

SPECIAL PREPARATION FOR HSC EXAMINATION 2020

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Gap filling activities with clues

First Paper



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. 0.5×10=5

call	among	define	deaths	cause	interpersonal
serious	within	economic	armed	aggressive	nature

Conflict can be (a) \_\_\_\_\_ as clash of values and ideas among other things and the most serious form of conflict is (b) \_\_\_\_\_ clashes that results in lots of (c) \_\_\_\_\_ and casualties. There can be conflict (d) \_\_\_\_\_ us, which is (e) \_\_\_\_\_ intrapersonal conflict. The conflict between or (f) \_\_\_\_\_ persons is called (g) \_\_\_\_\_ conflict. Constraint of resources is also a (h) \_\_\_\_\_ of conflict and it is known as (i) \_\_\_\_\_ conflict. Conflict is a very common phenomenon, but sometimes it takes (j) \_\_\_\_\_ forms.

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.

images	delight	phenomenon	dreaming	dreams	very
that	theories	brought	and	desires	find

Dreams are psychological aspects. Over the years, scientists have (a) \_\_\_\_\_ the topic under empirical research. (b) \_\_\_\_\_, thoughts and emotions are the (c) \_\_\_\_\_ that dominate dreams. Vivid or (d) \_\_\_\_\_ vague, dreams are full of (e) \_\_\_\_\_ emotions or terrifying images (f) \_\_\_\_\_ we see during our sleep. (g) \_\_\_\_\_ is essential to mental, emotional (h) \_\_\_\_\_ physical welfare. Dreams represent unconscious (i) \_\_\_\_\_, thoughts and motivations. Conscious thoughts (j) \_\_\_\_\_ their way into dreams. Different theories have been developed about dreams. Sigmund Freud interprets dream in Psychoanalytic perspective.

universe	character	organize	identify	economy	grow	biology
mark	communicate	early	critic	develop	define	determinant

World Health Organization (WHO) (a) \_\_\_\_\_ adolescence as the period in human growth and (b) \_\_\_\_\_ that occurs after childhood and before adulthood. This phase represents one of the critical transitions in one's lifespan and is (c) \_\_\_\_\_ by fast paced growth and change which are second only to those at infancy. Biological processes drive many aspects of this growth and development with the onset of puberty (d) \_\_\_\_\_ the passage from childhood to adolescence. The biological (e) \_\_\_\_\_ of adolescence are fairly (f) \_\_\_\_\_; however, the duration and (g) \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics of this period may vary across time, cultures and socio (h) \_\_\_\_\_ situations. This period has seen many changes over the past century, puberty for example, comes (i) \_\_\_\_\_ than before, people marry late and their sexual attitudes and behaviour are different from their grandparents, or even parents. Among the factors responsible for the change are education, urbanization and spread of global (j) \_\_\_\_\_.



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.



riverine	natural	region	people	different	metaphors
inequality	material	eastern	great	composed	music

In Bangladesh folk music has (a) \_\_\_\_\_ variety, with songs being (b) \_\_\_\_\_ on the culture, festivals, views of life, natural beauty, rivers and rural and riverine life. These songs are also about social (c) \_\_\_\_\_ and poverty, about the (d) \_\_\_\_\_ world and the supernatural. Mystical songs have been composed using the metaphors of rivers and boats. Since the country is basically (e) \_\_\_\_\_ the Bhatiyali forms an important genre of folk music. Folk music is formed and developed according to the environment. Differences in the (f) \_\_\_\_\_ environment are reflected in the (g) \_\_\_\_\_ of the (h) \_\_\_\_\_ regions. The dialects too vary across the different regions. Bangladeshi folk music therefore varies from (i) \_\_\_\_\_ to region. Thus there are the northern Bhawaiya, the (j) \_\_\_\_\_ Bhatiyali and the southwest-ern Baul songs.

