



INDIAN SCHOOL DARSAIT

SAMPLE PAPER

ENGLISH CORE(301)

Class: XII

Max.Marks:100

Time :3Hours

General Instructions:

1. The paper is divided in to three Sections- A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
4. Write down the serial number of the question in the answer sheet before attempting it.
5. Please check that this paper has 9pages and it contains 13 questions.

SECTION A-- READING (30 Marks)

1. **Read the following passage.**

1 While there is no denying that the world loves a winner, it is important that you recognize the signs of stress in your behavior and be healthy enough to enjoy your success. Stress can strike any time, in a fashion that may leave you unaware of its presence in your life. While a certain amount of pressure is necessary for performance, it is important to be able to recognize your individual limit. For instance, there are some individuals who accept competition in a healthy fashion. There are others who collapse in to weeping wrecks before an exam or on comparing mark sheet and finding that their friend has scored better.

2 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 psycho-social stress. It is part and parcel of everyday life.

3 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.

4 Such signs appear in the attitude and behavior of the individual, as muscle tension in various parts of the body, palpitation and high blood pressure, indigestion and hyper-acidity. Ultimately the result is self-destructive behavior such as eating and drinking too much, smoking excessively, relying on tranquillizers, etc. There are other signs of stress such as trembling, shaking, nervous blinking, dryness of throat and mouth and difficulty in swallowing.

5 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.

6 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.

7 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.

8 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 distress.

9 When a 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 to unnerving stress may also result in a loss of memory. Diet, massage, food supplements, herbal medicines, hobbies, relaxation techniques and dance movements are excellent stress busters.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option. 4x1=4

- (a) The main idea in the first paragraph is that
- (i) A certain amount of pressure is necessary for performance.
 - (ii) There are some individuals who accept competition in a healthy fashion while others collapse in to weeping wrecks before an exam.

- (iii) It is important that we recognize the signs of stress in our behaviour and be healthy enough to enjoy our success.
- (iv) None of the above.
- (b) What, according to the writer, is part and parcel of everyday life?
- (i) Demands and resources
 - (ii) Working conditions
 - (iii) Stress diseases and accidents
 - (iv) Psycho-social stress
- (c) Which of the following statements is true in the context of sixth paragraph?
- (i) Stress diseases and accidents are going to be the major killers in 2020.
 - (ii) Natural calamities will be the major killers in 2020.
 - (iii) Conflicts and wars will take most lives in 2020.
 - (iv) All of the above.
- (d) What happens to an individual when he is overstressed?
- (i) He performs better and surpasses others.
 - (ii) His performance gets lowered.
 - (iii) His performance rises to a certain standard.
 - (iv) None of the above.

Answer the following questions briefly.

6x1=6

- (e) What is stress?
- (f) What are the factors that lead to stress?
- (g) What are the signs by which a person can know that he is under stress?
- (h) What are the different diseases a person gets due to stress?
- (i) Give any two examples of stress busters.
- (j) How does a person react under stress?
- (k) Pick out words from the passage which are similar in meaning to the following: 2x1=2
 - (i) rebuke (para 3)
 - (ii) inactive (para 9)

2. **Read the following passage carefully.**

1. The process of ageing starts with conception in the mother's womb. When we are young we don't recognize that there will come a time when our limbs grow weak, our eyesight less keen and our body unable to function as smoothly as before. The state, the society and the family owe a responsibility towards senior citizens.

2. Unfortunately, of late we have not been able to recognize the concept of respecting, caring and helping older generations in a systematic way as some of the countries in the West have done. This is not to suggest that our culture and history does not recognize this phase of life. There have been many practices of caring and helping old people in our system. But, with the dismantling of the joint family system the problem has assumed newer and complicated proportions. Although we have started recognizing the needs of the young, when it comes to the old, we have blissfully chosen to ignore them and have let them to feed for themselves.

3. Of all senior citizens of the world one out of ten is an Indian. The population of old people in India is the 4th highest in the world. By official estimates there are over 77 million old people in the country now. There are some schemes with the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. There are provisions of financial assistance for different welfare schemes.

4. There are old age homes, residential units for lower income groups in particular districts where there is a part time medical officer to attend to the inmates. Then there are day care centers and mobile medicare services besides other NGOs (Non-Government Organizations)

5. Old-age homes in the country are not only sufficient but are ill-equipped to cater to old people. This should be the responsibility of the state since it needs close and regular monitoring. The social welfare department in the government have very little to boast when it comes to caring for older generations.

