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CLASS TEST
ALIM XII

Subject: English 1st Paper

Time: 40 Minutes

Total Marks: 15

Read the passage and answer the question no. 1.

Bangladesh is blessed with huge inland open water resources. It has numerous rivers, canals, beels, lakes, and vast areas of floodplains. Hakaluki haor is one of the major wetlands of Bangladesh. With a land area of 18,386 hectares, it supports a rich biodiversity and provides direct and indirect livelihood benefits to nearly 190,000 people. This haor was declared an Ecologically Critical Area in April 1999 by the government of Bangladesh.

Hakaluki is a complex ecosystem, containing more than 238 interconnected beels and *jalmahals*. The most important are Chatla, Pinlarkna, Dulla, Sakua, Barajalla, Balijhuri, Lamba, Tekonia, Haorkhal, Tural, Baghalkuri and Chinaura.

Hakaluki haor is bounded by the Kushiara River as well as a stretch of the Sonai-Bardal River to the north, by the Fenchuganj-Kulaura railway line to the west and to the south, and by the Kulaura-Beanibazar road to the east. The haor falls under two administrative districts, Maulvibazar and Sylhet. Some 190,000 people live in the area surrounding the haor.

Hakaluki Haor is an important source of fisheries resources for Bangladesh. Kalibus, Boal, Rui, Ghagot, Pabda and Chapila are the main fish species found here. From the Kushiara, there are frequent upstream movements of fish towards the beels and tributaries of Hakaluki. The beels in Hakaluki haor provide winter shelter for the mother fisheries. In early monsoon, these mother fisheries produce millions of fries for the entire downstream fishing communities. Floodplains are also an important source of fisheries resources within the area. However, many of the beels have lost their capacity to provide shelter for mother fisheries because of sand deposits from upstream rivers and canals, use of complete dewatering technique for fishing and lack of aquatic plants to provide feed and shelter for parent fish.

1. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.

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- a) The word 'inland' refers to _____.
(i) close (ii) internal (iii) outskirts (iv) lineage
- b) Which of the following words has a similar meaning of the word 'numerous'?
(i) few (ii) tiny (iii) immeasurable (iv) limited
- c) Hakaluki haor covers a total area of _____.
(i) 18,386 hectares (ii) 1,90, 000 sq kms
(iii) 1,99, 354 acres (iv) 23,234 decimals
- d) The word 'aquatic' means _____.
(i) terrestrial (ii) marine (iii) fertile (iv) plant
- e) 'Livelihood' stands for _____.
(i) way of life (ii) source of life
(iii) stage after adolescence (iv) source of income
- f) The ecosystem of Hakaluri haor is _____.
(i) shrewd (ii) intricate (iii) ordinary (iv) conventional
- g) When was the haor declared an 'Ecologically Critical Area'?
(i) March 1999 (ii) April 1999 (iii) May 1999 (iv) June 1999
- h) Hakaluki Haor extends over some areas of _____.
(i) Sylhet (ii) Habiganj (iii) Maulvibazar (iv) Both (i) and (iii)
- i) The best synonym for the word 'tributary' will be _____.
(i) branch (ii) enhancement (iii) praise (iv) offsprings
- j) Hakaluki Haor is not bounded by _____.
(i) the Kushiara river (ii) the Dhaka-Comilla highway
(iii) the Fenchuganj-Kulaura rail track (iv) the Sonai-Bardal river

2. Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics.

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- a) The Sundarbans and Our National Animal
- b) Etiquette and Manners