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Academic — Cambridge 10 Test 1 (Stepwells)

Fully explained answers: keywords, passage matches, synonym traps, and English + Bangla reasoning.

Question 1

- **Statement:** Examples of ancient stepwells can be found all over the world.
- **Keywords:** Examples, stepwells, all over the world.
- **Passage match:** Paragraph 2 & 3. "Unique to the region..." and "Most stepwells are found... in Gujarat and Rajasthan... while a few also survive in Delhi."
- **Synonym matches:**
- Question: All over the world (পৃথিবীর সব জায়গায়)
- Passage: Unique to the region (এই এলাকার জন্য অনন্য/একমাত্র এখানেই পাওয়া যায়)
- **Why (English):** The passage states stepwells are "unique to the region" (North-western India). This contradicts the idea that they are found "all over the world."
- **Why (Bangla):** প্রশ্নে বলা হয়েছে এই কুয়াগুলো সারা পৃথিবীতে পাওয়া যায়। কিন্তু প্যাসেজে বলা হয়েছে এগুলো "Unique to the region" অর্থাৎ শুধু ওই নির্দিষ্ট এলাকাতেই (ভারত) পাওয়া যায়। যেহেতু তথ্যটি সরাসরি উল্টো, উত্তর হবে FALSE.
- **Key vocabulary:** document = record, bygone era = past time
- **Answer:** FALSE

Question 2

- **Statement:** Stepwells had a range of functions, in addition to those related to water collection.
- **Keywords:** range of functions, in addition to, water collection.
- **Passage match:** Paragraph 2 & 3. "...goes beyond its utilitarian application... they were places of gathering, of leisure, of relaxation and of worship..."
- **Synonym matches:**
- Question: Range of functions / In addition to water collection (পানি সংগ্রহ ছাড়াও আরও অনেক কাজ)
- Passage: Beyond its utilitarian application / gathering, leisure, worship (ব্যবহারিক কাজের বাইরেও / আড্ডা, অবসর কাটানো ও উপাসনা)
- **Why (English):** The text confirms that while they were used for water, they also served as social spaces for worship and leisure.
- **Why (Bangla):** প্যাসেজে বলা হয়েছে পানির ব্যবহারের বাইরেও (beyond utilitarian) এগুলো মানুষের আড্ডা দেওয়ার জায়গা বা উপাসনার জায়গা হিসেবে ব্যবহৃত হতো। তাই তথ্যটি মিলছে।
- **Answer:** TRUE

Question 3

- **Statement:** The few existing stepwells in Delhi are more attractive than those found elsewhere.
- **Keywords:** Delhi, more attractive, elsewhere.
- **Passage match:** Paragraph 3. "...while a few also survive in Delhi."
- **Synonym matches:**
- Question: More attractive (বেশি আকর্ষণীয়)

- Passage: Mentioned only that a few survive in Delhi.
- **Why (English):** The passage mentions Delhi has a few surviving stepwells, but it never compares their beauty or attractiveness to those in Gujarat or Rajasthan.
- **Why (Bangla):** প্যাসেজে বলা হয়েছে দিল্লিতে অল্প কিছু কুয়া টিকে আছে। কিন্তু দিল্লির কুয়াগুলো অন্য জায়গার চেয়ে বেশি সুন্দর বা আকর্ষণীয় কি না, সে সম্পর্কে কোনো তুলনা করা হয়নি।
- **Answer:** NOT GIVEN

Question 4

- **Statement:** It took workers many years to build the stone steps characteristic of stepwells.
- **Keywords:** took workers many years, build, stone steps.
- **Passage match:** Paragraph 4. "...comprise a series of stone steps descending from ground level..."
- **Synonym matches:**
- Question: Took many years (তৈরি করতে অনেক বছর লেগেছে)
- Passage: Describes the steps and how they look, but mentions no duration of construction.
- **Why (English):** We know they are made of stone steps, but the text provides no information regarding the time (years/months) it took to build them.
- **Why (Bangla):** প্যাসেজে পাথরের সিঁড়ির বর্ণনা আছে, কিন্তু এগুলো বানাতে কত বছর সময় লেগেছিল সে বিষয়ে কোনো তথ্য দেওয়া নেই।
- **Answer:** NOT GIVEN

Question 5

- **Statement:** The number of steps above the water level in a stepwell altered during the course of a year.
- **Keywords:** number of steps, altered, course of a year.
- **Passage match:** Paragraph 4. "...as it recedes following the rains. When the water level was high, the user needed only to descend a few steps... when it was low, several levels would have to be negotiated."
- **Synonym matches:**
- Question: Altered / Course of a year (পরিবর্তন হতো / বছরের বিভিন্ন সময়ে)
- Passage: Recedes following the rains / High / Low (বৃষ্টির পর নিচে নেমে যায় / বেশি / কম)
- **Why (English):** Because the water level changes between the rainy season and dry season, the number of steps a person must walk down changes (alters).
- **Why (Bangla):** বৃষ্টির পর পানি যখন বেশি থাকতো তখন অল্প কয়েক ধাপ নিচে নামতে হতো, আবার পানি শুকিয়ে নিচে নামলে অনেক ধাপ নিচে নামতে হতো। অর্থাৎ বছরের বিভিন্ন সময়ে পানির স্তরের সাথে সাথে সিঁড়ির সংখ্যাও পরিবর্তিত (altered) হতো।
- **Answer:** TRUE

Question 6

- **Statement:** Which part of some stepwells provided shade for people?
- **Keywords:** Part, stepwells, shade.
- **Passage match:** Paragraph 5, Line 3.
- **Passage text:** "...they also included pavilions that sheltered visitors from the relentless heat." Synonym Match: Shade = Sheltered from heat.
- **Why (English):** The text mentions pavilions were built to protect people from the sun/heat.

