

Read the text and answer questions 1 and 2.

[Unit-1; Lesson-2(B)]

Nakshi Kantha is a kind of embroidered quilt. The name was taken from the Bengali word, 'naksha' which means artistic pattern. It is a kind of traditional craft and is said to be indigenous to Bangladesh and West Bengal in India. The art has been practised in rural Bengal for centuries. The name 'Nakshi Kantha' became popular after the poet Jasimuddin's poem 'Nakshi Kanthar Math' was published in 1929.

Traditional kanthas are made for family use. Old or new cloth and thread are used to make these quilts. Mymensingh, Jamalpur, Rajshahi, Faridpur, Bogura and Jashore are most famous for this craft. Now it is produced commercially. You can find them in many expensive handicraft shops in cities. The quilts are now in great demand because of the colourful patterns and designs embroidered on them.

[Chattogram Board—2016; Sylhet Board—2015; Dhaka Board—2014; Rajshahi Board—2014; Dinajpur Board—2014; Cumilla Board—2014; Barishal Board—2014]

পাঠ্য বইতে দেওয়া শব্দ	VERB	NOUN	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB	SUFFIX	PREFIX	SYNONYMS	ANTONYMS
Embroidered -নকশি(Adj) Past & P.P	Embroider -নকশি করা	Embroidery -নকশিকম					Engraved	
Quilt- কাথা (N)	Quilt -কাথা সেলাই করা						Mattress	
Artistic – শৈল্পিক (Adj) শিল্পিসুলভ		Artistry- শিল্পকম Artist- শিল্পী						
Traditional ঐতিহ্যবাহী (Adj)		Tradition ঐতিহ্য		Traditionally ঐতিহ্যগতভাবে			Historic	
Craft শিল্প কৌশল (Adj)			Crafty কুশলী					
Indigenous দেশজ(Adj)							Native,	Foreign,
Popular জনপ্রিয়(Adj)	Popularise জনপ্রিয় করা	Popularity জনপ্রিয়তা Popularization জনপ্রিয়করন						
Rural গ্রাম্য(Adj)							Rustic,	Urban
Publish মুদ্রণ করা (V)		Publisher প্রকাশক Publication প্রকাশনা						
Old পুরাতন (Adj)							Ancient, Former,	New, Modern, Fresh;

Famous বিখ্যাত(Adj)		Fame খ্যাতি	Famed বিখ্যাত	Famously চমৎকারভাবে		Infamous	Renowned, well known, Celebrated	Unknown Infamous Inglorious
Produce উৎপাদন করা(v)		Producer উৎপাদনকারী Production উৎপাদন Productivity উৎপাদনশীলতা	Productive উৎপাদনশীল				Grow, Raise, Generate	
Use (v) ব্যবহার করা	Use					Misuse	Apply	Misuse
Thread (N) সূতা							Yarn	
Commercially (Adv) বানিজ্যিকভাবে			Commercial					

1. Choose the correct answer to each question from the alternatives given and write the corresponding number of the answers in your answer script. 1x7=7
- (a) The word 'indigenous' in line 2 of the text means —. [C. B. 2014; R. B. 2014]
(i) indigestion (ii) native (iii) indigestible (iv) indignant
- (b) The word 'traditional' in line 2 of the text means —. [R. B. 2014]
(i) rule (ii) custom (iii) conventional (iv) convention
- (c) The word 'expensive' in line 8 of the text means —. [Syl. B. 2015]
(i) cheap (ii) costly (iii) economical (iv) low cost
- (d) Nowadays, Nakshi Kantha is produced —. [Ctg. B. 2016; Din. B. 2014]
(i) traditionally (ii) nationally (iii) commercially (iv) normally
- (e) 'Nakshi Kanthar Math' is written by —. [Ctg. B. 2016; Din. B. 2014]
(i) Kazi Nazrul Islam (ii) Farrukh Ahmed (iii) Jasimuddin (iv) Rabindranath Tagore
- (f) Nakshi Kanthas are a kind of —. [C. B. 2014; B. B. 2014]
(i) quilt (ii) song (iii) embroidered quilt (iv) crop
- (g) Jasimuddin was a famous —. [C. B. 2014]
(i) poet (ii) scientist (iii) painter (iv) architect
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- (h) The art of Nakshi Kanthas is most famous in — districts in Bangladesh. [C. B. 2014]
(i) three (ii) four (iii) five (iv) six
- (i) The people of Bangladesh and West Bengal usually prepare kanthas for — use. [C. B. 2014]
(i) national (ii) industrial (iii) family (iv) commercial
- (j) — are most famous for the craft. [B. B. 2014]
(i) Mymensingh, Dhaka (ii) Rajshahi, Rangpur
(iii) Mymensingh, Jashore (iv) Bogura, Pabna
- (k) What does the word 'pattern' mean? [Ctg. B. 2016; B. B. 2014]
(i) Step by step (ii) Series (iii) Artistic design (iv) Hand-made work
- (l) What are used to make these quilts? [B. B. 2014]
(i) New cloth (ii) Old cloth
(iii) Polymer thread (iv) Any type of cloth and thread
- (m) Where has the art been practised? [Ctg. B. 2016; B. B. 2014]
(i) Large cities (ii) Urban area (iii) Rural area (iv) Rich family
- (n) The word 'craft' in line 2 of the text means —. [Syl. B. 2015]
(i) device (ii) asset (iii) art (iv) property
- (o) The word 'demand' in line 9 of the text means —. [Syl. B. 2015]
(i) price (ii) need (iii) popularity (iv) familiarity
- (p) The word 'pattern' in line 2 of the text means —. [R. B. 2014]
(i) decoration (ii) design (iii) mark (iv) embellishment

