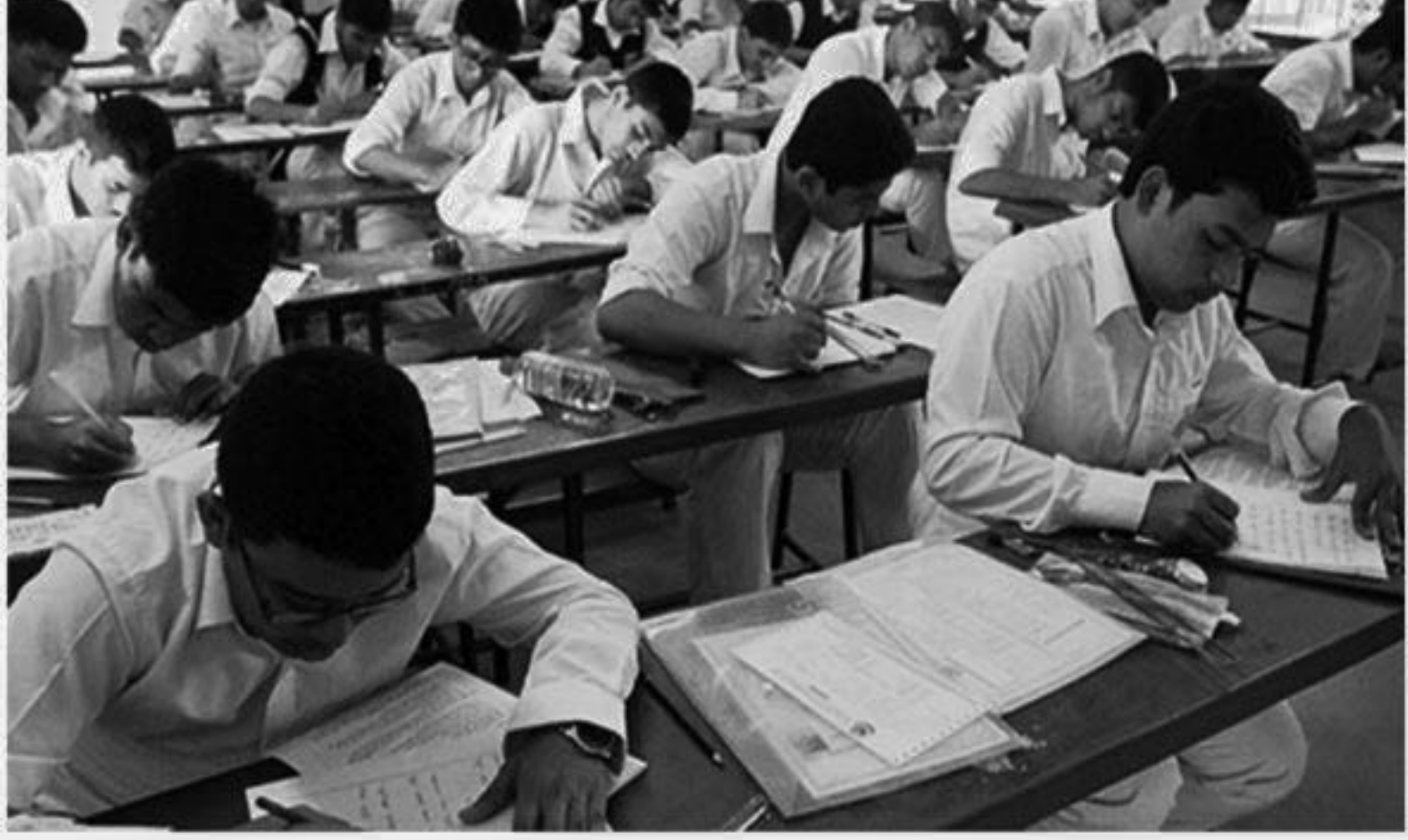


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Gap filling activities with clues

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 words from the box. There are more words than needed. Make any grammatical change if necessary. 0.5x10=5

cheat	tell	story	completely	think	rescue
make	face	care	matter	promise	treat

Keeping promises given to anyone is a must, though it takes much perseverance to keep promises honestly. Since keeping promise is a (a) \_\_\_\_\_ of remembrance, we should be (b) \_\_\_\_\_ whenever we make promises. While (c) \_\_\_\_\_ an unavoidable danger, people usually (d) \_\_\_\_\_ any promise only to be (e) \_\_\_\_\_ from the situation without perfect (f) \_\_\_\_\_. After being rescued most people (g) \_\_\_\_\_ forget the promise given. A (h) \_\_\_\_\_ about the Pied Piper of Germany (i) \_\_\_\_\_ how the Piper was deliberately (j) \_\_\_\_\_ by the Mayor, who had made promises to give Piper one thousand guilders for his work.

