

Subject: English

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Time 4 hours

Full marks-200

[N.B. Marks are indicated in the right margin.]

Part A

Read the following text and answer the questions that follow:

An offshoot of the environmental movement of the 1970, ecotourism has come into its own over the past two decades. Thanks to an increasing awareness of environmental issues such as climate change, combined with a high demand among European and North American travellers for unspoiled locations, authentic cultural experience, and recreational challenges, ecotourism is growing at a rate of 20 percent annually, making it the fastest-growing sector in the tourism industry. The International Ecotourism society defines ecotourism as economically sustainable, ecologically sensitive, and culturally acceptable, closely related is the concept of sustainable tourism identified in our common future, the Brundtland commission's report to the 1987 world Commission on Environment and Development: Development that "meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".

Ecotourism's principles clearly distinguish it from conventional mass tourism. Instead of classic tourist meccas, ecotourism seeks out remote locations with strict environmental protections and operates on a small scale. Tourists, business and local residents are encouraged to minimize their impact on the environment by recycling materials, conserving energy and water, safely treated human waste and properly disposing of garbage, using alternative energy, and building in a manner that fits in with natural surroundings. The financial benefits from ecotourism are passed on to the community through conservation projects, employment, partnerships and local participation in the development and management of local resources.

Synonymous with 'green' tourism, ecotourism promotes cultural sensitivity and respect for traditions and customs in order to avoid the kind of exploitation that has turned tribal ceremonies into side-shows and relics into souvenirs, Ecotourism also plays a political role in support of human rights and democracy.

The popularity of ecotourism is a problem in itself. The original ecotourists were small in number, deeply committed to conservation and actively engaged in cultural exchange. At one time, they were willing to rough it and go off the beaten path, but now so-called ecotourists travel and expect the comforts of home package in a pretty setting. In the process, nature once an honored treasure, has become a commodity and a photo opportunity. Larger numbers of ecotourists consume more resources and leave a larger impact

on the environment, and eco-operators require more land to accommodate demand. As ecotourism spreads to more sensitive, comes of the earth, it could end up defeating its original purposes.

Ecotourism can be achieved only if steps are taken in the right directions. In 1993, British Airways led the way as the first airline to implement a systematic environmental policy. The international Hotels Environment Initiative (IHEI) has more than 5000 members from 111 countries. In cooperation with the United Nations Environment program and International Hotel and Restaurant Associations, the IHEI developed an 'Environmental Action Pack for Hotels' in 1995 to promote environmental management energy and water conservation, and waste and emission reductions. In 1996, the world tourism Organization, the world Travel and Tourism Council, and the Earth Summit Council drafted agenda 21 for the Travel and Tourism Industry. Recognizing the interdependence of Tourism, peace, development and environmental protection. The year 2002 was declared the United Nations International Year of Ecotourism, with an ecotourism summit held in May.

Whether initiated by trade or intergovernmental organizations, blueprints and agreements can be meaningful only if governments are proactive. Belize and Costa Risa, for example, have established national policies and strategies to farther ecotourism.

Brazil, Indonesia, Namibia and Nepal integrate small-scale, community-oriented approaches into their tourism programs. While progress continues to be made on many founts and by many players, it is the individual traveller who will keep ecotourism on track. Tourists can make informed choices about travel destinations and tour operators, as well as conscious efforts to reduce their individual impact on the environment and to practice culture sensitivity toward local people. They can participate in volunteer conservation projects and gain skills and knowledge in the process. They can pressure government to pass and enforce laws that protect the environment. Ultimately, they can spend their money where it is put to green use. Nature is counting on them.

1. Answer the question in your own words. Don't copy from the text above. Coping from the text above may affect the evaluation.

5×6=30

- What are the main aims of ecotourism?
- On what does the success of ecotourism depend?
- What initiatives have hotels taken to reduce their impact on the environment?
- Define ecotourism. What are the principles of ecotourism?
- How do the governments support ecotourism? What individual tourists can support ecotourism?
- What are the dangerous impact of ecotourism on environment?

2. Makes sentence of your own with each of following words as directed : coping, vagueness and ambiguity must be avoided. 1×10=10

- a) Sustainable (Comparative)
- b) Distinguish (Complex)
- c) Exploitation (Imperative)
- d) Conserve (Compound)
- e) Committed (Negative)
- f) Implement (Simple)
- g) Disposal (Simple)
- h) Accommodate (Negative)
- I) Challenging (Interrogative)
- j) Compromising (Comparative)

3. Combine each group of sentences into a simple, compound or complex sentence as the context demands. 2×5=10

- a) Ecotourism can be achieved only if steps are taken in the right direction. In 1993, British Airways led the way as the first airline to implement a systematic environmental policy.
- b) While progress continues to be made on many fronts and by many players, it is the individual traveller who will keep ecotourism on track. Tourists can make informed choices about travel destinations and tour operators, as well as conscious efforts to reduce their individual impact on the environment and to practice cultural sensitivity toward local people.

