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| Date: 18.10.2022 | Term 1 | Max. Marks: 40 |
| Grade: IX | ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE | Time: 2 hours |

| Q. No. | QUESTION | MARKS |
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| | SECTION A - READING | |
| | <p>Read the passage given below.</p> <p>1. Good health is the soundness of body, mind and soul. It is that condition in which the body and mind duly discharge their functions. Good health helps everyone to be creative and work for the welfare of the society. He has to be, therefore, free from diseases: or, if he suffers from a disease he needs treatments not only for that particular disease but for the whole body, mind and soul. In other words, a doctor has to have a sound approach to the patients.</p> <p>2. In these days of specialization, doctors cure a patient only for his immediate disease, treating it in isolation. Such an approach goes against the old aphorism that "prevention is better than cure". Dr. Hedge provides insight into the overall causes of simple and serious disease and describes the methods of preventing them without having to take medicine but exercising, self-control on food consumption, smoking and intake of alcoholic drinks. He also advocates regular yoga exercise and meditation to keep fit, but at the same time warns against over-indulgence.</p> <p>3. Hedge stresses the importance of laughter because, laughter induces secretion of good catecholamine which is hormone, produced by adrenal glands; they can be both beneficial and harmful. They are harmful when a person is angry, but beneficial if he laughs. For a healthy living, "Laughter proves to be great boon," Hedge says.</p> <p>4. In these days of hectic life, full of stress, strain and emotions, everyone needs to lead a relaxed life. The best form of relaxation, according to Hedge, is sound sleep. "Restful sleep at night will recharge our batteries for the following day's fruitful endeavour," he says. There is no use of lying on the bed and tossing without sleep. Under those circumstances it is better to read or engage oneself in some light mental activities which are useful. But never seek refuge in alcoholic drinks or pills for</p> | |

inducing sleep, as these are not refreshing for an individual. For a normal human being, eight hours of sleep a day is sufficient to keep him free from stress. More than nine to ten hours of sleep a day would produce increased muscle protein, loss in the body and might even shorten one's life.

5. Society must be sympathetic to drug addicts, understand their problems and gave up help to them by motivating and keeping them busy. Alcoholic anonymous may help addicts kick their habit of drug abuse and excess drinking. Hedge claims that cigarette smoking causes more premature deaths than all other "Killers" put together—AIDS, cocaine, heroin, alcohol, fire, automobile accidents, homicide and suicide. Ninety per cent of cancer victims are heavy smokers. The author stresses on the right type of diet daily exercise for healthy living. He has also talked of the danger of over-exercising in these days of fitness mania.

I. Based on your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions:

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1) An aphorism is

- A. a concise statement
- B. a confusing question
- C. a detailed explanation
- D. a funny idiom

2) is produced by more than nine to ten hours of sleep a day.

- A. Muscle protein
- B. Body improvement
- C. Extra energy
- D. Sleeplessness

3) The soundness of body, mind, and soul symbolizes

4) According to Hedge, what is the importance of laughter?

5) What is the best form of relaxation in these days of hectic life? How?

6) What do you mean by good health? How does it help?

7) In Paragraph 2, means gratification.

- A. cure
- B. isolation
- C. over-indulgence
- D. hectic

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| <p>8) In Paragraph 4, the word opposite in meaning to 'preventing' is _____.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. following b. tossing c. inducing d. increased</p> <p>9) Comment on the popular saying 'Prevention is better than cure'</p> <p>10) Write do's and don'ts for sleep.</p> | |
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SECTION B – WRITING & GRAMMAR

