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Class – X **SUBJECT : ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE** M.M. : 80

General Instructions:

1. **15 minutes prior reading time allotted for question paper reading.**
2. **The question paper contains 4 sections – READING SKILLS, WRITING SKILLS, GRAMMAR and LITERATURE TEXTBOOK.**
3. **Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.**

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (22marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully:

1. If this universe is the outcome of a desire, how can its essential ingredients like us be free from desire? Desire, however, is the root cause of all mental stress because we associate stress with the non-fulfillment of desires.

2. Abraham Lincoln used to say that behind every act of man there is always a selfish purpose. There were many who disagreed with him. One late night, while returning from a meeting he heard wild shrieks from the roadside. He asked the coachman to stop, and he got down to see what was happening. He saw a pig struggling and squealing to free itself from a muddy ditch. President Lincoln reached out and rescued the pig. In the process he soiled his shoes and trousers but seemed quite satisfied to see the pig free again. When he settled back in the coach, his aide asked him if there was a selfish purpose behind this act too. Lincoln promptly replied that had he gone home without rescuing the pig he would have kept tossing in bed thinking of what might have happened to that pig. So by rescuing the pig he had earned himself a good night's sleep albeit, Lincoln was a good human being and that was why he desired to save the pig but as soon as this desire crept into his mind, the fulfilment of the desire became his own primary concern.

3. Stress can be both physical and mental. A workout at the gym, a game or two of tennis or a jog in the morning can stress one physically. Similarly, a game of chess, listening to sad songs or watching a sad movie can stress you mentally. But in such cases you stress yourself willingly and they bring satisfaction. The ill effects of stress begin when you overwork or tire yourself beyond acceptable limits irrespective of whether you did it willingly or not. As far as physical stress is concerned, the problem is easily resolved. Aching muscles send you signals, and one decides to slow down or rest or avoid playing those extra games in future.

4. Mental stress, however, is a different story. If ignored and you do not care to find out why and how you created it, then it can lead to hypertension, blood pressure, diabetes, forgetfulness, anger, fear etc. Take for example a budding young executive who sets a goal to become a multi-millionaire. He must stress himself physically and mentally but why complain? After all it is his own desire. When we stress ourselves for the fulfillment of our desires, we must take the responsibility for it. Stress is not caused by people or situations; it is your response to them.

Answer the following questions based on the passage above.

1. (i) According to the writer the root cause of stress is _____. **(1)**

(a) desire (b) greed (c) money (d) food

(ii) How could have Lincoln felt after saving the pig? **(1)**

1. Relieved 2. Happy 3. Sad 4. Angry 5. Satisfied

(a) 1, 2 and 4 (b) 2, 3 and 4 (c) 1, 2 and 5 (d) 3, 4 and 5

(iii) Find appropriate words from the passage to fill in the blanks. **(1)**

When Lincoln saved the pig, it was ___ first and then the ___ for the desire. **(Paragraph 2)**

(iv) Substitute the underlined phrase in the following sentence with a word/phrase from **Paragraph 4.** **(1)**

<u>An upcoming manager in a corporate setup</u> has achieved immense fame.

(v) Identify the correct sentence from the given options which has the similar connotation of the usage of the word **'soiled'** in the given passage. **(Paragraph 2)** **(1)**

(a) The politician's actions **dirtied** his reputation irreparably.
(b) The storm **dirtied** the pristine beaches with debris.
(c) The scandal **dirtied** the company's image in the public eye.
(d) The footballers **dirtied** their jerseys playing in the mud.

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(vi) Identify the correct phrase from **Paragraph 3** to replace the following sentence. (1)
When the body is tired it communicates with us.

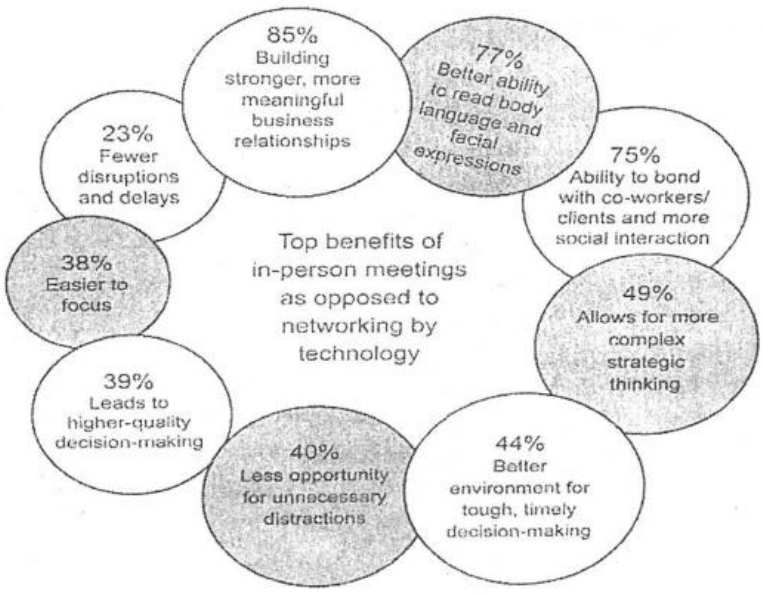
(vii) Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)
The title of the passage, '*Managing Desires*' is inappropriate because _____ .

