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कक्षा/CLASS: - X

अधिकतम अंक/MAX. MARKS – 80

विषय/SUBJECT: - English Lang & Literature.

समय/ TIME: - 03 घंटे /Hours.

General Instructions:

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

- 1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.*
- 2. The question paper contains THREE sections – Section – A: Reading Skills
Section – B: Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section – C: Literature Textbook*
- 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each Part.*

	SECTION: A (READING SKILLS)	20 MARKS
1.	<p>Read the following text.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Homes and schools must help students battle exam stress</u></p> <p>Students often find it a formidable challenge to strike a balance between achieving academic excellence and maintaining physical and mental health in a fiercely competitive environment. This balance becomes particularly vital during examinations. Students face academic pressure and suffer performance anxiety, which deeply impacts their mental health and overall well-being. Exam preparedness is, no doubt, important. But much more important is to maintain a reasonably good balance between study and healthy living.</p> <p>Here are some tips for students to improve physical health and mental well-being during examinations:</p> <p>Small breaks and physical activity: Regular exercise not only improves cardiovascular health but also serves as a stress-buster. It enhances cognitive function, and the ability to recall information, both of which are crucial to enhance exam performance. While preparing for the exams, students invariably attach priority to their studies over their health. They should incorporate physical activities like stretching, walking, jogging, or yoga that can significantly alleviate stress.</p> <p>Balanced diet and nutrition: Nutrition plays a crucial role in dealing with the demands of rigorous study and staying healthy. Food is the fuel that nourishes both our body and mind. The quality of food that we eat significantly determines our overall health and mental well-being. A common mistake that students often make during this crucial period is to eat poorly or opt for junk fast food, chocolates, energy drinks and chips in place of nutritious homemade meals. Following a balanced diet helps in optimising brain function. Adequate hydration is often overlooked but is equally important.</p> <p>Adequate sleep for good health: Quality sleep is vital during exam time. There is a direct correlation between sleep and cognitive function, memory retention, and emotional resilience. Students should maintain consistent sleep patterns by going to bed and waking up at the same time, daily. Students who have proper sleep can recall better and do well in exams.</p>	10

	<p>Exercise and meditation practices: Meditation can be a secret weapon to manage exam stress. Students should practise meditation, deep breathing, or yoga, which can help calm the mind, improve concentration and reduce anxiety. These can help to avoid stress.</p> <p>Time management: Students should adopt strategies to manage study timings to reduce any last-minute rush. There is now excessive dependence on electronic gadgets. These have become a necessity these days. However, students need to strike a balance. A digital detox will help during exam preparation.</p> <p>By handling exam stress effectively, our young students will be able to perform to their potential and emerge as confident youth committed to realising the goals of Vikasit Bharat @2047. (source: https://www.hindustantimes.com/opinion/homes-and-schools-must-help-students-battle-exam-stress-101706482501173.html)</p>																									
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II	Complete the sentence. Students who have proper sleep _____	1																								
III	<p>Choose the correct option. The following may be practised to beat stress during the examination:</p> <p>I) Consume junk food. II) Incorporate physical activities. III) Proper intake of water. IV) Overnight study.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>a. I & IV</td> <td>b. I & II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c. II & III</td> <td>d. III & IV</td> </tr> </table>	a. I & IV	b. I & II	c. II & III	d. III & IV	1																				
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VI	Find out the out word from the passage which means “difficult to deal with”.	1																								
VII	How sleep and cognitive function are related?	2																								
VIII	As a student, which suggestion do you think will help you beat the board examination stress.	1																								
2.	<p>Read the following text.</p> <p>Blushing Parrots A cute, colourful companion is the parrot. Found in warm climates almost all over the world, these parrots are a diverse species. Be it a macaw, parakeet, cockatoo and many</p>	10																								

