



HSC ENGLISH SYLLABUS, MARKS DISTRIBUTION & SUGGESTIONS

HSC EXAM 2026

ENGLISH 1ST PAPER SYLLABUS (Reading - Units 1-12)

Unit	Title	Lessons
Unit 1	Education and Life	Lesson 1: The Parrot's Tale Lesson 2: Education and Technology Lesson 3: Children in School Lesson 4: Civic Engagement
Unit 2	Art and Craft	Lesson 1: What is Beauty? Lesson 2: Folk Music Lesson 3: Art Lesson 4: Craft
Unit 3	Myths and Literature	Lesson 1: Myths of Bengal Lesson 2: Icarus Lesson 3: The Legend of Gazi Lesson 4: Khona
Unit 4	History	Lesson 1: 3 Speeches (Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream", Nelson Mandela's speech) Lesson 2: Great Women (Leela Nag, Wangari Mathai, Marie Curie)
Unit 5	Human Rights	Lesson 4: Coal Miners Lesson 5: Frederick Douglass
Unit 6	Dreams	Lesson 1: What is a Dream? Lesson 2: Dreams in Literature
Unit 7	Youthful Achievers	Lesson 1: Brojen Das: On Crossing the English Channel Lesson 2: Scaling a Mountain Peak Lesson 3: The Unbeaten Girls
Unit 8	Relationship	Lesson 1: Family Relationship Lesson 2: Warmth in Relationships Lesson 3: A Mother in Mannville Lesson 4: Love
Unit 9	Adolescence	Lesson 1: Storm and Stresses of Adolescence Lesson 2: Adolescence and Some (Related) Problems in Bangladesh Lesson 3: The Story of Shilpi Lesson 4: Say 'No' to Bullying
Unit 10	Lifestyle	Lesson 1: Manners around the World Lesson 2: Etiquette Netiquette Lesson 3: Food and Culture Lesson 4: Fitness Lesson 5: Consumerism
Unit 11	Peace and Conflict	Lesson 2: "The Old Man at the Bridge" by Ernest Hemingway Lesson 3: Stories From Gaza Lesson 4: Peace in Literature
Unit 12	Environment and Nature	Lesson 1: Water, Water Everywhere Lesson 2: The Greta Effect Lesson 3: Endangered Species Lesson 4: What is Environmental Justice? Lesson 5: Limits of the Scientific Method

MARKS DISTRIBUTION (English 1st Paper)

Part	Test Items	Marks
Part A: Reading		60
	1. MCQ	05
	2. Open Ended Questions	10
	3. Information transfer/Flow chart	10
	4. Summarizing	10
	5. Cloze test with clues	05
	6. Cloze test without clues	10
	7. Rearranging	10
Part B: Writing		40
	8. Writing paragraph answering questions	10
	9. Completing a story	07
	10. Writing informal letters / e-mails	05
	11. Analyzing maps/graphs/charts	10
	12. Theme from Poem (identifying theme, subject-matter and interpretation)	08
Total		100

SUGGESTIONS (English 1st Paper - Writing)

PARAGRAPHS (41 Topics)

