**Unseen comprehension**  
প্রিয় পরীক্ষার্থী, আজ ইংরেজি ১ম পত্রের Part-A অংশের একটি Unseen Comprehension চর্চা করব এবং পরে এর উত্তর মিলিয়ে নেব।

Read the text and answer the questions following it [ 1 - 3 ].

With the advancement of science and technology, the world has become a global village. We can easily talk to a person thousands of kilometers away on the mobile phone or the internet. We also can share our joys and sufferings to the people around the world, like the next door neighbours. Therefore, in order to take advantage from the global world we need to learn English, because English is used as a common language in almost all the countries of the world. Statistics show that about 400 million people speak English as a first language and another 350 million people use it as a second language. It is the official or semi-official language in more than 60 countries and of many international organizations. English helps the international community and the business world to communicate across the national borders. Today, more than 80% information in the world’s computers is in English, so organizations frequently need employees who speak and write a standard form of English. It is therefore little wonder that job advertisements nowadays often ask for a good working knowledge of English. Now it is believed that English usually helps them to get good jobs and better salaries.  
Learning English for us in Bangladesh is more important. As ours is a developing country and we need to depend on foreign aids, therefore we need to communicate with the developed countries. Our garments industry is flourishing day by day. We can easily attract foreign investment in this sector through maintaining good relationship with the foreign investors. Moreover, if we learn English, we have the opportunity to find a good job both within and outside the country. We should learn how to use English both orally and in writing for doing things as needed in our work, such as communicating with others at personals, social, national and international levels. We should remember that English helps us to become skilled workforce.

1. Choose the best answer from the alternatives.  
A. What is the synonym of ‘global’?  
(a) regional (b) local  
(c) national (d) international  
B. Technology has ---man to man distance.  
(a) increased (b) reduced  
(c) stopped (d) obstructed  
C. Now we can share our --- to the people all over the world.  
(a) happiness (b) sorrow  
(c) both (a) & (b) (d) none of them  
D. The difference between the native and non-native speakers of English is---.  
(a) 100 million (b) 150 million (c) 200 million (d) 50 million  
E. ‘Semi-official’ means ---.  
(a) fully official (b) partly official  
(c) unofficial (d) none of them  
F. The percentage of using English in computer is ---.  
(a) satisfactory (b) not satisfactory (c) disappointing (d) not optimistic  
G. English has --- national border.  
(a) not crossed (b) exceeded  
(c) not gone beyond (d) strengthened  
**Answer to the Question no. 1**  
A-(d) international, B-(b) reduced, C-(c) both (a) & (b), D-(d) 50 million, E-(b) partly official, F-(a) satisfactory, G-(b) exceeded

**2. Answer the following questions.**  
a) What are some modern devices to communicate with people all over the world?  
b) How can modern technology play an important role in our mental satisfaction?  
c) Which form of English should we use in our working place?  
d) Why is English used as a common language in almost all the countries of the world?  
e) How is English related to our financial development?

**Answer to the Question no. 2**  
a) Mobile phone and computers are some modern devices to communicate with people all over the world.  
b) Sharing joys and suffering is the way of mental satisfaction. By using modern technology we can share our happiness, feelings and sorrows. Thus modern technology can play an important role in our mental satisfaction.  
c) We should use the standard form of English in our working place.  
d) English is used as a common language in almost all the countries of the world, because this language helps the international community and the business world to communicate across the national borders.  
e) Unemployment problem is the main problem of Bangladesh. If we learn English we have the opportunity to find a good job in and out of the country. That’s why English is related to our financial development.

3. Write a summary of the passage in no more than 70 to 80 words.

**Answer to the Question no. 3**  
In the context of the present world the importance of learning English is immense. People are now closely related to one another for different purposes such as business, good jobs, higher education and so on. The most important fact is that by learning English we can easily attract foreign investment and achieve our financial goal. Without knowing English we cannot use the information of modern technologies. Moreover, to get jobs abroad and work with international organizations, we must learn English. Therefore, learning English is a must for all of us.