	<p>others, all of them have curved beaks and can mimic and imitate many sounds including human speech.</p> <p>Ever heard of the blushing parrots? There are some interesting facts about parrots that blush:</p> <p>1. Parrots may blush and ruffle their head feathers to communicate visually, according to a study which helps better understand the complex social lives of these highly intelligent birds. Researchers in France studied five hand-reared captive blue-and-yellow macaws interacting with one another and with their human caretakers.</p> <p>2. They assessed their feather position-ruffled or sleeked-on the crown, nape, and cheek, as well as the presence or absence of blushing on the bare skin of the cheek. They found that feather ruffling was more common when the birds were not in motion, such as during social interactions and resting periods.</p> <p>3. Blushing may not be a characteristic unique to humans: the featherless cheek of the blue-and yellow macaw parrot reveals rapid skin colour changes in situations associated with emotion. The macaw’s particularly complex face enabled communication of emotion via colour and feather displays.</p> <p>4. Crown feather ruffling and blushing were both more common when the human caretaker was actively interacting with the parrot by talking and maintaining eye contact than when the keeper was in the room but ignoring and turning their backs to the bird. Together, these results suggest that head feather ruffling is associated with positive social interactions.</p> <p>Source:https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/parrots-blush-when-happily-communicating/article24779365.ece</p>							
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III	State any two common characteristics of different species of parrot.	1						
IV	<p>Parrots visually communicate with each other using: -</p> <p>a. mimic and imitate. b. blushing. c. ruffling & blushing. d. eye contact.</p>	1						
V	Rapid change in colour of the skin is associated with _____	1						
VI	How it may be concluded that parrot is a social bird?	2						
VII	Choose the correct option and fill in the blanks.	1						

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3.	Complete any ten of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.																
I	Read the given sentence, Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence. The uniquely flavoured dish was interestingly enough to captivate my taste buds. Use the format given below for your response. <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Error</td> <td>Correction</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </table>	Error	Correction			1											
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III	Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the sentence from a public health campaign. The campaign's goal is to increase physical activity among the younger. <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Option No.</th> <th>Error</th> <th>Corrections</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>activity</td> <td>activities</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>goal</td> <td>goals</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>younger</td> <td>youth</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>Is</td> <td>are</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Option No.	Error	Corrections	A	activity	activities	B	goal	goals	C	younger	youth	D	Is	are	1
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IV	Report the dialogue between a vendor and his customer, by completing the sentence: Vendor: You look a little different today! Customer: Yes, I just got a new haircut. The vendor noticed that his customer's appearance had changed and asked him about it. The customer admitted this, citing the fact that _____	1															
V	Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence to update the result of the regional fair: We have exciting news to share! Our school _____ first place in the regional science fair. <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>a. awarded</td> <td>b. was awarded</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c. had awarded</td> <td>d. has been awarded</td> </tr> </table> <p>e.</p>	a. awarded	b. was awarded	c. had awarded	d. has been awarded	1											
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VI	Manthan and Sonalika had a conversation about Sonalika's job interview. Report Manthan's question. How are you preparing for the interview?	1															
VII	Complete the given sentence with appropriate verbs. The crew _____ work at the crack of dawn. Each of its members _____ for three hours before taking a break. <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>a. Begin, work</td> <td>b. Begins, work</td> </tr> </table>	a. Begin, work	b. Begins, work	1													
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VIII	Choose the option that correctly completes the sentence below. She is highly creative and likes to work at her own pace. I doubt whether she _____ cope with the stress of a corporate job.		1
	a. could have to	b. will be able to	
	c. may not have to	d. must not be able to	
IX	Choose the option that completes the sentence correctly. The cash prize will be awarded to _____ student who scores the highest in English across all sections.		1
	a. a	b. the	
	c. this	d. that	
X	Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option: Drivers _____ wear helmets for their safety.		1
	a. must	b. can't	
	c. don't	d. ought	
XI	Identify the error in the given sentence from a school magazine report and supply the correction: When I was a child, my grandfather often repetition the story of her childhood days. Use the format given below for your response.		1
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XII	Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blanks with the correct option: NO news _____ good news.		1
	a. Has	b. Had	
	c. Is	d. are	
WRITING			10
NOTE: <i>All details presented in the questions in writing section are Imaginary and created for assessment purpose.</i>			
4A	You are Ansh Chawala of 184E, East Patel Nagar, New Delhi. You believe that pedestrian safety is very important. Footpaths of your city need repair and on the some stretch they need to be constructed. Write a letter to the Municipality Commissioner of your area in 120 words, stressing the need of footpaths for pedestrian safety.		5
OR			
4B	You are Aman/ Amani, sports secretary of Springdale Public School, New Delhi. You want to place an order for sports articles for the school cricket team to Rotary Sports, Janakpuri, New Delhi. Write a letter in 120 words. Include relevant information about quantity and quality of products, specific details, school discount, delivery date and mode of payment.		5
5A	The below given bar graph shows the percentage of internet user across the different countries who only use mobile devices to access the internet. Based on the given graph write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words.		5

