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Department of English Language and Literature

Semester End Exam

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Course Code: ELL 1101

Course Title: Four Skills

Full Marks: 50

Time: 2:30 hrs

(Figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks)

Part A: Reading

A. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

The July 2024 uprising in Bangladesh was a major turning point in the country's history, marking the fall of an oppressive government and the rise of people's power. This movement, led by students from universities and colleges, brought hope and unity to a nation that had long been struggling under authoritarian rule. For years, the government ruled with an iron fist, silencing critics and using laws like the Digital Security Act to restrict freedom of speech. Elections were rigged, and people lived in fear of extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances. The economy suffered due to corruption and crony capitalism, with wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, while most citizens struggled to make ends meet. Over time, frustration and anger grew among the people.

In July 2024, students, who had been ignored and oppressed for years, decided they had had enough. They came together and organized protests across the country. Unlike past movements, this one wasn't limited to cities—it spread to towns and villages, making it a truly national uprising. What made this movement unique was that it had no ties to traditional political parties, allowing it to focus solely on justice, fairness, and inclusivity.

The students' demands went beyond ending the current government. They wanted to create a system where everyone had a voice and equal opportunities. Despite facing violent crackdowns from police and other forces, the protesters didn't back down. Their courage and determination inspired others to join the movement. Eventually, the military stopped supporting the government, tipping the scales in favor of the people. The students played a crucial role not just in leading the protests but also in rebuilding the community afterward. They took on responsibilities like managing traffic, protecting vulnerable groups, and preventing looting during the chaos. This showed their commitment to making Bangladesh a better place for everyone.

The fall of the government was a clear sign that authoritarian rule cannot last forever. The former prime minister had tarnished her legacy through corruption and human rights abuses. Her downfall serves as a lesson about the dangers of ignoring the needs of the people and abusing power. While the uprising was a victory for the people, it also marked the beginning of a long journey. Building a true democracy will take time, effort, and unity. The students and young people who led the protests have shown that they are ready to take on this

challenge. Their courage and vision give hope for a brighter future, where the voices of ordinary people will shape the destiny of the nation.

1. Write if the following statements are true or false. If false, write the correct statement.

5x1=5

- a. The July 2024 uprising in Bangladesh was primarily a movement led by political parties that dominated the protests.
- b. The government in Bangladesh used the Digital Security Act to protect the rights of free speech and foster open debate.
- c. The protests were concentrated only in the capital city, with no significant participation from rural areas.
- d. The students played a key role in not only leading the protests but also in helping to rebuild their communities afterward.
- e. The downfall of the government was a result of widespread public discontent and the eventual loss of military support for the regime.

2. Write answers to the following questions.

5x2= 10

- a. What were some of the main reasons behind the frustration and anger of the people in Bangladesh before the July 2024 uprising?
- b. How did the July 2024 uprising differ from previous movements in Bangladesh?
- c. What role did students play in the aftermath of the protests, beyond leading the demonstrations?
- d. What were the key demands of the students involved in the July 2024 uprising?
- e. In what ways did the uprising contribute to the vision of a more democratic and inclusive Bangladesh?

3. Write a summary of the reading passage in not more than five sentences.
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4. In a short paragraph, write "The Role Students during National Crises." **5**

Part-B: Writing

5. Does the influence of social media have more positive or negative effects on society? Give reasons for your answer. **10**

Or

Write a review of a book that you have read recently.

6. Write an email to your professor apologizing for missing a class or a deadline. Provide a valid reason and propose a solution to make up for it. **5**

7. Write a paragraph on "My Native Village." **10**