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GULF SAHODAYA EXAMINATION (SAUDI CHAPTER)
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Class: XI
Subject: ENGLISH
Maximum Marks: 100
Time: 3 Hours

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This question paper is divided into five sections:

- Section A - Reading 20 marks
- Section B - Writing 20 marks
- Section C - Grammar 10 marks
- Section D - Text Books 30 marks
- Section E - Conversation skills 20 marks

All the sections are compulsory.

2. Separate instructions have been provided with each question where necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them.

3. Don't split the sections. Adhere to the word limit or marks will be deducted.

SECTION - A (READING)

20 marks

1. **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

Did you know that most of us have a few cancer cells floating around in our bodies at some point of time or the other? They keep a lookout for a weak spot where they can begin their destruction. Our defence system begins to produce antibodies to destroy them. But the moment this defence mechanism weakens, the cancer cells multiply rapidly and damage major body organs.

If you've been eating sensibly, you may get rid of these cancer causing cells and not even know that your body had them. Scientists say that the difference between those who don't get cancer and those who do is a strong immune system fortified with correct food habits, intake of adequate vitamins, minerals and antioxidants. The immune system doesn't work well in anyone who is undernourished.

Cancer has always been a threat to our health for a long time, and its incidence has increased in the industrial area, coinciding with our increasingly toxic environment. There has been extensive research on what causes cancer. The reasons, it has been found, range from genetics to life style, environment, and toxins. Of the five million registered chemicals in the world, we encounter 70,000 of them on a regular basis of those, at least 20,000 are carcinogenic (Cancer Causing).

As we grow older, we get exposed to toxins in the food that we eat, the water we drink, and the air we breathe. Each of the 60 trillion cells in our body face at least 1000 'hits' or carcinogenic attacks every day. We wallow in our own hi-tech wastes of industrial pollutants, electromagnetic radiation, environmental toxins, chemicals, insect sprays, agricultural pollutants, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, mental stress and internal toxins, all of which weaken our immunity.

The human body is built from food and is also repaired by your diet. Nutritional therapy tries to re-establish 'balance' in the body by helping it to detoxify, correct its PH balance (acid base balance), build resistance and provide nourishment to enable it to fight the regular toxins that it ingests. Vitamins and minerals play a significant role in improving immune function. If you are eating reasonably, a standard multivitamin pill will be sufficient. If you know you are abusing your body, you need a specific nutrition plan designed to suit your body's vitamin supplements. Talk to your doctor or nutritionist regarding this.

Stress, say from work pressures, causes your immune system to shut down. Avoid it by talking to a close friend or writing down your problems or trying to laugh them off. It is important to know that cancer cannot invade a healthy body. Make your body healthy and the cancer simply goes away. Keeping your body's defence mechanism in good shape is the only way to fight these terrorists within.

Now answer the following questions ; write the correct option in your answer sheet.

[1 x 6 = 6]

- a. **What do the cancer cells keep a look out for?**
- i) a normal system where they can begin their action
 - ii) a weak system where they can stop their work.
 - iii) a normal spot where they can stop their work.
 - iv) a weak spot where they can begin their destruction
- b. **How can you get rid of these cancer causing cells?**
- i) If you have been eating undernourished food.
 - ii) If you have been eating many minerals.
 - iii) If you have been eating sensibly.
 - iv) If you have been eating immune system.
- c. **What causes cancer?**
- i) The reasons range from genetics to hair style, dress
 - ii) The reasons range from genetics to life style, environment, toxin.
 - iii) The reasons range from exercises to eating ice creams.
 - iv) The reasons range from failure in health to eating too much.

- d. **When does the immune system not work?**
i) If a person is undernourished.
ii) If a body is ill.
iii) If a person is well developed.
iv) If a person is well nourished.
- e. **What is the role of vitamins and minerals?**
i) To improving function immune.
ii) To function improve immune.
iii) To improve immune function.
iv) To improved immune function.
- f. **Find a suitable word that means the same as - Wallow**
i) Survive
ii) Kneel down
iii) Live in
iv) Roll about

2. **Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

Heaven from all creatures hides the book of fate,
All but the page prescribed, their present state:
From brutes what men, from men what spirits know;
Or who could suffer being here below?
The amb thy riot dooms to bleed to-day
Had he thy reason, would he skip and play?
Pleas'd to the last, he crops the flow'ry food,
And licks the hand just rais'd to shed his blood.
Oh, blindness to the future! Kindly giv'n,
That each may fill the circle mark'd by Heav'n,
Who sees with equal eyes, as God of all,
A hero perish, or a sparrow fall.

4, 3, 2, 4, 4, 4

Find suitable answers and write them in your answer sheet: [1 x 6 = 6]

- a. **Why would it be impossible for us to continue living in this world?**
i) if each of us knew exactly what God expect us to do.
ii) if we knew what God wants us to do in this world.
iii) if the poet knew what life does not expect us to do.
iv) if each of us know exactly what fate had in store for him.
- b. **What does God reveal and conceal?**
i) reveals the present and conceal Himself.
ii) reveals nature and conceals the angels.
iii) reveals the present and conceals the future.
iv) reveals prospects and conceals misfortunes.
- c. **What does God hide from the animals?**
i) What nature knows.
ii) What men know.
iii) What spirits know.
iv) What heaven knows.

