

- d) The Almighty granted his prayer promptly.  
 e) He went to his wife to inform the news.  
 f) He had a great attraction for gold.  
 g) His wife congratulated him touching his hands and she changed into gold instantly.  
 h) Once day he prayed to the Almighty to have a golden touch so that anything he touched be changed into gold.

**Part-B : Writing Test (50 marks)**

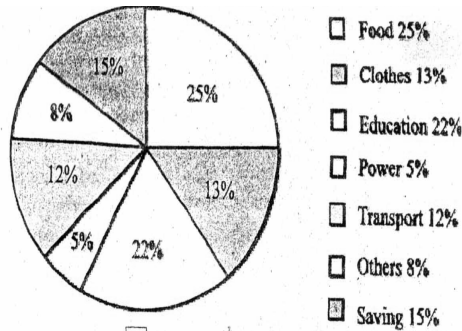
8. Write a paragraph on "A school library" answering the following questions:

- (a) what is school library?  
 (b) Where is it situated?  
 (c) What is the importance of school library? 10

9. Read the beginning of a story. Write at least 10 (ten) new sentences to complete the story. 10

Once there lived a woodcutter in a village. The village was near of forest the woodcutter was very poor but honest. There flew a river through a forest. One the wood cutter was cutting a tree near the river when suddenly -----.

10. The pie-chart below always the percentage of a family's household income distributed into different categories. Describe the pie-chart in 150 words. 10



11. Suppose you are Rikta, Now write a letter to your friend mukta congratulating her on her brilliant success. 10

12. Suppose, you are Polash and your friend is Shimul. Write a dialogue between you and your friend about the uses and abuses of mobile phone. 10

# Dinajpur Jubilee High School

Online Half-Yearly Examination-2020

Class - IX

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

**Time: 3 hours**

**Full Marks: 100**

**Part A : Reading Test (50 Marks)**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions following it**

Meherjan lives in a slum on the Sirajgonj Town Protection Embankment. Her polythene roofed shelter looks like a cage. She is nearly 45 but looks more than her age. In front of her shelter, she is trying to make a fire to cook the day's only meal. Her weak hands tremble as she adds some fallen leaves and straw to the fire. The whispering wind from the river Jamuna makes the fire unsteady. The dancing of the flames reminds Meherjan of the turmoil in her life. Not long ago Meherjan had everything--- a family, cultivable land and cattle. The erosion of the Jamuna consumed gradually all her landed property. It finally claimed her last shelter during the last monsoon. It took the river only a day to demolish Meher's house, trees, vegetable garden and the bamboo bush. She had a happy family once. Over the years, she lost her husband and her family to diseases that cruel hunger and poverty brought to the family. Now, she is the only one left to live on with the loss and the pain. The greedy Jamuna has shattered her dreams and happiness. There are thousand others waiting to share the same fate with Meherjan. Bangladesh is a land of rivers that affect its people. Erosion is a harsh reality for the people living along the river banks. During each monsoon many more villages are threatened by the roaring of rivers like the Jamuna, the Padma and the Meghna. It is estimated that river erosion makes at least 100,000 people homeless every year in Bangladesh. In English For Today 67\_fact, river erosion is one of the main dangers caused by climate change. If we can't take prompt actions to adapt to climate change, there will be thousands of more Meherjans in our towns and villages every year.

**1. Choose the best answer from the alternatives :** 1×7=7

- a) Sirajgonj Town Protection Embankment is in the ---- division.  
 (i) Dhaka (ii) Khulna (iii) Chittagong (iv) Rajshahi
- b) Shelter means---- .  
 (i) protection, (ii) exposure (iii) un safety (iv) insecurity
- c) Meherjan was born----.  
 (i) after the liberation war (ii) before the liberation war  
 (iii) daring the liberation (iv) none of them
- d) The living place of meherjan is a ----- are  
 (i) suitable (ii) comfortable (iii) fine (iv) problematic
- e) River erosion is one of the main --- caused by climate change.  
 (i) disasters (ii) convenience (iii) advantage (iv) opportunities
- f) Whispering and means----.  
 (i) wind that blows from across the river  
 (ii) wind that blows with hissing sound  
 (iii) wind that blows in summer  
 (iv) wind that blows helps some one make a fire

- g) Dancing of the flame means---
- (i) A traditional form of folk dance
  - (ii) A flame that makes people dance around it
  - (iii) Aflame that made by people to remember their pasts

**2. Answer the following questions. 2×5=10**

- (a) How is river erosion a harsh reality?
- (b) What does climate change cause? How can climate change be adapted?
- (c) Why is the river Jamuna called greedy in the passage?
- (d) Who lost shelter, properties and husband? and how?
- (e) Who are victims of river Jamuna's erosion?

