

## SPECIAL PREPARATION FOR HSC EXAMINATION 2020

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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.

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1.

waste	community	sphere	family	returns	women
educate	develop	children	welfare	mother	sector

Education for girls is essential for the development in all (a) \_\_\_\_ of the society. So investments in the education of (b) \_\_\_\_ will bring in greater (c) \_\_\_\_ in the field of economic and social (d) \_\_\_\_\_. Educated women can contribute more to the family (e) \_\_\_\_ than those who have no schooling. Educated (f) \_\_\_\_ are more likely to send their (g) \_\_\_\_ to school and look after their health and nutrition. Thus (h) \_\_\_\_ women can contribute to the (i) \_\_\_\_ development. On the other hand, failure to educate women is a tremendous (j) \_\_\_\_ of human resources.

2.

fundamentally	atmosphere	deplete	fail	accumulate	eventual	get
endanger	give	inundate	primary	grow	coal	adopt

Scientists have recently reported that the polar ice caps are melting. This is due to a rise in (a) \_\_\_\_ temperatures known as the 'Greenhouse Effect'. Carbon dioxide is (b) \_\_\_\_ responsible for temperature rise in the atmosphere. The carbon dioxide is (c) \_\_\_\_ off when coal and oil are burnt. This gas is (d) \_\_\_\_ in the air and the ice caps in the North and South poles are melting. This may (e) \_\_\_\_ lead to a rise in sea levels which could (f) \_\_\_\_ many areas of the globe. The 'Greenhouse Effect' is just one of the many (g) \_\_\_\_ changes which are taking place in the environment. Tropical rain forests, which took fifty million years (h) \_\_\_\_ are being (i) \_\_\_\_ at the rate of fourteen acres per minute. The total area of the world's deserts is increasing every year. Many species of animals and plants are (j) \_\_\_\_ with the threat of extinction.



3.

plight	sympathetic	despondency	spare	who	sail
arrest	generosity	rigour	savage	banish	water

The recent (a) \_\_\_\_ of the Rohingya Muslims from the state of Arakan has (b) \_\_\_\_ the attention of the world. This tragedy of the Rohingya diaspora has resulted from the wholesale (c) \_\_\_\_ displayed by the Myanmar armed forces along with the so-called Buddhist priests (d) \_\_\_\_ brutality and racial hatred have not (e) \_\_\_\_ even the innocent children. Finding no other way, these Arakani Muslims have fled to Bangladesh. While (f) \_\_\_\_ across the river Naf by country boats or rafts, many women and children received (g) \_\_\_\_ graves. The (h) \_\_\_\_ experience of the survivors has moved the people of Bangladesh with (i) \_\_\_\_ and many Bangladeshi people have extended their (j) \_\_\_\_ hands for the welfare of these worst victims of racism.

4.

warmer	flood	change	climate	catastrophic	severely	prediction
alarm	gradual	rise	evidence	destroy	unnecessary	increase

The world is getting (a) \_\_\_\_ because of pollution. Every year millions of people all over the world die (b) \_\_\_\_ as a result of pollution. In recent years, there have been many (c) \_\_\_\_ reports that the world's (d) \_\_\_\_ is undergoing a significant (e) \_\_\_\_\_. All these reports provide strong (f) \_\_\_\_ that world temperatures are (g) \_\_\_\_ day by day. Climatologists (h) \_\_\_\_ that mid way through the next century, temperature may have (i) \_\_\_\_ as much as 4° centigrade. This could raise sea levels and thereby (j) \_\_\_\_ coastal areas and farmlands.

5.

device	trained	about	perform	essential	great	refers
abacus	fairly	large	special	recent	sense	called

The computer is a fairly (a) \_\_\_\_ invention. It has now become an (b) \_\_\_\_ part of modern life. It has greatly benefited us and brought (c) \_\_\_\_ revolutionary changes in our life. Any (d) \_\_\_\_ that helps people perform

mathematical calculation may be (e) \_\_\_\_ a computer. In this sense the (f) \_\_\_\_ is a simple computer. Today, however, the term computer (g) \_\_\_\_ to a special kind of electronic machine that can perform mathematical calculations and process (h) \_\_\_\_ masses of information at a (i) \_\_\_\_ speed. In a few minutes, a computer can perform calculations that (j) \_\_\_\_ mathematicians would need years to complete.