(viii) Say whether the following statement is **TRUE** or **FALSE**. (1)
Our body's response is what causes stress.

(ix) List 2 reasons for Lincoln saving the pig. (2)

(x) What are the differences between stress willfully acquired and that unintentionally acquired? (2)

2. On the basis of a survey conducted for determining the effectiveness of **offline meetings vis-à-vis online meetings,** information in support of offline meetings has been obtained and the same is represented in the chart below.



Answer the following questions based on the above data.

(i) Which reason in support of **offline meetings** is given by maximum percentage of people? (1)

(ii) Select the correct option to fill in the blank and complete the analogy. (1)
Networking: _____ : : Saving money : Online
(a) Motivating (b) In person (c) Money (d) Fun time

(iii) What percentage of the surveyed population feels that online meetings build stronger and meaningful business relationships? (1)

(iv) Rank the following survey results in increasing order of percentage. (1)
(a) Better environment for tough timely decision making.
(b) Fewer disruptions and delays.
(c) Easier to focus.
(d) Building stronger more meaningful business relationships.
1. b, a, c, d 2. b, d, c, a 3. b, c, d, a 4. None of these

(v) Which reason has been quoted by 77% of people in favour of **online meetings?** (1)

(vi) Select the correct option that represents the data in descending order. (1)
(a) 49 percent, 39 percent, 44 percent, 38 percent.
(b) 39 percent, 44 percent ,38 percent, 49 percent.
(c) 49 percent, 44 percent, 39 percent, 38 percent.
(d) 39 percent, 38 percent, 49 percent, 44 percent.

(vii) Which of the following statements is **False?** (1)
(a) 23% of people feel that offline meetings have fewer disruptions and delays.
(b) 25% of people feel that online meetings enable bonding with co workers / clients and more social interaction.
(c) 44% of people feel that online meetings offer a better environment for tough, timely decision making.
(d) All of these.

(viii) Find at least two words from the above chart which rhyme with the word "**Attraction**". (1)

(ix) Identify the factor in favour of offline meetings which is supported by 40% of people and give one probable reason for the same. (2)

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SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS (22 marks)

3. You are Satvik/ Satvika of Modern International School, Mumbai and have taken admission in Class 11. You took the Science stream, but after attending classes for a few months, you find it unsuitable for you to continue in the Science stream and wish to take up Humanities. Write an e-mail in about **50 words** to the Principal of your school, seeking permission for the same. Give at least two valid reasons for why you want to change your stream. **(3)**

You may copy the given template to write your email.

from :	
to :	
Cc :	
date :	
Subject :	

4. Write a factual description in about **100 words** of a new smartphone that you bought recently. **(4)**

5 (a) Several neurologists have been advocating the view that working on computers is beneficial to youngsters as it improves motor skills and provides stimulus to the brain. Write a letter to the Editor of **Health Matters** in not more than **120 words** on the need to introduce computer skills as a compulsory subject in secondary classes. You are Sharad /Suman of Bhagirath Public School, Palam Village, New Delhi. You can take ideas from your **MCB, Unit 1- Health and Medicine.** **(7)**

OR

(b) You are Shubham/ Shubhi Tyagi of 1, Ashok Road, Lucknow. You are deeply concerned about the increasing number of road accidents in your area. You strongly feel that reckless driving by youngsters is the primary cause of such accidents. Write a letter to the Traffic Police Commissioner in not more than **120 words** requesting him to take prompt and appropriate action and request him to educate youngsters regarding this serious matter. Give concrete suggestions to deal with the problem. You can take ideas from your **MCB, Unit 2 – Education.**

6 (a) Many big research firms and business tycoons across the world are exploring the possibility of 'Space Tourism'. Is it something scientifically feasible? Write an article in not more than **150 words** for your school magazine on the topic 'Science and Technology', highlighting the advantages and disadvantages of making space travel available for the people as a tourism option. Use the given cues along with the ideas you may have gathered from **MCB Unit - 3 Science.** **(8)**

- Is space tourism an option to consider when people are considering different destinations to travel to during vacation?
- What can one learn from such travel?
- How will it affect space if the traffic increases?
- Should this kind of travel be encouraged?
- What will be the financial implications of such travel?