eloquent	darkness	awareness	learn	intellectual	attain
enlighten	choice	sensibility	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 the 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.



events	rulers	oppression	ready	huge	confront
epoch-making	indirectly	inspire	undisputed	struggle	mentioned

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is the (a) \_\_\_\_\_ leader of Bangladesh. He delivered an illustrious and (b) \_\_\_\_\_ speech on 7 March in 1971. He made his speech in the presence of a (c) \_\_\_\_\_ gathering of people at Suhrawardi Uddyan (the then Race Course Maidan). Many (d) \_\_\_\_\_ of the past led him to deliver the speech. In his speech he (e) \_\_\_\_\_ the history of Bengal as a history of (f) \_\_\_\_\_ and deprivation. Through his speech he (g) \_\_\_\_\_ the people of Bangladesh to get (h) \_\_\_\_\_ for the Liberation War. He told the people to fight against the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of West Pakistan. He declared the independence of Bangladesh (j) \_\_\_\_\_.

poisonous	of	preserve	greatest	be	more
refresh	stern	monger	production	contamination	health

Food adulteration is one of the (a) \_\_\_\_\_ problems in the recent time in our country. Different food and food products, vegetables, fruits and fishes are being (b) \_\_\_\_\_ by the unscrupulous and profit (c) \_\_\_\_\_ businessmen and green grocers. However, we, the general people (d) \_\_\_\_\_ the victims (e) \_\_\_\_\_ all sorts of pangs and serious diseases. The businessmen use (f) \_\_\_\_\_ chemicals such as DDT, Aldrin, Heptachlor just to make their products (g) \_\_\_\_\_ attractive or to (h) \_\_\_\_\_ them for a long time. So it is time the authorities concerned took (i) \_\_\_\_\_ steps to stop such food adulteration. Proper monitoring, supervision and public awareness should be compulsory from (j) \_\_\_\_\_ level to consumers.

recur	safe	opine	aware	develop	precaution
minimize	lie	compulsory	straight	loss	possibility

It's a matter of great concern that Bangladesh (a) \_\_\_\_\_ in the active earthquake zone. Most of the Bangladeshis are fully (b) \_\_\_\_\_ of its severity. Experts are alarmed by the (c) \_\_\_\_\_ of quakes during recent years. But they give no (d) \_\_\_\_\_ answer to the question of (e) \_\_\_\_\_ about the buildings of Dhaka city. Since there is every (f) \_\_\_\_\_ of earthquakes in Bangladesh; experts call for taking adequate (g) \_\_\_\_\_ measures to (h) \_\_\_\_\_ losses. Rajuk (i) \_\_\_\_\_ that an earthquake resistant building code should be (j) \_\_\_\_\_.

add	breathe	need	plant	prevent	preserve	grow
produce	protect	provide	take	give	wash	gather

Trees are very useful to humans. They (a) \_\_\_\_\_ the rich top soil from being (b) \_\_\_\_\_ away by rain water and floods. You can see trees being (c) \_\_\_\_\_ along mountain slopes, on roadsides, in parks and gardens. Trees give us shade. They (d) \_\_\_\_\_ life to a place with their colourful flowers, beautiful leaves, fruits and thick trunks. They (e) \_\_\_\_\_ shelters for birds and animals. They give us timber, medicines, paper, gum and many other useful things. They (f) \_\_\_\_\_ in carbon dioxide and (g) \_\_\_\_\_ oxygen. As you know by now man (h) \_\_\_\_\_ oxygen to (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and live. Trees are our best friends. We should (j) \_\_\_\_\_ them and plant more trees around us.

go	have	find	lose	die	are	way	consider
prefer	enjoy	be	dead	preference	take	bound	from