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| II. | <p>Attempt <u>ANY ONE</u> from A and B given below.</p> <p>A. Read the following story prompts and build a story around each, using your own imagination and ideas in about 150-200 words.</p> <p><i>This morning when I woke up and looked into the mirror, I could not recognize my face. It was someone else's. 'This is not me!' I cried out aloud.</i></p> <p>Hints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a stranger's face • afraid of myself • scared to go out • realized I was not dreaming • I was in an alien planet • The people were strange • found out a way of coming back to earth • great relief <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OR</u></p> <p>B. Write a descriptive paragraph, in about 100-150 words, on 'The Blonde Guitar' using the information given:</p> <p><i>Madeira folk guitar – the top is a bramble of copper-round strings – body shaped like a pear – wood has been chipped on one side – not a beautiful looking instrument</i></p> | (5) |
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| <p>III.</p> | <p>A. Rearrange the following groups of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences:</p> <p>(a) are machines/to think/robots/that use/a computer brain (b) are sent/computer brain/in the robot's parts/ messages/from the/to motors</p> <p>B. In the following passage, one word has not been edited in each line. Write the incorrect word along with the correct word in the space provided.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>incorrect</th> <th>correct</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Climate change in <u>a</u> Indian region of</td> <td>e.g.) a</td> <td>the</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ladakh has shrunk glaciers or has made rainfall</td> <td>a) _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>and temperature unpredictable. Water has</td> <td>b) _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>needed to irrigating the fields.</td> <td>c) _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Farmers may require aid from the government.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | incorrect | correct | Climate change in <u>a</u> Indian region of | e.g.) a | the | Ladakh has shrunk glaciers or has made rainfall | a) _____ | _____ | and temperature unpredictable. Water has | b) _____ | _____ | needed to irrigating the fields. | c) _____ | _____ | Farmers may require aid from the government. | | | <p>1x2=2</p> <p>3</p> |
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| <p align="center">SECTION C – LITERATURE</p> | | |
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| <p>IV.</p> | <p>Answer the questions for the two extracts given.</p> <p><u>EXTRACT 1</u></p> <p><i>When the humid shadows hover Over all the starry spheres And the melancholy darkness Gently weeps in rainy tears, What a bliss to press the pillow Of a cottage-chamber bed And lie listening to the patter Of the soft rain overhead!</i></p> <p align="right"><i>(Rain on the Roof)</i></p> <p>1. What are the humid shadows doing in the sphere? a. Steeping b. Resting c. Floating in the air d. Doing nothing</p> <p>2. What does 'humid shadow' mean here?</p> <p>3. 'And lie listening to the patter'. Expressions of two poetic devices can be identified in this line of the poem. What are they?</p> | <p>(1x5=5)</p> |

- a. alliteration and personification
- b. simile and onomatopoeia
- c. metaphor and hyperbole
- d. alliteration and onomatopoeia

4. What does the phrase '*melancholy darkness*' mean?

5. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to (1) and (2) given below.

(1) It is a bliss to press the pillow.

(2) He lies on bed to listen the sound of raindrops.

- a. (1) is true but (2) is false.
- b. (2) is true but (1) is false.
- c. (2) is the reason for (1).
- d. Both (1) and (2) cannot be inferred from the extract.

EXTRACT 2

Tired out, he slept before the little girl. A funny feeling came over her. Poor Father, not so big, after all —and with no one to look after him. He was harder than Grandmother, but it was a nice hardness. And every day he had to work and was too tired to be a Mr Macdonald... She had torn up all his beautiful writing... She stirred suddenly, and sighed.

(1x5=5)

"What's the matter?" asked her father. "Another dream?"

"Oh," said the little girl, "my head's on your heart. I can hear it going. What a big heart you've got, Father dear."

1) Choose the poetic device as used in 'She stirred suddenly'.

- a. Zeugma
- b. Synecdoche
- c. Alliteration
- d. Repetition

2) Which of the following sentences is correctly matched to the emotion expressed in the phrase 'What a big heart!?'

- a. She is very enthusiastic and clever.
- b. He is funny as well as intelligent.
- c. The old king was wise and generous.
- d. My uncle is highly emotional and arrogant.

3) The phrase 'look after' in the passage means _____.

- a. To look at someone
- b. To stare at someone
- c. To take care of someone
- d. None of these

4) What was the dream that frightened the little girl?

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| | 5) What does the phrase 'but it was a nice hardness' mean? | |
| V. | <p>Answer ANY THREE of the following in about 40-50 words each.</p> <p>1) Where did Bismillah Khan play the shehnai on 15 August 1947? Why was the event historic?</p> <p>2) Why did the little girl start making the pin-cushion?</p> <p>3) What impact did story of female ghost have on Mahindra?</p> <p>4) How did the child react when there was no sign of his parents?</p> | (2x3=6) |
| VI. | <p>Answer <u>ANY ONE</u> of the following in about 100-120 words.</p> <p>A. How does Iswaran narrate the story of the tusker? Does it appear to be plausible?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B. 'The Little Girl' is the story of a little girl, Kezia who misunderstood her father's strictness and usually remained scared of him. Give a character sketch of Kezia.</p> | (1x4=4) |