

First Term Examination 2019-20

Class : X

Subject : Special English

Time : 3 hours

Instructions:

Max Marks: 100

1. Read the questions carefully and answer them.
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Marks of each question are indicated against it.

Q.1 Read the following passage and answer the following :

Getting a good night's sleep can help you cope with stress effectively. But not getting enough sleep can cause more stress. Insomniacs have higher concentrations of stress hormones than others. Experts believe that sleep, especially deep sleep, enables our nervous system to function well. Without it, we lose our ability to concentrate, remember or analyse. Some experts speculate that during deep sleep, cells manufacture more proteins, which are essential for cell growth and repair of damage from things like stress and ultraviolet rays. Scientists believe that activity in the area of brain that controls emotions and social interactions lessens during sleep and that deep sleep may help people be emotionally and socially adept when awake. Sleep may also help our brain store a newly learned activity in its memory bank. In a study in Canada, students deprived of sleep after learning a complex logic game show a 30 per cent learning deficit when tested a week later compared with students not deprived of sleep. So whatever works to help you sleep well, whether it's regular exercise earlier in the day, weekly massages, yoga, meditation or a lavender-scented bath, make time for it today.

Questions :

1. Stress does not affect us much when we : 1
 - (a) Have higher concentration of hormones.
 - (b) get a good night's sleep.
 - (c) have a good day's sleep.
 - (d) get up early in the morning
 2. During deep sleep cells produce: 1
 - (a) more energy (b) more carbohydrates
 - (c) more proteins (d) ultraviolet rays
 3. Where is the memory bank situated? 1
 - (a) in the chest (b) in the brain
 - (c) in the chest (d) in cells
 4. 'Insomniac' means": 1
 - (a) a person who never takes a sound sleep.
 - (b) a person who takes a sound sleep.
 - (c) a person who never sleeps.
 - (d) a person who doesn't sleep in day time
 5. What does the study conducted in Canada show? 2
 6. What ways have been suggested in the passage to promote good sleep ? 2
- Q.2 Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below :

I am a cloud, Quietly
I fly through the transparent sky
And in the heavens, I bloom into a lotus.
I am a breeze Stealthily
I glide over the bed of flowers

And gently, I shake down a dram.
 I am water Leisurely
 I flow into the sleeping rainbow
 And go in pursuit of the sound of the temple gong.
 I am a fog Shyly
 I look forward to the rising of the red sun
 Over the towering peak and return to it its gentle beauty.

Questions:

1. Find out the words from the poem which have the following meanings: 4
- (i) Secretly.....
 - (ii) Softly
 - (iii) Slowly
 - (iv) Timidly
- b. Where does the water flow? 2
- c. What do you understand by the red sun? 2

Q.3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

The defence mechanism of human body is a gift of nature provided to human beings. The power of our body to fight against various disease producing agents is known as defence mechanism. This defence mechanism depends upon various factors which can be categorized mainly into two types - common factors and special factors. <https://www.mpboardonline.com>

Amongst the common factors, the most important is the health of human beings. We all know if we have a good health, our body automatically remains protected against diseases. For keeping good health, one should take a nutritious balanced diet. A balanced diet is that which contains carbohydrates, fat, proteins, vitamins in proportionate amount.

The skin of our body saves us against many micro-organisms producing diseases, provided that it is intact. In case there are cuts or abrasions on it, the micro-organisms penetrate the body through those cuts and abrasions and can cause diseases. Therefore, a cut or an abrasion should never be left open. In case there is no bandage available, it may be covered by a clean cloth.

Questions:-

- a. The health of human beings comes amongst : 1
- (i) special factors (ii) common factors
 - (iii) multiple factors (iv) uncommon factors
- b. 'Abrasion' in the passage means- 1
- (i) a cut (ii) a wound
 - (iii) a disease (iv) a brwise
- c. The power of body to fight against micro-organisms is called- 1
- (i) defence mechanism (ii) balanced diet
 - (iii) abrasio (iv) none of these.
- d. The defence mechanism of human body is: 1
- (i) a gift of God (ii) a gift of the Lord
 - (iii) a gift of nature (iv) a gift of heavens
- e. What is a balanced diet? 2
- f. What should be done to avoid infection of a wound? 2
- g. What is defence mechanism of our body? 2
- h. How can we remain protected against diseases? 2
- i. What is the role of a skin in our body? 2

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Section-B

Q.4 Write a write up on 'Farewell to the English teacher' with the help of points given below: 5

- (i) The teacher and his services
- (ii) His personality
- (iii) Planning of the function.
- (iv) Honour of the teacher.
- (v) Speeches delivered
- (vi) Teacher's speech.