	c. Hostile	d. Nostalgic	
II	To whom the loaves of bread were delivered?		1
III	Why the children run to meet the Pader?		2
IV	Why the children never care to brush their teeth?		1
B	<p>“Richard would always give that extra effort,” Mr Weiherer said. “What pleased me was, here was this person who put in three or four hours at night doing debate research besides doing all his research with butterflies and his other interests.</p> <p>“Richard was competitive,” Mr Weiherer continued, “but not in a bad sense.” He explained, “Richard wasn’t interested in winning for winning’s sake or winning to get a prize. Rather, he was winning because he wanted to do the best job he could. For the right reasons, he wants to be the best.”</p> <p>And that is one of the ingredients in the making of a scientist. Start with a first-rate mind, add curiosity, and mix in the will to win for the right reasons. Ebright has these qualities. From the time the book, <i>The Travels of Monarch X</i>, opened the world of science to him, Richard Ebright has never lost his scientific curiosity.</p>		
I	What does “Opened the world of science” means?		1
II	The tone of Mr. Weiherer in the above extract is _____		1
III	According to the speaker what are the ingredients required to be a scientist?		2
IV	What personality traits do we conclude about Mr. Richard?		1
7	Read the given extracts and answer any one of the two questions given below		
A	<p>All night the roots work to disengage themselves from the cracks in the veranda floor.</p> <p>The leaves strain toward the glass small twigs stiff with exertion long-cramped boughs shuffling under the roof like newly discharged patients half-dazed, moving to the clinic doors.</p>		
I	<p>What does the poet describe in the given stanza?</p> <p>a. The poet describes the misery of the roots. b. The poet describes the exertion of the small twigs. c. The poet describes the cracks of the veranda floor. d. The poet describes the struggle of the trees(women) to free themselves.</p>		1
II	Why do the leaves keep straining?		2
III	Which of the following expression is Correct with respect to the word ‘Half dazed’?		1
	a. Half rigged	b. Half torn	
	c. Half asleep	d. Half spoilt	
IV	Which literary device has been used in the expression “ like newly discharged patients ”		1
B	<p>The pirate gaped at Belinda’s dragon, And gulped some grog from his pocket flagon, He fired two bullets, but they didn’t hit, And Custard gobbled him, every bit.</p>		
I	<p>How did the pirate attack the Dragon?</p> <p>a. He fired two bullets at him. b. He plunged his knife into custard’s tail. c. He threw a barrel at custard. d. None of these.</p>		1
II	What did the dragon do to the pirate?		2

III	What did the pirate gulp?	1	
IV	What was pirate's first reaction to see Custard?	1	
	a. He gulped		b. He cackled
	c. He gaped		d. He smirked
8	Answer any four of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words.	4x3=12	
I	What does Lencho's act of writing letter to God reveals about his trait?	3	
II	At the beginning of his speech, Mandela mentions "an extraordinary human disaster". What does he mean by this? What is the "glorious ...human achievement" he speaks of at the end?	3	
III	How it may be concluded that Mr. Kessing took the joke in right way?	3	
IV	Why does Maxwell say the airhostess was "the very queen of her kind"?	3	
V	Buddha states "Death is common to all." What, he compares death to?	3	
9	Answer any two of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.	2x3=6	
I	"He had no medical treatment of any kind but" How Mr. Herriot carried out the treatment?	3	
II	Horace was a meticulous planner but still he flattered. Where did he go wrong? Why?	3	
III	Think tank misinterpret innocent nurse's rhymes as a threat to the Martians. How did it save the earth from Martians invasion?	3	
10	Answer any one of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words	6	
I	Siddhartha's (Buddha) and Valli's induction into the outside world introduced them to suffering and woes of the mortals. Elaborate.	6	
II	According to Mandela Freedom is <i>transitory</i> in nature. How it changed with age? How it transformed his life?	6	
11	Answer any one of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words	6	
I	Horace Danby and Griffin both were successful in their profession but lastly ended into trouble due to their follies. What according to you is the reason of their landing into distress? What advices would you offer to lead a contented life?	6	
II	Write a diary entry as Anil, narrating his impression about Hari Singh and what he has observed about him. (The Thief's Story)	6	