1. **Read the text and change the sentences as directed:** **[Dhaka Board-2019]**

You must have heard the name of Bayazid Bostami.

(a) He was one of the greatest saints of Islam. (positive) One night he was learning his lessons.

(b) At that time his mother asked him for a glass of water. (passive)

(c) There was no drinking water in the house, so he went out to fetch it. (complex)

(d) When he came back, he found his mother sleeping. (compound) Then he passed the whole night standing with a glass of water beside his mother.

(e) He showed a great love and respect to his mother. (exclamatory)

Answer:

(a) Very few saints of Islam were as great as he.

(b) At that time, he was asked for a glass of water by his mother.

(c) As there was no drinking water in the house, he went out to fetch it.

(d) He came back and found his mother sleeping.

(e) What a love and respect he showed to his mother!

2. **Read the following sentences and change them as directed in the bracket.** **[R.B-2019]**

(a) Tell me your age. (Complex)

(b) Some poets are at least as great as Tennyson. (Superlative)

(c) What though the field be lost! (Assertive)

(d) My watch was lost. (Active)

(e) He confessed that he was guilty. (Simple)

Answer:

(a) Tell me what your age is./Tell me how old you are.

(b) Tennyson is not the greatest of all poets. Or, Tennyson is one of the greatest poets.

(c) It does not matter though the field is lost.

(d) I lost my watch.

(e) He confessed his guilt.

3. **Read the text and transform the sentences as directed.** **[Cumilla Board-2019]**

Dowry is a curse for our society. It darkens the lives of many women.

(a) Dowry hampers the peace of the society. (Make it Passive)

(b) The brutal condition of the dark age must be stopped soon. (Make active)

(c) This is one of the major problems of Bangladesh. (Make it Positive)

(d) The dowry seekers are very greedy and demand money from bride's father. (Make it Simple)

(e) What an unworthy crime the dowry is! (Make it Assertive)

Answer:

(a) The peace of the society is hampered by dowry.

(b) We must stop the brutal condition of the dark age soon.

(c) Very few problems of Bangladesh are as major as this.

(d) Being very greedy, the dowry seekers demand money from bride's father.

(e) The dowry is a very unworthy crime.

4. Read the following sentences and change them as directed in the bracket. [Jashore Board-2019]

(a) An honest man is honoured everywhere by all. (active)

(b) He is not only a teacher but also a singer. (simple)

(c) Though we are improving very fast, we have to work hard for the country. (compound)

(d) Very few cricket teams in the world are as unpredictable as Pakistan. (superlative)

(e) My friend came to me to get help from us. (complex)

Answer:

(a) All honour an honest man everywhere.

(b) He is both a teacher and a singer.

(c) We are improving very fast, yet we have to work hard for the country.

(d) Pakistan is one of the most unpredictable cricket teams in the world.

(e) My friend came to me so that he could get help from us.

5. Transform the underlined parts of the following text as per direction. [Sylhet Board- 2019]

(a) “Beautiful Isn’t she?” Tanvir whispered. (Make it assertive)

(b) Tania nodded in agreement, but she was extremely nervous. (Make it complex)

(c) The tigress was now quite close to them. Make it interrogative) Tania’s heart was pounding, but Tanvir seemed oblivious to any danger.

(d) He got closer to the animal and pressed the shutter button with a boyish grin in the face. (Make it simple)

(e) And it suddenly occurred to Tania that her husband was the strongest man she had ever met. (Use the positive degree of the adjective)

Answer:

(a) "She is very beautiful."

(b) Though Tania nodded in agreement, she was extremely nervous.

(c) Wasn't the tigress now quite close to them? (d) Getting closer to the animal, he pressed the shutter button with a boyish grin in the face.

(e) No other man she had ever met was as strong as her husband.

6. Read the text and change the sentences as directed: [Barishal Board-2019]

Anger is nothing but a vice.

(a) It begets only the worst. (Negative)

(b) Anger is one of the most inhuman vices. (Positive)

(c) So, we should control it for our own sake. (Passive).

(d) He who is taken by anger causes a lot of troubles. (Simple)

(e) Realizing it, we should try to be emotionally balanced. (Complex)

Answer:

(a) It begets nothing but the worst.

(b) Very few vices are as inhuman as anger.

(c) So, it should be controlled for our own sake. (d) Taken by anger, he/a person causes a lot of troubles.

(e) If we can realize it, we should try to be emotionally balanced.

7. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. [Chattogram Board-2019]

(a) Tea is the most popular drink. (comparative) (b) Tea helps us remove our fatigue. (Passive)

(c) Almost everyone enjoys tea. (Negative)

(d) Bangladesh is one of the tea producing countries. (Compound)

(e) Bangladesh exports tea and earns a lot of foreign exchange. (Simple)

Answer:

(a) Tea is more popular than any other drink.

