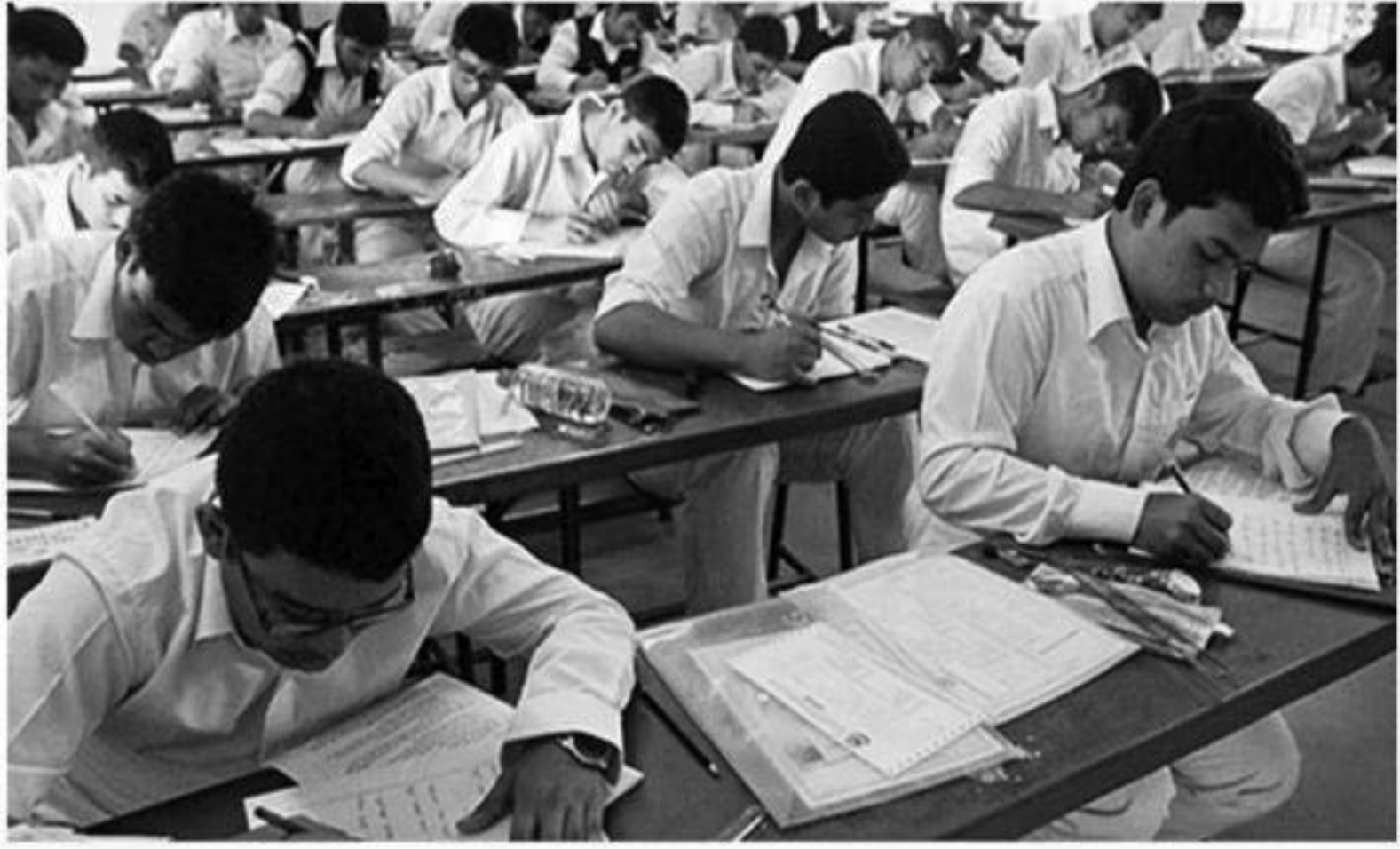


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Gap filling activities with clues

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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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.