6.

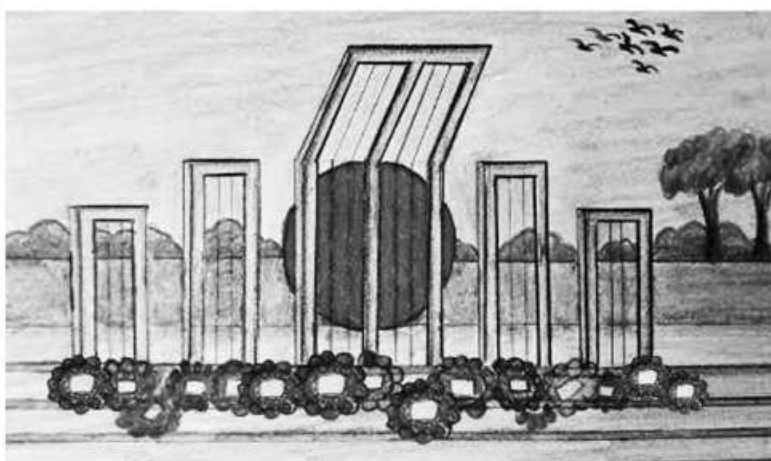
husband	consider	dominated	happy	protect	education	subservient
economic	issue	beat up	law	healthy	save	useful

Women in our society have always been considered (a) \_\_\_\_ to men. The majority of houses are being (b) \_\_\_\_ usually by (c) \_\_\_\_, and women most often have no say in opinion. Their opinion is (d) \_\_\_\_ unnecessary even in such important (e) \_\_\_\_ as the number of things they would like to have. In many households, they are (f) \_\_\_\_ by the husbands. To (g) \_\_\_\_ their rights the government has introduced law. But (h) \_\_\_\_ sometimes can't (i) \_\_\_\_ them. So, what is more needed for them is the proper (j) \_\_\_\_.

7.

accelerate	gain	disastrous	isolate	exist	explore	communication
add	revolution	globe	successful	come	noble	former

We have got many positive things during the last century. We have (a) \_\_\_\_ tremendous advancement in the field of science. For example, man has (b) \_\_\_\_ landed on the moon. He is going to (c) \_\_\_\_ other planets. We have achieved (d) \_\_\_\_ success in the field of Information Technology. Now, we can (e) \_\_\_\_ to any part of the world in a second. The world has become a (f) \_\_\_\_ village. No nation is (g) \_\_\_\_ from other countries. One country (h) \_\_\_\_ to help other countries during the time of (i) \_\_\_\_\_. Science has certainly (j) \_\_\_\_ the process of globalisation.



8.

lives	destiny	dead	inspiration	significant	moral	mausoleum
immoral	design	concept	mortal	movement	symbol	courage

The Central Shaheed Minar was built to make the memory of the martyrs (a) \_\_\_\_ who laid down their (b) \_\_\_\_ in 1952 in the historical language (c) \_\_\_\_ for the cause of our mother tongue. The (d) \_\_\_\_ of the Shaheed Minar in our national life is very great. It (e) \_\_\_\_ all the aspirations of Bengali identity and nationalism. It has been (f) \_\_\_\_ to focus the Language Movement as the central (g) \_\_\_\_\_. The basic horizontal and vertical forms of the Shaheed Minar express the concept of Bengali solidarity and unity for the national (h) \_\_\_\_\_. The vertical lines of the design suggest the inner strength of the nation and the four columns on both sides suggest the balance and harmony of united stand. Thus, the Shaheed Minar is not a mere (i) \_\_\_\_ but it stands for our national hopes and (j) \_\_\_\_.

