

MID-TERM ASSESSMENT
ENGLISH (031)
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General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
3. This paper consists of 8 pages.

SECTION A - READING - 20 Marks



1) Read the passage given below carefully:

The liver is a vital organ responsible for crucial bodily functions. It continuously produces bile, aiding fat-to-energy conversion which is important for digestion. It also removes toxins and harmful substances from the body, helping in regular purification. Overlooking its care can result in significant repercussions, often evident through subtle yet important signs. Here we list some symptoms that indicate whether your liver is in a bad shape, because recognizing these indicators is the initial step towards taking proactive measures to protect your liver and, by extension, your overall well-being.

A noticeable reduction in appetite can be an initial sign that your liver might not be functioning optimally. Sudden change in food or eating patterns and having an aversion to some of your favorite foods could also be a sign of your liver not being in good health. The liver's involvement in metabolism and digestion means its impairment can affect your desire to eat and enjoy meals.

Persistent feelings of vomiting, dizziness, and muscle pain can serve as a symptom of liver distress. As the liver aids in processing and removing waste products from the body, a malfunction will eventually lead to nausea symptoms because of the buildup of toxins in the bloodstream.

Terry's nails are a medical condition characterized by a specific appearance of the fingernails. In this condition, the nail beds (the area under the nails) appear pale or white, often with a narrow band of normal pink or reddish color at the tips. This can be caused by various underlying health issues, predominantly liver damage. The altered nail appearance is attributed to changes in blood supply and protein composition in the nails.

Porphyria Cutanea Tarda (PCT) is a condition where the skin gets easily hurt and forms painful blisters when exposed to sunlight. This happens because of certain proteins (porphyrins) building up in your liver and then moving into your blood and skin. These proteins make your skin very sensitive especially when you're out in the sun. This excess porphyrin accumulates in the skin, making it sensitive and causing blisters, scars and increased hair growth.

Excessive insulin in the body due to insulin resistance, often associated with fatty liver disease and irregular liver function, can lead to acanthosis nigricans. This condition is characterized by darkening of the skin in certain areas like the neck crease, resulting from this surplus of insulin.]

Experiencing discomfort or a dull ache in the upper right side of your abdomen could signify underlying liver inflammation or congestion. The discomfort might range from a mild, nagging sensation to a more pronounced and persistent ache, depending on the extent of liver involvement. Monitoring and assessing this discomfort can offer insights into potential liver health concerns that might need immediate medical attention.

[Jaundice, recognizable by the yellowing of the eyes and skin, serves as a prominent indicator of compromised liver function. The liver's challenge in processing bilirubin, a yellow pigment derived from the breakdown of red blood cells, leads to its accumulation in the body, resulting in this distinctive discoloration.] Bilirubin, typically metabolized and excreted by a healthy liver, can build up when the liver is not functioning optimally.

Ascites, the accumulation of excess fluid in the abdominal cavity, can result from diminished albumin production by the liver. Albumin, a crucial protein, helps regulate fluid balance. Ascites can cause discomfort, abdominal swelling, difficulty in day to day movements and difficulty breathing.

Normal stools derive their brown color from bile produced by the liver. If the liver isn't functioning optimally, it may produce inadequate bile, leading to pale or clay-colored stools. This alteration in stool color can serve as a noticeable indication of liver issues.

The liver plays a vital role in producing essential proteins necessary for blood clotting. However, when the liver is damaged, its ability to generate these clotting proteins is compromised. This reduction in clotting protein production leads to a heightened vulnerability to bruising even from minor injuries. Moreover, the impaired clotting mechanism results in prolonged bleeding from wounds that would typically clot swiftly.

If any of the above symptoms seem familiar, it is time to get checked by a medical professional to rule out any further complications and medicate as necessary.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the correct options: (10

1. Select the option that classifies symptoms related to liver health.
(a) Symptoms of high blood pressure
(b) Symptoms of liver distress
(c) Symptoms of respiratory infections
(d) Symptoms of diabetes
2. What is the significance of Terry's nails in the context of the passage?
(a) It's a cosmetic issue related to nail appearance.
(b) It's a sign of liver damage or underlying health issues.
(c) It's a common condition in healthy individuals.
(d) It's caused by excessive exposure to sunlight.

