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ENGLISH

Class 11

English Core

Q1.Read an article from the newspaper EVERYDAY.

Q2 Write a summary of the same in not more than 100 words

Q3 Find 03 new words/ phrases from the passage read , find its meaning and write it down in your note-book.

Q4 Write an article on ' has the internet taken over our lives?' in not more than 250 words

Q5 Write a speech to be delivered during the morning assembly of your school on the topic

' Effect of global warming' in not more than 200 words.

Q6 Draft a poster on the topic ' Say No to drugs'

Q7 Comprehension Passage 1 for solving

The evolution of sports in the modern world is an interesting one. In the past, men took up spears to hunt animals for food. He who could use the spear most expertly would usually bring home a **bigger supply of food**. Nowadays, men take up spears only in sports, in what we now call 'javelin throwing'.

What used to be essential skills in survival, such as running, shooting and jumping, are now skills that are tested primarily in the sports arena. Man no longer has to aim well to shoot at a deer grazing in the grassland or jump over difficult terrain in pursuit of his prey. What he does have to do now is to prove to others that he can shoot further or more accurately than the other competitors, or outrun his opponents in a race.

The pursuit of excellence in sports has become the desire and purpose of every true sportsman today. Sportsmen have to be armed with an indomitable spirit of determination and discipline in order to reach heights ordinary men can only dream of. Carl Lewis, one of the world's fastest men, ran the 100-meter race under ten seconds. Michael Jordan outjumped and outscored his opponents in many basketball matches in the United Sates. Michael Owen captured the hearts of millions of fans when he outsmarted the opposing team to dribble and kick home a crucial goal during the 1998 World Cup. These sportsmen lay claims to glory through their amazing feats in the sports they play and excel in.

However, what significance does sports hold for the ordinary people -- people who cannot perform extraordinary feats like the above-mentioned sports icons of modern times ? Thankfully, sports exist for another very vital reason. They**promote health**. When we engage in a sport, whether it is cycling, swimming, playing football or tennis, it helps to build up our physical as well as **mental strength**. When the body is strong, it means that we are able to fight off infections or illnesses, such as cold or fever, better and faster than someone who is not **physically healthy**.

Sports also help to build up our mental strength. Engaging in any type of sports demands focus. One would not want to cycle right into the drain or be hit by a tennis ball coming right at you. Similarly, we need discipline to complete the various exercises. it takes time and effort to train to play basketball or to complete a long distance run.

Hence, sports have become an integral part of our lives and it is no wonder that the Singapore Government is trying to encourage a nation of healthy living by promoting sports.

Answer the following questions using complete sentences

1. According to the writer, how did sports evolve ?
2. What does the phrase 'bigger supply of food' (paragraph 1) refer to ?
3. What must a sportsman have to pursue excellence in any sport according to the passage ?
4. Why are those sportsmen mentioned in paragraph 3 famous ?
5. What does the phrase 'promote health' (paragraph 4) mean according to the passage ?
6. What does 'mental strength' (paragraph 4) refer to ?
7. When is a person 'physically health' (paragraph 4) ?
8. What is the phrase in paragraph 4 that has the same meaning as 'resist' ?
9. What is the Singapore Government trying to promote ?
10. Why do you think having a nation of healthy people is important ?

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Q8**) Passage for Note making**

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

1. Homeopathy has come to be known, over the years, as a form of medical treatment without side effects.

2. In the eighteenth century, Dr Samuel Hahnemann convinced that existing medical practices did more harm than good, began to look for an alternative that would be safe, gentle, and effective. He reasoned that instead of suppressing symptoms as allopathy does, one should seek to stimulate and so encourage and assist the body's natural healing process.

3. Hahnemann had already discovered that a small dose of quinine in a healthy person produced the symptoms of malaria. A number of systematic experiments followed this discovery. Hahnemann then worked to establish the smallest effective dose as he realised that this was the best way to avoid side effects. In so doing, he unexpectedly discovered one of the basic tenets of homeopathy, that the more a remedy was diluted, the more effective it became. Thus, by trial and perseverance, Hahnemann finally arrived at his goal – an alternative form of medical treatment that was both effective and safe.

4. One of the principles of homeopathy is that a person's response to a disease varies according to his or her basic temperament. Thus, a homeopathy doctor will take into account the patient's temperament and responses to certain conditions before prescribing any medicine because it is the patient who is being treated and not the disease. Patients with the same ailment may often require different remedies.

5. Rapid results are often achieved in cases of an acute illness but where a patient's vitality is low, the treatment may be long term. In chronic illness, sufferers must be patient and give homeopathy time to take effect.

6. Homeopathy does not reject the great discoveries of modern science, only their commercial abuse. In many cases, homeopathy is complementary to the newer methods of modern medical practice.

7. In its present form, homeopathy has stood the test of time. 8. Today, it is highly developed in many countries and is accepted as a safe and effective form of medical treatment that stands in its own right.

8.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage make notes on it in points only, using abbreviations wherever necessary. Supply a suitable title.
8.2 Write a summary of the passage in 80 words.

Q9 Listen to the audios and answer the questions that follow

9.1.https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/skills/listening/b1-listening/team-meeting-about-diversity
9.2 https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/skills/listening/b1-listening/team-meeting-about-diversity

10. Read a book and write a book review in a prescribed format
11. Project completion