9.

mock	a	pronounce	refer	broadcast	on	an
prolong	stand	into	infrastructure	nut	of	in

Digital Bangladesh is now the most (a) \_\_\_\_ phrase in our country. The word 'digital' comes from 'digit' meaning number which (b) \_\_\_\_ to information, music, image, etc. that is recorded or (c) \_\_\_\_ using computer technology. As computer technology works with '0' and '1', it is called so: '0' means off or absence of electricity and '1' means (d) \_\_\_\_ or presence of electricity. It is not (e) \_\_\_\_ easy task to transform Bangladesh (f) \_\_\_\_ a digitalized country. A number of problems (g) \_\_\_\_ on the way. Ours is a poor country and most of the people are illiterate. In order to digitalize the country we have to develop the (h) \_\_\_\_\_. Corruption is the hardest (i) \_\_\_\_ to crack. Above all, most people do not have a clear idea (j) \_\_\_\_ the term.



**Answer-1:** (a) sectors/spheres; (b) women; (c) returns; (d) development; (e) welfare; (f) mothers; (g) children; (h) educated; (i) community/family; (j) wastage/waste.

**Answer-2:** (a) atmospheric; (b) primarily; (c) given; (d) accumulating/accumulated; (e) eventually; (f) inundate; (g) fundamental; (h) to grow; (i) depleted; (j) endangered/being endangered.

**Answer-3:** (a) banishment; (b) arrested; (c) savagery; (d) whose; (e) spared; (i) sailing; (g) watery; (h) despondent; (i) sympathy; (j) generous.

**Answer-4:** (a) warmer; (b) unnecessarily; (c) alarming; (d) climate; (e) change; (f) evidence/evidences; (g) increasing/rising; (h) predict; (i) increased/risen; (j) flood.

**Answer-5:** (a) recent; (b) essential; (c) about; (d) device; (e) called; (f) abacus; (g) refers; (h) large; (i) great; (j) trained.

**Answer-6:** (a) subservient; (b) dominated; (c) husband; (d) considered; (e) issue; (f) beaten up; (g) protect; (h) law; (i) save; (j) education.

**Answer-7:** (a) gained; (b) successfully; (c) explore; (d) revolutionary; (e) communicate; (f) global; (g) isolated; (h) comes; (i) disasters; (j) accelerated.

**Answer-8:** (a) immortal; (b) lives; (c) movement; (d) significance; (e) symbolizes; (f) designed; (g) concept; (h) destiny; (i) mausoleum; (j) inspiration/courage.

**Answer-9:** (a) pronounced; (b) refers; (c) broadcast; (d) on; (e) an; (f) into; (g) stand; (h) infrastructure; (i) nut; (j) of.

## 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.

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1. Punctuality is of great value to (a) \_\_\_\_ student. (b) \_\_\_\_ unpunctual boy who is late in (c) \_\_\_\_ class will miss (d) \_\_\_\_ part of his lesson and falls (e) \_\_\_\_ behind other students. But (f) \_\_\_\_ punctual student will learn his lesson in (g) \_\_\_\_ time and will do well in (h) \_\_\_\_ examination. Punctuality is (i) \_\_\_\_ key to success in life. We all should be (j) \_\_\_\_ punctual in our activities.

2. Unfair-means in the examination is (a) \_\_\_\_ offence. It degrades (b) \_\_\_\_ standard of education. If the students of (c) \_\_\_\_ country do not acquire true (d) \_\_\_\_ education, there will be no development for (e) \_\_\_\_ country. (f) \_\_\_\_ examinee should read seriously so that he can cut (g) \_\_\_\_ good figure in the examination. To acquire true education should be the only aim in life of all (h) \_\_\_\_ students. (i) \_\_\_\_ educated man cannot support (j) \_\_\_\_ unfair means in the examination at all.

3. The process of globalisation obviously requires (a) \_\_\_\_ common language for international (b) \_\_\_\_ communication. For many different reasons, English has achieved (c) \_\_\_\_ prestige of being that (d) \_\_\_\_ language because it is (e) \_\_\_\_ international language. It is no longer (f) \_\_\_\_ unique possession of the British or the Americans or other native-speakers, but (g) \_\_\_\_ language that belongs to (h) \_\_\_\_ world's people. This phenomenon has led to (i) \_\_\_\_ bewildering variety of (j) \_\_\_\_ English around us.