- (q) The word 'artistic' in line 2 of the text means —.
 (i) arts (ii) fine (iii) nice (iv) of art
- (r) The word 'produce' in line 8 of the text means —.
 (i) give (ii) supply (iii) provide (iv) create [R. B. 2014]
- (s) The word 'thread' in line 6 of the text means —.
 (i) yarn (ii) threat (iii) yard (iv) field
- (t) *Nakshi Kanthas* are in great demand because they are —.
 (i) embroidered (ii) designed and colourfully embroidered
 (iii) colourful (iv) designed
- (u) The word 'famous' in line 7 of the text means —.
 (i) renowned (ii) notorious (iii) famine (iv) fame [Syl. B. 2015]
- (v) The word 'old' in line 6 of the text means —.
 (i) aged (ii) former (iii) ancient (iv) used [Syl. B. 2015]
- (w) The word 'colourful' in line 9 of the text means —.
 (i) dull (ii) dark (iii) bright (iv) drab [R. B. 2014]
- (x) The word 'kind' in line 1 of the text means —.
 (i) sympathetic (ii) sort (iii) sympathy (iv) benevolent
- (y) What is a *Nakshi Kantha*?
 (i) A designed coverlet (ii) A designed mat
 (iii) An embroidered cloth (iv) A printed quilt
- (z) What kind of craft is it?
 (i) A local craft (ii) A conventional craft
 (iii) A foreign craft (iv) An imported craft
- (z₁) What does the word 'indigenous' mean?
 (i) Alien (ii) Derived (iii) Domestic (iv) Recognized
- (z₂) The word 'embroidered' in line 1 of the text means —.
 (i) embellished (ii) patterned (iii) coloured (iv) decoration
- (z₃) The name '*Nakshi Kantha*' was derived from the word —.
 (i) English (ii) Bengali (iii) Hindi (iv) French [D. B. 2014]
- (z₄) This art has been continuing for —.
 (i) generations (ii) centuries (iii) years (iv) ages [D. B. 2014]
- (z₅) The word 'indigenous' refers to —.
 (i) foreign (ii) native (iii) hand-made (iv) all the above [D. B. 2014]

