

ENGLISH (COMPULSORY) **F 01 A**
[According to the syllabus of 2023] **NINE**

First Paper

Time— 1.2 hour

Full Marks – 47

Subject code: 107

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

Part: A [Reading Part]

Read the passage below and answer the questions

Have you ever thought of a very delicate career? Have you dreamt of a rosy environment full of colour and fragrance? How much would you love it if you were placed in a house full of flowers to deal all day? I'm just going to give you some clues for a way of business, a job. Yes. Daises, violets, tulips, marigolds, dahlias, bellies, jasmines, roses and all those things of beauty can also earn you a living if you handle them professionally. In fact, a florist's career is rather a good choice as an unconventional job for many around the world. Wherever you see eye-catching floral displays, you actually see the professional performance of a floral designer. They are also known as florists and they create superb arrangements with flowers. Using both real and artificial flowers with other greeneries, florists prepare flower displays for a variety of events such as weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, marriage days, Valentine's Day, official receptions and even funerals. Every flower is with its distinct colour, design, significance and meaning which flower designers have to know well. There are conventions and significance associated with flowers. We know that conventionally roses are meant for romance and anniversaries and tulips for birthdays. Although formal education or a diploma is not always essential, florists must have a good taste, good eye for colours, shapes and proportion. They have to have good sense for selecting flowers, ribbons and other accessories to make beautiful arrangements. Professional florists are knowledgeable about not only flowers but also designs and techniques. Most florists learn the trade mainly through apprenticeship in a previous flower farming job and also by attending formal floral schools and courses. However, a true passion for flowers and a bit of aesthetic sense are all that can make a florist's career successful. Flower designers earn fairly handsome money. But the bonus is that they belong to a fresh fun job. They work in flowers all day long in a nice atmosphere with fresh air, pleasant smells and vivid colours around. But there is a disadvantage too, if you are inclined to see so. Florists deal with flowers, but miss their honey!

1. Choose the best answer from the alternates.

1X7=7

a) Which of the following has the closest meaning of the word **superb** used in the passage?

- i. rotten ii. poor iii. atrocious iv. Awesome

b) Which statement is correct?

- (i) Good taste is essential to be successful in floral carrier
(ii) Passion is essential to be successful in floral carrier
(iii) Aesthetic sense is essential to be successful in floral carrier
(iv) Good eye for colours is essential to be successful in floral carrier

c) In the passage **Roses** are meant for _____

- (i) color (ii) romance (iii) to celebrate new year (iv) romance and anniversaries

d) ----- all those things of beauty can also earn you a **living** if you handle them professionally.

Here **living** is _____

- i) gerund ii) present participle iii) adjective iv) verb

e) Which of the following has the closest meaning of the word **funerals** used in the passage?

- i. a ceremony of dead person buried ii. a ceremony of birth day
iii. a ceremony of enjoying new year iv. a ceremony of farewell

f) Which of the following has the closest meaning of the word **apprenticeship** used in the passage?

- i. vet ii. coadjutor iii. veteran iv. old-timer

g) The word "**floral**" is a/an _____

- i) noun ii) adjective iii) adverb iv) verb

2. Write short answers to the following questions:

2X5=10

- How is the career of a florist?
- What qualities do you need to have for a florist's job?
- How do most florists learn the trade?
- What is the extra advantage of a florist's job?
- What do you mean by florist?

3. Read the following text and fill in each gap with a suitable word based on the information of the text.

1x5=5

Zahir Raihan was one of the most talented film makers in Bangladesh. He was born on 19 August 1935 in the village Majupur, in Feni district. He was an active worker of the Language Movement. He was one of the ten students to go out in a procession on 21 February 1952 despite a ban on such activities. As a result, he and many others were arrested and taken to prison. Zahir was also present at the historical meeting of Amtala on February 21, 1952. He also took part in the mass movement in 1969. In 1971, he joined the Liberation War. All through his life, Zahir dreamt for a democratic society, a society that will ensure freedom of speech and will. He had many dreams about our film industry too. He made a legendary film Jibon Theke Neya based on the Language Movement of 1952. It was a revolt against the then autocratic government. The family presented in that film was a miniature East Pakistan ruled by an autocrat who had to go to the prison for her conspiracy. During the liberation war this film was shown outside Bangladesh. Critics like Satyajit Ray, Mrinal Sen, and Ritwik Ghatak appreciated this film. Zahir gave all his money to the Freedom Fighters' trust that he got from his film shows. Besides, his great documentary on Pakistani atrocities, Stop Genocide, helped create world sentiment in favour of our liberation war. On 30 December 1971, someone informed Zahir about an address somewhere at Mirpur, where he might find his brother, the famous writer Shahidullah Kaiser. Shahidulla was captured and killed by the Pakistani army and the local collaborators during the last days of the war. Accordingly Zahir left home to get his brother back and he never returned. Zahir's dream was fulfilled. He could see the inception of a free independent Bangladesh though he did not get back his brother. And it's a pity that this dreamer was missing at such a time when his dream came true.

Zahir Raihan was a (a) _____ son of Bangladesh. He took part in Language Movement and made a (b) _____ film on the movement. He also took part in the mass movement and (c) _____ the liberation war. His documentary "Stop Genocide" helped create world (d) _____ in favour of Bangladesh's liberation war. This golden son of Bangladesh was (e) _____ at the hands of Pakistani soldiers and their local collaborators on 30 December, 1971.

4. Put the following parts of the story in correct order to make the whole story.

1X8=8

- a. Suddenly, he stopped one of the guests.
- b. The marriage ceremony was over and the guests were all going to the feast.
- c. He spoke so strangely that the guest stood still and listened to the story.
- d. He saw people walking past him.
- e. The old man told him about his last journey on the sea.
- f. The old sailor sat on a stone outside the church.
- g. He had a strange mad look in his eyes.
- h. There was a ship. "The old sailor began."

Part: B [Writing Part]

5. Write a paragraph on :

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A Visit to a Place of Historical Interest	[VNSC]
Environment Pollution	[ISC] / [RPLSC]
Environment Pollution	[MGGHS]
The life of a farmer	[MGBHS] / [WLFSC]
Deforestation	[MMSC]
Our National Flag	[FISC]
Your School Magazine	[KEBSC]
Your Visit to a Book Fair	[KGGHS]

6. Complete the following story and give a suitable title of it.

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Once there lived a woodcutter. He was very poor but honest and lived on the bank of a river near a jungle.....
[VNSC]

Once there was a clever fox in a jungle. One day, when the fox was walking through jungle, he fell into a trap.....
[ISC] / [RPLSC]

Once upon a time there was a king called Midas. He was extremely fond of gold. Although he had a lot of it, he wanted more.
[MGGHS]/ [MMSC]

Sheikh Saadi was a great Persian poet. He was simple in his way of life and used to put on simple dress. One day the king invited him to his palace..... [MGBHS] / [KEBSC]

There lived a shepherd boy in a certain village who used to graze a flock of sheep near a forest. He often used to make fun with villagers by telling lies. [FISC] / [KGGHS]

Once upon a time a rich man built a grand house. The house was very excellent with a swimming pool, a garden and all royal amenities..... [WLFSC]