4. Bangladesh is (a) \_\_\_\_ world's most densely populated country. Our development efforts are frustrated because of (b) \_\_\_\_ great size of our population. (c) \_\_\_\_ population explosion is (d) \_\_\_\_ constant threat to our environment and (e) \_\_\_\_ society. Her population is growing at such (f) \_\_\_\_ high rate that (g) \_\_\_\_ environment may soon fail to supply (h) \_\_\_\_ people with their minimum necessities. It is indeed (i) \_\_\_\_ alarming situation. Something should be done to change (j) \_\_\_\_ situation.

5. Mobile phone is (a) \_\_\_\_ great invention of modern science. (b) \_\_\_\_ consumers of mobile phone are increasing day by day. (c) \_\_\_\_ people are getting benefits. But it is unfortunate that mobile phone sometimes becomes (d) \_\_\_\_ cause of health hazard, especially (e) \_\_\_\_ children are affected much. (f) \_\_\_\_ scientists believe that mobile phone causes brain tumours, genetic damage, and many other (g) \_\_\_\_ incurable diseases. They believe that invisible uncontrolled radioactivity of (h) \_\_\_\_ mobile phone causes irreparable damage to (i) \_\_\_\_ human body. They say that (j) \_\_\_\_ government should control radioactive sources.



6. Today women are playing (a) \_\_\_\_ important role in all spheres of (b) \_\_\_\_ life. They are no longer confined within (c) \_\_\_\_ four walls of the kitchens. They have come out of their cocoons and are working hand in hand with (d) \_\_\_\_ men. They are joining (e) \_\_\_\_ wide range of professions and making a great (f) \_\_\_\_ contribution to the economy. Now it has come to (g) \_\_\_\_ realisation of all that it is not possible to develop the country keeping women, (h) \_\_\_\_ large section of (i) \_\_\_\_ population, in (j) \_\_\_\_ dark.

7. Education is (a) \_\_\_\_ process by which our mind develops through formal learning at (b) \_\_\_\_ institution like a school, college, or (c) \_\_\_\_ university. It is (d) \_\_\_\_ mental and intellectual training which provides (e) \_\_\_\_ opportunities of growth and helps to overcome (f) \_\_\_\_ obstacles to progress. Again, the purpose of education is to enlighten (g) \_\_\_\_ individual and develop his/her capacity to (h) \_\_\_\_ limit. It is also the business of education to train (i) \_\_\_\_ individuals to make (j) \_\_\_\_ choices to go ahead. It ennobles our mind and refines our sensibility. It also broadens our outlook and helps us become aware of our rights and responsibilities.



8. There is (a) \_\_\_\_ saying that sincerity is the key to success. (b) \_\_\_\_ persons have ever prospered in life without undergoing hardship is rarely seen. A person who does not follow (c) \_\_\_\_ rules of sincerity, can never go (d) \_\_\_\_ long way in (e) \_\_\_\_ world of competition. Unfortunately, many (f) \_\_\_\_ man is not conscious of (g) \_\_\_\_ value of (h) \_\_\_\_ sincerity. For that reason, they don't have (i) \_\_\_\_ benefit of (j) \_\_\_\_ success. However, we should try to be more sincere to achieve every success in life.

9. A brilliant student is (a) \_\_\_\_ asset. One day he may become (b) \_\_\_\_ teacher or an engineer or (c) \_\_\_\_ MBBS doctor. He makes (d) \_\_\_\_ best use of time. He makes a proper division of time and does his duties accordingly. He knows that youth is (e) \_\_\_\_ golden period of (f) \_\_\_\_ life. He has (g) \_\_\_\_ aim in life. He knows that (h) \_\_\_\_ life without (i) \_\_\_\_ aim is like (j) \_\_\_\_ ship without rudder.

10. Drug addiction is now (a) \_\_\_\_ global problem. It has spread its poisonous claw all over (b) \_\_\_\_ world. Frustration is (c) \_\_\_\_ main cause of drug addiction. Drugs bear a terrible effect on human (d) \_\_\_\_ body. It kills a man little by little. No physician can stop (e) \_\_\_\_ changes that take place in the organs of (f) \_\_\_\_ addict. The skin of the addict's begins to change its (g) \_\_\_\_ colour. Drugs damage (h) \_\_\_\_ brain and all internal functions of the human body. Our young generation must be aware of (i) \_\_\_\_ bad effects of (j) \_\_\_\_ drugs.

## Answer Script

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