- (z₆) 'Nakshi Kantha' becomes popular for its —. [D. B.]
 (i) beauty (ii) high price (iii) advertisement (iv) low price
- (z₇) It is made — old or new cloths. [D. B.]
 (i) used (ii) using (iii) uses (iv) all the above
- (z₈) Nakshi Kantha is a — kantha. [Din. B.]
 (i) modern (ii) ultramodern (iii) age old (iv) conventional
- (z₉) 'Nakshi Kantha' is related to —. [Din. B.]
 (i) urban people (ii) rural people (iii) ethnic people (iv) tribal people
- (z₁₀) How is the quilt produced now?
 (i) Business purpose (ii) Traditionally
 (iii) Export purpose (iv) All the above
- (z₁₁) Why are the quilts now in great demand?
 (i) For bright colours (ii) For excellent designs
 (iii) For colourful patterns and designs (iv) For cheap price
- (z₁₂) Which is the closest meaning of 'pattern'?
 (i) Artistic (ii) Paternal (iii) Figure (iv) View
- (z₁₃) Nakshi Kantha is the — of our rural women.
 (i) pride (ii) rule
 (iii) balk of their tradition (iv) simple tradition
- (z₁₄) Nakshi Kantha became popular — 1929.
 (i) after (ii) before (iii) in (iv) with
- (z₁₅) 'Popular' means —.
 (i) favourite (ii) disgusting (iii) disliked (iv) liked
- (z₁₆) "The quilts are now in great demand." — What does the statement mean?
 (i) It is used more than ever before (ii) It has become less popular
 (iii) It is expensive (iv) It is less expensive than before
- (z₁₇) Making of quilt has been practised in —.
 (i) remote area (ii) rural area (iii) city area (iv) mountain area
- (z₁₈) The poem 'Nakshi Kantha Math' was published in —.
 (i) 1629 (ii) 1929 (iii) 1829 (iv) 1919
- (z₁₉) What is the meaning of the word 'tradition'?
 (i) Custom (ii) Trade (iii) Commerce (iv) Civilization
- (z₂₀) The Bengali word 'naksha' means —.
 (i) design (ii) picture (iii) artistic pattern (iv) embroidery
- (z₂₁) 'Nakshi Kantha' in English is —.
 (i) embroidered (ii) embroidery (iii) quilt (iv) embroidered quilt
- (z₂₂) Nakshi Kantha is a — kind of kantha.
 (i) normal (ii) special (iii) ordinary (iv) simple

- (z23) The word 'Nakshi Kantha' comes from the — word. [Ctg. B. 2016; Din. B. 2014]
 (i) Hindi (ii) Burmese (iii) Bengali (iv) Chinese
- (z24) Traditional kanthas are made for —.
 (i) business purpose (ii) artistic purpose
 (iii) aesthetic purpose (iv) family purpose
- (z25) Where can the embroidered quilt be found now?
 (i) In the museum (ii) In luxurious outlet
 (iii) In all show rooms (iv) In limited show rooms
- (z26) How did the name 'Nakshi Kantha' become popular?
 (i) After folk tradition (ii) After the field named Nakshi Kantha
 (iii) After Jasimuddin's poem (iv) After Jasimuddin's play
- (z27) What are the elements needed for the quilt?
 (i) Old cloth and thread (ii) Old or new cloth and thread
 (iii) New cloth and thread (iv) Needle and thread

Answer the following questions from your reading of the above text.

2x4=8

- (a) What does 'naksha' mean? [C. B. 2014; B. B. 2014]
 (b) When did the name 'Nakshi Kantha' become popular? [C. B. 2014]
 (c) Do you like a Nakshi Kantha or an ordinary kantha? Why? [B. B. 2014]
 (d) In cities, where do we get them? [B. B. 2014]

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- (e) Why are the quilts now in great demand?
 [Ctg. B. 2016; Syl. B. 2015; R. B. 2014; Din. B. 2014; C. B. 2014; B. B. 2014]
- (f) What are used to make Nakshi Kantha? [Syl. B. 2015; D. B. 2014]
- (g) Why did the name Nakshi Kantha become popular? [D. B. 2014]
- (h) Which districts are most popular for Nakshi Kantha?
 [Ctg. B. 2016; Syl. B. 2015; D. B. 2014; Din. B. 2014]
- (i) When does 'Nakshi Kantha' become famous? [Ctg. B. 2016; Syl. B. 2015]
- (j) What is Nakshi Kantha? [Ctg. B. 2016; Syl. B. 2015; D. B. 2014; R. B. 2014; Din. B. 2014]
- (k) Why are the traditional kanthas made? [D. B. 2014; R. B. 2014]
- (l) Which areas are most famous for this craft? [R. B. 2014]
- (m) How long has the art been practised? [R. B. 2014; Din. B. 2014]
- (n) What kind of craft is it? [Ctg. B. 2016; Din. B. 2014]
- (o) What materials are required to prepare Nakshi Kanthas? [C. B. 2014]
- (p) How did it become famous? [B. B. 2014]
- (q) Where has the art been practised? [C. B. 2014]
- (r) Is Nakshi Kantha now produced commercially? If yes, how?
- (s) Where was the name taken from?
- (t) Is Nakshi Kantha a traditional craft of Bangladesh and India? If yes, how?