1. AI in classroom/AI in Education
2. Civic Engagement
3. Folk Music (BB-2019)
4. Craft Work
5. July Uprising
6. Human Rights
7. Dream (CB-2022)/Your Dream of a Society/A society I dream of (SB-2022)
8. Importance of Relationship
9. Adolescence
10. Female Education (JB-2016; CtgB-2012; SB-2013)
11. Gender Discrimination/Gender Disparity (BB-2012; Din. B-2016)
12. Early Marriage/Premature Marriage
13. Dowry System (RB-2009; JB-2003; BB-13; Din.B-2012)
14. Cyberbullying
15. Importance of Etiquette and Manners
16. Environment Pollution (Din B-2023; RB-2017; CtgB-2014; BB-2011)
17. Climate Change (Din. B-2019, 2016)/Global Warming
18. Child Labour
19. Uses and Abuses of Mobile Phone (BB-2017)
20. Uses and Abuses of Social Media/The impact of Facebook on teenagers (JB-2022)
21. Traffic Jam
22. Grameen Bank
23. Your Favourite Personality
24. Food Adulteration (DB-2022, 19 17; MB-22; Combined Board-18; Ctg.B-2017)
25. Your Country (DB-2008; RB-2011; JB-2004; CB-2005; Ctg.B-2011, 2008, 2006; SB-2011; BB-2016, 2015, 2005, 2003, Din.B-2011)
26. Benefits of Early Rising
27. Pahela Boishakh (Din.B-2019; SB-2016; CtgB-2013)
28. Your Best Friend (JB-2017)
29. Price Hike (DB-2015; RB-2022; DB-2023 (2nd Paper); BB-2023 (2nd Paper))
30. Causes and Effects of Failure in English
31. Causes & Remedies of Road Accident (CB-2017, 2005; RB-2016; SB-2023)
32. Victory Day (CtgB-2022; BB-2022; CB-2022)
33. Importance of Learning English (RB-2016, 2008,2004; CB-2010,2006; BB-2014, 2007; Din.B-2010)
34. Moral Values/Social Value (DB-2006)
35. Dengue Fever
36. Good Governance
37. Dhaka Metro Rail
38. Your Future Plan
39. An ideal student (Din.B-2022; CB-2017; SB-2014)
40. Drug Addiction (Din.B-2017)
41. Earthquake

STORY WRITING (20 Topics)

Creative Stories

#	Beginning	Board/Year
1	Raihan is a student who has recently passed the HSC Exam obtaining unexpected marks. He was not attentive to his studies. Rather passed time idly and disobediently. But after his Test Exam,...	Dhaka Board 2024

2	Urmi was an HSC examinee. After completing her HSC exam, she went to Dhaka to take admission test in Dhaka University. But she did not get chance in the university. Being frustrated, she returned...	Barishal Board 2024
3	Shrabandhara, a green village is situated on the bank of the river Chitra. People are nice, as the village is. Most of them are farmers. One year, due to heavy rainfall Chitra overflowed her banks...	Rajshahi Board 2024
4	It was a bright sunny morning. I was going to college with some of my friends. We were in a hilarious mood as we were talking about our plan to go on a picnic. Suddenly,....	Rajshahi Board 2023; Dinajpur Board 2017
5	Ismail Mian is an established farmer of Dhunchi, a village standing on the bank of the Padma. Though he was born in a poor family, today he is an idol to the hardworking youths of the area. One day, he told them about his success story to	Jashore Board 2023
6	There was a boy who hailed from an obscure background. But he was brilliant, diligent and innovative. He....	Chattogram Board 2023; Cumilla Board 2017

Traditional Stories

#	Beginning	Board/Year
7	Once a crow got a chance to be beautiful. One day the crow found some beautiful feathers of a peacock in a jungle. He became very glad...	Dinajpur Board 2024
8	There was a naughty cowboy who grazed his cows beside a forest. He used to make fun with people, crying "Tiger!", "Tiger!"	Chattogram Board 2024; Dhaka Board 2022; Chattogram Board 2017; Jashore Board 2012; Dinajpur Board 2012
9	Once an ant was very thirsty. He went to a river to drink water. When he began to drink water, a wave ...	Cumilla Board 2024; HSC Exam 2018 (Kha Set); Dhaka Board 2017
10	Once upon a time there lived a king in England. He had three daughters. One day, he made up his mind to divide his kingdom among them. So, he called them in the court and asked each of them how much they loved him....	Jashore Board 2024; Chattogram Board 2011
11	Once on a summer day, the scorching heat of the sun induced a Lion and Boar to come at the same moment to a small well to drink. They fiercely disputed which of them should drink first and were soon engaged in	Mymensingh Board 2023
12	There was a pond full of frogs. Some of them often put their heads out of the water and croaked loudly. One day some boys were playing by the side of the pond. When they heard the frogs croaking...	Dhaka Board 2023
13	Once there was a farmer in a village. He was very idle. He had a few plots of land. But he did not plough them well. He did not sow seeds in time....	Dinajpur Board 2023
14	Once there lived a poor woodcutter. But he was very honest. He earned his livelihood by selling wood in the market. One day, while he was cutting wood near a river, suddenly, his axe fell into the river ...	Sylhet Board 2023; Dhaka Board 2011; Cumilla Board 2009; Dinajpur Board 2011; Sylhet Board 2017
15	Once a lion was sleeping in a forest. Suddenly a mouse came there. It did not notice the sleeping lion. It was running about and playing happily. By chance it ran over the face of the lion. It awoke the lion.	Mymensingh Board 2024; Sylhet Board 2013
16	Once there was a selfish giant who had a large and beautiful garden. The garden was full of soft green grass. Here and there all over the grass stood many colorful flowers like stars ...	Cumilla Board 2023; Dhaka Board 2012

