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Time: 10.00am to 01.00pm

Instruction:1) All questions are compulsory.2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.

Q.1.(a) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: (10)

Stress is a body reaction to any demands or changes in its internal and 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.

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.

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. 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.

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 2020. The heart disease and depression both stress diseases are going to rank first and second in 2020. 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.

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. 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 move excellent stress busters.

Q.1 Describe the stress busters mentioned in the passage and enlist a few that you would recommend.

- Q.2 What are the consequences of stress crossing its limit?
 Q.3 Which diseases caused by stress are leading the chart globally?
 Q.4 What are the primary signs of stress?
 Q.5 According to you, state the causes of stress in individuals.

(b) Give the synonyms of the following (10)

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| 1. Accurate | 6. Regress |
| 2. Wary | 7. Bravado |
| 3. Drowsy | 8. Alike |
| 4. Trivial | 9. Prank |
| 5. Solitude | 10. Costly |

Q. 2. Give the antonyms of the following (10)

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| 1. Cautious | 6. Punctual |
| 2. Heal | 7. Extravagant |
| 3. Adamant | 8. Silent |
| 4. Vibrant | 9. Urban |
| 5. Brittle | 10. Hefty |

Q.3.(a) Fill in the blanks with prefixes and suffixes (10)

1. _____ respect _____
2. _____ stand _____
3. _____ mob _____
4. _____ miss _____
5. _____ loyal _____

(b) Choose the appropriate words (Noun / Adjective form) from the brackets and fill in the blanks. (10)

- a) Karna was known among all for his _____ (generous)
- b) Books can hardly describe the _____ (scene) beauty of Munnar.
- c) My _____ (tolerate) to his irritable behavior is waning.
- d) Steve's _____ (protect) nature would not let him leave without the others in danger .
- e) Healthy food provides us _____. (nourish)
- f) Mr. Hamilton is a _____ (patient) man and never rages without a reason.
- g) True _____ (artist) lies in the creativity of the maker.
- h) A mother would go to any _____ (long) to protect her child.
- i) Volcanoes are a perfect example of the nature's unyielding _____ (fury).
- j) The _____ (taste) collection of décor makes my house a vibrant yet warm place to be in.

(c) Choose the appropriate words from the brackets and fill in the blanks. (10)

- a) Identify the appropriate collective noun:
The night sky was adorned with the _____ of stars.
(cluster/group/constellation/zodiac)
- b) Complete the sentence with the correct preposition: The tree _____ the river is a home to many birds, animals and shelters the passersby in scorching heat.
(with/for/by/to)
- c) The meaning of the following idioms is: At the drop of a hat (take advantage of/do something right away/obstacles in the path/skip the irrelevant parts)
- d) Choose the conjunctions to complete the sentence: _____ medicine _____ a doctor can help him at this stage. (Although-yet/Not only-but also/ provided that/neither-nor)
- e) Complete the sentence with the right adverb: The _____ acted on impulse and killed them all. (notoringly/notly/notedly/notoriously)
- f) Meaning of the proverb: Too many cooks spoil the broth. (If too many people are working on the same thing, they may spoil it/too many items should be avoided by cooks/broth is purposely spoiled by the cooks/)
- g) Arrange the words in alphabetical sequence:
(Attack/Astronomy/Aster/Astrophysics)
- h) Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence: _____ year has gone by since he went missing (An/A/The)
- i) A persons who complaints all the time is called as _____.
(Miser/Adamant/Fussy/ Angry)
- j) Fill in the blank with the correct adjective: The constant mishaps took a _____ toll on their minds, pushing them into depression. (lot of/most/huge/few)

Q.4. (a) Write a paragraph each on the topics given below (10)

- a) Agree or Disagree: Medical Services must be provided for free in India
- b) Agree or Disagree: Traffic rules are meant to be followed by everyone

(b) Write an essay (Any Two) (20)

1. An ideal world
2. Empty vessels make more noise
3. Addiction of Social Media
4. Importance of Trust

Q.5. Write a letter (Any One) (10)

1. Write a letter to a local news paper editor bringing the issue of Stray Dogs in your area and suggest measure to tackle the issue.
 2. Write a letter to your cousin describing your experience of an adventurous incident that you came through recently.
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