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

### **Year Final Online Examination-2020**

Time: 3:00 Hours Full Marks: 100

## **Seen Comprehension**

#### 1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions following it. (1, 2)

Children must pass through several stages in their lives to become adults. For most people, there are four or five such stages of growth where they learn certain things: infancy (birth to age 2), early childhood (3 to 8 years), later childhood (9 to 12 years) and adolescence (13 to 18 years). Persons 18 and over are considered adults in our society. Of course there are some who will try to act older than their years. But, for the most part, most individuals have to go through these stages irrespective of their economic or social status.

World Health Organization identifies adolescence as the period of human growth and development that occurs after childhood and before adulthood. This phase represents one of the critical transitions in one's life span and is characterized by fast paced growth and changed which are second only to those at infancy. Biological process drives many aspects of this growth and development with the onset of puberty marking the passage from childhood to adolescence. The biological determinants of adolescence are fairly universal. However, the duration and defining characteristics of this period may vary across time, cultures, and socio economic situations. This period has seen many changes over the past century –puberty for example, comes earlier than before, people marry late and their sexual attitudes and behaviours are different from their grandparents. Among the factors responsible for the change are education, urbanization and spread of global communication.

#### A. Choose the best answer from the alternatives.

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- a) To become adults children have---
- i) to get proper education
- ii) to have good intelligence
- iii) to be social
- iv) to pass several stages of life
- b) The most complicated stage in human life is --
  - i) infancy ii) childhood iii) later childhood iv) adolescence
- c) Duration of each stage of human life --
  - i) may vary ii) are static iii) same everywhere iv) universal
- d) ---- is characterized by fast paced growth
  - i) adolescence ii) adulthood iii) from 30-40 years iv) later childhood
- e) Adolescence --- many problems when they become adults.
- i) tries ii) faces iii) does iv) produces

## B. Answer the following question.

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- a) Which stage is called the period of rapid transitions?
- b) What is the range of adolescence period?
- c) What are responsible for these changes?
- d) How does WHO defines adolescence?
- e) What is fairly universal?

#### 2. Read the following passage and make five correct sentences in the table below.

My name is Amerigo. I am 13 years old and I live on the street, alone. My mother, who is separated from my father, doesn't want me. She told me to go away.... Now she is married to another man. My father lives very far away. I want to go to him, but he won't take me either. I begged him to send me some money so that I could buy a bus ticket. I am still waiting. He haspt answered.

The streets are now my home. Sometimes I find work. I used to collect trash and sell it to a vendor. I stopped doing that after I had a serious infection and a doctor told me to stay away

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from the trash dump. Once I worked for an ice cream shop owner and sold ice cream on the beach. But I got no money in return. The owner of the shop gave me something to eat, and let me sleep in his hut at night. The work was difficult and painful. The ice cream box is quite heavy when it is full. I had to walk for hours, offering my ice cream to whoever wanted to buy. There were days when I could not even sell one ice cream.

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### 3. Summarize the passage in your own language.

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Children's right to education also implies that the school they go to will have a pleasant and learning-friendly environment where everyone will have an enjoyable time. Teachers will be kind, caring and supportive and children will feel relaxed. No harsh words will be spoken to them and special care will be taken of children with learning disabilities.

That, unfortunately is not the general picture in our schools. The system of education in our part of the world does not allow children much freedom, and classrooms look more like cages where they are pent up for hours.

In his poem "The School Boy" Blake writes about a young boy who is unhappy with his school where dour-faced teachers give joyless lessons. He would rather like to be outdoors and enjoy the summer day. He pleads with his parents to rescue him from the drudgery of school

#### 4. Read the text below and fill in the gaps with the clues given in the box.

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	in	are	manner	rules	childhood	manners
	an	and	polite	society	behaviour	culture

From a) ---- we are to be introduced to the rules of etiquette and b) ----. Without following the c) ---- of correct behavior, we cannot go in d) ---- peacefully and harmoniously, e) ---- if included in etiquette which is considered to be f) ---- behavior. To speak with food g) ---- one's mouth is h) ---- example of bad manners. In different cultures i) ---- societies, etiquette and manners j) ---- different.

#### 5. Fill in the gap with an appropriate word for each blank:

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I was a) ---- years old. My grandmother b) ---- on the string bed c) ---- the mango tree. It was d) ---- summer and there were sunflowers in the garden and e) ---- winds in the trees. My grandmother was f) ---- a woolen scarf for the g) ---- months. She was very old h) ---- in a sari, her eyes were not very i) ---- now, but her fingers j) ---- very quickly with the needles.

#### 6. Read the jumbled text and re-arrange them into a cohesive paragraph.

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- a) He rose to a high position in the in army by his good work and courage.
- b) Under him France was very powerful.
- c) More than 170 years ago there lived in France one of the greatest soldiers called Napoleon Bonaparte.
- d) When he was young, he joined the French Army as an ordinary soldier.
- e) He was born in 1769.
- f) He fought several wars with the neighboring countries and won victories over them.
- g) Yet the French men remember him with due respect.
- h) He died in 1821.
- i) In 1804 he proclaimed himself to be the Emperor.
- j) He grew very powerful and soon became the greatest man in the country.

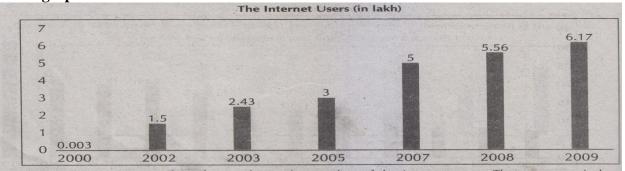
#### **Part-B: Writing**

- 7. Write a paragraph on 'Higher Education' answering the questions:
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  - a) What is higher education?
  - b) When does one get admission in higher education level?
  - c) What is the picture of our higher education?
  - d) Why do many students go abroad to have higher education?
  - e) What is your own impression regarding present higher education?
- 8. Complete the story following the clue. Give a suitable title for the story: 07 Sheikh Sadi used to lead a very simple life. Once he visited the house of a noble man while he was wearing a very simple dress. -----

9. Write a letter to your friend thanking him for hospitality.

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10. The graph below shows the Internet Users in Bangladesh from 2000-2009. Now describe the graph below. You should highlight and summarize the information given in the graph. 05



### 11. Describe the theme reflected in the contraction of the poem

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He saw all spoiled. "Don't let him cut my hand off --

The doctor, when he comes. Don't let him, sister!"

So. But the hand was gone already.

The doctor put him in the dark of ether.

He lay and puffed his lips out with his breath.

And then-the watcher at his pulse took fright.

No one believed. They listened at his heart.

Little - less - nothing! - and that ended it.

No more to build on there. And they, since they

Were not the one dead, turned to their affairs.