ENGLISH (Total Marks: 200)

(For both General and Technical/Professional Cadres)

Part-A (Marks-100)

1. **Reading Comprehension:**
   An unseen passage dealing with a topic relevant to our times will be set. Candidates will be required to answer a. a number of thematic questions that will test their understanding of the passage (30 marks), and b. a number of questions related to grammar and usage. (30 marks)
2. Candidates will be required to write a summary of the given passage in their own words within 100 words. (20 marks)
3. Candidates will have to write a letter relating to the thematic issue of the given passage to the editor of an English newspaper. (20 marks)

Part-B (Marks-100)

1. Candidates will be required to compose an essay on a topic related to an issue of topical relevance. The essay must conform to the word limit set and must convey a candidate's ability to express his or her ideas clearly and correctly in English as well as reflect and analyze a topic of contemporary interest. (50 marks)
2. **Translation from English into Bangla and Bangla into English**
   Candidates will be required to translate a short passage from Bangla into English and another from English into Bangla. (25+25=50 marks)