

A: Seen part

Read the text and answer questions 1 and 2.

Bangladeshi cuisine is rich and varied with the use of many spices. We have delicious and appetizing food, snacks and sweets.

Boiled rice is our staple food. It is served with a variety of vegetables, curry, lentil soup, fish and meat. Fish is our main source of protein. Fishes are now cultivated in ponds. Also we have fresh-water fishes in the lakes and rivers. More than 40 types of fishes are common. Some of them are *carp*, *ru*, *katla*, *magur* (catfish), *chingri* (prawn or shrimp). *Shutki* or dried fishes are popular. *Hilsha* is very popular among the people of Bangladesh.

Panta-ilish is a traditional platter of *Panta bhat*. It is steamed rice soaked in water and served with a fried *hilsha* slice, often together with dried fish, pickles, lentil soup, green chilies and onion. It is a popular dish on the *Pohela Boishakh*.

The people of Bangladesh are very fond of sweets. Almost all Bangladeshi women prepare some traditional sweets. *Pitha*, a type of sweets made from rice flour, sugar, syrup, molasses and sometimes milk, is a traditional food loved by the entire population. During winter *Pitha Utsab*, meaning *pitha* festival, is organized by different groups of people.

Sweets are distributed among close relatives when there is good news like births, weddings, promotions, etc.

Sweets of Bangladesh are mostly milk-based. The common ones are *roshgolla*, *sandesh*, *rasamalai*, *gulap jamun* and *cham-cham*. There are hundreds of different varieties of sweet preparations. Sweets are therefore an important part of the day-to-day life of Bangladeshi people.

1. Choose the correct answer to each question from the alternatives given and write the corresponding number of the answers in your answer script.

1x7=7

- i) The word 'cuisine' in line 1 of the text means-
 - a) a style of cooking
 - b) a special kind of food
 - c) cooking spicy dishes
 - d) a combination of different dishes

- ii) The words 'appetizing food' in line 1 of the text mean-
 - a) expensive food
 - b) food that makes you feel hungry
 - c) food that is cooked with spices
 - d) food that has good nutritional value

- iii) The word 'platter' in line 8 of the text means-
 - a) a large plate to serve food
 - b) a meal served on a large plate
 - c) a dish with a variety of food items on it
 - d) all of the above

- iv) The main source of protein for Bangladeshi people is-
 - a) boiled rice
 - b) lentil soup
 - c) fish
 - d) meat

- v) *Panta bhat* is usually served with-
 - a) dried fish
 - b) green chili and onion
 - c) hilsha
 - d) all of the above

- vi) *Panta-ilish* is eaten with much festivity
 - a) throughout the year
 - b) to the wedding guests
 - c) on a special day

- d) in winter
- vii) A popular food item in winter is
- a) lentil soup
 - b) *pitha*
 - c) *panta bhat*
 - d) dried fish

2. Answer the following questions from your reading of the above text.

2x4 = 8

- a) Name four fresh water fishes.
- b) How is *panta bhat* prepared?
- c) Name four milk-based sweets.
- d) Where are most of the fish cultivated?

3. Read the following text and fill in the gaps with appropriate words to make it a meaningful one.

1x5 = 5

In a plane, oxygen and the air pressure are always being monitored. In the event of a lack of oxygen, an oxygen mask will automatically (a) _____ in front of you. Pull the mask towards you and (b) _____ it firmly over your nose and mouth. Secure the elastic band behind your head, and breathe normally. If you are travelling with a child or someone who requires (c) _____, secure your mask on first, and then help the other person. Keep your mask on until a uniformed crew member advises you to (d) _____ it. In the event of an (e) please assume the bracing position.

B: Unseen part

Read the following text and answer questions 4 and 5.

Meera is a singer with a great zeal for folk songs. She is a dancer too. She enjoys dancing with folk songs. She performs at national events and also represents our culture in different countries. Besides singing she also studies Computer Science in a university in China. Manosh and Rudro are also two promising folk singers of our time. Manosh passed the S.S.C examination in 2018 when Rudro was a student of class eight. Manosh won the Star Voice Singing competition in 2012 in the folk song category. Rudro won that award in 2015 in the same category. He performed in the Boishakhi open concert at Dhaka University campus in 2016. Both Manosh and Rudro love folk

songs because it appeals to our root culture. They believe that folk music can reach the heart of our common people easily. In 2018 Manosh successfully released his first album titled 'Mon Janala'.

4. Complete the table below. Write no more than three words and/or numbers for each answer. 1X5=5

Who?	What?	When/where?
Meera	studies Computer Science	in a university in (1)
Meera (3)	(2) was awarded Star Voice Singing competition	in foreign countries in 2012
Rudro	appeared in the Boisakhi concert	at (4) in 2016
Manosh	released his maiden album	(5) in

5. Read the passage again and write, whether the statements are true or false. Give correct answers, if the statement is false. 1x5=5

- a) Meera enjoys singing folk songs.
- b) Meera performs at both national and international levels.
- c) Manosh and Rudro won two different awards.
- d) The first album of Manosh was released in the same year when he passed the S.S.C. examination.
- e) The common people of our country love folk songs.

6. Read the text below and fill-in the gaps using the clues given in the boxes. There are more words than necessary. One word can be used once only.

½ X10=5

the	off	as	namely	this	finances
length	cost	country	width	roads	touch

The Padma Multipurpose Bridge is a mega project in the construction history of Bangladesh. This will connect three districts (a) _____, Munshiganj, Shariatpur and Madaripur.

With (b)

_____ connectivity 21 districts of (c) _____ south-western part of the (d) _____ will come under direct (e) _____ with the capital as well (f) _____ the whole country.

It's total (g) _____ is 6.15 kms. and (h) _____ is 18.1 meters. It will (i) _____ 3.6

billion USD. Bangladesh government (j) _____ this huge project.

7. Read the text below and fill in the gaps using suitable words to make it a meaningful text.

1x5=5

The sun is the source of all energies. All the living beings (a) _____ sunlight directly or indirectly for their (b) _____ on this earth. Sunlight (c) _____ white as we see it with our naked eyes but the actual (d) _____ of sunlight is green. Now, we are going to explain why sunlight looks white (e) _____ it is originally green.

8. Match the part of sentences from columns A and B to make five complete sentences. 1x5=5

Column A	Column B
a. One day a fisherman	i. to see the coins as the fisherman returned home
b. Suddenly he saw	ii. began to boast of it before all the friends
c. His wife was very happy	iii. a bag full of gold coins in his net
d. The fisherman asked his wife to keep	iv. cast his net in the river
e. But instead of doing so she	v. the find of gold coins a secret

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