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ENGLISH (COMPULSORY) FIRST PAPER

Part I : Reading (60 Marks)

1. Read the following text and answer the questions A and B.

[Unit—8; Lesson—1(B)]

The famous Greek philosopher Aristotle said, 'Man is by nature a social animal.' What he meant was that man, by instinct, seeks company of others and establishes relationships, much like most animals of the wild, for companionship and for physical and emotional support. Unlike the animals however, man's relationships give meaning to his existence and inspires him to do well in education, in workplace or in a profession that he pursues.

Relationships are of different kinds. Some are familial and intimate, formed by blood and by marriage; some are social like the ones we have with friends and some are made in school where we form close bonds with classmates and teachers. Relationships can also be fostered in workplace, which may quickly change from professional to social. There are relationships also between human beings and animals, between children and their toys that they cannot part with.

All these relationships keep us close to each other and provide us all kinds of support, love and affection. A person who has no family feels the pain of loneliness and isolation. There is no one to laugh or cry with him/her. When we share our joy with someone, it simply redoubles, and when we suffer a loss and someone shares our sorrow, it lessens. Relationships are thus needed for our emotional health.

To build relationships, we need to have trust and respect for each other, and love where this is needed. We cannot be selfish and possessive if we want to establish an effective relationship.

But quite often we see people quarrelling and fighting with each other which only brings misery and loss to all.

A. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.

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- (a) The word 'intimate' could be replaced by —.
- (i) differentiate (ii) close (iii) knowledge (iv) intrigue
- (b) Which of the following has the closest meaning of the word 'possessive'?
- (i) dominating (ii) supportive (iii) productive (iv) overprotective
- (c) A philosopher is a person who —.
- (i) thinks deeply and seriously about life and other basic matters
(ii) studies the origin of the universe
(iii) systematically gathers and uses research and evidence
(iv) tells other about their character and predicts future.
- (d) The word 'instinct' could be replaced by —.
- (i) impulse (ii) unconcern (iii) mishap (iv) detachment
- (e) Man seeks company of others. The word 'company' can be replaced by —.
- (i) farm (ii) association (iii) affection (iv) support
- (f) Man's relationships give meaning to his existence. The word 'existence' can be replaced by —.
- (i) attachment (ii) entity (iii) motivation (iv) inspiration
- (g) The synonym of 'foster' is —.
- (i) agony (ii) near (iii) chase (iv) nurture
- (h) The synonym of 'isolation' is —.
- (i) detachment (ii) entertainment (iii) fierce (iv) acquaintance
- (i) Man establishes relationships for physical and emotional —.
- (i) health (ii) help (iii) treatment (iv) pleasure
- (j) The wild animals also need —.
- (i) food (ii) house (iii) company (iv) occupation

B. Answer the following questions.

3×5=15

- (a) How do relationships help us with mental health?
- (b) How do we increase our joy and decrease our misery?
- (c) "A person who has no family feels the pain of loneliness and isolation." — Explain.
- (d) "Man is by nature a social animal." — Explain.
- (e) Why is relationship so important?

2. Read the following text and make a flow chart showing the major features of the Island of St. Martin's. (One has been done for you.)

1×5=5

The Island of St. Martin's is the only coral island in Bangladesh located in the north-eastern part of the Bay of Bengal. The roughly flat Island is only about 3.6 metre above the sea level. The entire island can be walked about in 3 hours. The Island is known for its unique natural beauty with white sandy beaches fringed with coconut palms and a diverse marine life. Due to the expansion of unregulated tourism, the Island is facing increasing erosion, contamination of surface and ground water, wildlife displacement, and loss of biodiversity. Other threats include cutting of sand dune vegetation for fuel-wood and hotel establishment; degradation of sand dune habitat; the harvesting of turtle eggs; indiscriminate exploitation of coral resources, etc. To address this, the Government has declared some areas of the Island as Ecologically Critical Area (ECA), prohibiting unauthorized constructions there.