3. Share evidence from the text to support the view that liver damage can lead to jaundice.
- (a) "The liver's involvement in metabolism and digestion means its impairment can affect your desire to eat."
 - (b) "Experiencing discomfort or a dull ache in the upper right side of your abdomen could signify underlying liver inflammation."
 - (c) "Jaundice, recognizable by the yellowing of the eyes and skin, serves as a prominent indicator of compromised liver function."
 - (d) "Normal stools derive their brown color from bile produced by the liver."

4. Complete the sentence appropriately with a characteristic or its description. Based on the information given in the excerpt, one can infer that liver damage may lead to _____

- (a) Weight loss
- (b) High energy levels
- (c) Pale or clay-colored stools
- (d) Improved appetite

5. Select the option that is similar in meaning to "Ascites."

- (a) Accumulation of fluid in the lungs
- (b) Accumulation of excess fluid in the abdominal cavity
- (c) Accumulation of excess fat in the liver
- (d) Accumulation of blood in the liver

6. Explain, in about 40 words, why the presence of acanthosis nigricans is associated with liver issues and what causes it.

7. How does jaundice affect the physical appearance of a person with liver issues?

8. Explain the role of the liver in processing waste products and its impact on feelings of vomiting and dizziness.

9. Read the five headlines (a)-(e), given below: Identify the option that displays the headline/s that DOES/ DO NOT correspond with occurrences in the passage.

- (a) "Signs of Liver Distress: What You Need to Know"
- (b) "How to Maintain Healthy Nails"
- (c) "The Role of the Liver in Blood Clotting"
- (d) "Sunlight and Skin Sensitivity: A Deep Dive into Porphyria Cutanea Tarda"
- (e) "Preventing Jaundice: Tips for a Healthy Liver"

2) Read the passage given below:

India Covid-19 numbers explained

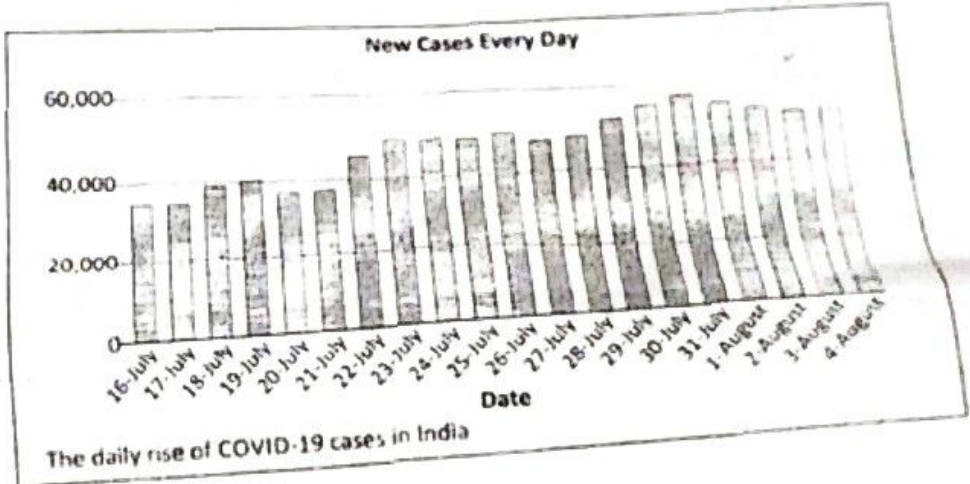
1. With novel Coronavirus spreading rapidly all over the country, there are only three states right now, Meghalaya, Sikkim and Andaman and Nicobar Islands, that have less than 1,000 people infected with the disease.
2. Lakshadweep, of course, still hasn't reported even a single case till now, the only region in India entirely free of the epidemic.

3. Otherwise, even the relatively smaller states now have a significantly large spread of the disease. Goa, for example, has seen more than 7,000 of its people infected by the virus till now. Tripura has over 5,500 cases, while Manipur has more than 3,000, and Nagaland a little less than 2,500. Puducherry has more than 4,000 cases, while even Daman and Diu has over 1,300 people infected.

