

Sample Question
HSC Examination 2017
English First Paper

Full marks: 100

Time: 3 hours

[Answer all the questions. Figures in the margin indicate full marks]

Part I

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

Conflict can be described as a disagreement among groups or individuals characterized by antagonism and hostility. This is usually fueled by the opposition of one party to another in an attempt to reach an objective different from that of the other party. The elements involved in the conflict have varied sets of principles and values, thus allowing a conflict to arise.

Conflict can be defined in many ways but one of the simplest is that it pertains to the opposing ideas and actions of different entities, resulting in an antagonistic state. Conflict is an inevitable part of life. All of us possess our own opinions, ideas and sets of beliefs. We have our own ways of looking at things and we act according to what we think is proper. Hence, we often find ourselves in conflict in different scenarios; it may involve other individuals, groups of people, or a struggle within our own selves. Consequently, conflict influences our actions and decisions in one way or another.

Conflict comes naturally; the clashing of thoughts and ideas is a part of the human experience. It is true that it can be destructive if left uncontrolled. However, it shouldn't be seen as something that can only cause negative things to transpire. It is a way to come up with more meaningful realizations that can certainly be helpful to the individuals involved.

A. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.

1x5= 5

- a. What could be the closest meaning for 'fueled by' in the first paragraph?
 - i) added by
 - ii) supported by
 - iii) fired by
 - iv) increased by

- b. The word 'principle' in the first paragraph refers to –
 - i) ethics
 - ii) morality
 - iii) belief
 - iv) law

- c. 'Pertain' in the second paragraph could be best replaced by –
 - i) differ
 - ii) relate
 - iii) disclose
 - iv) contain

- d. Conflict is – part of our life.
 - i) an essential
 - ii) a unique
 - iii) an exterior

iv) an external

e. The best synonym of 'transpire' is –.

- i) to stop
- ii) to happen
- iii) to publish
- iv) to clarify

B. Answer the following questions.

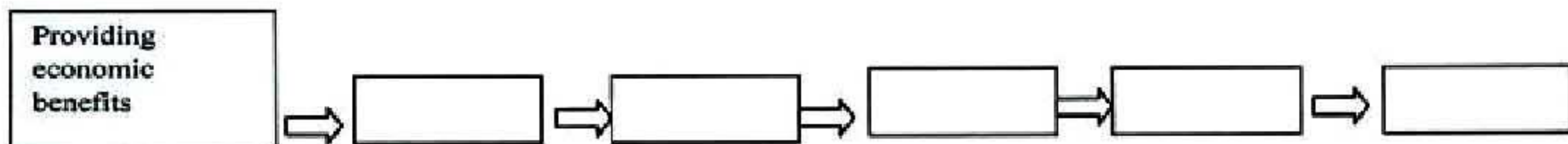
2x5= 10

- a) What, according to the text, is conflict?
- b) Mention three causes of conflict.
- c) Why are our actions and decisions influenced by conflict?
- d) What does the expression 'conflict comes naturally' mean?
- e) Do you find any positive aspect of conflict? If any, mention.

2. Read the following text and make a flow chart showing the importance of the Hakaluki Haor. (one is done for you)

2x5=10

Hakaluki Haor is one of the major wetlands of Bangladesh. The Haor system provides a wide range of economic and non-economic benefits to the local people as well as to the people of Bangladesh. These include fish production, rice production, cattle and buffalo rearing, duck rearing, collection of reeds and grasses, and collection of aquatic and other plants. The Haor system also protects the lower floodplains from flash floods occurring in the months of April-May, maintains the supply of fish in other lower water bodies and provides habitat for migratory and local waterfowls.



3. Summarize the following text.

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A most important truth, which we are apt to forget, is that a teacher can never truly teach unless he is still learning himself. A lamp can never light another lamp unless it continues to burn its own flame. The teacher who has come to the end of his subject, who has no living traffic with his knowledge, but merely repeats his lessons to his students, can only load their minds; he cannot quicken them. Truth not only must inform but inspire. If the inspiration dies out, and the information only accumulates, then truth loses its infinity. The greater part of our learning in the schools has been waste because, for most of our teachers, their subjects are like dead specimens of once living things, with which they have a learned acquaintance, but no communication of life and love.

4. Read the following text and fill in the blanks with suitable words from the box. There are more words than necessary. You may change the form of the words if necessary. 0.5x10= 05

inequality	transform	urban	many	resource	coexist
swell	also	sustainable	town	and	people

The world is undergoing the largest wave of urban growth in history. More than half of the world's population lives in (a)..... and cities and by 2030 this number will (b) to about 5 billion. Much of this urbanization will unfold in Africa (c)..... Asia bringing huge social, economic and environmental (d)..... Urbanization has the potential to usher in a new era of wellbeing, (e) efficiency and economic growth. Again, cities are (f)..... home to high concentration of poverty. Nowhere the rise of poverty, (g)..... etc. are clearer than in cities. Here wealthy communities (h)along with poor people and slums dwellers. For this reason, (i) nongovernment organizations are working with government to increase the welfare and (j)..... of fast urbanizing communities.

5. Fill in the gaps using suitable words.

1x10= 10

Every school student has to carry different sizes of backpacks loaded with various items from home to school or school to home, but very few of us think about the amount of loading and appropriate wearing method of backpacks. Carrying too much (a).....in the backpack and wearing it in wrong way can (b).....to pain and strain. Every school-going student has the individual (c)capacity in regard of his/her body structure and fitness level. Recent (d)on many school students reveals that they were (e)..... from some health problems such as back, neck and (f)..... pain, tingling arms, muscular weakness and imbalance. Most of the (g) we usually ignore their such types of (h) but the reality is serious. Sometimes these symptoms are so (i)that they do not like to go to school, even most of the time they are (j)..... to carry backpacks.

