

## বরিশাল বোর্ড

02 Set  
ENGLISH  
FIRST PAPER

[According to the Syllabus of 2023]

Subject Code:

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Time—3 hours  
Full marks—100

[N.B. The figures in the right margin indicate full marks.]

## Part I—Reading Test

Marks—60

1. Read the following text and answer the questions no. A and 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 inspire 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.

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- A. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives :

(a) What does a man pursue?

(i) Wealth

(iii) Health

(ii) Knowledge

 Relationship

(b) Intimate bonds are formed through——.

 nuptial arrangements (ii) community support

(iii) familial relationships (iv) professional relationships

(c) The word 'foster' mentioned in the passage means——.

(i) separate

 nourish

(ii) cheer

(iv) imply



- (d) We develop ——— relationship in school.  
 social (ii) familial  
 (iii) professional (iv) educational
- (e) The best synonym of 'instinct' is ———.  
 (i) instance (ii) decent  
 impulse (iv) significance
- (f) What keeps close to each other?  
 (i) Family (ii) Livelihood  
 Relationship (iv) Society
- (g) What does the word 'isolation' in the passage refer to?  
 (i) Connection (ii) Confinement  
 Separation (iv) Bond
- (h) The wild animals also need ———.  
 (i) food (ii) house  
 company (iv) occupation
- (i) The word 'misery' mentioned in the passage means ———.  
 (i) pleasure (ii) impulse  
 suffering (iv) turbulence
- (j) Which one is an effect of social segregation?  
 (i) Mental comfort (ii) Marital gains  
 (iii) Physical pleasure  Emotional estrangement

B. Answer the following questions :

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- (a) Why is relationship so significant?  
 (b) What different types of relationships are there?  
 (c) What happens to a person who has no family?  
 (d) What are some of the preconditions of good relationship?  
 (e) How is man's relationship different from those of other animals?

2. Read the following text and make a flow-chart showing the importance of education. (No. 1 is done for you) : 1×5=5

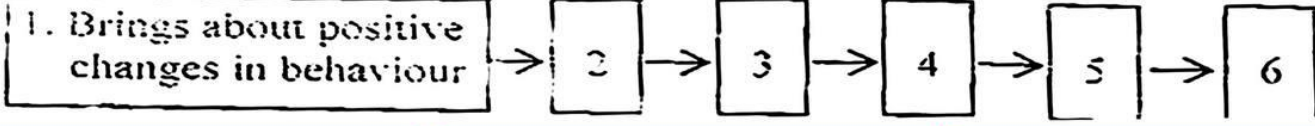
Education aims to bring about positive changes in our behaviour. It helps us try to change our lives as well as the society we live in. Education that does not illuminate our minds or does not inspire us to work for the community is not complete at all. Education is not all about getting grades or receiving certificates—we use education to make life better. We are expected to apply the knowledge, skills and values that we learn in a classroom in our engagement with the world that lies outside. And we can do so in many different ways. Let's have a look at how education works. Learners' civic engagement is highly appreciated all over the world. Civic engagement means working to make a difference in the civic life (the public life of the citizens as contrasted with private or personal life) of the community using knowledge, skills, values and motivation. Civic engagement promotes the quality of life in a community by contributing to the improvement of health and wellbeing of the people. Civically engaged individuals



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recognize themselves as members of a larger social community and are concerned about civic issues. They consider themselves responsible citizens who take action or raise their voices against injustice, discrimination and other forms of social ills.



2. Helps us to change our lives

3. Helps us to change the society

4. Illuminates our minds

5. Inspires us to work for the community

6. Makes our life better.

3. Summarize the following text:

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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 affect 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.

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 change if necessary.

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device	trained	about	perform	essential	great
abacus	large	special	recent	refer	call

The computer is a fairly (a) — invention. It has now become an (b) — part of modern life. It has greatly benefited us and brought (c) — revolutionary changes in our life. Any (d) — that helps people perform mathematical calculation may be (e) — a computer. In this sense the (f) — is a simple computer. Today, however, the term, computer (g) — to a special kind of electronic machine that can perform mathematical calculations and process (h) — masses of information at a (i) — speed. In a few minutes a computer can perform calculation that (j) — mathematicians would need years to complete.

Ans: (a) recent; (b) essential; (c) about; (d) device; (e) called;  
(f) abacus; (g) refers; (h) large; (i) great; (j) trained



5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words in each gap :

Student life is a life of (a) ——— for future struggle. To make him (b) ——— for the struggle, education is necessary. So, the first and foremost duty of a student (c) ——— to prosecute his studies well. He who (d) ——— his lessons regularly (e) ——— well in the examination. On the (f) ——— the student who wastes his time cuts a (g) ——— figure. It should be (h) ——— in mind that none can get back the (i) ——— time. If the students neglect their studies, they will suffer in the (j) ——— run.

Ans: (a) preparation; (b) capable/prepared/ready; (c) is; (d) learns; (e) does/performs; (f) other hand/contrary; (g) sorry/bad/poor; (h) kept; (i) lost/wasted; (j) long

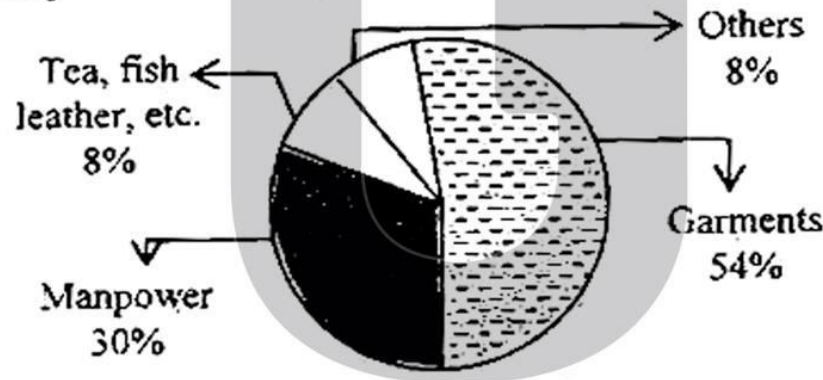
6. Rearrange the following sentences to make a coherent order :

- (a) As a result, he studied under a great thinker Plato.  
(b) He also wrote books on Biology, Literature, Economics and Comparative Politics.  
(c) Plato taught Aristotle according to his own way.  
(d) Aristotle was born in Greece.  
(e) His father wanted him to be a Physician but he never cherished to be so.  
(f) Later on, Aristotle took the pen to write on topics suitable for human civilization.  
(g) He is called the father of Biology because of his creativity.  
(h) 'Politics' is one of his famous books which exposes fullest development of his wisdom.  
(i) He wanted to be a free thinker.  
(j) He was the son of a royal physician.

Ans: d + j + e + i + a + c + f + h + b + g

Part 2—Guided Writing  
Marks—40

7. The following pie chart shows the export sectors in Bangladesh that earn foreign currency. Write an interpretation of the chart. (At least in 80 words)



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

Fardin was an educated young man. After completing his MA, he went to Dhaka in search of a job. He applied for various posts but he did not get any. Being frustrated, he returned .....

9. Suppose you are Arif/Arifa. You have a younger brother who is a student of class eight. Now, write a letter to your brother advising him to study regularly and not to adopt unfair means in the examination.