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BCS Written

English

Comprehension Batch

Practical Class Practice – 07

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

Poverty has exploited Bangladesh in many ways. One recent example, where unethical and conscienceless persons not only ripped off the gullible and the poor but also sent many of them to their deaths, came to public attention through two appalling incidents that cost the lives of 24 Bangladeshi in the space of a month.

In both the instances Bangladeshis seeking livelihood abroad were made the victims of diabolical designs of some unscrupulous among the manpower and travel agents both at home and abroad. Each of the unfortunate victims had to pay between six and eight lac taka for the elusive employment overseas.

It is no secret that exploitation of the job seekers has become rather commonplace in the tree wheeling and dealing environment of manpower business in Bangladesh. Many, finding no job opportunity in Bangladesh, fall victim to the lure and enticement of the El Dorado and the corrupt machinations of manpower agents, only to be left height and dry, some literally on the high seas. Those lucky to survive the ordeal returned home but only as paupers.

In our eagerness to export manpower, the laxity in oversight of the agencies, in some cases deliberate due to the collusive arrangements of the relevant government organization and the manpower recruiting agencies, becomes a recurrent feature. The wrong doings and the shortcuts that the recalcitrant recruiters resort to make in imperative that constant vigil is maintained by the government agencies on their activities. We feel that the problem needs to be addressed in a comprehensive manner and there are at least three ways in which

this can be done. First, exemplary punishment must be meted out to those found involved in this sort of manpower business which is tantamount to trafficking in persons. Second, there is need for stringent monitoring of all manpower related activities. Basically, there is need for raising awareness at the village and ward levels about all aspects of foreign employment including the traps laid by the racketeers to induce the credulous out of their homes and cheat them out of their money.

The ministry of Expatriate Welfare may consider forming a special cell in this regard to spare Bangladeshis the fate some of their compatriots have had to face recently.

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 does the passage in the text deal with?
- b) What do the unscrupulous manpower and travel agents often do to the foreign job seekers?
- c) How many ways are there to address the problem? Mention at least one.
- d) What constructive role can the Ministry for Expatriate Welfare play to spare the poor job seekers for their ill-fate
- e) What is your personal opinion about the lure of the El Dorado?
- f) What is the writer's purpose in writing the passage?
- g) What is the main idea of the passage?
- h) What are the supporting ideas in the passage?
- i) What is the key-word in the last/concluding sentence of the passage?
- j) How does it help you understand the meaning of this sentences?

02. Write meaning of the following five words used in the passage. The meanings are provided in the box below. There are more than five words in the box. Choose the appropriate meanings:

- a) Tantamount
- b) Exploit
- c) Unethical
- d) Lure
- e) Diabolic

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

Noun	Verb	Adjective
Poverty	(a)	Poor
(B)	Travel	Travelling
Full	(C)	*
Recurrence	(D)	Recurrent
(E)	*	Exemplary

04. Correct the following run-ons by using appropriate subordinates (such as -----although, because, after, as, while etc.)

(a)

Bangladesh is not developed upto the mark.

Poverty has exploited Bangladesh in many ways,

b)

Exploitation of the job seekers has become rather commonplace in the tree wheeling and dealing environment of manpower business in Bangladesh.

It is no secret.

c)

It should be addressed in a comprehensive manner.

We feel the problem.

d)

We are thinking of its harmful effects.

We should be more cautious.

(e)

One should proceed very carefully.

One feels lured by the prospect of the El Dorado.

**5. Write a sentence with each of the following words/ expressions.
Coping of any sentence from the passage above must be avoided.**

(a) Tantamount

(b) Vigil

(c) Unethical

(d) Exemplary

(e) Lure

(f) Need to

(g) laid by

(h) rip off

i) high and dry

j) in the space of



6. Summarize the passage in your own words in 100 words.

7. After reading the above passage, write a letter to the editor of a daily newspaper highlighting poverty and its consequences on our lives.