- **Why (Bangla):** প্যাসেজে বলা হয়েছে 'pavilion' বা প্যাভিলিয়নগুলো দর্শনার্থীদের প্রচণ্ড গরম থেকে আশ্রয় (shelter/shade) দিত।
- **Answer:** Pavilions

Question 7

- **Statement:** What type of serious climatic event, which took place in southern Rajasthan, is mentioned in the article?
- **Keywords:** Climatic event, southern Rajasthan.
- **Passage match:** Paragraph 6, Last Line.
- **Passage text:** "...southern Rajasthan suffered an eight-year drought between 1996 and 2004." Synonym Match: Climatic event = Drought.
- **Why (English):** A drought is a weather-related (climatic) event where there is no rain for a long time.
- **Why (Bangla):** সাউদার্ন রাজস্থানে ১৯৯৬ থেকে ২০০৪ সাল পর্যন্ত আট বছরের একটি খরা (drought) হয়েছিল। খরা একটি জলবায়ুগত ঘটনা।
- **Answer:** Drought

Question 8

- **Statement:** Who are frequent visitors to stepwells nowadays?
- **Keywords:** Visitors, nowadays.
- **Passage match:** Last Paragraph, Line 2.
- **Passage text:** "Tourists flock to wells in far-flung corners... to gaze in wonder..." Synonym Match: Frequent visitors = Tourists flock; Nowadays = Today.
- **Why (English):** The text says today (nowadays) tourists "flock" (visit in large numbers) to these sites.
- **Why (Bangla):** বর্তমানে পর্যটকরা (tourists) এই স্থাপত্যগুলো দেখার জন্য ভিড় (flock) করে।
- **Answer:** Tourists

Question 9

- **Statement:** Rani Ki Vav: Excellent condition, despite the 9..... of 2001.
- **Keywords:** Rani Ki Vav, 2001.
- **Passage match:** Paragraph 8, last sentence: "Incredibly, in January 2001, this ancient structure survived a devastating earthquake..."
- **Synonym matches:**
- "Despite" (Question) "Survived" (Passage).
- **Why (English):** The text mentions a massive earthquake in 2001, but the structure is still in "pristine" (excellent) condition.
- **Why (Bangla):** ২০০১ সালে একটি বিধ্বংসী ভূমিকম্প (earthquake) হওয়া সত্ত্বেও এই স্থাপনাটি চমৎকার অবস্থায় টিকে আছে।
- **Answer:** earthquake

Question 10

- **Statement:** Surya Kund: Steps on the 10..... produce a geometric pattern.
- **Keywords:** Surya Kund, Steps, geometric pattern.
- **Passage match:** Paragraph 9: "...displays the hallmarks of stepwell architecture, including four sides of steps that descend to the bottom in a stunning geometrical formation."
- **Synonym matches:**
- "Geometric pattern" (Question) "geometrical formation" (Passage).
- **Why (English):** The passage specifies that the steps are located on the "four sides" of the tank.
- **Why (Bangla):** প্যাসেজ অনুযায়ী, এই জলাধারের চার পাশের (four sides) সিঁড়িগুলো একটি জ্যামিতিক নকশা তৈরি করে।
- **Answer:** 4 sides / four sides

Question 11

- **Statement:** Surya Kund: Looks more like a 11..... than a well.
- **Keywords:** Surya Kund, more like a, than a well.
- **Passage match:** Paragraph 9: "It’s actually a tank (kund means reservoir or pond) rather than a well..."
- **Synonym matches:**
- "Looks more like" (Question) "It’s actually a" (Passage); "than a well" (Question) "rather than a well" (Passage).
- **Why (English):** The author clarifies that although it has stepwell features, it is technically a tank.
- **Why (Bangla):** লেখক বলেছেন এটি আসলে একটি কূপ (well) নয়, বরং একটি জলাধার বা ট্যাংক (tank)।
- **Answer:** tank

Question 12

- **Statement:** Chand Baori: Has 12..... which provide a view to the steps.
- **Keywords:** Chand Baori, view, steps.
- **Passage match:** Paragraph 11: "On the fourth side, covered verandas supported by ornate pillars overlook the steps."
- **Synonym matches:**
- "Provide a view to" (Question) "overlook" (Passage).
- **Why (English):** To "overlook" something means to have a view of it from above. The verandas overlook the steps.
- **Why (Bangla):** প্যাসেজে বলা হয়েছে বারান্দাগুলো (verandas) থেকে নিচের সিঁড়িগুলো দেখা যায় (overlook)।
- **Answer:** verandas

Question 13

- **Statement:** Neemrana Ki Baori: Has two 13..... levels.
- **Keywords:** Series of measures, integrated approach, all steps.
- **Passage match:** Paragraph 12: "...it’s nine storeys deep, with the last two levels underwater."
- **Synonym matches:**