(b) We are helped to remove our fatigue by tea./ We are helped by tea in removing our fatigue.

(c) There is hardly anyone who does not enjoy tea.

(d) There are many tea producing countries and Bangladesh is one of them./ Many countries produce tea and Bangladesh is one of them.

(e) Bangladesh earns a lot of foreign exchange by exporting tea.

8. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. [Dinajpur Board-2019]

Success never comes automatically.

(a) We work hard to attain success in our life (Complex).

(b) Peace and prosperity is not possible without being industrious (Affirmative).

(c) A man who leads an idle life, brings misery for his life (Simple).

(d) He can never help the people of the society (Passive). Such kind of man is the burden on the society.

(e) Everybody abhors him (Negative).

Answer:

(a) We work hard so that we can attain success in our life.

(b) Peace and prosperity is impossible without being industrious.

(c) Leading an idle life, a man brings misery for his life./A man leading an idle life brings misery for his life./An idle man brings misery for his life. (d) The people of the society can never be helped by him.

(e) Nobody likes him./ There is nobody but abhors him.

9. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. [HSC Examination 2018-Ka Set]

(a) Very few insects are as busy as a bee (Comparative).

(b) It is known as an industrious creature (Active).

(c) It flies from flower to flower and collects honey (Simple).

(d) It stores honey in the hive (Passive).

(e) In winter, it remains idle but it works hard in spring (Complex). It leads to a disciplined life.

Answer:

(a) A bee is busier than most other insects.

(b) We/People know it as an industrious creature. (c) Flying from flower to flower, it collects honey./ It flies from flower to flower to collect honey.

(d) Honey is stored in the hive by it.

(e) Though it remains idle in winter, it works hard in spring.

10. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. [HSC Exam 2018-Kha Set]

Bangladeshi developers can build modern robots like Sophia using its software.

(a) The humanoid robot, Sophia is one of the newest sensations in the ICT world. (Make it positive)

(b) Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina met Sophia at the inaugural ceremony of the four-day-long digital world expo. (Make it passive)

(c) The Hong Kong-based robotics company developed Sophia one and a half years ago. (Make it complex)

(d) Wearing a yellow Jamdani top and skirt, the robot came on the stage. (Make it compound)

(e) What an enthusiasm the robot generated among the youth! (Make it affirmative)

Answer:

(a) Very few sensations in the ICT world are as new as Sophia, the humanoid robot.

(b) Sophia was met by honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the inaugural ceremony of the four-day-long digital world expo.

(c) It was one and a half years ago when the Hong Kong-based robotics company developed Sophia./ It is the Hong Kong-based robotics company that developed Sophia one and a half years ago.

(d) The robot wore a yellow Jamdani top and skirt and came on the stage.

(e) The robot generated a great enthusiasm among the youth.

11. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. **[D.B -2017; Din.B-2012]**

Frugality is a good habit.

(a) A man who is frugal does not like to spend money without reasons, (Simple)

(b) The target of a frugal man is to save money for future (Make it Complex).

(c) Everyone should practice frugality to make a well-planned family (Make it passive).

(d) A frugal man lives a solvent life (Make it Negative).

(e) A frugal man is happier than a prodigal man (Make it Positive).

Answer:

(a) A frugal man does not like to spend money without reasons.

(b) The target of a man who is frugal is to save money for future./ A frugal man has a target which is to save money for future.

(c) Frugality should be practiced to make a well-planned family by everyone.

(d) A frugal man does not live an insolvent life.

(e) A prodigal man is not so happy as a frugal man.

12. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. **[Rajshahi Board-2017]**

(a) It was 1971 when Bangladesh achieved independence. (Simple)

(b) It is the most significant event in the history of Bangladesh. (Comparative)

(c) Our freedom fighters sacrificed their lives for the independence of Bangladesh (compound)

(d) It was a great struggle for them. (Exclamatory)

(e) We shall always remember them with pride. (Compound)

Answer: (a) Bangladesh achieved independence in 1971.

(b) It is more significant than any other event in the history of Bangladesh.

(c) It is our freedom fighters' who sacrificed their lives for the independence of Bangladesh./ Our freedom fighters sacrificed their lives for a cause which is the independence of Bangladesh.

(d) What a struggle it was for them!

(e) We shall always remember them and we shall do it with pride./We shall always remember them and take pride in them.

13. Read the text and change the sentences as directed: **[Cumilla Board-2017]**

(a) Some essential agricultural inputs are to be ensured to increase our food production. (Make it active)

(b) The farmers who are poor do not get a loan on easy terms. (Make it simple)

(c) What a pity! (Make it Assertive)

(d) The farmers do not get the facilities necessary for food production. (Make it Complex)

(e) Unfortunately, they do not get the due price of their products. (Make it Compound)

Answer:

(a) We are to ensure some essential agricultural inputs to increase our food production.