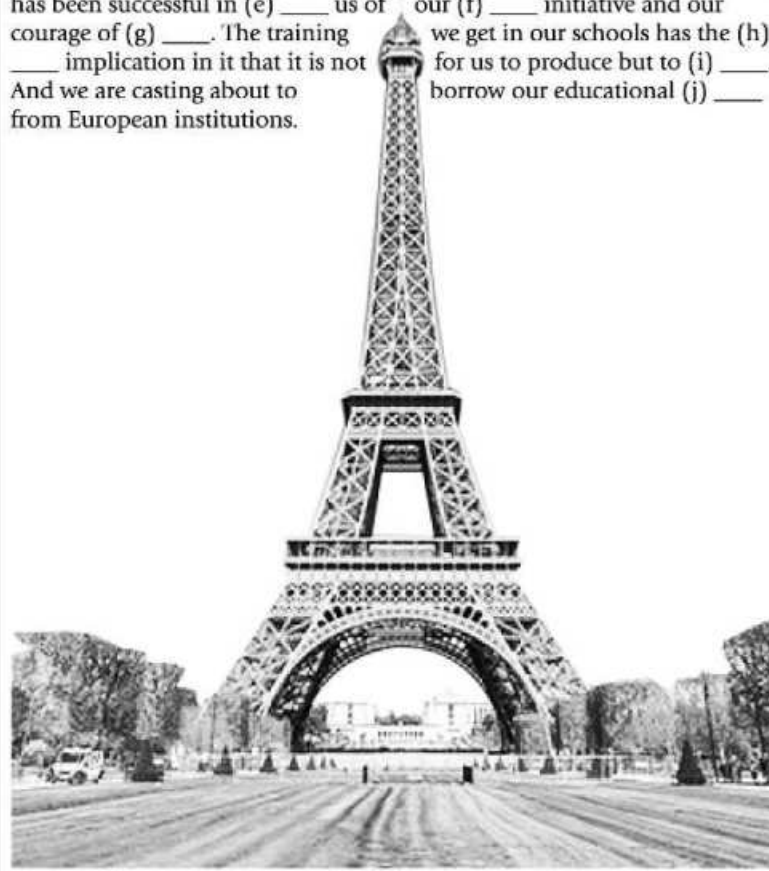
similar	cure	differ	serious	propose	assortment
threat	like	deaths	similar	highly	search

Cancer is one of the deadliest diseases of the modern era. Ever since the days of Hippocrates, people have been (a) \_\_\_\_\_ for a cure. Cancer is (b) \_\_\_\_\_ to the common cold in that although there are many ways to (c) \_\_\_\_\_ it, modern medicine is still yet to come up with a (d) \_\_\_\_\_. This is partially because (e) \_\_\_\_\_ the common cold, there are many (f) \_\_\_\_\_ types of cancer, and they are all slightly different. Unfortunately, with over seven million (g) \_\_\_\_\_ per year, cancer as much more (h) \_\_\_\_\_ than the common cold. A wide (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of drugs, chemicals, stem cells, genetically modified viruses, and even arsenic have all been (j) \_\_\_\_\_ as cancer cures.



knowledge	real	reward	borrow	follow	deprive
prospective	constant	plans	similar	quick	think

In the Bengali language there is a modern maxim which can be translated, 'He who learns to read and write rides in a carriage and pair.' In English there is a (a) \_\_\_\_\_ proverb, 'Knowledge is power.' It is an offer of a (b) \_\_\_\_\_ bribe to the student, a promise of an ulterior (c) \_\_\_\_\_ which is more important than (d) \_\_\_\_\_ itself. Unfortunately, our very education has been successful in (e) \_\_\_\_\_ us of our (f) \_\_\_\_\_ initiative and our courage of (g) \_\_\_\_\_. The training \_\_\_\_\_ we get in our schools has the (h) \_\_\_\_\_ implication in it that it is not for us to produce but to (i) \_\_\_\_\_. And we are casting about to borrow our educational (j) \_\_\_\_\_ from European institutions.



was	together	write	receive	embarrassed	manage
say	overlook	to	apartment	answer	book

It was twenty years ago and I was living in Paris. I had a tiny (a) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Latin quarter (b) \_\_\_\_\_ a cemetery, and I (c) \_\_\_\_\_ earning barely enough money (d) \_\_\_\_\_ keep body and soul (e) \_\_\_\_\_. She had read a (f) \_\_\_\_\_ of mine and had (g) \_\_\_\_\_ to me about it. I (h) \_\_\_\_\_, thanking her, and presently I (i) \_\_\_\_\_ from her another letter (j) \_\_\_\_\_ that she was passing through Paris and would like to have a chat with me.