Or

With the help of verbal inputs given below produce a write up on 'Grow More Trees'

- (i) Importance of trees
- (ii) Services that trees provide
- (iii) Different kinds of trees
- (iv) Useful to animals
- (v) Need of planting trees.

Q.5 You are Deepak/Deepika Your elder brother's friend phoned when your brother was not at home he has bought two movie tickets and wants your brother to arrive at D.B. Mall before 2:30 p.m. write a message for your elder brother. 5

Q.6 You are Ankit Saxena residing at A-54, Danish Kunj, Bhopal. Write a letter to your younger brother who lives in hostel. Advise him to set a goal in life and try to achieve it. 7

Or

Write a letter to the collector, Bhopal complaining against the malfunctioning of government hospital in your locality.

Q.7 You are Preeti Sharma residing in room No. 10 in a hostel. Write a letter to your friend describing the annual prize distribution function of your school. 6

Or

Given ahead is information about Rabindranath Tagour. Use this information to develop a paragraph/speech:

- 1. 1861 - Born in Calcutta
- 2. 1901 - Founded a school at Shantiniketan.
- 3. 1910 - Gitanjali, his best known collection of poems.
- 4. 1913 - Awarded the Nobel Prize for Gitanjali
- 5. 1919 - Surrendered the title in protest against the JallianwalaBagh Massacre.
- 6. 1921 - Inaugurated the Vishwa Bharti University
- 7. 1941 - Died in Calcutta

Q.8 Write an essay on any one of the following topics (In about 200-250 words) 7

- (i) My hobby
- (ii) Cleanliness drive
- (iii) Value of games and sports
- (iv) A great leader
- (v) Any current problem

Section-C

Q.9 Fill in the blanks using the correct words given in brackets: (any ten) 10

- i. My brother is.....S.D.O. (a/an/the)
- ii. Students should write.....blue ink. (of/in/from)
- iii. The girl sang..... (beautiful/beautifully)
- iv. He wears.....clothes. (plain/plane)
- v. One of the students.....present yesterday. (was/were)
- vi. She is.....European but her husband is.....Indian. (a/an)
- vii. Each of my brothers.....done a lot of charity in life. (has/have)
- viii. Would you have.....tea? (any/some)

- ix. You both . . . very busy. (see/look)
x. The condition of the roads is.....than last week.
(bad/worse/good)

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Q.10 Do as directed: (any five)

- i. They cheated him. (Passive voice)
ii. He read a book. (Interrogative)
iii. If you do not contribute, I will not take you to the picnic. (Rewrite using 'unless')
iv. Radha is not a singer. She is not a musician. (combine using neither...nor)
v. He said to me, "Do you like my new apartment?" (indirect speech)
vi. I am awakeyou are working.(as soon as/ as long as)

Section-D

Q.11 Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

While I am lying on the grass
Thy twofold shout I hear;
From hill to hill it seems to pass,
At once far off and near.

- (i) The extract is taken from the poem "To the cuckoo" what is the name of the poet? 1
(ii) Give a word from the stanza which means 'shriek'. 1
(iii) Why does the poet call the cuckoo's shout 'twofold'? 2

Q.12 Read the extract from a poem carefully and answer the questions given below :

Then shifting his side (as a lawyer knows how),
He pleaded again in behalf of the eyes;
But what were his arguments few people know,
For the court did not think they were equally wise.

- (i) Who was the lawyer? 1
(ii) Give verb form of 'argument'. 1
(iii) On what grounds have the lawyers been criticised? 2

Q.13 Answer the following questions in 120-150 words (any one)

- (a) How did the three masters shatter wasserkopf's plan to get the refund? 5
(b) Distinguish between ordinary and extra ordinary expenses in the light of the views expressed by Bacon.

Q.14 Answer any four of the following questions :

- (i) To whom did the happy prince give the ruby and why? 8
(ii) How did Johnny associate her life with the falling leaves?
(iii) Why did wasserkopf come to the school after eighteen years.
(iv) Why did the boys make a visit to the country every Sunday?
(v) Why is hasty selling disadvantageous?

Q.15 What do the Jataka stories recount?

Or

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Why does the exterior not matter?