

SPECIAL PREPARATION FOR HSC EXAMINATION-2020

English First Paper

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Seen Passage

Read the passage and answer the question A and B.

World Health Organization (WHO) identifies adolescence as the period in human growth and development that occurs after childhood and before adulthood. This phase represents one of the critical transitions in one's life span and characterized 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 marking the passage from childhood adolescence. The biological determinants of adolescence are fairly universal; however, the duration and defining characteristics of this period may vary across time, cultures, and socio-economic situations. This period has seen many changes over the past century-puberty for example, comes earlier than before, people marry, late, and the sexual attitudes and



behaviours are different from their grandparents, or even parents. Among the factors responsible for the change are education, urbanization and spread of global communication. The time of adolescence is a period of preparation for adulthood during which one experiences several key developments. Besides physical and sexual maturation, these experiences include movement toward social and economic independence, development of identity, the acquisition of skills needed to carry out adult relationships and roles and the capacity for abstract reasoning. While adolescence is a time of tremendous growth and potential, it is also a time of considerable risks during which social contexts exert powerful influences.

A. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.

1 × 5 = 5

(a) The meaning of the word 'Transition' in the second sentence means ____.

- (i) escalation
- (ii) stage
- (iii) change-over
- (iv) occurrence

(b) The correct meaning of 'Determinants' in sentence 4 is ____.

- (i) to determine
- (ii) determining factors
- (iii) deterrents
- (iv) distinguish

(c) The most sensitive stage in human life is.

- (i) infancy
- (ii) childhood
- (iii) adolescence
- (iv) maturity

(d) What does economic independence mean?

- (i) when one earns
- (ii) when one inherits a property
- (iii) when one attains adulthood
- (iv) when one gets married

(e) 'Social independence' refers to ____.

- (i) marriage
- (ii) decisions in relation to socialization
- (iii) right to family
- (iv) adult relationships

B. Answer the following question. 2 × 5 = 10

(a) Which stage of life is called the period of rapid transition?

(b) 'The biological determinants of adolescence are fairly universal.' Explain the quote.

(c) What things do occur during the adolescence period?

(d) Why does the duration and defining factors of change vary among adolescence?

(e) Discuss the statement "It is also a time of considerable risks during which social contexts exert powerful influences"



- (A): (a) (iii) change-over
(b) (ii) determining factors
(c) (iii) adolescence
(d) (i) when one earns
(e) (ii) decisions in relation to socialization.

(B): (a) The period of adolescence of life is called the period of rapid transition.

(b) The biological determinants of adolescence are fairly universal as these determinants turn an adolescent into an adult. But the duration and defining characteristics of this period may vary across time culture and socio-economic situations.

(c) During the adolescence period some important experiences such as physical and sexual maturation development of identity, movement towards social and economic independence, the acquisition of skills needed to carry out adult relationship, etc. occur.

(d) The duration and defining factors of change vary among adolescents because of different time cultures and socio-economic situations.

(e) The statement refers to the fact that adolescence in the most important stage for a child to reach adulthood. During this stage, adolescents face many experiences. So, they should be taught about the very issues related to adolescence so that they can overcome this period smoothly as this period is a time of considerable risks.

English Second Paper

Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.

0.5 × 10 = 5

1. A village doctor is a (a) ____ (use an intensifier to pre-modify the adjective) familiar person in the rural areas of Bangladesh. He is (b) ____ (pre-modify the verb) known as a quack. A village doctor is not a (c) ____ (pre-modify the noun) doctor. He (d) ____ (pre-modify the verb) sits in a small dispensary in the morning and evening. He treats the patients (e) ____ (use a participle to post-modify the verb) small fees. A village doctor is not a (f) ____ (pre-modify the noun) man. His chamber is (g) ____ (pre-modify the verb) furnished. He cannot supply costly medicines to the (h) ____ (pre-modify the noun) patients. In our country, the number of qualified doctors is (i) ____ (use an intensifier to pre-modify the adjective) few. So, a village doctor is a great friend to the (j) ____ (pre-modify the noun) people.

2. Sabbir is (a) ____ (use determiner to pre-modify the noun phrase) ideal student. He prepares (b) ____ (use possessive to pre-modify the noun) lessons in collaboration with his teachers. He does (c) ____ (post-modify the verb) in every examination as he does not waste time. He knows time once lost is lost forever. So, he utilizes every moment. During his free time he goes to his native village. He teaches (d) ____ (pre-modify the noun) people. He wants (e) ____ (use an infinitive phrase to post-modify the verb) illiteracy from his village. (f) ____ (use present participle to pre-modify the verb) illiteracy from his village, he wants to bring about massive development there. He is (g) ____ (use an intensifier to pre-modify the adjective) devoted to God. He says prayer (h) ____ (use quantifier to pre-modify the noun) times a day. He never tells a lie. He respects his parents very much. Other superiors are also respected by him. His father, (i) ____ (post-modify the noun phrase with an appositive) supports him cordially. His mother, an ideal housewife, (j) ____ (pre-modify the verb) supports him very much. Such a student like Sabbir is rarely found nowadays.