Answer Script

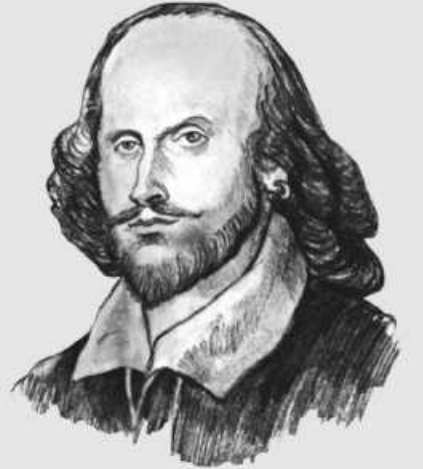
- Answer-1:** (a) defined; (b) armed; (c) deaths; (d) within; (e) called; (f) among; (g) interpersonal; (h) cause; (i) economic; (j) serious/aggressive.
- Answer-2:** (a) belongs; (b) remains; (c) enriched; (d) included; (e) bears; (f) naturally; (g) about; (h) combines; (i) criteria; (j) variety.
- Answer-3:** (a) brought; (b) Images; (c) phenomena; (d) very; (e) delightful; (f) that; (g) Dreaming (h) and; (i) desires; (j) find.
- Answer-4:** (a) identifies; (b) development; (c) characterised; (d) marking; (e) determinants; (f) universal; (g) defining; (h) economic; (i) earlier; (j) communication.
- Answer-5:** (a) solutions; (b) disappearing; (c) difficult; (d) practiced; (e) consolidate; (f) providing; (g) producers; (h) importantly; (i) successfully; (j) attraction.
- Answer-6:** (a) great; (b) composed; (c) inequality; (d) material; (e) riverine; (f) natural; (g) people; (h) different; (i) region; (j) eastern.
- Answer-7:** (a) searching; (b) similar; (c) treat; (d) cure; (e) like; (f) different; (g) deaths; (h) serious; (i) assortment; (j) proposed.
- Answer-8:** (a) similar; (b) prospective; (c) reward; (d) knowledge; (e) depriving; (f) real; (g) thought; (h) constant; (i) borrow; (j) plans.
- Answer-9:** (a) apartment; (b) overlooking; (c) was; (d) to; (e) together; (f) book; (g) written; (h) answered; (i) received; (j) saying.

Gap filling activities without clues (for articles)  
Second Paper

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. 0.5×10=5

1. Bangladesh is (a) \_\_\_\_\_ independent country. We won freedom on (b) \_\_\_\_\_ December 16, 1971. This freedom was won as (c) \_\_\_\_\_ result of great sacrifice. (d) \_\_\_\_\_ great many people laid down their lives for (e) \_\_\_\_\_ freedom of the country. (f) \_\_\_\_\_ man who loves his country is (g) \_\_\_\_\_ patriot. (h) \_\_\_\_\_ real patriot loves his country more than his life. Being patriots, we all should try to make (i) \_\_\_\_\_ effort for the welfare and (j) \_\_\_\_\_ progress of our motherland.

2. William Shakespeare was born on April 23, 1564 in (a) \_\_\_\_\_ village of Stratford-on-Avon in (b) \_\_\_\_\_ country of Warwickshire. His father John Shakespeare was (c) \_\_\_\_\_ farmer's son who came to (d) \_\_\_\_\_ Stratford about 1531, and began to prosper as (e) \_\_\_\_\_ trader in corn, wheat, leather and agricultural products. His mother Mary Arden was (f) \_\_\_\_\_ daughter of (g) \_\_\_\_\_ prosperous farmer, descended from (h) \_\_\_\_\_ old family of mixed Anglo-Saxon and Norman blood. It is generally believed that neither (i) \_\_\_\_\_ poet's mother nor his father could read or write. In 1582, Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway, the daughter of (j) \_\_\_\_\_ peasant family. She was eight years older than Shakespeare.