[শাস্তি বহির্ভূত]

1. Only coral island in Bangladesh

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3. Summarize the following text. 10

Junk foods are processed foods consisting of high calories, but that is considered only as a broad umbrella. These foods are prepared in a way that they look appealing and are enjoyable so you are chemically programmed to ask for more. According to Dr. Sunali Sharma, a Dietician & Nutritionist, "Commercial products including salted snack foods, chewing gum, candy, sugary desserts, fried fast food, and sweetened carbonated beverages that have little or no nutritional value but are high in calories, salt, and fats may be considered junk foods. Though not all fast foods are junk foods, a great number of them are. For instance, a salad may be fast food, but is definitely not junk food. Some foods like burgers, pizzas and tacos may alternate between junk and healthy categories depending on the ingredients, calories and process of manufacturing." Frequent consumption of junk food increases the intake of excess fat, simple carbohydrates, and processed sugar which may lead to a higher risk of obesity and cardiovascular diseases, among other chronic health problems. The resulting obesity may begin clogging up the arteries and lay the basis of an impending heart attack. It has also been suggested that eating junk food affects the brain in the same way as consuming addictive drugs. An addiction to junk food may even result in the rejection of healthier food options like fruits, vegetables, salads, etc. leading to further lack of nourishment. [পাঠ্যসূচি বহির্ভূত]

4. Read the following text and fill in the blanks with suitable words from the box. There are more words than needed. Make any grammatical changes if necessary. .5×10=5

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| victorious | champion | recapitulate | take | birth | attack |
| independence | surrender | oppression | historical | division | significant |

The most (a) — event for Bangladesh is her (b) — as an (c) — nation on March 26, 1971. It is a red-letter day in the (d) — of Bangladesh. After the (e) — of subcontinent, we got Pakistan. But the Pakistanis began to (f) — our people. At first, they (g) — our language. We shall never forget the Language Movement of 1952. The Language Movement led to the Mass Upsurge of 1969. As a result, the War of Liberation (h) — place in 1971. After nine months struggle, the Pakistanis were compelled to (i) — and we won (j) —.

5. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word in each gap. 1×10=10

The process of globalization obviously requires a common language for international communication. For many different reasons, English has (a) — the (b) — of being that language. As a result, it has (c) — national borders to reach people who speak other languages. It is no longer the (d) — possession of British or American or other native speakers, but a language that (e) — to the world's people. In fact, bilingual and multilingual users of English far (f) — its monolingual native speakers. This phenomenon has led to a (g) — variety of English around the world. As more and more people speak English, more and more varieties have (h) — which are strongly influenced by the pronunciation, grammar and idioms of the (i) — mother tongues. World English has now (j) — away from the control of its native speakers.

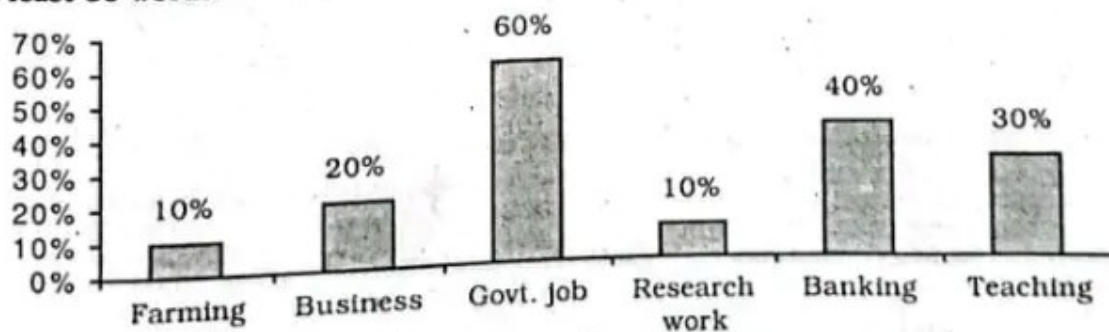
6. The following sentences are jumbled. Rearrange them in proper sequence. 1×10=10

- (i) One day, he was very hungry.
- (ii) The grapes were too high for him to reach.
- (iii) Again and again he jumped.
- (iv) At last, he entered a vineyard.
- (v) Once upon a time, there lived a fox in a forest.
- (vi) But each time, he failed to reach the grapes.
- (vii) At last being tired, he went away saying that the grapes were sour.
- (viii) He took a run and jumped to reach the bunch of grapes but could not reach it.
- (ix) He searched for food everywhere but he did not get any food.
- (x) There were ripe grapes hanging up on the vine.

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| Self Practice | | | | | | | | | |
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Part II : Writing (40 Marks)

7. The graph shows the choice of profession by educated people in our country. Analyze the graph in at least 80 words. 15



8. The following is the beginning of a story. Complete it in your own words : 15

It was a bright sunny morning. I was going to college with some of my friends. We were in a hilarious mood as we were talking about our plan to go on a picnic. Suddenly

9. Suppose, you are Mahin. Your friend Abir is very afraid of English. Now, write a letter to him describing how to be competent in English. 10