

Syllabus for Special Preparatory Examination, 2020

Class XI

English

First Paper (reading)

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| 1. Summary writing from seen comprehension (Unit 5 – 8) | 10 |
| 2. Filling in blanks (with clues) | $0.5 \times 10 = 05$ |
| 3. Email Writing (Thanking, congratulating, condolence, inquiry) | 05 |
| 4. Writing from graph/chart | 10 |

Second Paper (grammar)

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| 1. Completing sentence with words or phrase or clause | $0.5 \times 10 = 05$ |
| 2. Changing sentence (voice, simple, complex, compound, degree) | $0.5 \times 10 = 05$ |
| 3. Use of modifiers | $0.5 \times 10 = 05$ |
| 4. Pronoun referencing | $1 \times 5 = 05$ |

Total 50, Time: 1:30 hour

Preparatory Examination

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Marks: 50

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1. Read the passage carefully and summarize it.

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As a child you must have been told to greet your elders and visitors to your home according to your culture and tradition. You must also have been taught to be polite in company and keep quiet while others, especially, your elders, spoke. Possibly, you at times grudging such schooling. Possibly, at times you even protested such disciplining. Now, certainly you know that you can't always behave the way you want especially in the presence of others. There are rules of behaviour you have to follow in a company. We are social beings and have to consider the effect of our behaviour on others, even if we are at home and dealing with our family members.

We have two terms to describe our social behaviour— 'etiquette' and 'manners.' 'Etiquette' is a French word and it means the rules of correct behaviour in society. The word 'manners' means the behaviour that is considered to be polite in a particular society or culture. Manners can be good or bad. For example, it is a bad manner to speak with food in one's mouth. No one likes a bad-mannered person. Remember that etiquette and manners vary from culture to culture and from society to society.

We learn etiquette and manners from our parents, families and various institutions, such as schools, colleges or professional bodies. There are rules of behaviour for all kinds of social occasions and it is important to learn them and practice them in everyday life. The manners that are correct in a wedding reception will not do in a debating club. Therefore, we have to be careful about etiquette and manners. We know how important it is to say 'please' and 'thank you' in everyday life. A few more polite expressions such as 'pardon me,' 'excuse me', 'may I/ are bound to make your day smooth and pleasant.

2. Fill in the gaps with a suitable word from the box. Change the form of the word if necessary. There are more words in the box than you need.

0.5 × 10 = 5

sneeze	superstitious	quack	exist	teach	spit
pandemic	distancing	aware	maintain	modern	diseases

It is a great tragedy that ignorance still remains one of the greatest problems during the pandemic of Covid 19 in Bangladesh. This ignorance is one of the serious threats to our (a) — and our country is supposed to face the onslaught of the pandemic. Besides being ignorant, many people of the country are (b) —. There are still many people who do not believe in the danger of Covid 19 (c) —. They ignore the importance lock down. They do not maintain social (d) —. Still they did not learn the way of (e) — and (f) —. Even they do not believe in (g) — medicine. They prefer to go to the (h) — who gives them promises to work miracles. The government is trying to grow (i) — among our countrymen about (j) — personal safety in this pandemic. But nothing is coming out of the government effort.

3. Complete the following sentences with meaningful words or phrase or clause.

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- (a) Cunningness is not a good quality. This is why _____.
- (b) Prosperity does not come in one's life automatically. If _____, you cannot prosper in life.
- (c) He is a close fistted man. He never wants _____.
- (d) Corruption is now a great problem in our country. I do not find _____.
- (e) Education is not merely _____. We have to acquire an enlightened mind through education.
- (f) He is satisfied with what _____.
- (g) The car made in Japan _____.
- (h) He behaves as if _____.
- (i) What is lotted _____, do you know it?
- (j) My purse has been lost. I wonder where _____.

4. Transform the following sentences according to the direction given after each sentence.

1 × 5 = 5

There is a popular saying that health is wealth. (a) Health is the greatest wealth of a person (Positive). (b) In order to be healthy we have to take a balanced diet every day (Complex). (c) A balanced diet is a food that contains something from each of the three main groups of food (Simple). Three groups are protein, carbohydrate and fat. (d) Besides, citrus fruit should be eaten everyday during pandemic of Covid 19 (active). Experts say that vitamin C increases our immunity (simple).

5. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph and rewrite the passage so that all pronoun references are clear. 1 × 5 = 5

In the information age, you have to send, receive, and process huge numbers of messages every day. But effective communication is about more than just exchanging information. It is also about understanding the emotion behind it. This can make one’s communication more clear with others. It can improve relationships at home, work, and in social situations by deepening one’s connections to others. These can enable one to communicate even negative or difficult messages without creating conflict of destroying trust.

6. Read the text and use modifiers: 0.5 × 10 = 5

Man is a (a) — (pre-modify the noun) being. As a social being, he has to do (b) — (pre-modify the noun) work. But no one should flurry while doing (c) — (pre-modify the noun) work. One should be (d) — (post-modify the verb) in brain while doing any job. If anyone hurries to do a work, the (e) — (pre-modify the noun) work may be spoiled (f) — (post-modify the verb). So we should not hurry, although (g) — (use determiner to pre-modify the noun) age seems to rush to and fro. Life becomes (h) — (use intensifier to pre-modify the verb) complicated now. There is a competition (i) — (post-modify the verb). Everyone seems (j) — (use an infinitive phrase as post-modifier).

7. Suppose you want to get yourself admitted in a university of Australia. You need some information to know about admission. Now write an email to the Information Center of Monash University. 5

8. The following chart shows the new cases of Covid 19 in Bangladesh in April. Now describe the major trend of the chart in your own words within 150 words. 10