4. And in each of these states, the numbers are rising at a fast pace, at a rate higher than the national level. The infections had initially reached these states in the first and second week of May, when the lockdown was relaxed for the first time to enable people stuck in different parts of the country to return to their native places.

5. After a period of very slow growth, the number of cases have begun to rise rapidly in the last one month. In Goa, for example, the total number of infected people has nearly doubled in the last 15 days. Same has happened in Puducherry, as well.

6. Tuesday was one of those rare occasions when the number of active cases in the country, those who are yet to recover from the disease, went down compared to the previous day. That is because the number of recoveries, combined with the number of deaths, exceeded the new cases that were detected on Tuesday.



7. With over 52,500 new cases detected in the country, the total number of infections crossed 19 lakh, out of which 12.82 lakh people have recovered from the disease. The number of dead is now close to 40,000.

8. The number of recoveries on Tuesday was the highest-ever for a single day. More than 51,700 people were declared to have been recovered. Three days earlier, the number of recoveries had crossed 50,000 for the first time, but in the next two days the number had fallen to much lower levels.

Choose the correct option to answer the questions based on the above passage and graphics. (10)

1. How are these three states - Meghalaya, Sikkim and Andaman and Nicobar Islands - different from the rest of India

- (a) they are the only states to have less than 1,000 people infected with novel coronavirus
- (b) they are three of the five states to have less than 1,000 people infected with novel coronavirus
- (c) they are the only states to have less than 2,000 people infected with novel coronavirus
- (d) none of these

2. _____ is the only region in India which is entirely free of the epidemic.

- (a) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Lakshadweep
- (d) Tripura

3. What is common among Goa, Tripura, Manipur, Nagaland, Puducherry and Daman and Diu?
(a) the numbers are rising at a fast pace at rates lower than the national level
(b) the numbers are falling at a fast pace at rates equal than the national level
(c) the numbers are rising at a fast pace at rates higher than the national level
(d) none of these

4. Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the inherent qualities of climate in the present times.
(a) 1 and 4 (b) 2 and 1 (c) 1 and 3 (d) 3 and 5

5. Which date in the graph shows the highest jump of detected cases in a day?
(a) July 30 (b) July 31 (c) August 1 (d) August 2

6. Of the 19 lakh infected cases, how many have recovered?
(a) 11.82 lakh (b) 13.82 lakh (c) 12.81 lakh (d) 12.82 lakh

7. More than 51,700 people were declared to have been recovered on _____.
(a) Wednesday (b) Sunday (c) Tuesday (d) Monday

8. When had the number of recoveries crossed 50,000 for the first time?
(a) two days earlier (b) Tuesday
(c) three days earlier than Tuesday (d) none of these

9. Which word in the passage means the same as "quickly"?
(a) rapidly (b) significantly (c) native (d) rare

10. Which word in the passage is opposite in meaning to "indigenous"?
(a) rapidly (b) significantly (c) native (d) rare

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS - 20 Marks

3) You are the Secretary of the Royal Housing Complex. Draft a notice requesting the people of the housing complex to meet at the community hall for a charitable cause. (5)

4) You are interested in taking The British Council library membership in Delhi. Write a letter to The Head Librarian asking for details and the required procedure. You are Rehan/ Radhika. (5)

5) You are Rahul/ Riddhi of ABC Public School, Delhi. Your school has adopted a village as a social responsibility. Students are being taken to teach the children of that village on a regular basis. Write a report, for your school magazine, on the various other programmes organized there in about 150 words. (5)

6) Recent landslides in many parts of the country during the monsoon season laid bare the hollowness of the claims of the civic authorities of their preparedness. The poor had to bear the brunt of the problem while no one was ever held accountable. Write an article in 150 - 200 words on the common man's woes during the monsoons and the need for accountability of the officials concerned. You are Sumit/Smita Verma. (5)

SECTION C - LITERATURE - 40 marks

(1X6=6)

7) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. "The hurt to the scenery wouldn't be my complaint
So much as the trusting sorrow of what is unsaid:
Here far from the city we make our roadside stand
And ask for some city money to feel in hand
To try if it will not make our being expand,
And give us the life of the moving-pictures' promise
That the party in power is said to be keeping from us."

i. Fill in the blank with reference to the context.