17	There lived a farmer who had a wonderful goose. The goose used to lay a gold egg every day...	Dinajpur Board 2022; Rajshahi Board 2019
18	Once there lived a happy cobbler who passed his days in working and singing. A rich neighbour of him was a banker who one day came to him and said, "How much a year do you earn?"	Mymensingh Board 2022; Jashore Board 2019
19	Once the house of a rich man was infested with rats. The house became like the town of Hamelin. There were rats everywhere. Being end up with the loss of cereals, the owner brought a cat.	Dhaka Board 2009; Chattogram Board 2010
20	Once there lived a good king in Scotland. His name was Robert Bruce. He loved his country and loved his subjects very much.	Cumilla Board 2012; Sylhet Board 2009

INFORMAL LETTERS (10 Topics)

#	Topic
1	Write a Letter to your younger brother about the benefits of reading newspaper.
2	Write a Letter to your younger brother advising him to take part in games and sports.
3	Write a letter to your foreign friend to visit your country.
4	Write a letter to your friend telling him how to improve English proficiency.
5	Write a letter to your father about the preparation of your upcoming examination.
6	Write a letter to your friend congratulating him/her on winning the first prize in a debate competition.
7	Write a letter to your younger brother advising him to refrain from smoking.
8	Write a letter to your younger brother advising him not to waste much time on social media.
9	Write a letter to your friend telling him/her how you have spent your summer/winter vacation.
10	Write a letter to your friend about your future plans for study.

E-MAIL WRITING (10 Topics)

#	Topic
1	An e-mail to the travel agency to book a ticket for you/ to cancel a ticket.
2	An e-mail to your friend about the importance of reading newspaper.
3	An e-mail to the officer-in-charge of your police station to take steps against anti-social activities in your locality.
4	An e-mail to your foreign friend describing him the scenic beauty of Bangladesh.
5	An email to your friend expressing your condolence on her father's/mother's death.
6	An e-mail to a foreign university for more information for admission.
7	Write an e-mail to your cousin/friend wishing him for his birth day.
8	Write an e-mail for cancelling an air ticket that you have already booked.
9	Write an e-mail to the Parjatan Corporation for more information about a tourist spot.
10	Write an e-mail inviting your friend who lives in Canada for visiting the Sunderbans.

ANALYZING GRAPHS/CHARTS (15 Topics)

#	Topic
1	A graph showing the users' condition of the social sites of mobile phone in internet for the last four years.
2	A graph showing students from different academic areas who got themselves admitted into a public university last year mentioning the ratio of their achievements.
3	A pie chart showing the export sectors in Bangladesh earning foreign currency.
4	A graph showing importance and usage of English.
5	A graph showing the selling rates of seven types of books in 'Ekushey Boi Mela-2023'.
6	A graph showing the positive and negative Uses of Internet according to different age groups of the users.
7	A pie chart showing the percentage of a family's household income distributed into different categories.
8	A pie chart showing the time allocation of a student's daily activities.
9	A graph below shows the number of mobile phone and Internet users in Bangladesh from the year 2014 to 2018.

10	A pie chart showing the percentage of travellers in Bangladesh travelling in different transportations per day.
11	The graph chart shows the choice of profession by educated people in our country.
12	A graph showing "The number of Internet users in town and village from 2010 to 2015".
13	A graph on the sources of the USA electricity.
14	A graph on the literacy rate of Bangladesh.
15	A graph on the number of people living below the poverty line.

