

XI ENGLISH

1. Section A Reading

- i.

(d) The stamina of the climber
Explanation: The stamina of the climber
- ii.

(a) Have a subtle presence of mind
Explanation: Have a subtle presence of mind
- iii.

(b) Mountaineers carry equipment to record observations about weather and terrain
Explanation: Mountaineers carry equipment to record observations about weather and terrain
- iv.

(a) All of these
Explanation: All of these
- v.

(d) They know about the place they live in
Explanation: They know about the place they live in
- vi.

(d) All of these
Explanation: All of these
- vii.

(b) They give an insider’s outlook to mountaineering
Explanation: They give an insider’s outlook to mountaineering
- viii.

(c) Reach to the top
Explanation: Reach to the top
- ix.

(d) Vicinity
Explanation: Vicinity
- x.

(d) Climber
Explanation: Climber

2. Title: Techniques to Improve Concentration

Notes:-

- I.

Physical environment
i. create phy. env. conducive to focused thought
ii. identify factors that make it diff. to focus
iii. e.g.
– radio, TV or noisy neighbours
– noisy neighbourhood-plan study hrs. in nearby lib.
- II.

Avoid distractions
i. distractions dec. attention & retention powers
ii. not more than 2 senses should be activated at same time
iii. avoid:
– placing study table in front of window
– music
– emails & phones
- II.

Goal and recreation
i. choose anchor task
ii. est. your goals
iii. assign only one priority to each workday
iv. human mind recog. fixed goals, targets & schedule
v. divide schedule into study & recreation hrs.
vi. don’t sit for more than 40 min. at a stretch
vii. org. yourself and your surroundings
- II.

Manage energy, not time
i. schedule most imp. task for when you’re most fresh (max. energy)
ii. time useless if no energy
iii. concentration is disciplining mind
iv. comes with practice & patience
v. commit to one thing at a time
vi. get started
- **Abbreviations used: –**
phy. – physical
env. – environment
diff. – difficult
hrs. – hours
lib. – library
dec. – decrease
& – and
recog. – recognizes
min. – minutes

imp. – important
max. – maximum
est. – establish
org. – organise

Summary:-

Lack of focus or concentration is the most frustrating thing ever. When you are sincere in your intentions to finish a task and due to wandering thoughts, it is not completed, you get the most irritated. There are various techniques to improve and enhance one’s concentration. First, one should create a physical environment conducive to the focused thoughts. One should avoid distractions like music, emails and phones since distractions decrease attention and detention powers. There is no cure for a mind that wants to wander, so, one should try and provide as little stimulus as possible. One should choose an anchor task and assign only one priority to each workday because human mind recognizes fixed goals, targets and schedules. One should divide his schedule into study and recreation hours. One should try to manage energy and not time by scheduling the most important task for when one has the most energy. Concentration is disciplining mind and comes with practice and patience. Do not get disheartened as it does not take very long to become a habit for life. If you feel something is distracting you, just commit yourself to that task. It is not about getting success, but about getting started.

Section B Writing (21 MARKS)

ANSWER :

- III. (b) Emperor Ashoka wished to expand the Mauryan Empire.
- (d) He attacked the kingdom of Kalinga with a large army.
- (a) A fierce battle was fought.
- (c) Over a hundred thousand people died.
- (a) The child had been crying for the last two hours.
- (b) They fly to south to escape chill and starvation.

IV. Ans:

- 1.The grandmother was a kind-hearted woman. Give examples in support of your answer.
2. The grandmother was a kind-hearted person. In the village, she used to feed chapattis to the street dogs. In the city, she started feeding sparrows.

SECTION-C (LITERATURE) (41MARKS)

- VIII.
- A) i) (c) Ted Hughes : The Laburnum Top
Explanation: Ted Hughes : The Laburnum Top
- ii) (c) Alliteration
Explanation: Alliteration
- iii)(a) Goldfinch’s face
B)
Explanation: Goldfinch’s face
- i. (a) Infant’s face
Explanation: Infant’s face
- ii. (d) Innocence of childhood disappears as one grows up
Explanation: Innocence of childhood disappears as one grows up

