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English

Comprehension

Home Practice – 05

Read the following passage and answer question no. 1-7

A number of Bangladeshi people trapped and trafficked in by human traffickers have recently been rescued from the jungles of Thailand. Some of the men described how they had been lured for job, but when they showed up, were drugged, tied up and dragged on to boats where they were beaten and starved. The news caused **outrage** among Bangladeshis, many of whom expressed dismay at the discovery that this kind of modern-day slavery still exists. The fact that these men were so easily persuaded into bonded labor abroad is proof of the hopelessness of their lives at home. Although some of the men said that they had not known that they would be shipped to Thailand, most of them were ready to set sail into the unknown.

Human trafficking is not only a heinous and inhuman offence; it is also a phenomenon which undermines the value, worth, and dignity of the persons trafficked. Human trafficking is a complex phenomenon, resulting from the involvement of diverse national and transnational factors. Although trafficking of persons is often identified as a part of organized or cross-border crime, it also occurs within national boundaries. In whatever form it may happen, it is inextricably linked with forced, fraudulent or **involuntary** movement of people, and the end-object of this crime is, forced labour or other forms of exploitation. As such, irregular migration always runs the risk of human trafficking.

Although mainly a source country for human trafficking, Bangladesh in recent years has turned out to be a country of both **transit** and destination. In recent

times, alongside intra-country and cross-border trafficking of women and children, trafficking of men for the purpose of labour exploitation has been on the rise. In Bangladesh, a significant number of men are recruited for work overseas with fraudulent employment promise; but later they face exploitative and inhuman conditions of labour in the form of forced labour or debt bondage. The magnitude of the multifaceted crimes under the **umbrella** term of 'trafficking of persons' which maybe analogized with modern-day slavery is worth noticing. The issue of human trafficking is Integrally linked to insecurity of livelihood as well as to continuing disparities and discrimination against marginalized communities generally, -and against women in particular.

Many trafficked persons are lured and deceived by false promises of good jobs or marriage while others are bought abducted, kidnapped, coerced, threatened or used as debt bondage. Some of these women and children are trafficked with the **tacit** consent of the impoverished families. Various factors lead to vulnerability of women and children to trafficking, such as poverty, unemployment, illiteracy, lack of awareness, gender discrimination, gender-based violence, natural disasters, and lack of proper implementation of the existing laws. However, in the absence of proper measures to address poverty, unemployment and violence against women and of proper structures to facilitate safe migration, the aspiring people willing to migrate for a better life will continue to be vulnerable to trafficking.

The Constitution of Bangladesh mandates the establishment of a society based on the rule of law, justice, and of respect for human dignity and worth of all persons. The Constitution bans forced and bonded labour and imposes a duty on the state to prevent and suppress forced labour of human beings, and guarantees of fundamental human rights. The Constitution provides for an obligation for the state to prevent violation of human rights in any form, including human trafficking. There are also a number of statutes and policies which provide for the legal regime against human trafficking. Currently, the Ministry of Home Affairs has been in the lead role of coordinating counter trafficking activities. Other relevant ministries are also actively engaged in counter trafficking activities and are extending their cooperation to work in a concerted way. The Ministry of Home Affairs undertook the initiative to address the gaps in the existing legal framework that was impediment to effectively combat all forms of human trafficking. Moreover, the government works in partnership with non-governmental organizations and international agencies to combat human trafficking.

01. Answer the questions below. Do not copy any sentence from the passage above. Write the answers in your own sentences having your own wording and phrasing:

- a) What is the main idea of the comprehension.
- b) What moves are being taken to prevent human trafficking?
- c) Who are human traffickers?
- d) How is government bound to prevent human trafficking?
- e) Why is human trafficking inhuman?
- f) How do people become the victim of human trafficking?
- g) What does our Constitution states of our fundamental rights in the comprehension.
- h) How the Home Ministry can get engaged into this?
- i) What are the factors working behind the woman and child human trafficking?
- j) What should be the title / caption / headline of the passage given above?

02. Write down the contextual meaning of these words:

- a) outrage
- b) involuntary
- c) transit
- d) umbrella
- e) tacit

03. Fill in the table by putting words in the empty cells according to their parts of speech :

Noun	Verb	Adjective
violence	(a)	*
human	*	(b)
(C)	ban	*
livelihood	(D)	*
(E)	*	legal

04. Join the sentences with standard English:

a)

The aspiring people will to migrate for a better life.

The aspiring people will continue to be vulnerable to trafficking.

b)

The government works in partnership with non-governmental organizations.
International agencies are to combat human trafficking.

c)

Human trafficking is a complex phenomenon.

Human trafficking results from the involvement of diverse national and transnational factors.

d)

Many trafficked persons are lured and deceived by false promises of good jobs or marriage.

Others are bought abducted, kidnapped, coerced, threatened or used as debt bondage.

e)

The magnitude of the multifaceted crimes happens under the umbrella term of 'trafficking of persons'

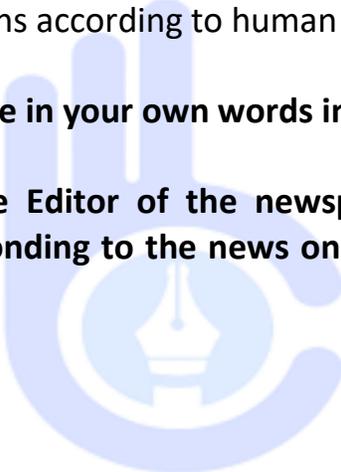
It maybe analogized with modern-day slavery is worth noticing.

05. Use appropriate capitalizations, punctuation and quotation marks where required:

at the beginning the constitution of bangladesh mandates the establishment of a society based on phenomenon the rule of law justice and of respect for human dignity and worth of all persons according to human rights watch too

06. Summaries the passage in your own words in 100 words.

07. Write a letter to the Editor of the newspaper in which the passage appeared as a feature, responding to the news on 'National awareness to stop human trafficking'.



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