(b) Poor farmers do not get loans on easy terms. (c) It is a great pity.

(d) The farmers do not get the facilities that are necessary for food production.

(e) They do not get the due price of their products and it is unfortunate.

14. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. [J.Board-2017; C.Board-2016]

We are very much proud of our freedom fighters.

(a) They fought for the country with patriotic zeal. (make it compound)

(b) They are the most courageous sons of our nation. (make it positive)

(c) Everybody admires and respects them greatly. (make it passive)

(d) Nobody denies their contribution to their motherland. (make it interrogative without changing meaning)

(e) They will never be forgotten by their countrymen to the end. (make it affirmative)

Answer:

(a) They had a patriotic zeal and they fought for the country with it./They fought for the country and they did so with a patriotic zeal.

(b) No other son of our nation is as courageous as they.

(c) They are greatly admired and respected by everyone.

(d) Who denies their contribution to their motherland?

(e) They will always be remembered by their countrymen to the end.

15. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. [Sylhet Board-2017]

(a) Most of the people of our country are living in the rural areas. (Make it interrogative without the change of meaning)

(b) They are peace-loving. (Make it complex)

(c) They are more patriotic and industrious. (Make it positive)

(d) They love their motherland profoundly. (Make it passive)

(e) Although they are insolvent, they do not adopt any unfair means to become rich overnight. (Make it simple)

Answer:

(a) Aren't most of the people of our country living in the rural areas?

(b) They are the people who love peace.

(c) No one is so patriotic and industrious as they. (d) Their motherland is profoundly loved by them.

(e) Despite their insolvency, they do not adopt any unfair means to become rich overnight. /In spite of being insolvent, they do not adopt any unfair means to become rich overnight. anyone.

16. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. [B.board-2017; Dinajpur Board-2013]

(a) Jim and Della sacrificed their dearest possessions in order to buy Christmas presents for each other. (Compound)

(b) Della had an ardent desire to give her husband a worthy, gift (Complex)

(c) Jim also thought how he could give his wife a nice gift. (Simple).

(d) Della saved a scanty amount of money for this. (Passive)

(e) Jim was one of the sincerest husbands that we have ever known. (Positive)

Answer:

(a) Jim and Della wanted to buy Christmas presents for each other, so they sacrificed their dearest possessions./Jim and Della sacrificed their dearest possessions and bought Christmas presents for each other.

(b) Della had an ardent desire which was to give her husband a worthy gift./Della had an ardent desire to give her husband a gift that was worthy. (c) Jim also thought of giving his wife a nice gift./Jim also thought to give his wife a nice gift.

(d) A scanty amount of money was saved by Della for this.

(e) Very few husbands that we have ever known were as sincere as Jim.

17. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. [Chattogram board-2017]

(a) Long long ago there was a king who was very wise. (Make it simple)

(b) People called him wise Solomon. (Make it passive)

(c) Actually at that time he was the wisest of all. (Make it comparative)

(d) There was another ruler also named Queen of Sheba. (Make it complex)

(e) One day she thought Solomon's wisdom should not remain untested. (Make it affirmative)

Answer:

(a) Long ago there was a very wise king.

(b) He was called wise Solomon.

(c) Actually, at that time he was wiser than anyone.

(d) There was also another ruler whose name was Queen of Sheba.

(e) One day, she thought Solomon's wisdom should be tested.

18. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. [Dinajpur Board-2017 & 2010; Dhaka Board-2011]

(a) Water, an important vital element of the environment is polluted in various ways (complex). It is called life.

(b) The water which is pure is necessary for us (simple).

(c) Men pollute water by throwing waste in it (compound).

(d) The farmers use water in time of cultivation largely (passive).

(e) It is one of the most important elements of all living beings positive).

Answer:

(a) Water which is an important vital element of environment is polluted in various ways.

(b) Pure water is necessary for us.

(c) Men throw waste in water and pollute it/ Men pollute water and they do it by throwing waste in it.

(d) Water is used largely by the farmers in time of cultivation.

(e) Very few elements for all living beings are as important as it.

19. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. [Dhaka Board-2016]

(a) Pohela Baishakh is undoubtedly the most celebrated festival in Bangladesh. (Complex)

(b) It is the first day of the Bengali year when the city roads get so jam-packed. (Simple)

(c) Almost everyone enjoys the day in his own way. (Passive)

(d) Although I do not like gathering, I enjoy the activities of this day. (Compound)

(e) It is one of the most interesting days of the year. (Positive)

Answer:

(a) There is no doubt that Pohela Baishakh is undoubtedly the most celebrated festival in Bangladesh./It is Pohela Boishakh which is undoubtedly the most celebrated festival in Bangladesh./There is no doubt that Pohela Baishakh is the most celebrated festival in Bangladesh.