- d. **What is the blessing for us?**
 i) that we are ignorant of future.
 ii) that we know how to work hard.
 iii) that we are not ignorant of the future.
 iv) that plants and animals are meant for us.
- e) **Whose death is of equal importance to God?**
 i) the death of truth and virtue.
 ii) the death of both animals and human beings.
 iii) the death of teacher and a student
 iv) the death of a sparrow and of a hero.
- f. **Find a suitable word that means the same as – Spirits**
 i) Meditations ii) alcohol iii) good mood iv) angles

3. **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

Conflict between people takes the forms of assertiveness, aggression, and violence. It is fuelled by many factors including greed, selfish desire, jealousy, envy, fear, hate and lust for power. From the perspective of yogic philosophy, these 'fuels' for conflict are all caused by a clouding of our perception, called avidya. Because of avidya, we do not recognize our true spiritual kinship with other people, and we are prone to experience those 'fuels' of conflict.

These 'fuels' are widely varied, but have one commodity; experience of any of these emotions or desires is done from an 'I' Perspective. People who feel these emotions want more (or less) of something for themselves, as compared to what they see in other people. These people do not identify with others, but feel separate from them. Left out or isolated. Two powerful tools exist to reduce the effect of these 'fuels' within ourselves: cultivating right attitude, and behaving in constructive ways.

Some of us feel envious or jealous when we see another who is happy, successful or content. We may feel disgust or even hatred at the sight of a drunkard or a drug addict. In this case, Patanjali's Yoga Sutras prescribe a change in attitude towards other people, a change that will help us purify our minds and become more peaceful. To become more peaceful, we should practice being pleased when we see another who is happy. We should strive to be compassionate towards those in misery, and joyful to see virtue in another. In cultivating these attitudes, we become more accepting of the world and more peaceful towards others. Non-possessiveness can be practiced, as can contentment.

Our behaviour – how we act - includes both how we treat others, and how we treat ourselves. To become satisfied in our lives and more peaceful in our treatment of others, we should practise non-violence, truthfulness, and non-stealing, three of the 'Yamas' from Yoga Sutras. These qualities help us become happier in our lives and less aggressive towards others. Practising meditation is also known to reduce stress and increase happiness.

- a. **On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and subheadings. Use recognizable abbreviations, wherever necessary, give it a suitable title. [5 marks]**
- b. **Find a suitable meaning of the word conflict** i) Battled ii) Fight
 iii) Waged a war iv) Have difference of opinion. [1 mark]

- c. Find the most suitable explanation of the word - Yoga [1 mark]
- i) System of moral exercises and physical exercises.
 - ii) System of physical exercises and breathing - control.
 - iii) System of controlling your nerves and muscles.
 - iv) System of controlling your pulse and heart.
- d. Find the synonym of the words - condition of being satisfied i) happy
ii) successful iii) desire iv) content [1 mark]

SECTION - B (WRITING)

20 marks

4. You are determined to do very well in your third term examination. Write in about 80 - 100 words how you will prepare for the examination. You may use the suggestions given as well as your own ideas: [5 marks]

- start revision Well in advance - make subject-wise , date-wise time table for revision - read lessons along with notes - clarify doubts - discuss with teacher in school - write answers of important questions.

-OR-

You recently visited a newly demolished market and residential area in your neighbourhood. You were shocked to see the miserable condition of the houses and their owners who were either sobbing or shouting slogans. Give a factual description of the market in about 80 - 100 words. [5 marks]

5. Many students of your school volunteered for a two-day Meditation Camp. You feel meditation can be extremely useful in modern times of stress and tension. Write an article for your school magazine in 100 - 150 words. You may use the following ideas as well as some of your own. [8 marks]

Meditation means turning the mind inwards - helps students by improving concentration, memory - helps adults in relaxing - controlling anger - getting extremely popular in western countries - Special courses for executives.

-OR-

The science stream of study is no longer the only avenue for decent jobs. In fact higher education is no longer necessary for securing good job. IT , hospitability, fashion and entertainment industries have opened the door to enterprising young men & women. Write an article for a newspaper on the topic 'Careers Galore' in about 100-150 words. You are Rahima/Rahim. [8 marks]

6. You are Sajid / Sajida living at 39, B - Block, Model Town, Indore 411001. You can across the following advertisement:

Homeo postal class Eng / Hindi. Practicals arranged. Prospectus free. Contact Director, Mavelil Homeo Mission, P. B 1015, Pattom , Thiruvananthapuram - 695004.

