

2024
ENGLISH

Full marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

General instructions:

- i) *Approximately 15 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers.*
 - ii) *The question paper consists of 16 questions divided into 4 sections A,B,C &D.*
 - iii) *Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct number in your answer sheet to indicate the option/s being attempted.*
 - iv) *General and Internal choice has been provided in some questions.*
- N.B:** *Check that all pages of the question paper are complete as indicated on the top left side.*

SECTION-A (Literature)

1. Choose the correct option for the following questions: 4x1=4

- (a) Read the given extract to attempt the question that follows:
“He would never become accustomed to this life of wretchedness”.
What is ‘this life of wretchedness’ referred to here?
(i) Poverty (ii) Hunger
(iii) Miserable life (iv) Impoverished
- (b) What signs does the speaker Ellen Johnson Sirleaf see in the world?
(i) Social justice and fairness (ii) Pursuit of peace
(iii) New-found freedom (iv) Optimism and hope
- (c) “Great pirates of Penzance!” Who says this?
(i) Bill (ii) Sam
(iii) Red Chief (iv) Ebenezer Dorset
- (d) “Today’s ever changing society calls for a leader who possesses these qualities”. Select the options that list the qualities of today’s leader:
(i) Collaborate
(ii) Dominating
(iii) Accept feedback
(iv) Decisive in action
(v) Freedom
(vi) Analytical
(vii) Competitive

- A. (i) and (v)
- B. (ii) and (vii)
- C. (i), (ii), (iv) and (vi)
- D. (i), (iii), (iv) and (vi)

2. **Answer the following questions:** **3x2=6**

- (a) Write a brief note on Leymah Roberta Gbowee.
- (b) What did Sam see when he was awakened by a series of terrible screams from Bill?
- (c) What do you understand by 'Managing Emotions'?

3. **Answer the following questions in about 150 words:**

- a. Jean Victor's life story speaks volumes about his character. Comment.

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- b. Grandma acted as a driving force in Susan's life to achieve her goals. Substantiate your answer with reasons.

4. **Choose the correct answer from the alternatives given:** **3x1=3**

- a. *I am not yet born; provide me
With water to dandle me, grass to grow for me, trees to talk....*

How is nature presented in the above lines?

- (i) Caring friend
- (ii) Goddess
- (iii) Caring mother
- (iv) Priestess

- b. In 'Spring and Fall' who, in reality is Margaret mourning for?

- (i) Fallen leaves
- (ii) Her own mortality
- (iii) Goldengrove
- (iv) Wanwood leafmeal

- c. "Into the jaws of Death, Into the mouth of Hell". Identify the poetic device used in these lines?

- (i) Personification
- (ii) Metaphor
- (iii) Simile
- (iv) Repetition

5. **Read the lines from the poem and answer the following questions:**

- a. *I am not yet born; forgive me*

For the sins that in me the world shall commit, my words

When they speak me, my thoughts when they think me,

My treason engendered by traitors beyond me, my life when they murder by

Means of my hands, my death when they live me.

- (i) Why does the speaker seek for forgiveness? **1**
- (ii) Why is the speaker so sure that he will commit sins? **1**
- (iii) What do you understand by the lines 'my words when they speak me, my thoughts when they think me'? **1**

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- b. *If this be error, and upon me prov'd,
I never writ, nor no man ever lov'd.*
- (i) Who is 'I' here? (1)
 - (ii) What is the 'error' the poet is referring to? (1)
 - (iii) What is the significance of the last two lines? (1)

6. **Answer the following questions in about 120 words:**

- a. The unleaving of Goldengrove during the autumn season carries a deeper meaning. What according to you is the underlying theme captured in the poem 'Spring and Fall'?

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- b. Even after realizing that their commander had 'blundered', the soldiers kept charging forward. Write a note on the soldiers as portrayed in the poem, 'The Charge of the Light Brigade'.

7. a. *"Have patience, gentle friends. I must not read it.*

It is not meet you know how Caesar loved you.

You are not wood, you are not stones, but men.

And, being men, hearing the will of Caesar,

It will inflame you; it will make you mad.

'Tis good you know not that you are his heirs,

For if you should, O, what would come of it?"

