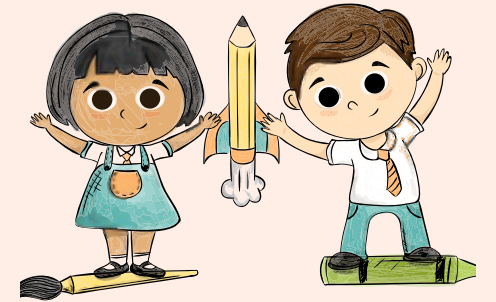
Today we will practise gap filling activities without clues of question number 1 of English Second Paper. With a view to evaluating your aptitude in using appropriate articles, a text having 10 gaps will be provided. 5 marks will be allotted for this question. Let's practise.

5. (a) ____ morning walk is a good habit for all classes of people. It is (b) ____ simple exercise and good for health and (c) ____ mentality. In the morning (d) ____ air is fresh and free from any kind of noise and pollution. This pure (e) ____ environment makes an effect on (f) ____ walker's health and mind when (g) ____ man enjoys (h) ____ beauties and solemnity of (i) ____ nature in (j) ____ morning.

ANSWERS

Answer to the question number 1(A):

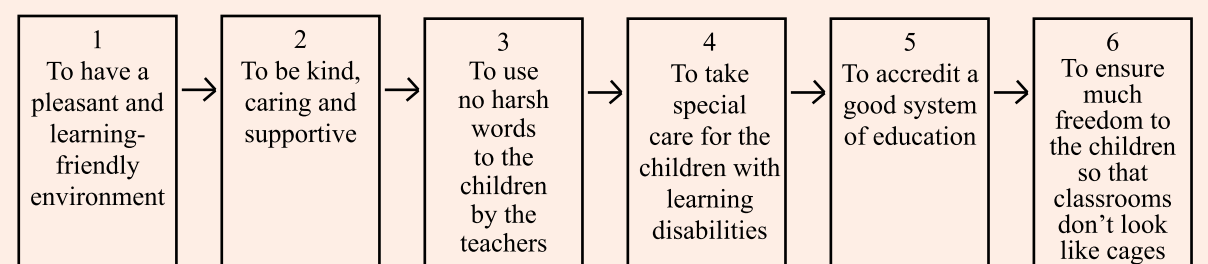
- (a) = (ii) agonizing
- (b) = (ii) dangerous
- (c) = (i) Dying
- (d) = (i) continuous
- (e) = (iii) frightening and shocking journey across a sea



Answer to the question number 1(B):

- (a) Once Buriganga was a strong, useful and beautiful river. But the present situation of the Buriganga is very pitiful. It is now in the process of dying. Its water is polluted and an incessant stench fills the air around it.
- (b) We cannot survive without water. In fact, two-thirds of our body is made up of water. This is because it is always said that the other name of water is life.
- (c) At the time of the harrowing sea-voyage, the old mariner, not having any water to drink at one point of his journey, suffered a lot because of a curse.
- (d) Yes, I think the Buriganga is dying. Everyday huge amounts of wastes are released into it. Consequently, its water is getting polluted, the river is gradually getting stagnant and filled up.
- (e) The river Buriganga is, a glowing example of a dying river. In youth, the Buriganga had everything. It was full of pure water and had a violent current. But now like most of the rivers of our country, the Buriganga is losing its youth drastically. Its water is getting severely polluted day by day and a perpetual stench fills the air around it. The normal life of the people living around it is at stake.

Answer to the question number 2:



Answer to the question number 3:

- (a) belongs; (b) remains; (c) enriched; (d) included; (e) bears; (f) naturally; (g) about; (h) combines; (i) criteria; (j) variety.

Answer to the question number 4:

- (a) solutions; (b) disappearing; (c) difficult; (d) practiced; (e) consolidate; (f) providing; (g) producers; (h) importantly; (i) successfully; (j) attraction.

Answer to the question number 5:

- a) ×; b) a; c) ×; d) the; e) ×; f) the; g) a; h) the; i) ×; j) the.

