

SAMPLE QUESTION

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Degree (Pass) & Honours (2nd Year) Examination

Subject : English (Compulsory)

[According to new Syllabus]

Time-3 hours; Full marks-100

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

Marks

1. Read the passage below and answer the following questions :

Ecology, the study of the relationship of plants and animals to their physical and biological environment, has become a catchword around the world. Apart from environmentalists, the global tourism industry has embraced ecology as part of its marketing strategy. In the 1990s, more and more tourist enterprises have adopted the prefix 'eco' to appeal to tourists. At present, eco-tourism, which focuses on nature study and outdoor activities that minimise ecological impact, is a big industry in terms of money investment and employment generation. In response to the many criticisms levelled at conventional forms of tourism, many national and local governments and private companies are now promoting eco-tourism. On principle, eco-tourism is environmentally and culturally sensitive, educational and locally controlled or at least locally beneficial. Thus, local communities would see the economic value of preserving resources and biodiversity.

However, for many third world countries eco-tourism is the main source of foreign exchange. Modern facilities along with organised propaganda to protect and respect nature and natural resources have helped to swell the business of eco-tourism. Can eco-tourism boom in Bangladesh? Being a developing country with many beautiful spots, cultural activities, scenic landscapes, Bangladesh can be an ideal region to explore the possibility of eco-tourism. Bird-watching has already attracted the eco-tourists in our country. We have the longest sea beach, we have lush forested lands, we have colourful tribal communities. All these can encourage travellers to learn more about the country's natural wonders and to respect the environment in course of their exploration thereby contributing to our foreign income.

- (a) (i) What is the impact of ecology on modern tourism? $2 \times 2 = 4$
(ii) How can eco-tourism help Bangladesh earn foreign exchange?

Additional Question :

- (iii) What is ecology?
(iv) What does eco-tourism focus on?
(v) How is eco-tourism on principle?
(b) What is the main idea and what are the supporting ideas in this passage?

- (c) Write down the meaning of the following words in English and make your own sentences with them (any four) : 4×1=4
Relationship, economic, exchange, protect, explore, encourage, possibility.
- (d) What is the key-word in the last sentence of the passage? How does it help you understand the meaning of this sentence? 4
- (e) Write a summary of this passage. 4
- (f) What is the purpose of the writer in developing the passage? 4
- N.B. : Each type of test items carries 4 marks. Any 5 items out of 6 will be tested in an examination.*

2. (i) Correct the following sentences (any five) : 5

- (a) There is no furniture's in my room.
(b) Neither of us were present.
(c) He was the best of all other boys in the class.
(d) I insisted on him to go there.
(e) He denied our invitation.
(f) We sat under the shade of the tree.
(g) It admits no doubt.

Or, Complete the following sentences. (any five) :

- (a) I have — money to buy a car.
(b) Stay — you are.
(c) It is — time you did the work.
(d) He is addicted — gambling.
(e) Charity — at home.
(f) I am sorry to — disturbed you so long.
(g) He made the car — to the buyer.

Or, Combine each of the following groups of sentences into one sentence (any two) :

- (a) Henry Ford was a clever organiser. He was an American. He worked for many years. He became a millionaire.
(b) The king reigned for forty years. It was a glorious reign. It was also bright. He then decided to renounce the world. His object was to pass the remaining years of his life in prayer.
(c) I read the book. It was very interesting. Then I gave it to my friend Arif. He also enjoyed it very much.

(ii) (a) Suppose, you are the head of the Department of English in Chittagong University. You are going to hold the first semester examination of the students of Hons. Part I. Now write a notice about it. 4

Or, (b) The load-shedding at present is in extreme all over the country. You want to stop the misuse of electricity in government and non-government offices and houses. Now write a poster creating the public awareness.

Or, (c) Suppose you want to create public awareness against smoking. Now write a slogan about it.

Or, (d) Suppose you are arranging a tour from Dhaka—Sundarbans—Dhaka. To attract the people to join, write an advertisement for it.

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1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :
- Newspaper writing is quite different from other forms of writing like Academic Writing and Creative Writing. Newspapers are read everyday by a large number of people from all sections of the society. Therefore the language used in any Newspaper has to be factual and easy. Prospective writers for a newspaper must understand that while reading a newspaper, a person would be annoyed if he or she has to frequently look up dictionary. Also the reader is keen to know the actual happening, the real story, not a news story made up by the reporter's own imagination. However, some forms of newspaper writing, namely, features and sub-editorials may differ from news-stories in style and tone. Normally full-time reporters do the difficult job of reporting. They gather the day's important news from different locations throughout the day and file the news stories normally in the evening. These stories range from political news to sports news and economic news, as well as diplomatic news or news of scientific discoveries. As such, the language used in these items will not be the same. Readers too do not expect to see a similar language used in reporting a medical discovery and another report on the country's increasing crime situation.
- (a) (i) What should be the language of a newspaper? $2 \times 2 = 4$
(ii) When does a newspaper reader get annoyed?
- (b) What is the main idea and what are the supporting ideas in this passage? 4
- (c) Write down the meaning of the following words in English and make your own sentences with them (any four) : $4 \times 1 = 4$
factual, annoyed, prospective, keen, frequently, location, discovery.
- (d) What is the key-word in the last sentence of the passage? How does it help you understand the meaning of this sentence? 4
- (e) Write a summary of this passage. 4

2. (i) Correct the following sentences (any five) : 5
(a) John went to Scotland for playing golf.
(b) The minister gave a valuable speech.
(c) Industry is the key of success.
(d) Mary speaks French very good.
(e) I see often my uncle.
(f) Lucy is lawyer, like her father.
(g) What you would like to drink?
- (ii) (a) Your English teacher is sick. She/he will not be able to take class on Monday. Write a notice for the students of Hons. part I. 4
Or, (b) Write a poster to create awareness against unfair means in examination.
Or, (c) Write a memo in which the manager of a firm requests his subordinates to attend a farewell meeting of one of the members of the staff.
3. (i) Write a paragraph on any *one* of the following by writing topic sentences and developing ideas : 8
(a) Admission in Universities of Bangladesh;
(b) My Favourite Book;
(c) Session Jam.
- Or, (ii) Write a report for the newspaper on the cultural week in your college.
4. (a) You want to apply for a job. Write an application along with your resume. 8
Or, (b) Write a letter to your pen friend in Australia telling him/her about the celebration of 'Pahela Baishakh'.
Or, (c) Write a letter to the principal of your college requesting him/her to take necessary steps to clean the campus as there is menace to dengue.
5. Write an essay on any *one* of the following : 15
(a) The Dowry System;
(b) Reading Newspaper—as a habit;
(c) A Trip to a Village on a Holiday.
6. Re-arrange the words to make sentences : 5
(a) town nice stratford is a small.
(b) winter is quiet it in.
(c) birthplace Shakespeare is it of the.
(d) usually is full of it tourists.
(e) come people visit the great birthplace dramatist of to the.