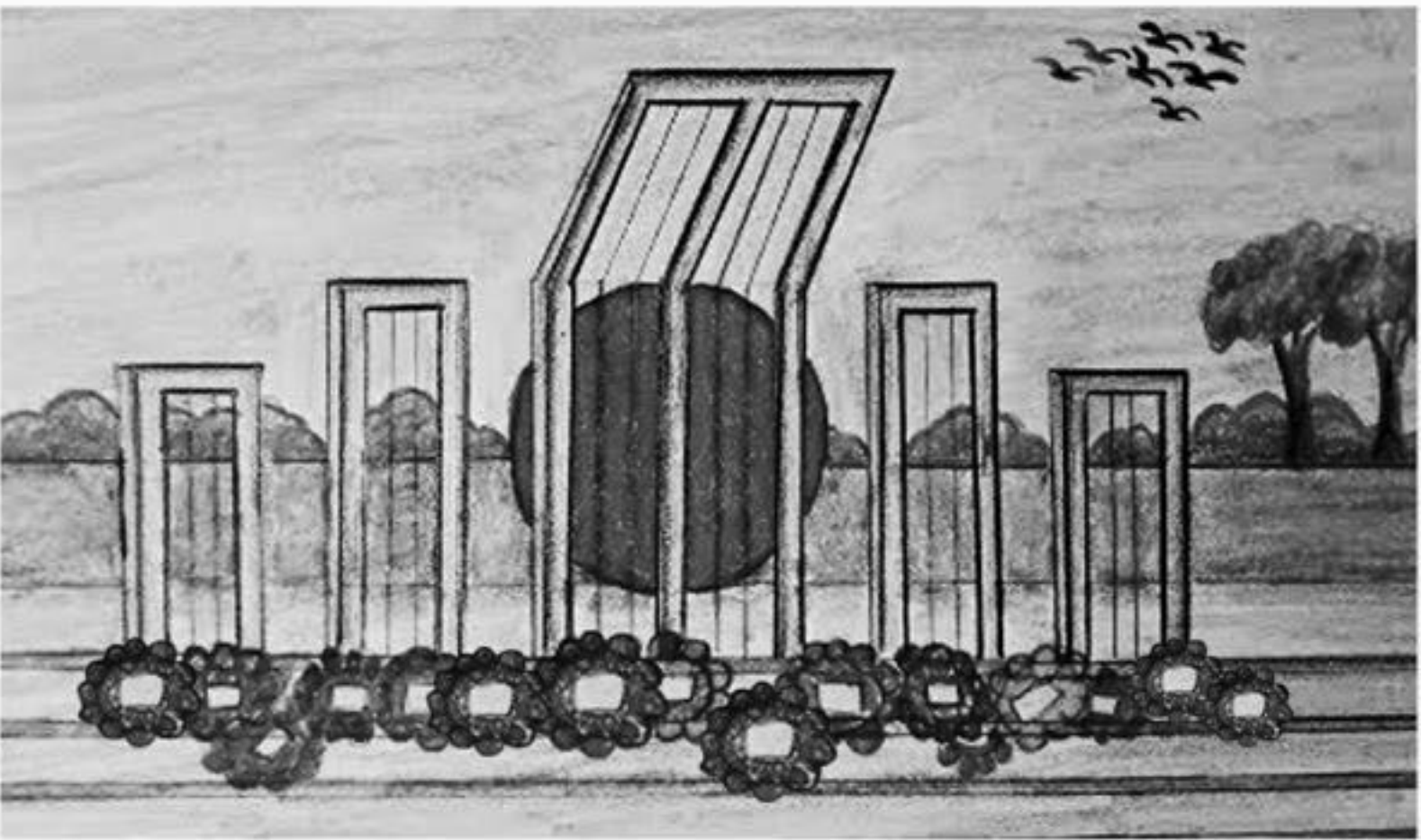
husband	consider	dominated	happy	protect	education	subservient
economic	issue	beat up	law	healthy	save	useful

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

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

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