

TERM II EXAMINATION 2021- 22
ENGLISH CORE (301)
CLASS-XI

Time allowed: 2 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 40

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections - READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

	SECTION A – READING (13 marks)	Marks
1	<p>Read the passage given below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Stress is a body reaction to any demands or changes in its internal and external environment. Whenever there is a change in the external environment such as temperature, pollutants, humidity and working conditions it leads to stress. In these days of competition when a person makes up his mind to surpass what has been achieved by others, leading to an imbalance between demands and resources, it causes psycho-social stress. It is a part and parcel of everyday life.2. Stress has a different meaning, depending on the stage of life you are in. The loss of a toy or a reprimand from the parents might create a stress shock in a child. An adolescent who fails an examination may feel as if everything has been lost and life has no further meaning. In an adult the loss of his or her companion, job or professional failure may appear as if there is nothing more to be achieved.3. Such signs appear in the attitude and behaviour in the individual, as muscle tension in various parts of the body, palpitation and high blood pressure, indigestion and hyperacidity. Ultimately the result is self-destructive behaviour such as eating and drinking too much, smoking excessively, relying on tranquillisers. There are other signs of stress such as trembling, shaking, nervous blinking, dryness of throat and mouth and difficulty in swallowing.4. In a study sponsored by World Health Organisation and carried out by Harvard School of Public Health, the global burden of diseases and injury indicated that stress diseases and accidents are going to be the major killers in 2020.5. The heart disease and depression, both stress diseases were ranked first and second in 2020. Road traffic accidents were the third largest killers. These accidents are also an indicator of psycho-social stress in a fast-moving society. Other stress diseases like ulcers, hypertension and insomnia have assumed epidemic proportions in modern societies.6. A person under stress reacts in different ways and the common ones are flight, fight and flee depending upon the nature of the stress and capabilities of the person. The three responses can be elegantly chosen to cope with the stress so that stress does not damage the system and become distress.	

	<p>7. When a stress crosses the limit, peculiar to an individual, it lowers his performance capacity. Frequent crossings of the limit may result in chronic fatigue in which a person feels lethargic, disinterested and is not easily motivated to achieve anything. This may make the person mentally indecisive, confused and accident prone as well. Sudden exposure to unnerving stress may also result in a loss of memory. Diet, massage, food supplements, herbal medicines, hobbies, relaxation techniques and dance movements are excellent stress busters.</p>	
	<p>Based on your understanding of the passage, answer <u>any eight</u> out of the nine questions:</p>	1*8
	<p>i) What is stress? ii) What may be the result of frequent crossings of the limit of stress? iii) What are the signs by which a person can know that he is under stress? iv) What is the result of living under such stress? v) What are the different diseases a person gets due to stress? vi) Give any two examples of stress busters. vii) What happens when a stress crosses a limit? viii) How does a person react under stress? ix) Find a word from the passage which means the same as ‘rebuke’.</p>	
2	Read the passage given below.	
	<p>The small village of Somnathpur contains an extraordinary temple, built around 1268 A.D. by the Hoyasalas of Karnataka – one of the most prolific temple-builders. Belur and Helebid are among their best known works. While these suffered during the invasions of the 14th century, the Somnathpur temple stands more or less intact in near-original condition.</p> <p>This small temple captivated everybody’s attention with the beauty and vitality of its detailed sculputring, covering almost every inch of the walls, pillars and even ceilings. It has three shikharas and stands on a star-shaped, raised platform with 24 edges. The outer walls have a profusion of detailed carvings: the entire surface run over by carved plaques of stone. There were vertical panels covered by exquisite figures of gods and goddesses, with many incarnations being depicted. There were nymphs too, some carrying an ear of maize (a symbol of plenty and prosperity). The elaborate ornamentation, very characteristic of Hoyasala sculptures, was a remarkable feature. On the closer look – and it is worth it – the series of friezes on the outer walls revealed intricately carved caparisoned elephants, charging horsemen, stylized flowers, warriors, musicians, crocodiles and swans.</p> <p>The temple was actually commissioned by Soma Dandanayaka or Somnath (he named the village after himself), the minister of the Hoyasala king, Narasimha the Third. The temple was built to house three versions of Krishna. The inner centre of the temple was the Kalyana Mandapa. Leading from here were three corridors, each ending in a shrine, one for each kind of Krishna – Venugopala, Janardana and Prasanna Keshava, though only two remain in their original forms. In the darkness of the sanctum sanctorum, I tried to discern the different images. The sculptural perfection of the temple is amazing and it includes the doors of the temple and the three elegantly carved towers.</p>	
	<p>(a) On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, make notes on it, using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary – minimum four). Also supply an appropriate title to it.</p>	3
	<p>(b) Write a summary of the passage in 80 words.</p>	2

SECTION B - WRITING & GRAMMAR (12 Marks)		
3	Draft a poster on behalf of the Municipal Authority of your city informing the citizens about how to protect themselves against mosquitoes.	3
4	<p>Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below:</p> <p>A. As the Head Girl of your school, write a letter to the Principal requesting her to arrange a theatre workshop for students by inviting experts from the National School of Drama. (120-150 words)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B. Write a debate either for or against the motion on the following topic: Our large population is not a cause of poverty but an asset, a resource. (120-150 words)</p>	5
5	<p>Do as directed:</p> <p>(a) I went to meet Nikhil as I had to spare. (fill in suitable determiner meaning 'some')</p> <p>(b) How long have Ravi's friends been in town? (answer the question using 'for' or 'since')</p> <p>(c) The Jodhpur flight (leave) at 4.50 p.m. (complete the sentence using the appropriate form of the verb)</p> <p>(d) the/is/world/wrestling/oldest/in/sports/the/of/one</p>	1*4
SECTION C – LITERATURE (15 Marks)		
6	<p>Read the given extract to attempt questions that follow:</p> <p>When did my childhood go? <u>Was it when I found my mind was really mine,</u> To use whichever way I choose, Producing thoughts that were not those of other people But my own, and mine alone Was that the day!</p> <p>a) How did the poet change? b) Which poetic device is used in the underlined line?</p>	2
7	<p>Attempt ANY FIVE of the six questions given below, within 40 words each.</p> <p>(a) How does the author describe Tibetan mastiffs? (b) What were the two slips that could have let out the real identity of Mrs Fitzgerald? (c) Yuri calls Albert 'the world's worst liar'. Do you think this is an insult or a compliment? (d) How is the cyclic movement of rain brought out in the poem? Compare it with what you have learnt in science? (e) Why does Taplow feel that Mr. Harris is 'hardly human'? (f) Why is our age the 'Era of Responsibility'?</p>	2*5

8	Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100 words: A. There lies a great difference between textbook medicine and the world of a practising physician.' Discuss. OR B. "Are we to leave our successors a scorched planet of advancing deserts, impoverished landscapes and an ailing environment?" Whose words of great concern are these? What leaves the planet in this condition?	3
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