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Class: Eight

Subject: English

Time: 3 hours

Full marks: 100

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

Seen Comprehension

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions following it:

The ethnic people in Bangladesh hold a very important place in the culture of the country. The majority of these people live in the Chattogram Hill Tracts. The others live in the regions of Mymensingh, Rajshahi and Sylhet. They live in forest areas, in the hills and in rural areas. They do jhum cultivation. For this work they clear a piece of land in the forest, prepare it and sow seeds in it. They are mostly farmers. By religion they are Hindus. Christians or Buddhists. They speak their own mother tongues. Some of them are the Chakmas, the Marmans, the Tipperas and the Moorangs, who live in the Hill Tracts. The Santals live in Rajshahi. The Khasias and the Manipurians, live in Sylhet and the Hajangs and the Garos in Mymensingh.

1. True or false? If false, give the correct information. 1x5= 5

- The ethnic people of our country live in the Chattogram Hill Tracts only.
- Most of them are farmers.
- By religion all of them are Buddhists.
- The Moorangs are an ethnic group.
- They practise jhum cultivation.

2. Ask and answer the questions in pairs. 1x3= 3

- Where do you find the Marmans?
- What language do they speak at home?
- Where and how do they do the Jhum cultivation?

3. Find the answers from column B to the questions in column A and write them in complete sentences. 1x6= 6

Column A	Column B
1. Where do the ethnic people build their houses?	a) traditional musical instrument made from a buffalo horn
2. What are their favorite pastimes?	b) clay, bamboo and wood
3. What is a bugle?	c) rice
4. What do the women wear?	d) on the wooden or bamboo platforms
5. What are their kitchen utensils made of?	e) fishing and hunting
6. What is their staple food?	f) thamis or sarongs and angis

4. Complete the paragraph. Use the words below to fill in the gaps. There are more words than necessary. 1x6= 6

lungi	sport	earthen	machang	weave	wrestling
song	rice	fishing	lifestyles	wooden	bugle

The tribal people follow their (a)____. The platform they build their houses on is called (b)____. Men wear (c)____ Women (d)____ their own clothes. Their staple food is (e)____. They are fond of songs, dance, music, and (f)____.

Unseen Comprehension

Read the following text carefully and answer the questions 4 and 5.

Begum Rokeya was a famous writer and a social worker. She lived in undivided Bengal in the early 19th century. She believed that women should have the same rights and opportunities as man in the society. So, she fought for them throughout her life.

Begum Rokeya was born in a rich family in a village called Pairabond, Rangpur in 1880. Her father Jahir Uddin Muhammad Abu Ali Haider Saber was an educated land-lord. Rokeya was married to

Khan Bahadur Sakhawat Hussain in 1896. Her husband was the Deputy Magistrate of Bhagalpur, now a district in the Indian state of Bihar. He was very co-operative and always encouraged Rokeya to go on with her activities.

Many upper class Muslims of Bengal at that time learnt Arabic and Persia as medium of education. and communication. But Rokeya had great love for her mother tongue. She learnt Bangla and English from her eldest brother Ibrahim.

5. Complete the following table with the information given in the passage.

1x5= 5

Who?	What?	When/Where?
Begum Rokeya	Born in	(a).....
(b)....	Deputy magistrate	Bhagalpur. A district of Bihar in India
Rokeya	(c) in equal rights life. for men and women	throughout her life
She learnt	Langla	at her (d).....
We should show our true	(e)....	to her.

6. Write whether the following statements are true or false. If false, give the correct answer:

1x5= 5

- (a) Begum Rokeya could speak four languages.
- (b) Her husband was a very conservative and superstitious person.
- (c) She taught Bangla to her brother Ibrahim.
- (d) She fought against gender discrimination.
- (e) She came out from a poor and illiterate family.

7. Fill in the gaps using the clues from the boxes. There are more words than necessary.

.5x10= 5

they	and	habitat	beautify	and	one
effect	result	great	be	into	will

If we cut trees at random.(a)..... day our country will turn (b)..... a desert. All living animals (c)..... birds will rot and any (d)..... or shelter to live in (e)..... will be destroyed. There will (f)..... no rain and as a (g)..... Our agriculture will face a (h).....The temperature will rise (i)..... It will cause green house (j)..... The country will be unsuitable for living into.

8. Read the text below and fill in the gaps using suitable words to make it meaningful text.

1x5= 5

Truthfulness is the root of all virtues (a).... man's life. It means the habit (b).... speaking the truth. The true happiness and (c).... of a man entirely depend on it. (d)..... helps one to succeed and gives one (e).....high position in society.

9. Match the part of sentences from column A and B to make five complete sentences.

1x5= 5

Column A	Column B
Haji Mohammad Mohsin was	caught hold of thief
He helped the poor	famous for kindness
Once a thief entered into	His bedroom a night
The thief said.	"Sir, I am very poor and I have no food in my house.
He woke up and	people with food and clothes.

C: Grammar Part Marks: 25

10. Fill in the gaps in the following text with appropriate articles. Put a cross (x) where no article is used.

.5x10= 5

One day (a).... crow saw (b).... piece of meat. It took (c).... meat in its mouth. It sat on (d).... branch of (e).... tree to eat (f).... piece of (g).... meat. (h).... fox was looking for (i) food. He came under (j)..... tree.

12. Change the following sentences as directed in the brackets.

1x5= 5

- (a) A book should be taken as a friend. (Make it an Active Sentence)
- (b) We all should read books. (Make it passive)
- (c) A book delights (Make interrogative sentence)
- (d) Who does not like a book? (Make it assertive sentence)
- (e) It is a very valuable thing. (Make it exclamatory sentence).

13. Change the following passage into Indirect speech.

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The man said to the manager. "May I come in, Sir? " "Yes, come in. What do you want?" said the manager. "I want to open a bank account in your bank, said the man. Can you tell me the process of opening a savings account?"

14. Use capital letters and punctuation marks as needed in the following passage.

.5X10=5

daniel defoe the writer of robinson crusoe was born in london in 1660 defoe started to write when he was a young man the idea for writing the great story came from the story of alexander selkirk when he was at the age of 59

15. Suppose you are Samiya and chatting with your cousin, Subarno. Make a dialogue with him/her about folk songs.

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16. You have invited some of your friends to a get together at your place. Unfortunately, you are unable to hold the event as you have fallen sick. Write an email to one of your invited friends telling that the event is postponed now. You may send the email to abcd123@gmail.com.

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17. Write a paragraph on "Tree Plantation".

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11. Read the text below and fill in the gaps with the root tree words in the brackets adding suitable suffix, prefix or both.

.5x10= 5

Our (a).... (educate) remains (b)..... (complete) if we do not learn good manners. In our (c)(behave) we must be (d).... (respect) with others. We should never (e).... (behave) with anybody because our (f).... (conduct) may hurt others, We should not create any (g).... (necessary) quarrel with others. That (h).... (important) of good manners is (i)..... (measurable). (j).....(real) a man of good marmers is a gentleman.