Write a letter to the Director asking for detailed information on the courses, duration, fee, assignments, local contact programmes and request for a prospectus. [7 marks]

-OR-

You are Rashed/Rasheeda, resident of 1505, H.T. colony, Patna. You are upset as some good schools are admitting as many as 60 – 70 students in a class just to mint money, which is adversely affecting the academic standards. Write a letter to the Editor of a National Daily highlighting this corrupt practice. [7 marks]

SECTION – C (GRAMMAR)
10 marks

7. Re-write the following sentences correctly: [1 x 4 = 4]

- that* a) When the earth goes round the sun is a fact.
b) The house which ^{has} ~~have~~ large glass windows was burgled yesterday.
c) I met him when he ^{was} ~~is~~ going home.
d) He is not as taller as you are.

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Underline the error and write the correct word in your answer sheet. [½ x 8 = 4]

The next day during an break
when all the teacher and students
Was eating their snacks, the mother
left the school building hurriedly.
The boy saw him walking
quickly from of the school gate.
He was drank water after
her meal and wondered where
his mother was going.

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| a) | <u>the</u> |
| b) | <u>teachers</u> |
| c) | <u>were</u> |
| d) | <u>hurriedly</u> |
| e) | <u>her</u> |
| f) | <u>out</u> |
| g) | <u>drinking</u> |
| h) | <u>his</u> |

9. Rearrange the following words to make meaningful sentences: [½ x 4 = 2]

- a) has / a / range/ Hyde Park / wide / of / facilities
b) fly / to / escape / south / starvation / to / chill / and / they
c) give / to / armies / wars / forests / during / our / cover
d) do / get / the / forests / from / what / we / products ?

SECTION – D (TEXT BOOKS)
30 marks

10. Read the following extracts carefully and attempt any one. Write the correct option in your answer sheet. [1 x 4 = 4]

Father and son, we both must live
On the same globe and the same land,
He speaks: I cannot understand
Myself, why anger grows from grief.
We each put out an empty hand,
Longing for something to forgive.

- a. **What reality dawns on the speaker? [1 mark]**
 i) that he and his son have to co-exist.
ii) that he has done a foolish thing.
iii) that he should have compromised with his son.
iv) that he should repent.
- b. **What is the source of his anger? [1 mark]**
i) His anger is the source of grief.
 ii) His grief is the source of anger.
iii) His pity is the source of anger.
iv) His son's behaviour is the source of anger
- c. **What does the father feel? [1 mark]**
i) The father feels happy?
ii) The father feels irritated.
 iii) The father feels pained.
iv) The father fails to understand.
- d. **Why do they put out an empty hand? [1 mark]**
i) For good behaviour.
ii) For making mother happy.
iii) For division of property.
 iv) For reconciliation

-OR-

Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless Sea, Upwards to heaven,
whence, vaguely form'd altogether changed, and yet the same.
I descend to lave the droughts, atomies, dust-layers of the globe,
And all that in them without me were seeds only, latent, unborn.

- a. **Where does the rain originate from? [1 mark]**
 i) Out of the land and the deep sea.
ii) Out of the sky and clouds.
iii) Out of the thunder and lightning.
iv) Out of the dew drops and mist.
- b. **What happens to the rain in the sky? [1 mark]**
i) Changes its color in the sky.
 ii) Changes its form in the sky.
iii) Changes its temperature in the Sky.
iv) Changes its sound in the sky.
- c. **With what purpose does the rain descend from the sky? [1 mark]**
i) To wash roads, lanes, highways, buildings
ii) To wash rivers, ponds, lakes and seas.
 iii) To wash the dry, parched, tiny particles, dust layers.
iv) To wash animals, plants, forests and mountains.
- d. **How does the rain help the seeds? [1 mark]**
i) To grow into barks.
ii) To grow into sapless tree
iii) To grow into shoots
 iv) To grow into plants

11. Answer any five of the following in about 30 – 40 words. [2 x 5 = 10]
- a) What do you learn about the poet's mother from the photograph? [2 marks]
 - b) What did the speaker learn about the existence of Heaven and Hell? [2 marks]
 - c) How has the worth of Nekchand's work been recognized abroad? [2 marks]
 - d) How according to Taplow Mr. Ceocker-Harris is unlike other masters? [2 marks]
 - e) What had Professor Gaitonde been thinking at the time of collision? [2 marks]
 - f) What opinion did the author form about Darchen? [2 marks]

12. Answer any one of the following in about 100 – 125 words. [6 marks]
- What image of the grandmother emerges from 'The Portrait of a Lay' ?

-OR-

What damage did 'Wave walker' suffer as a result of bad weather?

13. Answer any one of the following in about 100 words. [4 marks]
- What impression do you form of Andrew Manson on the basis of the story 'Birth' ?

-OR-

In spite of malignant brain – tumour and awareness of approaching death, Shahid was 'the centre of a perpetual carnival'. Explain.

14. Answer any two of the following in about 30 – 40 words. [3 + 3 = 6]
- a) How, do you think, is George Pearson treated at the club?
 - b) What did Mr. Koch think of Albert?
 - c) How did Ranga and Ratna react at their unexpected encounter?

SECTION – E (CONVERSATION SKILLS)

20 marks

15.

a) Listening	-	5 marks	} To be done in class
b) Speaking	-	5 marks	
c) Reading Project	-	10 marks	

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