iii.	(b) Remorseful Explanation: Remorseful C)
i.	(d) impending Explanation: impending
ii.	(d) speed of wind greatly reduced Explanation: speed of wind greatly reduced
iii.	(b) a wave was approaching ship Explanation: a wave was approaching ship
iv.	(c) Mount Kailash Explanation: Mount Kailash
v.	(d) Simile Explanation: Simile
vi.	(c) Daniel was the translator of the author and Moon and Sun were both visible in the sky Explanation: Daniel was the translator of the author and Moon and Sun were both visible in the sky.
i.	(b) He takes his mother for granted Explanation: He takes his mother for granted.
ii.	(c) feeling ill Explanation: feeling ill
iii.	(b) Because his mother had not made tea for him Explanation: Because his mother had not made tea for him
iv.	(b) False Explanation: The ‘change’ referred to Cyril is a change in the way she is treated by the family.
v.	(d) at the corner of the road Explanation: at the corner of the road
vi.	(c) she had looked at the number of the house and name of the street Explanation: she had looked at the number of the house and name of the street
vii.	(b) she did not want to go there again Explanation: she did not want to go there again
viii.	(b) her own things had lost their importance for her Explanation: her own things had lost their importance for her

IX. SHORT ANSWERS : ANY 3 (3X3=9).

1.How did the narrator’s children Jonathan and Suzanne show courage in the hour of great storm?

Ans : Jonathan showed courage and said he wasn’t afraid of dying if all of them died together. Suzanne, too, quietly bore her pain. She made a card expressing her love and gave it to her father.

2.‘Our optimistic attitude helps us to face extremely dangerous situations.’ Discuss with reference to the story ‘We’re Not Afraid to Die....’

Ans : It was the optimism of the narrator, the captain of the ‘Wavewalker’, that saved the lives of his family and the crew members. The craft suffered serious damage during the storm and could have sunk with all on board. But the narrator had an extremely positive approach. There was never a thought of giving up or allowing the situation to get the better of him. Rather, he constantly looked for solutions as problems came up one after the other.

The narrator was calm throughout the crisis and was, therefore, able to meet the challenges of the moment. He and his crew members were determined to weather the storm. He was thrown overboard but came back and hung on to the wheel. He arranged for pumping the sea water out.

The children were a great source of strength to him. Their faith in him heightened his desire to protect them and his ship. Because of his calmness, he was able to make the best use of his navigation skills and seamanship.

3.Did the boys return the horse because they were conscience-stricken or because they were afraid?

Ans : The children returned the horse to John Byro because their conscience instructed them to do so. Their intention was to keep the horse for at least six more months but the meeting with John Byro changed Mourad’s heart. Byro did not claim the horse. He only spoke about the honesty of their family which prompted Mourad to act honestly.

4.What advice does Mrs Fitzgerald give Mrs Pearson regarding being the boss in her family?

Ans : — Mrs Fitzgerald tells Mrs Pearson to be the mistress in her own house — that a woman has some rights in the family – her husband and children should share her work – the value of her work should be recognised – she has an important status in the family.

— put her foot down — be the boss of her family —
— the family should learn to treat her properly —

5. "I have done something, Oh God ! I've done something real at last." Why did Andrew make this statement?

Ans : thankful to God – satisfied and happy that he had done something. His heart was filled with the feeling of having achieved something great. He was able to save both, the mother and the child.

X. LONG ANSWERS : (2X6=12)

1.A doctor must remain committed to saving life. Unfortunately, this commitment is rarely to be seen nowadays.
Comment.

Ans : When a medical student is awarded the degree after completing his studies, he has to take an oath that he will always try to save the life of his patients. That is why the medical profession is considered noble, and doctors are widely respected.

Unfortunately, in the present times, doctors seem to have forgotten their oath. They look at their patients as sources of income. They subject them to needless expenses by advising unnecessary investigations. Often they conduct surgery which is not needed and make hefty sums of money. Child birth rarely takes place without surgery. Even heart procedures are done without any actual need.

The new description of doctors is that they are 'greedy'. Their avarice has given rise to such malpractices as tricking patients into surgery and removing their kidneys for sale, sex determination of foetus and illegal abortions.

We need to examine the situation seriously. Even though the entire society has become extremely greedy, doctors cannot afford to give up their noble ideals as they deal with human lives.

OR

How did the city come to be named Melon City? Describe the events that led to its naming.

Ans : The king of a city ordered an arch to be made which, on completion, was found to be too low. When the king rode under this arch, he lost his crown due to its low height.

The king ordered the chief builder to be hanged but the latter pointed out that it was someone else's fault. This blame game went on till it was found that the king himself had to be hanged by his own order. The city was without a king after the king's execution.

The ministers decided that the next man to pass the city gate would be their king. As it happened the next man to pass was an idiot. He said that a melon should be king. He said so because he was very fond of melons. The ministers put a melon on the throne. Thereafter the city was known as Melon City.

2. What was the outcome of the interview between Mrs. Dorling and the narrator? Answer in the context of The Address.

OR

You will probably agree that the story, The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse, does not have breathless adventure and exciting action. Then what in your opinion makes it interesting?

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