4. Rewrite the passage eliminating errors. The errors will include different types grammatical items. 10

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5. Write briefly the main idea of the above text. Add your comments. Give a suitable title to it. (within 100 words) 10+7+3=20

6. Write a feature for the post editorial page of an English daily with a forwarding note, giving emphasis on the prospects ecotourism in Bangladesh. 20

Part B

7. Write essays on the following topics, each within 500 words and using the hints given there with: 25×2=50

a) World Refugee Problem

Hints: Introduction – Define a refugee – Factors behind a refugee – Refugee problems in Asia – Refugee problems in Europe – The suffering of the refugees – The role of international agencies in addressing the issue – Recommendations.

b) The Autobiography of a Crippled Freedom Fighter

Hints: Introduction – What was his previous life before being a freedom fighter – His inspiration to be a freedom fighter to liberate the country – Description of his encounter with the enemy and his being Crippled – How he felt after the victory – His present condition – His dream and conclusion.

8. Translate into English:

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চিত্তবিনোদন মানুষের সর্বকালীন চাহিদা যার প্রকার ও প্রকৃতি পরিবর্তনশীল। সভ্যতার ক্রমবিবর্তনে ও বিজ্ঞানের কল্যাণে এর বিস্তার ঘটেছে বিভিন্ন দেশে, বিভিন্নভাবে। আমাদের বাংলাদেশের মানুষ এখন ঘরে বসে বিভিন্ন দেশের আচার-আচরণ পর্যবেক্ষণ করতে এবং নৃত্যগীত ও নানাধরনের সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠান উপভোগ করতে পারছে। সুদূর অতীতের এমনটা ছিল না—একথা বলাই বাহুল্য। বিভিন্ন ধরনের শারীরিক কসরৎ দর্শন ও প্রদর্শনই ছিল বিনোদন একটা বড় উপায়। এদের মধ্যে নৌকা বাইচ ছিল অন্যতম যা এখনও আছে।

মাঠঘাট, নদীনালা যখন পানিতে ভরপুর থাকে তখনই অনুষ্ঠিত হয় নৌকা বাইচ। এই বাইচ সাধারণতঃ উদ্যোক্তাদের নির্দিষ্ট করে দেয়া দেড় বা দুই মাইলের মধ্যে অনুষ্ঠিত হয়ে থাকে। বাইচের নৌকা চল্লিশ থেকে ষাট হাত লম্বা এবং পাঁচ ছয় হাত চওড়া হয়। প্রতিটি নৌকায় বিশ-পঁচিশজন করে লোক থাকে যারা গানের সুরে দেশীয় বাদ্যযন্ত্র বাজিয়ে একদিকে দর্শকদের আনন্দ দেয়, আবার অন্যদিকে নৌকার মাঝিমাঝীদের উৎসাহিত করে, দুই তীরের উৎফুল্ল দর্শক হাততালি দিয়ে আনন্দ প্রকাশ করে। যে নৌকাটি সবার আগে একটা নিশানা দ্বারা নির্দেশ করা সীমানা অতিক্রম করে সে নৌকাই বিজয়ী ঘোষিত হয়। বর্তমানে নৌকা বাইচ কমে গেলেও এদেশের ঐতিহ্যের ধারক ও বাহক হিসাবে এর গুরুত্ব এখনও অস্বাকীর করা যায় না।

9. Translate into Bangla:

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Three passions, simple but overwhelmingly strong, have governed my life, the longing for love, the search for knowledge, and unbearable pity for the suffering of mankind. These passions, like great winds, have blown me hither and thither, in a ward course, over a deep ocean of anguish, reaching to the very verge of despair. I have sought love, first, because it brings ecstasy—ecstasy so great that I would often have sacrificed all the rest of life for a few hours of this joy. I have sought it, next, because it relieves loveliness—that terrible loveliness in which one shivering consciousness looks over the rim of the world into the cold un-fathomable lifeless abyss. I have sought it, finally, because in the union the of love I have seen, in a mystic, miniature, the prefiguring vision of the heaven that saints and poets have imagined. This is what I sought, and though it might seem too good for human life, this is what—at

last—I have found. With equal passion I have sought knowledge I have wished to understand the hearts of men. I have wished to know why the stars shine.

Love and knowledge, so far as they were possible, led upward toward the heavens. But always pity brought me back to earth, Echoes of cries of pain reverberate in my heart. Children in famine, victims tortured by oppressors, helpless old people a hated burden to their sons, and the whole world of loveliness, poverty, and pain make a mockery of what human life should be. I long to alleviate the evil, But I cannot, and I too suffer.

This has been my life. I have found it wrath living, and world gladly live it again if the chance were offered me.