We find changes in amusement and entertainment that (a) \_\_\_\_\_ taken place over time. Common forms of entertainment like snake charming, puppet shows, jarigan (b) \_\_\_\_\_ popular in the past but they are gradually (c) \_\_\_\_\_ their appeal. They are (d) \_\_\_\_\_ out. We don't (e) \_\_\_\_\_ the existence of many of these. Now people like to (f) \_\_\_\_\_ TV. They (g) \_\_\_\_\_ concert, disco, pop, etc. All the changes that have (h) \_\_\_\_\_ place today are not (i) \_\_\_\_\_ good. Sometimes people are (j) \_\_\_\_\_ to receive some bad aspects of western culture.

civilization	ignorant	quack	school	teach	work	more
development	programme	awareness	hard	modern	people	home

It is a great tragedy that after many years of independence, illiteracy still remains one of the greatest problems in Bangladesh. It is one of the most serious threats to progress and (a) \_\_\_\_\_ that our country has to face. Illiteracy keeps people (b) \_\_\_\_\_ and superstitious. It is a strong obstacle in the way of (c) \_\_\_\_\_. There are still many people who do not believe in (d) \_\_\_\_\_ medicine. They prefer to go to the village (e) \_\_\_\_\_ who gives them charms and promises to work miracles. They refuse to take part in any family planning (f) \_\_\_\_\_. They think that the more children they have the (g) \_\_\_\_\_ bread earners there will be. They are not educated themselves nor do they want to send their children to (h) \_\_\_\_\_. We must try to grow (i) \_\_\_\_\_ among our countrymen about the need of education. We, who are fortunate enough to attend school should (j) \_\_\_\_\_ those who do not have this facility.



misuse	family	popular	invented	using	spreads
makes	expand	users	within	addicted	over

Facebook is an online networking service. It is a (a) \_\_\_\_\_ social networking service. It is (b) \_\_\_\_\_ friendship and relation all (c) \_\_\_\_\_ the world. Mark Zuckerberg first (d) \_\_\_\_\_ facebook. (e) \_\_\_\_\_ a very short time it gained much popularity. Now it has over one billion active users. It (f) \_\_\_\_\_ love and shares sorrow. But sometimes it is (g) \_\_\_\_\_. Students are spending much time in (h) \_\_\_\_\_ facebook which is very alarming for the future generation. Adults are also getting (i) \_\_\_\_\_ to it which is causing many problems in their (j) \_\_\_\_\_ life. So we should be aware of using facebook.

count	enter	change	establish	opt	acknowledge	presence
work	reliance	education	recognize	social	unnecessary	cocoons

One very conspicuous (a) \_\_\_\_\_ in our society is the (b) \_\_\_\_\_ of working women outside home. Of course it has to be (c) \_\_\_\_\_ that women have always worked within the household but this (d) \_\_\_\_\_ is not counted as 'work'. It is unfortunate that women's roles in agricultural societies have not been (e) \_\_\_\_\_ either whether it is due to economic necessity or the urge to (f) \_\_\_\_\_ an individual identity or both, nowadays many women are (g) \_\_\_\_\_ the outside workforce. They are joining in a wide range of professions. Moreover, it is not only (h) \_\_\_\_\_ women who are (i) \_\_\_\_\_ to work but women with little or no education have come out of their (j) \_\_\_\_\_ to earn and become self-reliant.

**Answer Script:**  
**Answer-1:** (a) matter; (b) careful; (c) facing; (d) make; (e) rescued; (f) thinking/thought; (g) completely; (h) story; (i) tells; (j) cheated.  
**Answer-2:** (a) learning; (b) intellectual; (c) attain; (d) enlighten; (e) choice; (f) sensibility; (g) parochialism; (h) aware; (i) eloquence; (j) darkness.  
**Answer-3:** (a) undisputed; (b) epoch-making; (c) huge; (d) events; (e) mentioned; (f) oppression; (g) inspired; (h) ready; (i) rulers; (j) indirectly.  
**Answer-4:** (a) a) greatest; (b) contaminated; (c) monger; (d) are; (e) of; (f) poisonous; (g) more; (h) preserve; (i) stern; (j) production.  
**Answer-5:** (a) lies; (b) aware; (c) recurrence; (d) straight; (e) safety; (f) possibility; (g) precautionary; (h) minimize; (i) opines; (j) developed.  
**Answer-6:** (a) prevent; (b) washed; (c) grown; (d) give; (e) provide; (f) take; (g) produce; (h) needs; (i) breathe; (j) protect.  
**Answer-7:** (a) have; (b) were; (c) losing; (d) dying; (e) find; (f) enjoy; (g) prefer; (h) taken; (i) considered; (j) bound.  
**Answer-8:** (a) civilization; (b) ignorant; (c) development; (d) modern; (e) quack; (f) programme; (g) more; (h) school; (i) awareness; (j) teach.  
**Answer-9:** (a) popular; (b) expanding; (c) over; (d) invented; (e) Within; (f) spreads; (g) misused; (h) using; (i) addicted; (j) family.  
**Answer-10:** (a) change; (b) presence; (c) acknowledged; (d) work; (e) recognized; (f) establish; (g) entering; (h) educated; (i) opting; (j) cocoons.



