

Part I : Reading (60 Marks)

1. Read the passage and answer the questions A and B.

Sheikh Kamal, the eldest son of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Bangamata Fazilatunnesa Mujib, was born at Tungipara in Gopalganj district. He spent his childhood there. Kamal received his secondary education at Dhaka's BAF Shaheen School from where he passed his SSC Examination. He was then admitted to Dhaka College, and after his HSC Examination he became a student at the department of Sociology of Dhaka University. Kamal had a colourful life marked by liveliness and creativity. Besides his academic studies, he also pursued his passion for sports and cultural activities. He was a first division basketball and cricket player as well as a sports organizer. He was also interested in classical music, and became a student of Chhayanaut to learn Sitar under the tutelage of Ustad Ful Mohammad. Apart from Sitar, Kamal had a passion for Piano. He had a good collection of musical instruments on the second floor of their house at Dhanmondi, Road no. 32. It is well known to his friends that Sheikh Kamal used to begin his day practising the Sitar and during the day played basketball or football or cricket. In the evening, he was often seen on stage rehearsing a play. He took part in stage performance of Kabar written by prominent playwright Shaheed Munir Chowdhury. Kamal was one of the founders of Dhaka Theatre. He was also a founder of Spondon Shilpi Gosthi — a cultural organization. And who doesn't know that Sheikh Kamal was the founder of Abahoni Kira Chokro that introduced modern football in our country?

There are interesting traits in Kamal's character. He was the eldest son of a Prime Minister and later of a President. Yet, his life was very simple. He didn't take any advantage of his father's name and office. As he loved to spend time with his friends at Tungipara in his childhood, he loved to do the same during his college and university days. Watching good movies with them in Madhumita, Naz or Balaka cinema hall was also something that he really liked. [পাঠ্যসূচি বহির্ভূত]

A. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.

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- (a) The word 'liveliness' refers to —.
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| (i) loveliness | (ii) weariness | (iii) exuberance | (iv) dullness |
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- (b) The phrase 'took part' in the passage implies —.
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| (i) got out | (ii) showed off | (iii) partake | (iv) abandoned |
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- (c) Sheikh Kamal became a student of Chhayanaut with a view to —.
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| (i) learn sitar | (ii) learning sitar | (iii) learnt sitar | (iv) have a sitar |
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- (d) Sheikh Kamal had a great — for classical music.
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| (i) indifference | (ii) fascination | (iii) dislike | (iv) apathy |
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- (e) The phrase 'well known' is a/an —.
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| (i) adjective phrase | (ii) adverbial phrase | (iii) noun phrase | (iv) prepositional phrase |
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- (f) 'Tutelage' in the text could be best replaced by —.
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| (i) tuition | (ii) tutor | (iii) address | (iv) guardianship |
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- (g) Road no. 32 is a —.
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| (i) road only | (ii) residence |
| (iii) part of the history of Bangladesh | (iv) President house |
- (h) The play 'Kabar' is written by —.
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| (i) Ustad Ful Mohammad | (ii) Dhaka Theatre |
| (iii) Spondon Shilpi Gosthi | (iv) Shaheed Munir Chowdhury |

- (i) A playwright is a person who —.
 (i) acts on the stage (ii) stages a play (iii) writes a drama (iv) makes a cinema
 (j) Sheikh Kamal started his day by —.
 (i) playing cricket (ii) practicing the sitar (iii) rehearsing a play (iv) playing basketball

B. Answer the following questions.

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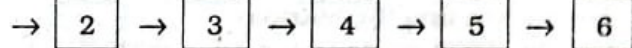
- (a) What do you know about the parentage and birthplace of Sheikh Kamal?
 (b) Sheikh Kamal was both a sports lover and a good organizer. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.
 (c) What do you know about Sheikh Kamal's participation in cultural activities?
 (d) What type of life did Sheikh Kamal lead?
 (e) How did Sheikh Kamal spend his childhood?

