

# Melandah Govt. College, Jamalpur.

Half Yearly Exam- 2021

Class : Eleven

Sub : English 1<sup>st</sup> Paper

Subject Code : 107

Time : 3:00 Hours

Full Marks : 100

## Part-I

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

When you are in the driving seat of a car, you have the steering and the horn in your hands, the brake and accelerator under your feet, eyes open looking ahead, left and right. The same can be said about a motorcycle rider, with some modifications. These are all very visible. But, behind all, there is something that keeps working unseen. And that is the Central Processing Unit (CPU), your brain. CPUs are artificially intelligent machines that are programmed to do specific jobs under fixed conditions and judgements. But the human brain is intelligent by nature. It is the most sophisticated machine that is able to operate on ever-changing conditions and standards of judgement. As conditions in the traffic keep invariably changing, this virtue of sophistication of your brain must be at work when you are driving. The difference between traffic in the roads and highways and racing circuit must not be blurring inside you. Never imagine yourself to be a Michael Schumacher driving an F-1 at 300 mph. Leave no room for fantasy. You must always be ready to encounter unexpected behavior from any vehicle or pedestrian. 'Keep your cool' is easy to advice but difficult to maintain. Still you must always restrain yourself because, at the end of the day, you don't want to be regarded as a killer. Now you see, the last thing that differentiates you from a computer is your conscience.

(A) choose the correct answers from the alternatives:

5x1=5

- (a) What could be the closest meaning for 'modification'?
- (i) To change (ii) To make less extreme
  - (iii) Adjust (iv) An alteration or adjustment to something
- (b) The word 'Sophisticated' refers to .....
- (i) gorgeous (ii) advanced
  - (iii) unrefined (iv) uncomplicated
- (c) "Invariably" could be best replaced by .....
- (i) regular (ii) alterable (iii) inconsistent (iv) always
- (d) The human brain is called Central processing Unit (CPU) because .....
- (i) it is the central part of the body (ii) it performs all important activities
  - (iii) it is the centre of all activities (iv) it is the central part of mind
- (e) The best synonym of 'encounter' is .....
- (i) battle (ii) meeting (iii) face (iv) clash

(B) Answer the following Questions:

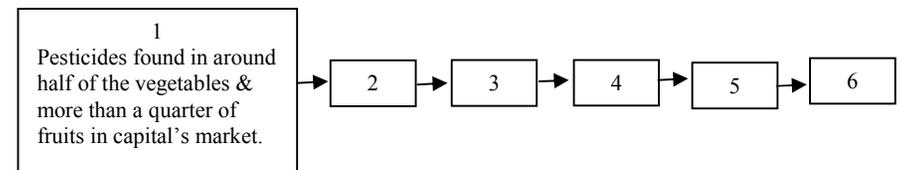
5x2=10

- (a) What kind of skill does car driving require?
- (b) What is meant by 'eyes open looking ahead, left and right'?
- (c) Why is human brain called the most sophisticated machine?
- (d) How do CPUs and brains differ?
- (e) Do you support the idea that conscience is our best guide on the roads? Why? why not?

2. Based on your reading of the passage below make a flow chart showing the scenario of food adulteration ( No. 1 has been done for you): 5x2=10

Unsafe levels of pesticides are present in around half of the vegetables and more than a quarter of fruits sold in the capital's markets, a recent survey has found. A 15- member team of the National Food Safety Laboratory, with support from the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), came up with the findings after collection and testing food samples from the capital's Gulshan, Karwanbazar and Mohakhali markets. The survey report, a copy of which was acquired by the Dhaka Tribune, read that nearly 40% of 82 samples of milk, milk products, fish, fruits and vegetables contained banned pesticides such as DDT, Aldrin, Chlordane and Heptachlor. The amounts of pesticide in these samples were found to be 3 to 20 times greater than the limits set by the European Union. Around 50% vegetables and 35% fruits were found to be contaminated with unsafe level of pesticides.

Analysing more than 30 samples of turmeric powder (branded, packaged and open), the team also found that nearly 30% of the samples contained traces of lead chromate, which can be fatal if swallowed or inhaled. These samples also contained lead at 20 to 50 times above the safety limit of 2.5 parts per million set by the Bangladesh Standard Testing Institute (BSTI). Arsenic and chromium above safety limits were detected in a total of 5 out of 13 rice samples.



3. Summarize the following text?

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Today, we take for granted that we have one machine that allows us to access the Internet, do word processing, use a calculator, watch TV, play games and do a host of other things. But the personal computer only became available to consumers in 1974. Things really took off when Microsoft Windows was introduced in 1985 and it's good that it was since without the prevalence of

personal computers, the Internet wouldn't have had nearly as big an impact as it has ever since.

4. Read the following text and fill in the blanks with suitable word from the box. There are more words than needed. Make any grammatical change if necessary: .5x10=5

ready	same	proud	blue	depends	rational
flesh	mention	inferior	class	birth	work

Man's dignity depends upon works. Man is a (a) ..... being on earth. He is to (b) ..... for others. He should not be (c) ..... if he is of (d) ..... blood. He should be (e) ..... to help any (f) ..... of man. The man whom he is helping may be (g) ..... to him by (h) ..... . But after all, he is a man. He has the (f) ..... blood and flesh as the above (j) ..... man.

5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate word in each gap : 1x10=10

In recent years there have been many alarming reports that world's climate is undergoing a significant change. All these reports provide (a) ..... evidence (b) ..... world's temperatures are increasing day by day. This increase in global (c) ..... is caused (d) ..... increased amounts of carbon dioxide (e) ..... the earth. Most climatologists (f) ..... that greenhouse effect is the likely (g) ..... of this global warming. It may harm human (h) ..... seriously. This could catastrophically (i) ..... mankind's (j) ..... to grow food.

6. Rearrang the following sentences to make a coherent order : 1x10=10

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

Part-II

7. Write a paragraph on "7<sup>th</sup> March Speech" answering the following questions: 10

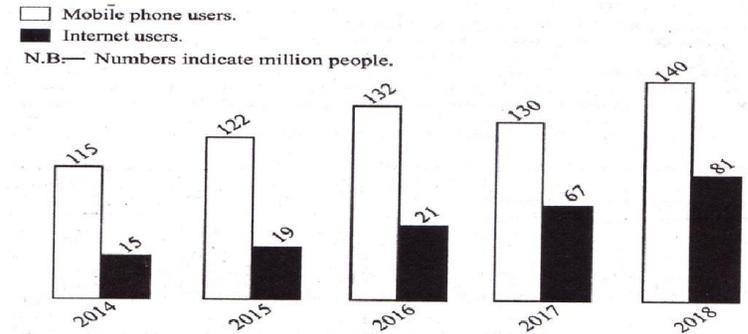
- Who delivered this speech?
- When was this speech given?
- What are the main aspects of this speech?
- What is the historical importance of it?
- What is the significance of the last sentence of this speech?

8. The following is the beginning of a story. complete it in your own words. 7

Once there lived a very richman. Beside him lived a very poorman who was a cobbler by profession .....

9. Write a letter advising your younger brother not to waste time in Facebook/Internet. 5

10. The chart below shows the number of mobile phone and internet users in Bangladesh from the year 2014 to 2018. Describe the chart in at least 80 words. You should highlight the information and report the main features :



11. Write down the theme of the following poem (Not more than 50 words). 8

Hold fast to dreams  
 For if dreams die  
 Life is a broken-winged bird  
 That cannot fly.  
 Hold fast to dreams  
 For when dreams go  
 Life is barren field  
 Frozen with snow.