Gap filling activities without clues (for articles)

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.

Fill in the blanks in the following texts with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks. 0.5x10=5

1. Every student wants to do better in (a) \_\_\_\_\_ examinations. But it is not (b) \_\_\_\_\_ easy work. (c) \_\_\_\_\_ student has to do something for this. From (d) \_\_\_\_\_ very beginning he must be serious. He should read (e) \_\_\_\_\_ texts again and again. He must not memorize (f) \_\_\_\_\_ answers without knowing the meaning. He must not make notes from (g) \_\_\_\_\_ common source. He should have a good (h) \_\_\_\_\_ command over English. By doing all these things (i) \_\_\_\_\_ student can hope to make a good (j) \_\_\_\_\_ result.

2. Truthfulness is (a) \_\_\_\_\_ greatest of all (b) \_\_\_\_\_ virtues which makes (c) \_\_\_\_\_ man really great. If we do not cultivate the habit of speaking (d) \_\_\_\_\_ truth, we cannot command (e) \_\_\_\_\_ confidence of others. (f) \_\_\_\_\_ man whom nobody believes can never be great in life. We might succeed once or twice by telling (g) \_\_\_\_\_ lie but it never brings good results. (h) \_\_\_\_\_ lie never lies hidden. Today or tomorrow it comes to light. Then (i) \_\_\_\_\_ real character of (j) \_\_\_\_\_ liar is revealed and nobody believes him.

3. Patriotism is (a) \_\_\_\_\_ noble virtue. It inspires (b) \_\_\_\_\_ man to dedicate his life for the freedom of his (c) \_\_\_\_\_ country. (d) \_\_\_\_\_ man without patriotism is no better than (e) \_\_\_\_\_ beast. A true patriot is honoured by (f) \_\_\_\_\_ his countrymen. He thinks for (g) \_\_\_\_\_ betterment of his country. On (h) \_\_\_\_\_ contrary, (i) \_\_\_\_\_ unpatriotic man thinks only of his own interest. Those who die for (j) \_\_\_\_\_ country are true patriots.

4. The process of learning may very well be compared to (a) \_\_\_\_\_ undertaking of a journey. The learner or the student is (b) \_\_\_\_\_ journey taker or traveller. Just as a traveller, he has to undergo all (c) \_\_\_\_\_ botherations of buying his ticket, booking his baggage, showing up his ticket, taking care of things, boarding a train or a bus and suffering every other items of (d) \_\_\_\_\_ tedious journey to reach his (e) \_\_\_\_\_ destination. So a learner has to manage his learning affairs all by himself. It is (f) \_\_\_\_\_ labourious process and no one can do (g) \_\_\_\_\_ labour for him and no one else can undertake (h) \_\_\_\_\_ journey for another. There is no trick or magic in it. It cannot be acquired at second hand. Just as a traveller, he can enquire here and there in case of doubt and difficulty. However, the journey is (i) \_\_\_\_\_ passenger's own concern. In (j) \_\_\_\_\_ same way, learning is entirely the concern of the student or the learner.

5. (a) \_\_\_\_\_ importance of female education can never be exaggerated. Women constitute half of (b) \_\_\_\_\_ population. So, no development is possible depriving (c) \_\_\_\_\_ women of (d) \_\_\_\_\_ light of education. (e) \_\_\_\_\_ importance of female education is immense in order to get (f) \_\_\_\_\_ educated nation. Moreover, (g) \_\_\_\_\_ educated women is self-dependent and self-confident. She does not become a burden to (h) \_\_\_\_\_ society. She can bring (i) \_\_\_\_\_ happiness in (j) \_\_\_\_\_ family.

