

ANDHRA EDUCATION SOCIETY SCHOOLS
NEW DELHI
MID TERM EXAMINATION (2017-18)
CLASS - IX
SUBJECT - ENGLISH

Time : 3:00 Hrs.

Max Marks : 80

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

A headache is usually caused due to spinal misalignment of the head due to poor posture. Sleeping on the stomach with the head turned to one side and bending over position for a long time makes it worse.

It is known that any shift in the level of body hormones and chemicals, certain foods and drinks, and environmental stress can also trigger it. Modern life includes computers, driving, hand-held devices, and watching TV; all create severe stress on our neck and shoulders. While we know we should take constant breaks from these activities, we "forget!"

Holding our arms out in front of us and/or cocking our necks to see the screen properly, we put pressure on our neck and shoulders that our body wasn't built for. This sets us up for muscle and joint strain and pain.

In migraine headaches (one-handed headaches) the pain is usually on one side of the head and may be accompanied by nausea, vomiting, irritability and bright spots and flashes of light. This headache is made worse by activity, especially bending. The throbbing pain in the head gets worse by noise and light. Certain triggers for migraines may be chocolate, caffeine, smoking or MSU in certain food items. The pain may last from 8 to 24 hours and there may be a hangover for two to three days. Migraines are often preceded by an 'aura'-changes in sight and sensations. There is usually a family history of migraine. Work on your posture and ergonomics. Be sure that when you work at your computer, for instance, you are practicing good ergonomics - customize the keyboard and monitor height to your needs. And . Our teachers and parents were right. It will hurt at first if you are improving bad posture, but the effort will be well worth it.

- (a) What are the various reasons that cause headaches ?
- (b) If one suffers from a headache that is accompanied by nausea or flashes of light, one could be suffering from.....
- (c) The two things that can make migraine even worse are.....

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- (d) A migraine can last for.....
- (e) Another word for 'usually' is.....
- (f) Name foods which can act as trigger for migraines.
- (g) What precaution should be taken while working at computers?
- (h) What advice is generally given by parents and teachers with regard to body posture?

2. **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

$$(4 \times 2) + (4 \times 1) = 12M$$

Meters are gadgets that are used to record the energy levels and energy consumed. There are electricity meters, vehicle meters, gas and water meters, fuel meters, power meters etc. It's important to be able to read your meter to make sure your bills are accurate. Don't worry if your meter looks a little confusing - we've put together some information about how to read the different types of meters that are used to help you!

Meters can vary slightly in how they look and show your reading(s). Your meter may look slightly different or show different rates than our examples, so it's best to have one of your bills to hand when you look at your meter. You'll be able to check what's showing on your meter falls in line with the reading on your last bill.

Always read the meter from the right to the left. This procedure is much easier, especially if any of the dial hands are near the zero mark. If the meter has two dials, and one is smaller than the other, it is not imperative to read the smaller dial since it only registers a small amount. Read the dial at the right first. As the dial turns clockwise, always record the figure the pointer has just passed. Read the next dial to the left and record the figure it has just passed. Continue recording the figures on the dials from right to left. When finished, mark off the number of units recorded. Dials on water and gas meters usually indicate the amount each dial records.

- (a) What are meters? What are they used for?
- (b) What is the procedure to read a meter?
- (c) Why is it important to read the meter correctly?
- (d) What is the best way to avoid variation in meter readings?
- (e) What is meant by 'accurate'? (Para 1)
- (f) What is meant by 'registers'? (Para 3)

- (g) Find the word opposite to 'unimportant'. (Para 2)
 (h) Find the word opposite to 'clear'. (Para 1)

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 30Marks)

3. Accidents in big cities is a common phenomenon. Unfortunately, hardly anyone comes to the rescue, of road victims because of fear of harassment by the police. Now that the Supreme Court has issued guidelines that people who take road victims to a hospital will not be questioned or detained, there is, no reason why passersby should hesitate to help road victims. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Editor of a National daily requesting him to make people aware of Supreme Court guidelines and urge them to help people in distress. You are Shom/Shobha, 24, Raj Nagar, Kanpur. 8M

4. **Develop a story in 150-200 words on the basis of the following hints and give it a suitable title.**

An unknown village in Uttarakhand.....many families inhabiting it.....livelihood depends on Indian Tourism.....Natural Disaster of 2013.....the river in flood.....life of tourists and residents in danger.....Governmental intervention for relief and rescue.....dreams, hopes and reality all shattered. 12M

5. **Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answers in the answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do not copy the entire passage.** 3M

Kabir, (a)..... famous saint was neither a Muslim nor a Hindu. He

(b).....a 'fakir' (c).....preached love, peace and brotherhood to mankind.

(a) (i) a (ii) one (iii) the (iv) most

(b) (i) is (ii) has been (iii) was (iv) had been

(c) (i) who (ii) which (iii) and (iv) therefore

6. **There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the corrections in the answer sheet as given below :** 4M

	<u>Incorrect word</u>	<u>Correct word</u>
The border dispute had resulted	(a).....

in spoiling the relations among the (b).....
 too nuclear neighbours. Kashmir (c).....
 is the bigger challenge to the (d).....
 political think-tanks.

7. Sentence Transformation

Read the dialogue given below and complete the paragraph by choosing the most appropriate option from those given. 3M

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Tom: What are you doing there Jerry?
 Jerry: I'm writing a letter to my friend.
 Tom: How long will it take for you to finish your writing?
 Jerry: I may finish it in ten minutes.

Tom asked Jerry what.....(a).....Jerry answered him
 that.....(b).....friend. Tom wanted to know how long.....(c)
to finish his writing. Jerry said that he might finish it in ten
 minutes.

Handwritten notes:
 was he doing here (a)
 he was writing a letter to his (b)
 would (c)
 it take him (for) (c)

SECTION C (LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT: 30 Marks)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow. 4M

A. "The pair set daily goals; Monday, the sixth fence post, Tuesday, the seventh fence post Wednesday"

- (i) From which lesson is this line taken?
- (ii) Identify the 'pair' here.
- (iii) What were their daily goals ?
- (iv) Pick out from the line the word similar in meaning to 'targets'.

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow.

B I come from haunts of coot and hern ;
 I make a sudden sally
 And sparkle out among the fern ,
 To bicker down a valley'.

- (i) Who is " I " in these lines ?

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- (ii) What is this figure of speech known as ?
- (iii) Why does it bicker down a valley ?
- (iv) Identify the rhyme scheme of the extract.

Answer any FOUR of the following questions in 30 - 40 words: 2x4=8M

- 9. (i) 'It was like lighting a fuse. Duke shimmied himself U-shaped in anticipation'. Explain.
- (ii) How did Sudha Murty help her distressed grandmother ?
- (iii) Where does the cuckoo bird sing? What is its effect?
- (iv) Who hung the sign 'For Sale' and for how long had the sign been hanging ?
- (v) What message does the story "How I Taught My Grandmother to Read" convey?

10. Choices that we make can have a long lasting impact on our lives. Discuss with reference to "The Road Not Taken" 8M

OR

Anger is a vice that mars one's sanity. In context of the poem Lord Ullin's Daughter, justify the statement. Do you agree that anger is the worst enemy of a person? 8m

Attempt either question no. A or B (in 150-200 words). 10M

- 11. 'A Voyage to Lilliput' mentions many funny situations. Based on your reading of the text describe
- A. some of them in 150 - 200 words.
- OR
- B. Discuss the character of the Slamecksans of the Lilliput Island in 150 - 200 words.

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