**Jagarani M. L Girls’ High School, Newashi, Nageswari**

**J. S. C Preparatory Test - 2017**

**English First Paper Subject Code: 107**

Time : 3 hours Full Marks : 100

[Figures in the right margin indicate full marks.]

**Section A : Reading Test** (Seen Passage)

**Read the text and answer questions 1, 2 and 3.**

River gypsies are an ethnic group in Bangladesh. They are known as *bedey* to local people. The gypsies have their own lifestyle and culture. They live in groups and do not own any land. Therefore, they live a nomadic life travelling from one place to another. These people roam across our rivers and waters from May to December in small country boats. These boats are their houses and these people are a part of our waters. In winter, many water bodies dry up. At that time they return to the mainland and live in make-shift tarpaulin tents on open river banks. You can see their men relaxing in the tents. Toddlers play with dogs or other pets in the dust. Women often idle away time by hair doing, picking off lice in twos or threes sitting in a row. Throughout the monsoon, they remain busy with fishing. They also dive for natural pearls in waters. Sometimes, they camp for a couple of weeks. Men catch snakes and entertain people with snake charming and sell herbal cures. Women go from door to door to sell bangles, cosmetics and other things. They also try to heal pains of old people often by sucking out blood from their body.

Many villagers believe in the magical power of the gypsies. They can an evil spirit leave someone’s body by magic or special powers.

**1. Choose the best answer from the alternative :** 1 × 5 = 5

(a) The term 'ethnic' is connected with ⎯.

(i) people (ii) plants (iii) animals (iv) fishes

(b) The gypsies lead a ⎯ life.

(i) luxurious (ii) nomadic (iii) fashionable (iv) simple

(c) They are locally known as ⎯.

(i) jeley (ii) kumar (iii) snake charmer (iv) bedey

(d) 'Monsoon' refers to the ⎯.

(i) summer (ii) winter (iii) autumn (iv) rainy season

(e) They gypsies have no ⎯.

(i) language (ii) religion (iii) land possession (iv) culture

**2. Give short answers to the following questions.** 2 × 5 = 10

(a) Who are river gypsies?

(b) What do river gypsies do for a living?

(c) Where do they return in winter?

(d) What do the village people believe about the river gypsies?

(e) How long do they stay on boats?

**3.** Read the text in A again. Now, write the **summary** of it in around 70 words.10

**Reading Test** (Unseen Passage)

**Read the following text carefully and answer question 4 and 5.**

The great ship Titanic sailed for New York from Southampton on April 10, 1912. She was carrying 1316 passengers and a crew of 891. At that time, however she was not only the largest ship that had ever been built, but was regarded as unsinkable, for she had sixteen water tight compartments. The tragic sinking of this great liner will always be remembered for she went down on her first voyage with heavy loss of life. Four days after setting out while the Titanic was sailing across the icy water of the North Atlantic, a huge iceberg was suddenly spotted by a look out. After the alarm had been given the great ship turned sharply to avoid a collision. Suddenly there was slightly trembling sound from below, the captain went down to see what had happened. The noise had been so faint that no one thought that ship had been damaged, below the captain realized to his horror that the Titanic was sinking rapidly, for five of her sixteen water tight compartments had already been flooded.

**4. Complete the following table with the information given in the passage.** 1×5= 5

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| Who/What | Event/ Activity | Where | When/Time |
| The Titanic | maiden journey | Southampton to (i) ...... | 10/04/1912 |
| (ii) ...... |  | no board | then |
| The ship | (iii) ...... | North Atlantic | 14/04/1912 |
| Faint sound | occurred | (iv) ...... | after collision |
| The captain | (v) ....... |  | the sinking |

**5. Read the passage again and write True or False beside the following statements. Give answers for the false statements.** 1 × 5 = 5

(a) The Titanic sailed for New York from Southampton April 10, 1912.

(b) The Titanic collided with a huge ice-berg.

(c) The Titanic was sailing across the hot water of the Pacific.

(d) The noise of collision with the ice-berg was very loud.

(e) The Titanic had twenty water-tight compartments.

**6. Fill in the gaps with appropriate words.** 1 × 5 = 5

An honest man is true to (a)-------- words. He does not deviate from the (b)------ of honesty. He knows that (c)------- consists in honesty. So, he does not (d)------- victim to any greed. He has no ambition for (e)------- things.

**7. Rearrange the following sentences in correct order.** 1×10 = 10

(a) He had not much education.

(b) He ascended the throne of Delhi at the age of 13.

(c) His full name was Jahiruddin Muhammad Akbar.

(d) He was skilled in warfare.

(e) Akbar was born in 1542 at Amarkot in Sindh.

(f) He won the second Panipath Battle in 1556.

(g) His father was Humayun.

(h) It was the greatest victory in his life.

(i) He ruled 50 years in India.

(j) He was the grandson of Babur.

**8. Fill in the gaps using clues from the boxes. There are more words than necessary.** 0.5 × 10 = 5

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| television | even | shown | on | too | source |
| interests | distance | and | the | with | present |

Television has become (a) ⎯ most common and widespread (b) ⎯ of entertainment of the (c) ⎯ world. A wide range of programmes of varied (d) ⎯ is telecast (e) ⎯ numerous channels. Almost every middle class and (f) ⎯ working class families have a (g) ⎯ set today. Television programmes are not only entertaining; they can be highly educative (h) ⎯. For example, television is used for (i) ⎯ learning. Courses run by the Open University are (j) ⎯ on television.

**9. The phrases in Column A are the beginnings of some sentences. The phrases in column B are the endings. Match the phrases in column A with the phrases in column B to make complete sentences.** 1 × 5 = 5

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| Column A | Column B |
| 1. Independence is the | 1. took place in 1971. |
| 1. No nation can achieve it | 1. to face with the enemies. |
| 1. Our war of independence | 1. without struggle. |
| 1. People from all walks of life | 1. joined the war. |
| 1. They fought face | 1. birth right of man. |

**Section B : Writing Test**

**10.** Suppose, you are Sumona. Your friend is Nabila.Newspaper is an important role in our modern life. It is the store house of knowledge. It increases our general knowledge**. Now, write a dialogue between you and your friend about the importance of reading newspaper.** 10

**11. Write a paragraph on 'Your National Flag' in 150 words answering the following questions.**10

(a) What do you mean by a national flag?

(b) How have we got our national flag?

(c) What is its width and breadth?

(d) How can we protect and uphold thehonour of our national flag?

**Or, Write a paragraph on ‘Tree Plantation’ in150 words.**

**12. Read the beginning of a story. Now, give a suitable title to it and complete it in 150 words.** 10

Once upon a time on a hot day in summer, a crow felt very thirsty. It flew to and fro in search of water. But it could not find water anywhere........

**13.** Suppose, you are Moni/ Monika. Your father wanted to know from you about your preparation for the J.S.C Examination**. Now write a letter to your father telling him about your preparation for the J.S.C Examination.**  10

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