6. The following sentences are jumbled. Rearrange them in proper sequence.

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- i) Moreover, she always has a positive attitude and encourages her teammates to work harder and do their best.
- ii) She cries out in pain but it is unusual for her.
- iii) As she licks her nutty chocolate chip ice-cream, she says, " Today I love basketball practice more than ever."
- iv) The others help her off the court and she sits down to rest.
- v) Farah loves basketball and always looks forward to basketball practice.
- vi) But today she twists her ankle and falls down.
- vii) One of her teammates runs to get ice for her ankle.
- viii) The coach says, "As usual, I'm impressed with your attitude and team spirit. In honour of Farah, we should all go to get ice-cream."
- ix) She enjoys the times with her teammates and follows her coach's instructions properly.
- x) When the coach asks Farah if she is ok, she replies, "I'm fine. Ankle heals".

7. Write a paragraph on “Group Work” on the basis of the answers to the following questions in about 200 words. 10

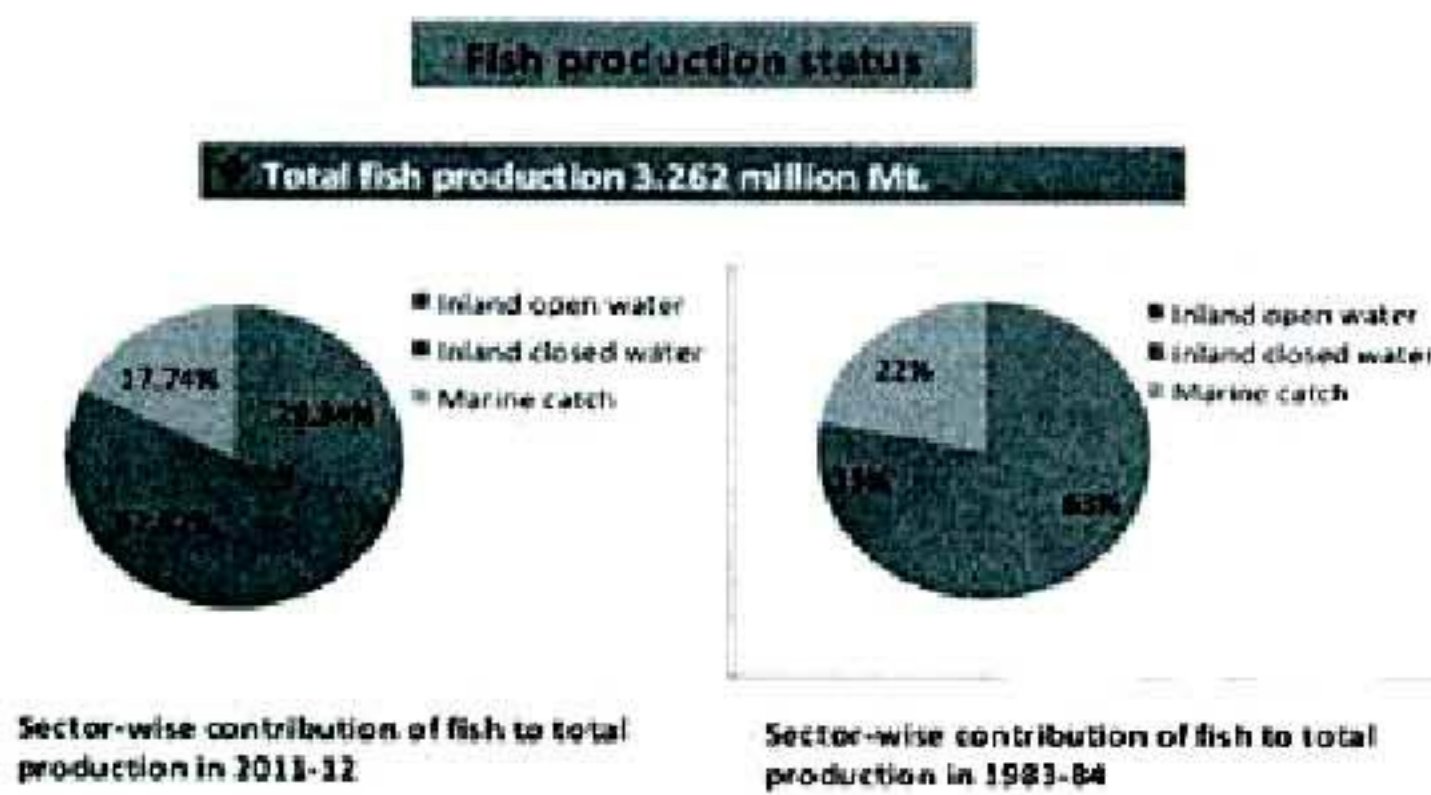
- a) What do you mean by group work?
- b) What are the benefits of group work?
- c) When could it be more effective?
- d) Does sometimes group work fail? Why?
- e) How will you evaluate group work?

8. The following is the beginning of a story. Complete it in your own words. 07

Koli is a little talented girl of a village. All the times she dreams of becoming a famous singer. One day, she got a chance

9. Suppose you are Afsana/Belal. You received a letter from your mother yesterday. In the letter, you were advised not to waste your valuable time surfing the Internet. Now write a reply to the letter. 05

10. Look at the chart. It shows fish production of Bangladesh in the fiscal year 2011-12. Now analyze the chart focusing the main aspects (At least in 80 words). 10



11. Write down the theme of the following poem (Not more than 50 words). 08

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.