6. Sarkari officials are not only apathetic to the welfare of old people but are also not imaginative. But once the need for helping senior citizens is recognized not only by the society at large but also by the government and certain concessions are sanctioned for them, there may be some headway in this direction.

7. Society, too, has an important role to play. It must be by respecting the aged and placing them before anyone else's interest. It is this kind of mindset that is the need of the hour. Offering seats to the old, helping them cross the roads, assisting them carry their bags, fetching them water etc, are some features, which increase acceptability of old people.

8. In the family, senior citizens deserve a better deal. If they are thrown out of the family, the state cannot be blamed. They have given everything to their families and have the right to be recognized as important members. Sending old parents to deposit electricity bills, asking them to fetch children from schools and to guard the house while

the rest of the family is away, are some of the many tasks which are thrust upon them. These become nothing short of enslaving the weakest class of people.

9. Old people are not too demanding except in cases where there may be genuine reasons of health or constraints of family environments. But listening to them, consulting them, talking to them to visit other relatives, and above all giving them an impression that they are still relevant and much needed in a family will surely add to their lives.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option. 2x1=2

- (a) Of late we have not been able to recognize the concept of
- (i) Joint family system
 - (ii) Respecting, caring and helping older generations in a systematic way
 - (iii) Old age homes
 - (iv) None of the above
- (b) Which of the following statements is true?
- (i) The old age homes in our country are sufficient and well equipped.
 - (ii) Taking care of the old age homes is not the responsibility of the state.
 - (iii) Old-age homes in the country are not only sufficient but are ill-equipped.
 - (iv) None of these.

Answer the following questions briefly. 6x1=6

- (c) Mention any two bodily changes which come with the old age.
- (d) What is the general attitude of the people of our country towards the senior citizens?
- (e) What has added to the problem of older generations in Indian social background?
- (f) What is the plight of old homes in the country?
- (g) What is the role of the society towards old people?
- (h) What are some of the tasks thrust upon the senior citizens?
- (i) Find words from the passage which are similar in meaning to the following. 2x1=2
 - (i) showing indifference (para 6)

(ii) limitations (para 9)

3. **Read the following passage carefully.**

1. The world today is confronted with a large number of problems like arms proliferation, fundamentalism, separatist movements as well as international terrorism. International terrorism has today emerged as one of the most ominous threats to world peace and security. There has been considerable growth of terrorism between the 1960s and 1980s. This has been largely due to the characteristics of the international system. The most important of these are deep and bitter ethnic, religious and ideological conflicts which remain unresolved and which fester in the international system, spawning many forms of violent conflicts, terrorism and periodically erupting in to civil and international wars.

2. Another underlying factor for the growth of terrorism is the use of unconventional and proxy war methods. Here terrorism becomes an attractive instrument of policy for states and sub-state organizations such as national liberation movements. Such methods are low-cost, relatively low-risk and yet afford the possibility of high yields.

3. The worldwide dissemination of new technology has also facilitated the growth of terrorism. For example, the development of international civil aviation has created new vulnerabilities and lucrative targets for terrorists to exploit. Modern weapon technology has also proved to be a boon to terrorists.

4. Terrorism today has taken different forms. These include political terrorism involving not only the use of terrorism by the state but also against the state, religious terrorism, micro terrorism as well as the recent emergence of nuclear terrorism.

5. The legitimacy of terrorism depends on various factors. Perceptions vary. The greatest justification which a terrorist finds is in a struggle between two adversaries: it is not the means but the end which is important. The United Nations Human Rights Commission has recognized that terrorism can destroy human rights and fundamental freedom of the people and threatens the territorial integrity of nations.

6. One of the most basic rights of every individual is the right to life. Terrorism, which basically involves violence and killing, thus takes away this right from individuals. Besides, the use of violence for achieving a goal, no matter how justified it is the same cannot be approved.

7. Terrorism also poses a law and order problem for the state while at the same time the economy suffers as a result of damage to trade, valuable resources as well as scaring away of investors. It is thus imperative to look for some mechanism to check the problem of international terrorism. Although there exists a large number of treaties including extradition treaties, they have not been able to check terrorism. This has happened due to the failure of states to comply with the provision of the treaties.