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions following it.**

21 February is a memorable day in our national history. We observe the day every year as International Mother Language Day. The day is a national holiday. On this day, we pay tribute to the martyrs who laid down their lives to establish Bangla as a state language in undivided Pakistan in 1952. This is known as the Language Movement. The seed of the Language Movement was sown on 21 March 1948 when Mohammad Ali Jinnah, the then Governor General of Pakistan, at a public meeting in Dhaka declared that Urdu would be the only official language of Pakistan. The declaration raised a storm of protest in the eastern part of the country. The protest continued non-stop, gathering momentum day by day. It turned into a movement and reached its climax in 1952. The government outlawed all sorts of public meetings and rallies to prevent it. The students of Dhaka University defied the law and they brought out a peaceful protest procession on 21 February 1952. When the procession reached near Dhaka Medical College, the police opened fire on the students, killing Salam, Rafiq, Barkat and Jabbar. This kindled the sparks of independent movement of Bangladesh.

**3. Fill in each gap with a suitable word of your town, based on the information from the text in A. 1×5=5**

21 February is a (a) — day in the history of Bangladesh. The day is a national (b) —. The people of our country pay (c) — to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives to establish Bangla as a (d) — language. This day is now (e) — as the International Mother Language Day.

**Read the passage about the English mathematician. Complete the table below with information from the passage. 1×5=5**

The Solar system is made up of all the planets that orbit the sun. Every thing in the solar system revolves the sun. Mercury is the closest planet to the sun. It is the smallest planet. It has no satellite. The distance from the mercury to the sun is 0.4 Astronomical unit. Venus has 0.7 Astronomical unit distance from the sun. It is the hottest planet. It has also no satellite.

The earth is only planet where living places of being exist. The distance from the earth to the sun is 1 Astronomical Unit. It has one satellite, the moon. The Earth revolves the sun in 365 days. Mars is smaller than the earth. This distance between the Mars and sun is 1.5 Astronomical Unit. It has two tiny satellites; Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system. The distance from the Jupiter to the sun is 5.2 Astronomical unit. It has 67 satellites, Saturn is next to the Jupiter in distance. Its distance from the sun is 9.5 A.U. It has 62 satellites. Uranus is located next to

Saturn. Its distance from the sun is 19.2 A.U. It has 27 satellites. Neptune is the remotest planet. The distance from Neptune to the sun is 30 A.U. It is smaller than Uranus, It has 14 satellites.

**4. Complete the table below with information from the above passage: 1×5=5**

Name of the planets	Distance from the sun	Duration of revolving the sun	Number of Satellite
Mercury	(i) ---		
Earth		(ii) ---	
Jupiter			(iii)-----
Saturn	(iv) ----		(v)

**5. Write a summary of the above passage in your own words and it is no more than 90 to 100 words. 10**

**6. Match the parts of sentences given in column. "A" "B" and "C" to write five complete sentences. 1×5=5**

Column A	Column B	Column C
a) Tolerance is not only	i) tolerance is a social virtue	i) a necessary capacity for compromise.
b) Man, being a social	ii) give and take is	ii) at the same time ready to be per succeed by practicing sweet and reasonableness
c) In such a process	iii) being has to live in a	iii) considerable influence in the current affairs of life
d) We cannot persuade	iv) an abstract virtue but also a	iv) simple affairs of life
e) It is thus seen that	v) others unless we ourselves are v) of harmony and cooperation write others in society.	v) of harmony and cooperation with others in society.
		vi) which is opposed to dogmatism and dictatorship
		vii) full of prejudices.

**7. Put the following parts of the story in correct order to rewrite the whole story: 1×8=8**

- a) Just then an apple dropped from the tree and a thirst touch it changed in to gold.
- b) Seeing this, the king was struck with horror.
- c) Once there lived a king in Greece named Midas.