OR

(b) Saving the environment has become a hot topic of discussion, debate and seminars, but nothing seems to be really changing. The temperatures are rising and it is a matter of concern. Write an article in not more than **150 words** for the school magazine stressing on the need for action at individual, family and state level to address this issue. Use the given cues along with your own ideas that you have gathered from **MCB Unit - 4 Environment.**

- How is the environment getting degenerated?
- What steps have been taken till now?
- Why are these inadequate?
- What must be done to arrest some of the changes?
- What interventions can individuals plan?
- What can families do?
- Will such small steps be enough?
- What role does the state need to play here?

SECTION C : GRAMMAR (10 marks)

7. Complete the tasks A to C, as directed.

(A) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those in the brackets. **(3)**

The truck travelled South, where Manik (i) _____ (finds, found, has found, had found) a deserted spot to hide it. We would be fine so long as no one found the truck or connected (ii) _____ (in, on, with, by) the robbery. It would be (iii)_____ (one, the, a, an) mystery why black market thieves had simply abandoned such precious booty.

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(B) In the following paragraph there is one error in each line. Identify the incorrect word and write the correct word as shown below. The first one has been done as an example. **(4)**

	Error	**Correction**
Eg. The Louvre is a world's largest	Eg. : (a)	the
(a) and old museum. It is located	(a) _____	(a)_____
(b) along the banks of the Seine River by Paris, France.	(b) _____	(b)_____
It is also called the Grand Louvre.		
(c) It is the world's most visiting museum.	(c) _____	(c)_____
(d) It attracted tourists from all over the world.	(d) _____	(d)_____

(C) Do as directed. **(3)**

(i) Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases in the given dialogue to create a meaningful sentence.

Sonia : How are you, Manvi?
Manvi : I am fine.
Sonia : What are you doing this weekend?
movie / but / mind / any special / going / I don't / for a / plans/ have/ would not/ out

(ii) Report the dialogues to complete the paragraph that follows.

Dr. Anil : How are you feeling after you have taken this medicine ?
Anita : I'm feeling much better except a little weakness.

Dr. Anil asked Anita (a) _____. To this Anita replied (b)_____except a little weakness.

SECTION D: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK (26 marks)

8. Read the given excerpts and answer the questions briefly, for **ANY TWO** excerpts of the three given. **(4+4=8)**

(A) *Not marble, nor the gilded monuments*
Of princes, shall outlive this powerful rhyme;
But you shall shine more bright in these contents

(i) Why do Princes get monuments made?
(ii) Why won't the monuments outlive this rhyme?
(iii) Why is the rhyme called powerful?
(iv) Which poetic device is used here in the last line?

(B) *"Well we'll think about it after tea, and then we'll look through his bits of things and make a list of them. There's all the furniture in his room."*

(i) Who is the speaker of the above lines?
(ii) What does 'it' in the above lines mean?
(iii) Find out a phrase from the above lines to replace the word 'observe'.
(iv) What does this show about their attitude towards grandfather?

(C) *At last, he came again, but it was a struggle for him to breathe and on his face were clear signs of approaching end. That day he could not contain his impatience.*

(i) Why was it a struggle for him to breathe?
(ii) Why couldn't he contain his impatience?
(iii) Find out a word from the given lines to replace the word 'restiveness'.
(iv) Where had he come again?

9. Answer **ANY FIVE** of the following six questions in about 30 to 40 words each. **(5x2=10)**

(i) Do you agree that Miss Mebbin loved money more than anything else? Give two reasons.
(ii) Why did the ghosts organize the 'Writer's Inspiration Bureau'? What was their mode of working?
(iii) What do you get to know about the sculptor from the poem Ozymandias?
(iv) In what way did the villagers help Mrs. Packletide shoot the tiger?
(v) Do you think the narrator liked writing ghost stories? Give at least 2 examples from the text for the same?
(vi) According to you what kind of a king was Ozymandias?

10. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions in about 150 words. **(8)**

(A) How do the characters in the 'Frog and the Nightingale' and 'The Dear Departed', exploit the vulnerability of others for their own gain? What are the consequences of their actions?

OR

(B) How do the two stories 'The Two Gentlemen of Verona' and 'The Letter' depict the theme of sacrifice and patience.

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