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary—minimum 4) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it. 5
- (b) Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words. 3

SECTION B—ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS (30 Marks)

4. K.V.M School, Pune is looking for an Office Assistant for the school. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in the classified column of a newspaper. 4
- Or
- Your school is organizing a Musical Evening on 26th October, 2017 to generate funds for its infrastructure development. Draft a Notice in not more than 50 words
5. You have heard about many incidents of crime and violence in Delhi. You are very much scared and worried of the present conditions. Write a letter to the Editor of The Times of India, Delhi telling him about the seriousness of the matter including what the government or other authorities concerned should do in this regard. You are Aman/ Amina, a resident of 14, Vasant Vihar, Delhi (150 words) 6
- Or
- You happen to see an advertisement published in The Tribune recently inviting applications for the post of a Physical Education Teacher in R.M.S School, Anna Nagar, Chennai. You are Saran/Sari, K-567, Excellent Apartments, Gandhi Nagar, Trichy and write an application for this post with CV attachment.
6. Every day you come across different advertisements on TV, newspapers and magazines. It is a fact that advertisements attract people in to buying things that they neither need nor can afford. Write an article for your school magazine on the topic ‘Should we buy things because they are advertised?’ (150-200 words) 10
- Or
- ‘Direct to Home’ lessons relayed on TV channels are no substitute for actual classrooms. Write an article in about 150-200 words on ‘Can DTH classrooms ever replace schools or colleges? You are Jamal/ Jaicy.
7. Students face a lot of difficulty and humiliation in the name of ragging. The senior students put the new comers in to trouble. Prepare a speech in about 150-200 words on the ‘Dangers of Ragging’ to be delivered in the morning assembly of your school. 10
- Or
- You have been asked to participate in a debate competition on the topic “Modern Gadgets Have Made Us Slaves to Machines.” Prepare a speech

for or against this motion in about 200 words.

SECTION C-TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT - (40

Marks)

8. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow: 4x1=4

“yes, in spite of all,
Some shape of beauty moves away the pall
From our dark spirits. Such the sun, the moon ,
Trees old, and young, sprouting a shady boon
For simple sheep: and such are daffodils”

- (a) What does ‘in spite of all’ refer to?
(b) What, according to the poet, drives away the sadness from our life?
(c) What does the reference ‘simple sheep’ symbolize?
(d) What according to Keats are the things that cause suffering and pain?

Or

The stunted, unlucky heir of twisted bones, reciting a father’s
Gnarled disease, His lessons from his desk. At back of the dim class
One unnoted, sweet and young. His eyes live in a dream,
Of Squirrel’s game, in the tree room, other than this.

- (a) Who is the unlucky heir? Why is he called unlucky?
(b) Who sits back unnoted? Why?
(c) Pick two images each of despair and disease from these lines.
(d) Name the poem and the poet?

9. Answer any **FOUR** of the following questions in about 30-40 words 4x3=12
each:

- (a) What does the poet mean by saying, ‘Let their tongue run naked into books’?
(b) Who was the owner of the Ramsjo Iron works? Why did he visit the mills at night?
(c) How was the Tiger King brought up?

- (d) When did the ironmaster realize his mistake?
- (e) Why was the YMCA pool considered safer when compared to the Yakima River?
- (f) What was the attitude of the average Indian in smaller localities towards advocates of 'home rule'?

10. Answer the following in about 120-150 words. 6

Mukesh says " I will be a motor mechanic. I will learn to drive a car." Not only setting a goal, but having a clear idea about the means to reach the goal and pursuing it with strong determination and commitment are essential to achieve success. Based on this realization, write a letter to your younger brother , a boarding school student, making him aware of the need for setting realistic goal and planning ways to reach it with strong determination and commitment.

Or

It has been understood from the story 'The Rattrap' that the compassion, empathy and unconditional love and trust of Edla Wilmanson only could win the heart of the rattrap seller to reclaim him to be an honest and upright individual at last. It is through fellow-feeling, love, compassion and trust in others that we can change the society. Write your views regarding it to deliver in the class.

11. Answer the following in about 120-150 words. 6

Do you think Dr. Sadao's final solution to the problem was the best possible one in the circumstances?

Or

Describe the misadventure happened to Douglas and how he finally overcame his fear of water.

12. Answer the following in about 120-150 words. 6

Give a vivid description of how poor Mr. Marvel is bullied by the Invisible Man to do his bidding.

Or

How does the author bring in natural elements into the novel "Silas Marner".

13. Answer the following in about 120-150 words. 6

The stranger's manner was strange, abrupt and positively rude at times. Comment on how he behaved and why Mrs. Hall tolerated him.

Or

Eppie is a character who remains highly predictable in her reactions. Prove this with reference to her character traits.