THEME FROM POEM (11 Topics)

#	Poem Line / Reference
1	Fair Daffodils.....
2	I will arise and go now.....
3	I died for Beauty
4	Under the Greenwood tree
5	Blow, blow
6	What is life if, full of care.....
7	Hold fast to dreams...
8	Time you old gipsy man
9	Woods are lovely, dark and deep.....
10	Crabbed age and youth.....
11	The Poems from Reading for Pleasure ["Deathbed", "Hope" is the thing with feathers, "Bird"]

ENGLISH 2ND PAPER (108)

MARKS DISTRIBUTION

Part	Test Items	Marks
PART A: GRAMMAR		60
1	Articles	0.5×10=05
2	Prepositions	0.5×10=05
3	Special use of some phrases/words	0.5×10=05
4	Completing sentences (with clauses/phrases)	1×5=05
5	Use of verbs (Right form of verbs and subject-verb agreement)	0.5×10=05
6	Changing sentences	1×5=05
7	Narrative style (Direct to indirect and vice versa)	1×5=05
8	Pronoun reference	1×5=05
9	Use of modifiers	0.5×10=05
10	Use of sentence connectors	0.5×10=05
11	Use of synonyms and antonyms	0.5×10=05
12	Punctuation	0.5×10=05
PART B: COMPOSITION		40
13	Formal Letter/Email	08
14	Report Writing	08
15	Paragraph	10
16	Composition	14
Total		100

SUGGESTIONS (English 2nd Paper - Composition)

FORMAL LETTERS (32 Topics)

Write an application to the Principal of your college to---

#	Topic	Board/Year
1	Increase library facilities	Chattogram Board 2022
2	Set up computer lab	Dinajpur Board 2016
3	Organize English language club/Literary Club	Dhaka Board 2024; Sylhet Board 2022; Dinajpur Board 2017
4	Get hostel seat	Dinajpur Board 2024; Dhaka Board 2016
5	Permission/Arrange study tour	Rajshahi Board 2025, 2024, 2019; Jashore Board 2019; Cumilla Board 2016

#	Topic	Board/Year
6	Open debating club	Jashore Board 2025; Cumilla Board 2025; Dinajpur Board 2019; Chattogram Board 2017; Sylhet Board 2017
7	Request more library books	HSC Exam 2018
8	Request testimonial	–
9	Ban phones in class/exam	–
10	Permission for drama	–
11	Freshers' Reception in the College	Chattogram Board 2025
12	Organize relief campaign	Sylhet Board 2025
13	Arrange friendly cricket match/football match	Barishal Board 2025
14	Install multimedia system/smart board	Mymensingh Board 2025, 2024; Dhaka Board 2019; Chattogram Board 2019
15	Provide sound system in large classrooms	Barishal Board 2024, 2017; Sylhet Board 2019
16	Improve computer lab facilities	Cumilla Board 2017
17	Admission on TC	Chattogram Board 2024; Dhaka Board 2017; Barishal Board 2016
18	Apply for stipend	HSC Exam 2018 (Kha set)
19	Arranging extra Classes on English for weak students	Dinajpur Board 2025; Jashore Board 2024
20	Apply for full free studentship	–
21	Change elective subject	–
22	Science Fair in college playground	Cumilla Board 2024
23	Repair damaged bridge (Chairman)	Mymensingh Board 2022
24	Repair roads in locality (Chairman)	–
25	Request flood relief & medical aid (Deputy Commissioner)	–
26	Build bridge over canal (Chairman)	–
27	Frequent power failures in your area (Complaint to Mayor/Chairman)	Jashore Board 2022
28	Anti social activities in your area (Complaint to Superintendent of Police)	–
29	Package missing via courier (Complaint to Customer Service)	–
30	Faulty electric rice cooker received online (Complaint to Online Shop)	Dhaka Board 2022
31	Insufficient water supply (Complaint to Mayor)	Dinajpur Board 2022
32	English Teacher (Job Application)	Jashore Board 2017

PARAGRAPHS (34 Topics)