- (a) Who is the speaker in the above lines? **1**
- (b) Explain the lines 'you are not wood, you are not stones, but men'. **2**
- (c) What is the intention of the speaker in the above lines? **2**

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- b. Can you spot 'mob mentality' in this scene of the play, Mark Antony's Speech? Write a note expressing your views on the same. (5)

8. **Answer any two (2) of the following questions in about 150 words: 2x5=10**

- (a) Give a pen –portrait of Lord Canterville.
- (b) Describe in detail the plan of the ghost to frighten the Otis family on the 17th of August.
- (c) How are the themes of love and death described in 'The Canterville Ghost'?

SECTION –B (Reading)

9. 1. While there is no denying that the world loves a winner, it is important that you recognize the signs of stress in your behaviour and be healthy enough to enjoy your success. Stress can strike anytime, in a fashion that may leave you unaware of its presence in your life. While a certain amount of pressure is necessary for performance, it is important to be able to recognize your individual limit. For instance, there are some individuals who accept competition in a healthy fashion. There are others who collapse into weeping wrecks before an exam or on comparing mark sheets and finding that their friend has scored better.
2. 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 psychosocial stress. It is a part and parcel of everyday life.
3. 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.
4. Such signs appear in the attitude and behaviour of 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 tranquilisers. There are other signs of stress such as trembling, shaking, nervous blinking, dryness of throat and mouth and difficulty in swallowing.
5. The professional under stress behaves as if he is a perfectionist. It leads to depression, lethargy and weakness. Periodic mood shifts also indicate the stress status of the students, executives and professionals.
6. In a study sponsored by World Health Organization 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 the 21st century.
7. The heart disease and depression both stress diseases are going to rank first and second in 21st century. Road traffic accidents are going to be the third-

largest killers. These accidents are also an indicator of psychosocial stress in a fast-moving society. Other stress diseases like ulcers, hypertension and sleeplessness have assumed epidemic proportions in modern societies.

8. 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 distressed.

9. When 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 undecided, confused and accident-prone as well. Sudden exposure of 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.

Based on your reading of the passage, answer the following questions given below:

- a. Which of the following signs appear in the attitude and behaviour of the individual as muscle tension? **1**
- i. Ulcers
 - ii. Palpitation
 - iii. Fatigue
 - iv. Hypertension
 - v. Hyperacidity
 - vi. Sleeplessness
- (i) i and iv
(ii) iii and vi
(iii) ii and v
(iv) iv and v
- b. The writer attempts to _____ the readers through this write –up. **1**
- (i) Rebuke
 - (ii) Question
 - (iii) Offer aid to
 - (iv) Offer advice to
- c. Which of the following are going to be the major killers in 21st century? **1**
- i Indigestion
 - ii Depression
 - iii Smoking Excessively
 - iv Loss of memory

- (i) Only ii
 - (ii) Only iii
 - (iii) Only i and iv
 - (iv) Only i
- d. How does the professional under stress behave? **1**
- e. What is the result of self- destructive behaviour? **1**
- f. Find a word in the passage which is opposite to 'praise'. (para. 3) **1**
- g. According to the writer, what are excellent stress busters? **2**
10. **Read the following passage and prepare notes on the contents of the passage and summarize in about 80 words using the notes that you have made:** **4+3=7**

Sustainable development has become a central concept in our rapidly changing world. It represents a crucial approach to addressing the complex challenges of our time, including environmental degradation, social inequality, and economic instability. Sustainable development is a vision of progress that seeks to balance economic growth, social equity, and environmental stewardship to ensure that future generations can also thrive. This essay explores the key principles, benefits, and challenges of sustainable development, emphasizing its significance in shaping a more promising future for all.

One of the primary principles of sustainable development is the responsible use and preservation of natural resources. This involves reducing greenhouse gas emissions, conserving biodiversity, and minimizing pollution. Sustainable development recognizes the finite nature of Earth's resources and advocates for their sustainable management to ensure they are available for future generations.

Sustainable development seeks to promote economic growth and prosperity while ensuring long- term stability. It emphasizes economic diversification, innovation and resource efficiency. By fostering sustainable economic practices, it aims to lift people out of poverty and improve their quality of life. Equity and social justice are fundamental to sustainable development. This principle entails reducing social disparities, ensuring access to education, healthcare and basic services for all, and promoting inclusive and just societies. It strives to create a world where no one is left behind.

