

ENGLISH (COMPULSORY) **F03 A**
[According to the syllabus of 2023]JSC

Time— 1.2 hour

Full Marks – 50

Subject code: 107

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

Part: A [Seen Part]

Read the passage below and answer the questions 1 & 2

Communication of ideas is at the centre of civilization. It needs written records. Most of our records in the modern age are on paper. Though writing was invented very early, paper is a more modern invention.

For long in history, people transferred ideas through speaking and listening. Then there came the art of writing. But to record thoughts in writing was difficult. Writing material was not available. People used surface of stone, metal, wood, bark, leaves, etc. for writing. Those things were not easy to carry. Then for ages, people looked for easy writing materials. Finally, Paper was invented in China in 105AD.

Before paper age, knowledge was very restricted. Can you think of that time? There were very few books in the world. Maybe, they were written on stone or on heavy wood plunks or on metal sheets. Suppose, one page was a heavy stone block. So think of a hundred page book! In our age, you can carry the entire world of knowledge in digital form in your laptop bag. You can even carry a huge volume of paper encyclopedia. But who could produce and carry tons of heavy stone books and documents in those paperless days? In fact, paper has made publication and the spread of knowledge and information easy. So you can see how paper has changed our life.

1. Choose the correct answer to each question from the alternatives given and write the corresponding number of the answers in your answer script. 1x7=7

a) The ancient people used the _____ for writing.

- (i) paper (ii) laptop (iii) surface of stone (iv) sheet

b) Knowledge was very restricted in _____

- (i) Pre-paper age (ii) post paper age (iii) paper age (iv) modern age

c) People looked for easy writing materials so that _____

- (i) they could be bought cheap (ii) they could be carried easily
(iii) they could be preserved long (iv) they looked beautiful

d) The invention of paper has changed our life _____

- (i) slowly (ii) drastically (iii) gradually (iv) by stages

e) The antonym of **restricted** is _____

- (i) narrow (ii) finite (iii) illimitable (iv) bounded

f) In earlier time, it was _____ to record thoughts in writing.

- (i) very easy (ii) less time consuming (iii) tough (iv) boring

g) Which one was an early writing material?

- (i) Typewriter (ii) Metal sheet (iii) Paper (iv) Laptop

2. Answer the following questions from your reading of the above text.

2x4=8

- Who invented paper and when?
- What did people use for writing before paper age?
- Why was it difficult to record thoughts in writing in the past?
- Why was knowledge very restricted in pre- paper age?

3. Read the following text and fill in the gaps with appropriate words.

1x5=5

A wheel is a (a)_____ object. It can rotate around its axis and help easy (b)_____ of things across a surface. The wheels are, in fact, everywhere. They are on our cars, trains, planes, wagons and so on. Besides, they are on most factory and farm (c)_____. Fans, propellers, turbines are also other types of (d)_____. So, the wheel is very important. We cannot (e)_____ modern life without wheels.

Part: C [Grammar Part]

3. Use the article where necessary. Put a cross[x] where an article is not needed.

.5x10=5

When (a)_____ great poet, Ferdousi began to write (b)_____ Shahnama, the Sultan promised him (c)_____ piece of gold for each (d)_____ verse. When (e)_____ epic was finished, it contained sixty thousand (f)_____ verses. Instead of giving gold coins, he offered the poet only sixty thousand silver (g)_____ coins. The poet refused to take the silver coins and left the court with (h)_____ broken heart. He was (i)_____ aggrieved man. Later on the Sultan realized that he had made (j)_____ blunder.

4. Transform the following sentences as directed.

1x5=5

- It rains heavily only in the rainy season. (negative)
- Books introduce us to the realm of knowledge. (Passive)
- The books of great writers contain noble thoughts and great ideas. (Interrogative)
- Books are the greatest friends. (positive)
- His writings are very encouraging. (exclamatory)

5. Rewrite the following passage in the reported speech.

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"Hold your tongues!" he muttered, glaring fiercely in their faces. "Have you not read the warning on the door?" "We pray for Allah's pardon." cried the dervishes. "Our lives are at your mercy."

6. Rewrite the following passage and punctuate where necessary.

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Bangladesh our homeland is mainly an agricultural country she has a large population most of them live in villages though they are poor they are hospitable we feel proud of our hospitality.

Part: D [Writing Part]

7. Suppose you are Rohit / Rita. Your friend is Samin / Samina. Now write a dialogue between two about the benefits of early rising.

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Suppose you are Rohit / Rita. Your friend is Samin / Samina. Now write a dialogue between two about the preparation for JSC Examination.

[SGHS] / [ISC] / [VNSC]

Suppose you are Rohit / Rita. Your friend is Samin / Samina. Now write a dialogue between two about merits and demerits of mobile phone.

[MGGHS] / [WLFSC]

Suppose you are Rohit / Rita. Your friend is Samin / Samina. Now write a dialogue between two about your hobbies.

[MMSC] / [SBSC]

Suppose you are Rohit / Rita. Your friend is Samin / Samina. Now write a dialogue between two about the sufferings from load shedding.

[MGBHS]

Suppose you are Rohit / Rita. Your got sick suddenly and went to a doctor for consultancy. Now write a dialogue between you and the doctor about your health condition.

[RPLSC]