#	Topic	Board/Year
1	Uses & Abuses of Facebook / Impact of Facebook / Use & Abuses of Social Media / Effects of Social Media	Barishal Board 2023; Jashore Board 2019; Chattogram Board 2017; Barishal Board 2025, 2024; Chattogram Board 2025
2	Importance of Female Education	HSC Exam 2018 (Ka set)
3	Uses & Abuses of Internet / Mobile Phone	Rajshahi Board 2019; Chattogram Board 2016; Rajshahi Board 2017; Barishal Board 2016
4	Your most Intimate Childhood Friend	Mymensingh Board 2025
5	Importance of Manners and Etiquettes	–
6	Price Hike	Barishal Board 2024; Mymensingh Board 2024; Dhaka Board 2023; Barishal Board 2023, 2022
7	Qualities & Duties of an Ideal Student	Jashore Board 2016

#	Topic	Board/Year
8	Your Favourite Teacher/Personality	Cumilla Board 2023
9	Importance of Learning English	Dhaka Board 2016
10	Road Accident	Dhaka Board 2025; Cumilla Board 2025
11	Qualities of a good Citizen	Sylhet Board 2025
12	Your Country	–
13	Dowry System / Child Marriage / Early Marriage / Premature Marriage	Barishal Board 2017
14	Pahela Boishakh	Barishal Board 2025; Dhaka Board 2024; Dinajpur Board 2024; HSC Exam 2018
15	Empowerment of Women	–
16	School Life and College Life	Mymensingh Board 2025
17	Importance of Early Rising	Dhaka Board 2023
18	Importance of Moral Values	Dhaka Board 2025; Rajshahi Board 2023
19	Drug Addiction	–
20	Load-shedding	–
21	Tree Plantation	Cumilla Board 2025; Mymensingh Board 2023
22	Book Fair / Your Visit to a Book Fair	Sylhet Board 2017; Dhaka Board 2012
23	Causes of Failure in English and their Remedies	Jashore Board 2023; Mymensingh Board 2022
24	Deforestation / Global Warming / Climate Change / Environment Pollution	Rajshahi Board 2025; Cumilla Board 2024; Chattogram Board 2025; Dinajpur Board 2025; Jashore Board 2024; Dhaka Board 2019
25	Adolescents and their contribution in the society	–
26	Place of Historic Interest	Jashore Board 2024
27	A Winter Morning / Earthquake	–
28	Village Life & City Life	Rajshahi Board 2025; Jashore Board 2025; Dhaka Board 2024; Mymensingh Board 2023; Cumilla Board 2023; Jashore Board 2022, 2017; Cumilla Board 2022
29	A Moonlit Night	–
30	Technical Education & General Education	Rajshahi Board 2024
31	A Nuclear Family & an Extended Family	–
32	Types of Entertainment in Urban & Rural Areas	Sylhet Board 2025
33	Democracy & Dictatorship	–
34	Students' Revolution and Anti-Discriminatory Movement	–

REPORT WRITING (26 Topics)

#	Topic	Board/Year
1	Rising prices of essential commodities (Price hike)	Rajshahi 2016, 2015; Dinajpur 2012; Jashore 2012; Dhaka 2011; Cumilla 2009
2	Road accidents/frequent road accidents	Cumilla 2019; Dinajpur 2019; Jashore 2014; Chattogram 2013
3	Water logging in the city / severe water crisis	–
4	Impact of climate change / Flood / Cyclone / Storm / Tornado	–
5	Prize-giving ceremony in college / Annual sports	Jashore 2019; Rajshahi 2017; Sylhet 2015; Sylhet 2012; Dhaka 2010
6	Impact of Facebook on Young Generation	Dhaka 2017; Jashore 2016
7	Fresher's reception ceremony in college	–
8	Miserable condition of slum dwellers	Dinajpur 2016
9	Child trafficking/Women trafficking	–