3. There is a saying that sincerity is (a) \_\_\_\_\_ key to success. (b) \_\_\_\_\_ person can prosper in life by doing hard work. The man who does not follow (c) \_\_\_\_\_ rules of sincerity can never go (d) \_\_\_\_\_ long way in (e) \_\_\_\_\_ world. Many (f) \_\_\_\_\_ man is not conscious of (g) \_\_\_\_\_ importance of (h) \_\_\_\_\_ sincerity for which they don't have (i) \_\_\_\_\_ benefit of (j) \_\_\_\_\_ success. However, we should be sincere to our work if we want to achieve anything notable.

4. (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.

5. In (a) \_\_\_\_\_ last 25 years (b) \_\_\_\_\_ world has lost one-third of its natural wealth, according to (c) \_\_\_\_\_ international conservation organization world wild fund. (d) \_\_\_\_\_ earth's forest, wetlands, seas and coasts are in (e) \_\_\_\_\_ worse state today than they were before. Forests are cut down. Moreover, they are being burnt indiscriminately resulting in (f) \_\_\_\_\_ increase in carbon dioxide and ultimately in (g) \_\_\_\_\_ water level rising as a consequence of global warming. It is anticipated that (h) \_\_\_\_\_ new century will face (i) \_\_\_\_\_ overwhelming environmental (j) \_\_\_\_\_ catastrophe.

6. Literacy as (a) \_\_\_\_\_ skill was first institutionalized in Mesopotamia. Syria, Egypt and China soon after (b) \_\_\_\_\_ art of writing was invented. Education then was not for (c) \_\_\_\_\_ general people but (d) \_\_\_\_\_ privilege for (e) \_\_\_\_\_ chosen (f) \_\_\_\_\_ few who took on strategic roles in (g) \_\_\_\_\_ running of (h) \_\_\_\_\_ state and in religion. In Greece, education became more widespread in about the 5th century BC. (i) \_\_\_\_\_ Greeks, however, sent only their (j) \_\_\_\_\_ male children to school.

7. (a) \_\_\_\_\_ idle man and (b) \_\_\_\_\_ active man cannot be equal. We know (c) \_\_\_\_\_ story of (d) \_\_\_\_\_ ant and (e) \_\_\_\_\_ grasshopper. (f) \_\_\_\_\_ ant was industrious. On the other hand, the grasshopper was really (g) \_\_\_\_\_ lazy. The ant knew that (h) \_\_\_\_\_ industrious shine. On (i) \_\_\_\_\_ contrary, (j) \_\_\_\_\_ lazy suffer in life.

8. You must have heard (a) \_\_\_\_\_ name of Kazi Nazrul Islam. He is our national poet. He is known as (b) \_\_\_\_\_ rebel poet. He was born in (c) \_\_\_\_\_ poor family. He passed his boyhood in great hardship. When (d) \_\_\_\_\_ First World War broke out, he joined (e) \_\_\_\_\_ army. After (f) \_\_\_\_\_ war, he began to write poems. He wrote specially for (g) \_\_\_\_\_ oppressed and down trodden people. He is called (h) \_\_\_\_\_ Shelley of Bengali literature. His poems and songs inspired (i) \_\_\_\_\_ Bangalees in (j) \_\_\_\_\_ War of Liberation.



9. 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.

10. Though newspaper is not always (a) \_\_\_\_\_ unmixed blessing, it is (b) \_\_\_\_\_ most useful thing in our life. We rarely think of (c) \_\_\_\_\_ day without reading (d) \_\_\_\_\_ newspaper. Reading newspaper is one of (e) \_\_\_\_\_ good habits of a man. We shall be like (f) \_\_\_\_\_ frog in a dark well if we neglect developing this habit. However, some people prefer (g) \_\_\_\_\_ electronic media to reading (h) \_\_\_\_\_ newspaper. But (i) \_\_\_\_\_ newspaper offers more to its readers than (j) \_\_\_\_\_ electronic media.



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