Sustainable development is not just a buzzword; it is a fundamental concept for addressing the pressing issues of our time. By prioritizing environmental stewardship, economic prosperity, social equity, and interconnectedness, sustainable development offers a roadmap to a brighter future. Its benefits include environmental protection, improved quality of life,

economic stability, and enhanced resilience. However, overcoming the challenges of short-term thinking, vested interests, global inequality and complex interactions is essential to realize its full potential. To secure a sustainable future for ourselves and future generations, we must commit to embracing and implementing the principles of sustainable development in every aspect of our lives and societies.

SECTION-C (Writing)

11. Mrs. Lemshen: *Hello!*
Ali: *Hi*
Mrs. Lemshen: *Yes. May I know who is on the line please?*
Ali: *I am Ali. Could I talk to Chiro?*
Mrs. Lemshen: *Chiro has a slight fever. I would have asked him to take the call but right now he's asleep.*
Ali: *Was he absent from school because of the fever?*
Mrs. Lemshen: *Yes. Any message?*
Ali: *He must be feeling worried about the Monday Test. Tell him that it has been postponed till Friday. Monday has been declared a holiday on account of Gandhi Jayanti.*
Mrs. Lemshen: *Good for Chiro. I'll tell him that.*
Ali: *Can you also let him know that our English teacher has instructed us to read the novel and prepare a review by the end of the week?*
Mrs. Lemshen: *Okay I'll tell him about it.*
Ali: *Please ask him to take good care of himself and give him my wishes for a speedy recovery.*
Mrs. Lemshen: *Thank you. Bye*
Ali: *Bye, Aunty.*

Given above is a telephonic conversation between Mrs. Hemshen and Ali. As Mrs. Lemshen was going out for shopping, she left a message for Chiro. Draft the message in about 50-60 words.

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You are Toshi Jamir from St. Edmund's School, Wokha. You are applying for the State Post Matric Scholarship 2024 under fresh category. Given below is the application form. Fill in all the necessary details in block letters.

APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Academic Year _____ (Fresh/Renewal) Tick

Full name _____

Mobile Number (Linked with Bank/Aadhaar) _____

Email (for correspondence) _____

Date of Birth _____
Gender _____
Aadhaar No _____
Tribe _____ Nationality _____
Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Religion Christian Muslim Hindu Sikh Others

Category General OBC SC ST

Institution Name _____

Residential Address _____

12. Write an article expressing your views in about 150-200 words on the topic 'Lack of Civic Sense' and how it should be inculcated in children at a very young age.

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A Medical College was inaugurated in your town by the Union Health Minister on the 14th January 2024. As a reporter from 'The Herald', write a brief report on the same to be published in the newspaper in about 150-200 words.

13. You saw an advertisement in the local daily newspaper and wish to apply for the post advertised. Write a job application with a covering letter. Give your essential details in a C.V. Sign yourself as Edward /Rachael.

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SITUATION VACANT

Required an Assistant Sales Manager for Super Mart which is opening soon. Candidate should be 25-30 years, should be a graduate with at least 2 years of experience in sales management. Must be fluent in English and Hindi and should have good computer knowledge. Apply to the Proprietor, Mint Super Mart, Main Town, Mokokchung.

SECTION – D (Grammar)

14. Rewrite the following as directed:

3x1=3

- a. I was writing a book. Then I fell ill. (*Combine the sentence using Past Perfect Continuous Tense*)
b. Sam learned to multiply tables by next week. (*Future Perfect Tense*)
c. The kettle _____ (boil) . Can you turn off the gas? (*Present Continuous Tense*)

15. Write the meaning of the following idioms and phrases and make sentences of your own: 3x1=3

- a. Born with a silver spoon
- b. As bright as a button
- c. Hit the nail on the head

16. Insert the blanks with correct modals: 4x1=4

- a. You _____ take your umbrella. It is raining.
- b. Jane _____ lose any more weight; she is already so slim.
- c. _____ you pass me the salt and pepper?
- d. You _____ be exhausted after that long drive.

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