

**Senior Secondary
English (302)
Important Questions**

Section A :Prescribed text

Answer the following questions in a word or sentence.

1. What happened to the house after the grandmother died? (1)

Ans: The house became silent and the snakes started moving among the books.

2. Why did the peasants want the scorpion to sit still? (1)

Ans: Because the peasants believed that with the movement of the scorpion, the poison would move in the mother's body.

3. Why does the poet look down the road as far as he can see? (1)

Ans: To know what lies ahead.

4. 'to lie behind my bedroom door like a brooding dog' means that....?
(1)

Ans: The poet wants the memories of her grandmother to stay with her forever.

5. What was the intruder's first question to Gerrard? (1)

Ans: " Do you live here alone? "

Read the text carefully and answer the Questions 6 & 7.

Another reason that causes stress in today's world is an age to reach the top and be successful. This rat race is often prompted by greed and jealousy rather than by an estimation of one's own abilities. If ambition is not supported or complemented by suitable ability or capacity it leads to failure, insecure feelings, and undesirable attitudes. When things do not happen as one wishes, anger takes over. An angry person cannot take the right actions. Often actions taken in a fit of anger lead to clashes, quarrels and disputes which cause problems not only to the individual but to his family and friends also.

Change of work now and then makes one feel refreshed. It is here that hobbies play a very important role in shaping one's personality. A long list of merit work should be followed by some physical work which will reduce the pressure on mind and improve one's mental efficiency, Listening to music which one likes, taking a long walk in congenial environment and pursuing a hobby of one's choice are some of the easier and simpler means to avoid the evil effects of stress.

6. Identify the true and false sentences (3)

a. Pursuing a hobby can play a crucial role in shaping one's personality.

Ans : True

b. An angry person is likely to take the right actions.

Ans: False

c. Change of work now and then is not mentioned as a way to feel refreshed in the passage.

Ans: False

7. Choose the correct alternatives

(1)

What is suggested as an important role in shaping one's personality in the passage?

a) Long hours of merit work

b) Pursuing a hobby

c) Engaging in quarrels and disputes

d) Avoiding any change of work

Ans: b) Pursuing a hobby.

Section B: Non-prescribed text

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

Climate change will have serious implications as numerous adverse impacts are expected in terms of access to clean water, food and ecosystem resources. By 2020, it is feared that in some African countries yields from rain-fed agriculture could be reduced by up to 50%. Climate change is also likely to lead to some irreversible impacts on biodiversity. However, it is within the reach of human society to meet these threats. We have to adapt to climate change. It requires investment in storm protection and water supply infrastructures as well as community health services. Bringing changes in lifestyle is an important part of mitigation measures. Greater cooperative efforts are required by both developed and developing nations to stop emission of greenhouse gases. The youth of today have a huge responsibility towards creating a bright future and they obviously have a stake in it. They must pursue knowledge by which economic progress can take place without changing the environment.

8. What are the serious implications caused by climate change? (2)

Ans: Climate change will have serious implications as numerous adverse impacts are expected in terms of access to clean water, food and ecosystem resources.

9. What is feared to happen in some South African countries by 2020? (2)

Ans: By 2020, it is feared that in some African countries yields from rain-fed agriculture could be reduced by up to 50%. (April 2022)

Section C: Grammar

10. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb. (2)

(a) The girl _____ to college everyday. (goes, is going)

Ans: goes

(b) Children _____ books in their bags. (carries, carry)

Ans: carry (April 2022)

11. Combine the following pairs of sentences using the connectors given against each pair: (4) (April 2018)

a.(i) Edison invented the gramophone.

(ii) He was an American. (who)

Ans: Edison, who was an American, invented the gramophone.

b.(i) My mother was very much delighted.

(ii) She had heard of my father's safe arrival. (when)

Ans: My mother was very much delighted when she heard of my father's safe arrival.

c. (i) You must hurry.

(ii) You will be late for school. (otherwise)

Ans: You must hurry, otherwise you will be late for school.

(d) (i) He was not selected for the job of an event manager.

(ii) He was not depressed. (although)

Ans: Although he was not selected for the job of an event manager, he was not depressed.

Section D: Functional Writing Skills

12. Read the passage given below and make a summary in about 100 words:

(5)

The Kali River or Kali nadi is a river flowing through Uttara Kannada district of Karnataka state in India. The river rises near Diggri, a small village in Uttar Kannada district. The river is the lifeline to some 4 lakh people in the Uttara Kannada district and supports the livelihood of tens of thousands of people including fishermen on the coast of Karwar. There are many dams built across this river for the generation of electricity. One of the important dams built across Kali river is the Supa Dam at Ganeshgudi. The river runs 184 kilometres before joining the Arabian Sea.

Significant and picturesque, the Sadashivgad fort is now a popular tourist destination located by the coastal highway Kali river bridge, which has been built above the confluence of the river and the Arabian Sea,

The National Highway NH-17 continues on the Kali Bridge built over Kali River and the road continues to split the Sadashivgad granite rock hill to connect Karnataka to Goa. In Aug. 2019 due to excessive rains in the region it caused flooding and loss of property and animal life due to the floods which took place when a huge amount of water was discharged on the downstream area. Many people lost their houses and moved to rehabilitation services provided by the government. **(Oct 2022)**

Ans: The Kali River in Uttara Kannada, Karnataka, is vital to around 4 lakh people, supporting livelihoods like fishing in Karwar. It flows 184 km before merging with the Arabian Sea. The river has several dams, including the Supa Dam at Ganeshgudi, used for electricity generation. The picturesque Sadashivgad fort and the NH-17 Kali Bridge, connecting Karnataka to Goa, lie at the river's confluence. In August 2019, excessive rains caused floods when a large amount of water was discharged, leading to property damage, animal losses, and displacement of people to government rehabilitation services.

Section E: English for receptionists

13. What are the steps a receptionist should follow while communicating through telephone? (4)

Ans: When a receptionist receives a call he/she undergoes the following steps.

- a. Greets and gives identity
- b. Offers help
- c. Obtain caller's name
- d. Acknowledges the call
- e. Gives a message and asks if willing to receive it.
- f. Apologises to the caller.
- g. Take down a message.
- h. Connects the parties.

14. Write four sentences which can be used to offer help while speaking through telephone. (4)

Ans:

- a. Can I help you
- b. May I help you
- c. What can I do for you
- d. Who shall I call on the line

15. What are the major problems that can happen during a telephone conversation? (4)

Ans: While communicating through the phone, sometimes there are disturbing sounds and noises in the background that do not allow one to hear the message. Also sometimes we are unable to understand what the caller wants to convey to us. In that situation we must request the caller to repeat his message again and also repeat the same if any mistake is found. It must be corrected at once.

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