(b) On the first day of the Bengali year, the city roads get so jam-packed.

(c) The day is enjoyed by almost everyone in his own way.

(d) I do not like gathering, but I enjoy the activities of the day.

(e) Very few days of the year are as interesting as it.

20. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. [Rajshahi Board-2016]

(a) Cricket is a very exciting game. (Make it exclamatory)

(b) People of all ages enjoy this game. (Make it passive)

(c) At present cricket is the most popular game in our country. Make it comparative)

(d) Though cricket is a costly game, people of all classes enjoy playing it. (Make it simple)

(e) Bangladesh is a test playing country but its standard is not high. (Make it complex)

Answer:

(a) What an exciting game cricket is!

(b) This game is enjoyed by people of all ages.

(c) At present cricket is more popular than any other game in our country.

(d) In spite of being a costly game, people of all classes enjoy playing cricket./People of all classes enjoy playing cricket despite its being a costly game.

(e) Though Bangladesh is a test playing country, its standard is not high.

21. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. [Jashore Board-2016]

(a) Helal refused the money. (Negative)

(b) Nasir earnestly desires to see her once. (Exclamatory).

(c) The house which I live in at present is comfortable. (Simple)

(d) He delivered a speech and everybody admired it. (Simple)

(e) It disturbed him but he did not know the reason. (Complex)

Answer:

(a) Helal did not accept the money.

(b) How earnestly Nasir desires to see her once!

(c) I live in a comfortable house at present.

(d) Everybody admired his speech.

(e) He did not know the reason why it disturbed him./Though it disturbed him, he did not know the reason.

22. Read the text and change the sentences according to the direction. [Sylhet Board-2016]

The Tajmahal, the unique tomb is the 7th wonder of the world.

(a) It was three hundred years ago since emperor Shah Jahan built the Taj. (Make it simple).

(b) As he loved his wife Mumtaz very much, he built it as a tomb of his dear wife (Make it compound).

(c) The building was made with fine white marbles. (Make it active).

(d) It rests on a platform of red stone, therefore it looks very nice. (Make it complex).

(e) The Tajmahal is one of the most beautiful buildings in the world. (Make it positive). Many tourists come here to enjoy the scenery of the Taj.

Answer:

(a) Emperor Shah Jahan built the Taj three hundred years ago.

(b) He loved his wife Mamtaj very much, so he built it as a tomb of his dear wife.

(c) Shah Jahan made the building with fine white marbles.

(d) As it rests on a platform of red stone, it looks very nice.

(e) Very few buildings in the world are as beautiful as the Tajmahal.

23. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. [Barishal board-2016]

(a) The Chinese put a lot of emphasis on unity. (Make it passive)

(b) The parks are crowded. (Negative without changing meaning) (c) There are lots of clean parks in the cities. (Compound)

(d) In the evening many families watch television and spend their free time. (Simple)

(e) Life becomes dull without recreation. (Complex)

Answer:

(a) A lot of emphasis is put on the unity by the Chinese.

(b) The parks are not empty/desolate.

(c) There are lots of parks in the cities and those are clean.

(d) In the evening many families spend their free time watching television.

(e) Life becomes dull if it has no recreation./If there is no recreation in life, it becomes dull.

24. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. [Chattogram board-2016]

No person can be happy without friends.

So, (a) everybody wants friends. (Negative)

(b) The heart is formed for love and cannot be happy without the opportunity of giving and receiving love. (Complex)

(c) But you cannot find others to love you unless you love them. (Simple)

(d) You cannot be happy without it. (Interrogative)

So (e) As love is divine, everybody wants to love. (Compound)

Answer:

(a) Nobody wants enemies. Or, There is nobody but wants enemies.

(b) As the heart is formed for love, it cannot be happy without the opportunity of giving and receiving love.

(c) But without loving others, you can't find them to love you.

(d) Can you be happy without it?

(e) Love is divine and everybody wants to love.

25. Read the text and change the sentences as directed. [Dinajpur Board-2016]

(a) Anger is nothing but a vice. (Interrogative)

(b) It is compared to flame. It begets only the worst. (Negative)

(c) So we should control it for our sake. (Passive)

(d) He who is taken by anger causes a lot of troubles. (Simple)

(e) Realising it we should try to be emotionally balanced. (Compound)

Answer:

(a) Is anger anything but a vice?

(b) It begets nothing but the worst.

(c) So it should be controlled for our sake.

(d) Taken by anger, he/a person causes a lot of troubles.

(e) We should realise it and try to be emotionally balanced.

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