#	Topic	Board/Year
10	Load shedding in your locality	Chattogram 2015
11	Epidemic of Dengue fever/Chikungunya	–
12	Massive fire in garment factory	Dinajpur 2017; Cumilla 2016; Chattogram 2016; Sylhet 2014; Dhaka 2013; Barishal 2010; Sylhet 2009
13	Devastating consequences of Drug Addiction	All Boards 2018; Dhaka 2016; Sylhet 2013
14	Celebration of Pahela Baishakh / Boishakhi mela / Intl. Mother Language Day	All Boards 2018
15	Deterioration of law & order in your locality	–
16	Corruption in Bangladesh	Chattogram 2017
17	An exciting cricket match/Football Match	–
18	Food adulteration / chemical use in food	Dhaka 2019; Barishal 2019; Jashore 2017; Cumilla 2015
19	Milestone Tragedy	–
20	Traffic jam in Dhaka city	Chattogram 2019; Cumilla 2014; Dinajpur 2013; Chattogram 2009
21	Seminar on causes of students' failure in English	Barishal 2016; Jashore 2011
22	Boat capsizing in Karnaphuli	Sylhet Board 2019
23	Eve teasing	–
24	Book fair / Village fair visit	Sylhet 2017; Dhaka 2012 / Cumilla 2011
25	Harmful effect of spreading rumours	–
26	Earthquake	–

COMPOSITIONS (ESSAYS) (29 Topics)

#	Topic	Board/Year
1	Your Childhood Memories	Jashore Board 2019; Cumilla Board 2016, 2012; Rajshahi Board 2015; Chattogram Board 2012; Sylhet Board 2012; Dinajpur Board 2009
2	Your first day at college / The day you remember most	Sylhet Board 2014; Rajshahi Board 2013; Barishal Board 2012; Chattogram Board 2010; Rajshahi Board 2009 / Jashore Board 2013; Cumilla Board 2013
3	Deforestation and effects on environment	Dinajpur Board 2019, 2013; Dhaka Board 2015; Cumilla Board 2014; Rajshahi Board 2011
4	Population problem in Bangladesh	Dhaka Board 2016; Sylhet Board 2015; Jashore Board 2014; Dhaka Board 2012
5	Climate change in Bangladesh	Dinajpur Board 2017
6	Floods in Bangladesh / Natural Calamities of Bangladesh	Sylhet Board 2013
7	Necessity of compulsory ICT education in Bangladesh	Barishal Board 2019
8	The person you like most / admire most	Rajshahi Board 2017; Dhaka Board 2015; Chattogram Board 2013
9	Natural beauties of Bangladesh	Rajshahi Board 2015; Dhaka Board 2012
10	Drug Addiction	Chattogram Board 2017; Jashore Board 2016
11	Importance of Reading Newspaper	Sylhet Board 2015; Jashore Board 2015; Sylhet Board 2014; Sylhet Board 2011; Chattogram Board 2009
12	Your aim in life	–
13	Patriotism	Sylhet Board 2017; Dhaka Board 2013
14	Value of time	Chattogram Board 2014; Sylhet Board 2012; Jashore Board 2011; Sylhet Board 2010
15	Discipline	–
16	Wonders of Modern Science	All Boards 2018; Jashore Board 2015; Rajshahi Board 2012; Dinajpur Board 2012; Jashore Board 2012; Barishal Board 2012

#	Topic	Board/Year
17	Students & social service / Students' duties & responsibilities / Students' contribution to nation building	All Boards 2018; Dinajpur Board 2016; Cumilla Board 2015; Chattogram Board 2015, 2014; Jashore Board 2011; Chattogram Board 2019
18	Rivers of Bangladesh / Importance of rivers	Jashore Board 2017; Chattogram Board 2015; Rajshahi Board 2014; Cumilla Board 2013; Chattogram Board 2013; Barishal Board 2011
19	Your Favourite Hobby	Rajshahi Board 2019; Jashore Board 2014; Dinajpur Board 2010
20	Female education in Bangladesh	Dhaka Board 2017; Chattogram Board 2016; Dhaka Board 2014; Chattogram Board 2014; Dinajpur Board 2011
21	Unemployment problem in Bangladesh	Cumilla Board 2015; Barishal Board 2015; Dinajpur Board 2014; Sylhet Board 2010
22	Your visit to a place of historical interest	Sylhet Board 2019
23	Advantages & disadvantages of city life	Barishal Board 2016
24	Environment Pollution	Cumilla Board 2013
25	Human Rights	–
26	Moral Education	–
27	The season you like most	Rajshahi Board 2014
28	Importance of Family	–
29	Artificial Intelligence	–



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