

English Assignment

Class XI

Section A - Reading

I. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow:

1. Good health is the soundness of the body, mind and soul. It develops creativity and ensures the welfare of society. If a person suffers from a disease, he needs treatment not only for that particular disease but for the whole body, mind and soul. Thus, a doctor has to have a sound approach towards the patient.
2. Nowadays doctors cure patients only for their immediate diseases. Such an approach goes against the old proverb - prevention is better than cure. Doctor Hegde provides insight into the overall causes of diseases and suggests preventive methods like exercising, yoga, meditation, diet regulation, anti-smoking and anti-alcoholic habits.
3. Hegdes stresses the importance of laughter because laughter induces secretion of catecholamines which are hormones produced by the adrenal gland. They are harmful while a person is angry, but beneficial if he laughs.
4. To avoid stress everyone needs to lead a relaxed life. The best form of relaxation is sound sleep. "Restful sleep at night will charge our batteries for the following day's fruitful endeavours," says Hegde. If one is lying on the bed and tossing without sleep, it is better to read or engage oneself in some light mental activity. Never seek refuge in alcoholic drinks or sleeping pills. Eight hours of sleep a day is sufficient. More than 9 to 10 hours of sleep a day would produce increased muscle protein loss in the body and might even shorten one's life.
5. The author stresses on balanced diet and daily exercise and the dangers of over-exercising in these days of fitness mania.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of above passage make notes on it using recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. Give a suitable title to the passage.

1.2 Write the summary of the passage in about 80 words.

Section B – Creative Writing & Grammar

- II. You are an electrical engineer in need of a job in or around Bengaluru. Write an advertisement for publication in a local daily. You are Ayan / Alisha.
- III. On the occasion of 'Global Warming Awareness Week' your school is organising various events to raise awareness about global warming and its environmental impact. Prepare a poster highlighting its prevention.
- IV. Write a speech on 'How to Overcome Exam Stress' to be delivered in morning assembly. You are Karan/Kabita.
- V. Academic excellence is the only requirement for a successful career." Write a debate in 120 – 150 words, either for or against the motion. You are Vedant / Savleen.
- VI. **Fill in the blanks in the sentences given below choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow.**

Humans have always (a) _____ of the moon as living being. In earlier times, it was seen that it had always been changing. As it was the brightest point in the dark sky, humans watched and wondered why it (b) _____. Humans (c) _____ always afraid of the dark, so the bright light (d) _____ both welcome and mysterious. Till long time people (e) _____ moon as God.

- (a) (i) think (ii) thought (iii) thinking (iv) thinks
- (b) (i) change (ii) changing (iii) were changing (iv) was changing
- (c) (i) was (ii) had (iii) were (iv) will
- (d) (i) was (ii) is (iii) are (iv) were
- (e) (i) worship (ii) worshipped (iii) worshipping (iv) worships

VII. Transform the following sentences as directed within brackets.

1. The matter is too urgent to be postponed. (Remove the adverb 'too')
2. Who can beat him in the race? (Change into assertive)
3. Prerna is an honest girl. (Change into negative)
4. It was a spectacular show. (Change into exclamatory)
5. Kashmir is one of the most beautiful hill stations of India. (Change into comparative)

Section C – Literature

VIII. Read the given extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow:

A. I don't understand this child
Though we have lived together now
In the same house for years, I know
Nothing of him so try to build
Up a relationship from how
He was when small.

i. The expression 'this child' actually refers to...

- (a) a newly born son.
- (b) an adolescent son
- (c) a grown-up adult son.
- (d) a middle-aged son.

ii. A word that BEST describes the quality of the relationship between the father and the son here is

- (a) affinity (b) affection (c) assurance. (d) alienation

iii. The speaker wishes to...

- (a) have nothing to do with his son

- (b) understand and know his son better
- (c) forget the childhood days of his son
- (d) ensure that his son moves out to a home of his own

B. "The first indication of impending disaster came at about 6 p.m., with an ominous silence. The wind dropped, and the sky immediately grew dark. Then came a growing roar, and an enormous cloud towered aft of the ship. With horror, I realised that it was not a cloud, but a wave like no other I had ever seen. It appeared perfectly vertical and almost twice the height of the other waves, with a frightful breaking crest"

i. Which word in the extract mean forthcoming?

- a. ominous b. growing c. roaring d. impending

ii. Why is the wind dropped?

- a. wind slipped out the hands of author
- b. wind started coming from below the ship
- c. wind fell down
- d. speed of wind greatly reduced

iii. Why had the sky become dark?

- a. lights of the ship were switched off
- b. a wave was approaching ship
- c. a cloud was approaching ship
- d. night was approaching

C. "Good morning, son of my friends," he said. What is the name of your horse? My Heart, my cousin Mourad said in Armenian. A lovely name, John Byro said, for a lovely horse. I could swear, it is the horse that was stolen from me many weeks ago. May I look into his mouth? Of course, Mourad said. The farmer looked into the mouth of the horse. Tooth for tooth, he said. I would swear it is my horse if I didn't know your parents. The fame of your family for honesty is well known to me. Yet the horse is the twin of my horse. A suspicious man would believe his eyes instead of his heart."

i) May I look into his mouth?' What is the context of this statement?

- (a) Check the age of the horse (b) Check the similarity of his horse with theirs'
- (c) Just for fun (d) Count the number of teeth

ii) What was special in the mouth of the horse?

iii) Write the synonym of 'wary' from the extract.

iv) Identify the figure of speech in the statement 'Tooth for tooth'?

IX. Answer the following questions in 40-50 words.

- a) What were the three phases of the author's relationship with his grandmother before he left the country to study abroad?
- b) How did the realization that "he is master of his own mind" helped him? (Childhood)
- c) Why does the speaker say 'silence surrounds us'? What is the poetic device used in it?
- d) What changes in the behaviour of Mrs. Pearson startle Doris and Cyril? What possible reasons do they suggest?

X. Answer the following question in 120-150 words.

The Address is a story of human predicament that follows war. Comment.

OR

Do you think Carter was justified in removing the hardened ritual resin deposits under Tut's mummy? Why/Why Not?