The roadside stand was made by the _____ and it was _____.

- (a) poor people, far from the city
(c) city people, near their houses

- (b) villagers, at their courtyards
(d) local people, on the mountains

ii. Identify the phrase from the extract that suggests the following. The poet does not want to accuse the rustics of spoiling the beauty of the landscape.

iii. State whether the given statement is TRUE or FALSE.
The city people wanted to feel the money in their hands.

iv. Complete the sentence appropriately.
The promise made by the government was that _____.

v. Do you think that the promise made by the government was fulfilled?

vi. What wouldn't be the poet's complaint?

- (a) The hurt to the scenery
(c) The beauty of nature

- (b) The beauty of people
(d) The hurt to the buildings

(1x6=6)

8) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

"Since you have been so nice to me all day long, as if I was a captain, I want to be nice to you, in return, as if I was a real captain-for I do not want you to be embarrassed at this Christmas season by a thief; but you can give back the money to the old man on the roadside, who has the money pouch hanging on the window frame as a bait for poor wanderers." The rattrap is a Christmas present from a rat who would have been caught in this world's rattrap if he had not been raised to captain, because in that way he got power to clear himself.

"Written with friendship and high regard, Captain von Stahle."

Why did the peddler gift a rattrap as a Christmas present?

i. This communication includes

- (a) a promise (b) regret

(c) an apology

(d) (a) and (c)

iii. What is the significance of the letter written to Edla?

iv. Do you think the peddler would have changed if Edla would not have been nice to him?

v. Which of the following CANNOT be attributed to the peddler, according to the above extract?
(a) Indebtedness (b) Reform (c) Self-pity (d) Self-awareness

vi. Complete the sentence appropriately.
The peddler signs himself as Captain Von stable to _____.

9) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1x4=4)
Will the West Antarctic ice sheet melt entirely? Will the Gulf Stream ocean current be disrupted? Will it be the end of the world as we know it? Maybe. Maybe not. Either way, Antarctica is a crucial element in this debate - not just because it's the only place in the world, which has never sustained a human population and therefore remains relatively 'pristine' in this respect; but more importantly, because it holds in its ice-cores half-million-year-old carbon records trapped in its layers of ice

i. What does the phrase 'Maybe. Maybe not' in the extract indicate?
(a) Uncertainty (b) Foretelling (c) Suspicion (d) Despair

ii. Find a word in the extract which is a synonym of 'perfect'.

iii. Why does Antarctica hold importance?

iv. Complete the sentence appropriately.
The questions asked by the narrator signify _____.

(2x5=10)

10) Answer the following in about 40-50 words each:

- (i) The poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' is replete with symbols. Interpret any two symbols used in the poem
- (ii) How does the setting of the remote forest location in 'The Rattrap' contribute to the overall tone and mood of the story?
- (iii) How would the innocent be soothed out of their wits? 'The Roadside stand'
- (iv) How did Franz react to the declaration that it was the last French lesson?
- (v) What spreads the pall of despondence over our dark spirits? How is it removed?

(2x2=4)

11) Answer the following in about 40-50 words each:

- (i) How, according to the author, has mankind etched its dominance over nature?
- (ii) Would it be proper to call the king 'penny wise pound foolish'? Give reasons for your answer from the lesson 'Tiger King'.

12) Answer in 150 words:

Our scriptures tell us that determination and perseverance are cardinal virtues of a good human being. RajKumar Shukla was determined as well as persevering because owing to these two traits, he succeeded in taking Gandhi to Champaran. Gandhiji, in turn, had these characteristics too. Do you agree with the comparison? How can young students today use these two qualities to make successful careers for themselves? (5)

13) Answer in 150 words:

Flattery is eating into the roots of our society and politics. Justify with points of evidence from 'The Tiger King' keeping in view the attitude of the minions of the king. (5)
