

GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL
ENGLISH LANGUAGE FINAL EXAMINATION – 2023-24

Date: 13/2/2023

Class: VIII

Time: 2 hours

Marks: 80

SECTION - I (COMPOSITION)

I] Write in 250 to 300 words on **any one** of the following Essay topics. (20)

A) Narrate the time you met your favourite personality.

Or

B) Describe the last day of school.

Or

C) Write an essay for or against the topic: Animal testing is important.

Or

D) Reflect on the topic: Bullying in Schools and colleges.

Or

E) Write a story with the beginning: As the plane touched down, I breathed a huge sigh of relief

SECTION – II (LETTER WRITING)

II] Write a letter on **any one** of the following topics: (10)

A) Letter to your friend who met with an accident recently.

Or

B) Letter apologizing to the customer for the delivery of a defective television.

SECTION – III (COMPREHENSION)

III] Read the passage given below and answer the following questions: (20)

It is important that you recognize the signs of stress in your behaviour and be healthy enough to enjoy your success. Stress can strike anytime, 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 threshold. For instance, some individuals accept competition healthily. Others collapse into weeping wrecks before an exam or compare mark sheets and find that their mates have scored better.

Whenever there is a change in the 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 others have achieved, leading to an imbalance between demands and resources, it causes psycho-social stress. It is a part and parcel of everyday life. 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 a companion, job, or professional failure may appear as if there is nothing more to be achieved.

When you are stressed, your body responds by making hormones that provide extra energy, focus, and strength. This is called the fight-or-flight response. At times, a small surge of stress can be a positive thing. It can help you do well under pressure, be on time, or meet a deadline. It can alert you to a problem you need to handle. It can motivate you toward your goals. It can push you to study, plan, and prepare. But too much stress — or stress you cannot manage — keeps you from doing and feeling your best. It can wear you down, drain your energy, and make it harder to get things done. Too much stress can lead you to feel cranky, annoyed, or scattered.

Stress can be seen in the attitude and behaviour of the individual, such as muscle tension in various parts of the body, palpitation and high blood pressure, indigestion and hyperacidity. Stress can ultimately lead to self-destructive behaviour such as eating and drinking too much, smoking excessively, relying on tranquillizers, trembling, shaking, nervous blinking, dryness of throat and mouth and difficulty in swallowing. Effective stress management helps you break the hold stress has on your life, so you can be happier, healthier, and more productive. The ultimate goal is a balanced life, with time for work, relationships, relaxation, and fun—and the resilience to hold up under pressure and meet challenges head on. But stress management is not one-size-fits-all. That is why it is important to experiment and find out what works best for you.

- Q1) How do different individuals handle competition? 2
- Q2) Which external environment factors cause stress? 2
- Q3) What causes psycho – social stress? 2
- Q4) Explain how the age of a person has any impact on stress levels? 3
- Q5) Explain the term ‘fight-or-flight response’. 2
- Q6) When can a small surge of stress be a positive thing? 3
- Q7) What kind of self – destructive behaviour is caused by stress? 2
- Q8) What constitutes as the ultimate goal of life? 2
- Q9) What stress management technique works best for you? 2
- Q10) Write a one word meaning for the following words from the passage: 2
- a. reprimand –
- b. resilience –

Q1] Convert the following sentences from Direct to Indirect speech and rewrite the sentences. (5)

- i. Rita said, “Ronak, I ate pizza for dinner yesterday.”
- ii. Father said, “Please carry these files tomorrow.”
- iii. “When will the teacher arrive?” asked Priti.
- iv. Ronak said, “Ravi, Are you ill?”
- v. They said, “What a beautiful house this is!”

Q2] Convert the following sentences from Indirect to Direct speech and rewrite the sentences. (5)

- i. The children exclaimed with joy that they had won the match.
- ii. He asked me if I would go to the Radio Station with him.
- iii. He said he had worked as a waiter before becoming a chef.
- iv. Simar requested me to have lunch with her that day at 12 pm.
- v. Rashid asked me why I was late.

Q3] Convert the following sentences from Active to Passive Voice and rewrite the sentences. (5)

- i. The people were helping the wounded woman.
- ii. The player is taking extra time.
- iii. The police will look into the matter
- iv. My father writes letters in the afternoon.
- v. She will have kept the books in a box.

Q4] Convert the following sentences from Passive to Active Voice and rewrite the sentences. (5)

- i. The meeting was called off by the boss.
- ii. The match will be won by them.
- iii. The letter has been posted by the peon.
- iv. The sums had already been solved by Sita.
- v. We are loved by her.

Q5] Do as directed: (10)

- i. Gita was not able to win the prize. (convert to Affirmative)
- ii. Everyone found the play interesting. (convert to Negative)
- iii. There is nothing better than honesty. (convert to Interrogative)
- iv. Does this phone have the latest technology? (convert to Assertive)
- v. It was a delicious meal. (convert to Exclamatory)
- vi. You study English. (Add a question tag)
- vii. He was so late that he could not attend the class. (Replace with too.....to)
- viii. As soon as we reached the station the train arrived. (Begin with No Sooner....)
- ix. Scarcely was the signal green before the cars started moving. (Begin with As soon as....)
- x. No sooner had I stepped out of the house than it started raining. (Begin with Hardly....)