6. (a) \_\_\_\_\_ ideal student is (b) \_\_\_\_\_ asset for a country. He is different from (c) \_\_\_\_\_ idle student. (d) \_\_\_\_\_ industrious work hard. On the other hand, (e) \_\_\_\_\_ idle waste away their time. They do not know that (f) \_\_\_\_\_ time is (g) \_\_\_\_\_ most valuable thing. If anyone wants to shine in life, he should make (h) \_\_\_\_\_ best use of his time. Otherwise, he will suffer in (i) \_\_\_\_\_ long run. He will have to drag a very miserable (j) \_\_\_\_\_ life.

7. (a) \_\_\_\_\_ pious man is he who is very much religious. He does not run after name and fame. He is different from (b) \_\_\_\_\_ worldly man. (c) \_\_\_\_\_ religious minded people are quite different from (d) \_\_\_\_\_ people who want to have much (e) \_\_\_\_\_ wealth. (f) \_\_\_\_\_ virtuous people believe that there lies (g) \_\_\_\_\_ eternal life after death. (h) \_\_\_\_\_ greedy people give importance to this world. However (i) \_\_\_\_\_ virtuous man enjoys mental (j) \_\_\_\_\_ peace.

8. Newspaper plays (a) \_\_\_\_\_ important role in our society. It is (b) \_\_\_\_\_ most useful thing in our modern life. We cannot think of (c) \_\_\_\_\_ day without it. To read newspaper is (d) \_\_\_\_\_ good habit. (e) \_\_\_\_\_ more we read newspaper (f) \_\_\_\_\_ more we can acquire knowledge. If we don't read it, we shall be (g) \_\_\_\_\_ frogs in (h) \_\_\_\_\_ dark well. It is (i) \_\_\_\_\_ looking glass of (j) \_\_\_\_\_ modern world.

9. To become (a) \_\_\_\_\_ educated person is probably the most significant change in one's life. (b) \_\_\_\_\_ education is (c) \_\_\_\_\_ locomotive that drives much of the economic development throughout (d) \_\_\_\_\_ world. It works as a vehicle for (e) \_\_\_\_\_ personal success. (f) \_\_\_\_\_ illiterate person can't be successful in his life. He can't even contribute to (g) \_\_\_\_\_ development of the society. He is (h) \_\_\_\_\_ burden to the society. He has no honour, no power or status. On the other hand, (i) \_\_\_\_\_ literate person is (j) \_\_\_\_\_ honorable man because he can contribute to the progress of the society.

10. (a) \_\_\_\_\_ 16th December is (b) \_\_\_\_\_ red-letter day in the history of Bangladesh. On this day, we achieved (c) \_\_\_\_\_ freedom at the cost of (d) \_\_\_\_\_ bloody battle and Bangladesh came into (e) \_\_\_\_\_ being and made a place in (f) \_\_\_\_\_ world map as (g) \_\_\_\_\_ independent country. Every year this day is celebrated in (h) \_\_\_\_\_ enthusiastic atmosphere. We remember (i) \_\_\_\_\_ great sacrifice of our heroic sons who died for this country. We also pay (j) \_\_\_\_\_ great tribute to them.

**Answer Script**  
 1. (a) the; (b) an; (c) A; (d) the; (e) the; (f) the; (g) a; (h) x; (i) a; (j) x.  
 2. (a) the; (b) the/x; (c) a; (d) the; (e) the; (f) The; (g) a; (h) A; (i) the; (j) a/the.  
 3. (a) a; (b) a; (c) x; (d) The/A; (e) a; (f) x; (g) the; (h) the; (i) an; (j) the.  
 4. (a) the; (b) a; (c) the; (d) a; (e) x; (f) a; (g) the; (h) a/the; (i) a/the; (j) the.  
 5. (a) The; (b) the; (c) x; (d) the; (e) The; (f) an; (g) an; (h) the; (i) x; (j) the.  
 6. (a) An; (b) an; (c) an; (d) The; (e) the; (f) x; (g) the; (h) the; (i) the; (j) x.  
 7. (a) A; (b) a; (c) x; (d) the; (e) x; (f) x; (g) an; (h) x; (i) a; (j) x.  
 8. (a) an; (b) the; (c) a; (d) a; (e) The; (f) the; (g) x; (h) the; (i) the; (j) the.  
 9. (a) an; (b) x; (c) a; (d) the; (e) x; (f) An; (g) the; (h) a; (i) a; (j) an.  
 10. (a) The; (b) a; (c) x; (d) a; (e) x; (f) the; (g) an; (h) an; (i) the; (j) a.