Answer Script

1: (a) very; (b) mostly; (c) registered/qualified; (d) regularly; (e) taking; (f) rich/poor; (g) ill/well; (h) poor; (i) very; (j) village/rural.

2: (a) an; (b) his; (c) very well/quite well/well; (d) illiterate; (e) to remove/to eradicate; (f) Removing/Eradicating; (g) very/highly; (h) five; (i) an ideal man; (j) also.

Knowledge Center



Spelling Bee Season 5 is commencing this year. With the assistance of The Daily Star, this week's issue consists of knowledge and practice of vocabulary, a new lesson along with practice exercises to aid the students so that they have a stronger grip over their English. Spelling Bee set its roots in schools for its physical initiation of the first round. On the grounds for taking preparation, all students are urged to enhance their vocabulary, pronunciation and expotency of word meanings. Students should adapt a regular habit of reading The Daily Star as it has remarkable vocabulary at its display. Furthermore, "English In Schools" is bound to shape the students' knowledge over grammar and word stock.



Vocabulary is a list of words with explanations. The English Vocabulary consists of over 450000 to 750000 words.

There are four types of vocabulary:

1. Speaking
2. Listening
3. Writing
4. Reading

• The key to owning a good vocabulary is to apply new words in your day to day conversations. Tips to expand your vocabulary-

1. **Read-** Reading exposes students to a wide arena of words. As one reads, it is essential that they derive the meaning from the context of the sentence.

2. **Thesaurus-** Once you discover a new word, it is better to use a thesaurus in order to find similar words of the same context.

3. **One new word everyday-** The list of words in a vocabulary is humungous. Thus, taking slow and deliberate steps towards attaining a good vocabulary ensures a long term remembrance of the word. It is better to have a personal vocabulary list.

4. **Play some games-** Word games challenge one's intellect and opens the world to new words. It is a fun way of learning new words.

5. **Engage in conversations-** We learn better when we listen, comprehend and respond. While conversing, it is very common to come across new words as most people have their own vocabulary set.

6. **Keep a journal-** It is necessary to keep a track of all new words that you are learning so that you can refer back to the list and build them into your everyday vocabulary. Also, a journal provides a positive reinforcement for learning even more words.

Choose the appropriate adjective for the sentences below:

Water becomes a ____ at 0 degrees centigrade.

- a) awful
- b) solid
- c) tight
- d) weak

These pants are too ____; I think I need a larger size.

- a) loose
- b) pretty
- c) colorful
- d) tight

Make sure you wear the ____ clothing when you go for your interview.

- a) tight
- b) baggy
- c) formal
- d) warm

Violence among fans represents the ____ side of professional football.

- a) ugly
- b) bizarre
- c) subtle
- d) funny

Thank you for your ____ in answering my mail.

- a) promptness
- b) ample
- c) delayed
- d) necessity

It requires the use of 72 muscles to speak a ____ word.

- a) multiple
- d) difficult
- c) strange
- d) single

Only the ____ plants can survive in this desert climate.

- a) toughest
- b) pale
- c) dry
- d) tall

We discussed a ____ range of issues at yesterday's meeting.

- a) rigorous
- b) broad
- c) vivid
- d) scarce

Write the definitions of the following words-

1. Aberration-
2. Boisterous-
3. Plummet-
4. Mayhem-
5. Hybrid-
6. Arbitrary-

7. Decipher-
8. Inalienable-
9. Laud-
10. Vicinity-
11. Zenith-
12. Spatial-
13. Intransigence-
14. Endow-
15. Cognitive-



Fill in the word from chart:

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb
1. coherence	cohere	coherent	
2. inclusion	include		inclusively
3. circulation		circulatory	
4.	inform	informative	informatively
5. diligence		diligent	
6.	conceptualise	conceptual	conceptually

With a good grasp over vocabulary, a student will enjoy a lifetime of benefits that will accommodate both personal and professional life in the future. It is easier to communicate more effectively along with an added sophistication to the speech. A strong vocabulary base improves self confidence and self esteem. Furthermore, regular practice indicates an adaptive trait of fast learning.