2. Read the following text and make a flow chart showing Jerry's extraordinary character in each of the boxes. (No.1 has been done for you.) [Unit—8; Lesson—3(C)]

1×5=5

At daylight I was half wakened by the sound of chopping. Again it was so even in texture that I went back to sleep. When I left my bed in the cool morning, the boy had come and gone, and a stack of kindling was neat against the cabin wall. He came after school in the afternoon and worked until time to return to the orphanage. His name was Jerry.... he had been at the orphanage since he was four. I could picture him at four, with the same grave gray-blue eyes and the same-independence. No, the word that comes to me is 'integrity' It is bedded on courage, but it is more than brave. It is honest, but it is more than honesty. The ax handle broke one day. Jerry said the woodshop at the orphanage would repair it. I brought money to pay for the job and he refused it. "I'll pay for it," he said. "I broke it. I brought the ax down careless." "But no one hits accurately every time," I told him. "The fault was in the wood of the handle. I'll see the man from whom I bought it." It was only then that he would take the money. He was standing back of his own carelessness. He was a free-will agent and he chose to do careful work, and if he failed, he took the responsibility without subterfuge.

1. A boy of integrity



3. Write a summary of the following text.

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The act of thinking deeply and calmly about something in a state of heightened awareness is known as meditation. It is an approach to train up the mind, similar to the way that fitness is an approach to training the body.

Meditation in our time is practiced by people to reduce stress and tension, and improve focus. There are trainers who help beginners with some exercise such as improved breathing and progressive relaxation. One of the most common approaches to meditation is concentration.

Meditation releases anxiety and brings a state of calmness. It increases the thinking ability of human brain so that people have a better control of their emotions. Those who practice meditation can work tirelessly for a longer period of time. Meditation helps improve blood circulation in the brain and other parts of the body. Finally, meditation improves creativity, self-awareness and tolerance.

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4. Read the following text and fill in the blanks with a suitable word from the box. There are more words than needed. Make any grammatical change if necessary.

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crown	vote	organize	entertain	certain	approximate
great	prestige	hold	practice	remember	difference

Football is the most popular and exciting event for all classes of people. The World Cup Football is the (a) — earth show in the world. It is the most (b) — international tournament of football. The competition takes place once in every four years. FIFA World Cup-2022 was (c) — in Qatar from 20 November to 18 December. 32 teams of (d) — nations participated in the tournament. (e) — over \$220 billion were spent in organizing this tournament. There were 64 matches played in eight venues across five cities. The final match was (f) — between France and Argentina. Argentina was (g) — champion and captain Lionel Messi was (h) — the best player of the tournament. The 2022 World Cup was really a great source of (i) — and will be ever (j) —.

5. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word in each gap.

1×10=10

The Padma Bridge is a multipurpose road-rail bridge over the (a) — Padma River in Bangladesh. It is the longest bridge in Bangladesh. At first the World Bank intended to (b) — for the construction of the bridge and later (c) — their decision. But this mega project has been built with domestic funding without (d) — aid. It is 6.15 km long and 18.10 m wide. There is a four-lane highway on the upper level and a one-lane railway on the lower level. The construction journey was started on 7 December 2014 and completed by May 2022. The dream of Bangalees has come to the reality after (e) — various uncertainties. The bridge was (f) — by the Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on June 25 of 2022. Through the opening of the bridge, 19 districts of the south-western region have been directly (g) — with the eastern part of the country. The importance of the Padma Bridge is (h) — in economic development and in changing the living (i) — of millions of people. The world has (j) — the historical achievement of the people of Bangladesh through this construction of the Padma Bridge. The Padma Bridge symbolizes Bangladesh's self-esteem.

6. The following sentences are jumbled. Rearrange them in a proper sequence. 1×10=10
- "Where is my son?" asked the grocer.
 - Then one day the fruit seller said to the grocer, "I am going to the town to do some shopping. Please send your son with me to carry my things."
 - The grocer said, "The mice ate away your balance and weights. So, I can't return you."
 - "A crow carried your son away," replied the fruit seller.
 - One day, a grocer borrowed a balance and weights from a fruit seller.
 - The grocer sent his son with the fruit seller but he came back alone from the town.
 - "You liar! How can a crow carry away such a big boy?" the grocer shouted angrily.
 - The lame excuse of the dishonest grocer made the fruit seller very angry. But he checked his temper.
 - "Just the same way as mice can eat away the balance and weights," said the fruit seller.
 - After a few days, the fruit seller asked the grocer to return his balance and weights.

Self Practice

Part II : Writing (40 Marks)

7. The graph chart shows the choice of profession by educated people in our country. Describe the graph in 150 words. 15



8. The following is the beginning of a story and complete it in your own language: 15
 There was a pond full of frogs. Some of them often put their heads out of the water and croaked loudly. One day, some boys were playing by the side of the pond. When they heard the frogs croaking,
9. Suppose, you are Mukta. You have recently been to the Sundarbans. Now, write a letter to your friend narrating the scenic beauty. 10