

SECTION –A (READING- 20 MARKS)

Q1)Read the passage carefully:

Using car phones while driving , can be far more dangerous than driving under the influence of liquor , says recent study.

In fact , the study has shattered prevailing notions that drinking is the chief cause of road mishaps. Researchers , who carried out this study , found that talking in cellular phones increased the risk to one's life compared to driving after being drunk. The findings of the study are based on the survey of several causes of roadways accidents in North America . In fact , a perusal of the telephone records of the drivers involved in 699 such mishaps showed that the risk of accident for those who spoke on phone while driving , was at least four times higher compared to those driving in a state of drunkenness.

Ironically , the only advantage for those driving with cellular phones was that they could summon immediate help through these phones. The study with its far reaching implications for the entire world is relevant for India as well, where the vast advancements in the telecommunication technology in recent years have led to cellular phones emerging as an often used mode of communication and business transactions.

Read the given questions and choose the correct answer.

(a) Which is more dangerous?

- i. Using car phones while driving.**
- ii. Drinking while driving.**
- iii. Using car phones and drinking while driving.**
- iv. Using car phones while driving than drunken driving.**

(b) Mark the following statements as true or false.

- i. The above study is based on a survey conducted in India.**
- ii. Drunken driving is more responsible than car phones for road accidents while driving.**

(c) Which word in the passage stands for 'accident'?

- i. Precarious**
- ii. Perusal**
- iii. Mishap**
- iv. (i) and (ii)**

(d) The advantage of using cellular phones while driving , is:

- i. being in touch with friends**
- ii. nothing**
- iii. Call for immediate help**
- iv. Both (i) and (ii)**

(e) In India, cellular phones are used:

- i. as a means of communication and business transaction.
- ii. more while driving.
- iii. as great progress requires more use of phones.
- iv. as a common mode of communication and business transactions.

QII) Read the passage carefully:

DRUGS ARE NOT THE ONLY MEANS TO DEAL WITH HEALTH

There are several reasons for headache. Physical , emotional and mental factors , anxiety and tension are a few. Sometimes , headache can be a signal of an underlying disease. More than medicines , yoga therapy eminently suits any need. Yoga is a comprehensive mode of culturing body and the mind. Using an ' Integrated Approach of Yoga' , the Yoga ResearchCentres have been able to cure tough headaches. The integrated approach includes breathing , asanas , pranayama , meditation and devotional sessions.

Yoga asanas , especially the ones imitating the natural postures of animals, have a tremendous tranquilising effect , without having to depend on common drugs. Pranayama inhibits random agitations in Pranic (energy) flow in Pranamayakosa , stabilizing the autonomic nervous system. Dhyana and Samadhi culture the mind to relax it. This approach alters the reaction of an individual to headache. By interrupting the vicious cycle of pain-agony-pain , it prevents headache from becoming a crippling problem.

Read the given questions and write the correct answers:

(a) The programmeIntegrated Approach of Yoga is so called because:

- i. It can cure tough headaches.
- ii. It imitates natural postures of animals.
- iii. It offers comprehensive culturing of body and mind.
- iv. It stabilizes nervous system.

(b) The integrated approach includes :

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| i. Asanas and pranayama | iii. breathing and meditation sessions |
| ii. Devotional sessions | iv. All the above |

(c) The disturbance in energy level may lead to:

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| i. Fever | iii. cough and cold |
| ii. Pain and headache | iv. difficulty in walking |

(d) Which of these is not an effect of Yoga?

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| i. Tranquility of mind | iii. agitated nervous system |
| ii. Reduction in anxiety and pain | iv. relaxed nerve |

(e) Which word in the passage means ' to prevent'?

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| i. Crippling | iii. interrupt |
| ii. Inhibit | iv. Imitating |

QIII) Read the following passage carefully :

GULLIVER'S CLOTHES

Two hundred seamstresses were employed to make my shirts, and linen for my bed and table , all of the strongest and coarsest kind they could get; which however they were forced to quilt together in several folds , for the thickest was some degrees finer than lawn. Their linen was usually three inches wide , and three feet made a piece. The seamstresses took my measure as I lay on the ground , one standing at my neck, and another at my mid leg, with a strong cord extended , that each held by the end ,while the third measured the length of the cord with a rule an inch long. Then they measured my right thumb , and desired no more; for by a mathematical computation , that twice round the thumb is once round the wrist , and so on to the neck and waist , and by the help of my old shirt , which I displayed on the ground before them for a pattern, they fitted me exactly.

Three hundred tailors were employed in the same manner to make my clothes.

But they had another contrivance for taking my measure . I kneeled down , and they raised a ladder from the ground to my neck upon this ladder one of them mounted, and let fall a plumb line from my collar to the floor, which just answered the length of my coat; but my waist and arms I measured myself.

- Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift

Read the sentences given and complete them correctly:

- The writer's (Gulliver's) shirts were made _____.
- To take the writer's wrist measurements , the seamstresses measured his _____.
- _____ tailors were employed to make the writer's clothes.
- The seamstresses took the writer's measurements _____.
- Give a synonym for the word ' contrivance ' in the passage.

QIV) Read the poem carefully:

- Is this a holy thing to see
In a rich and fruitful land,
Babes reduc'd to misery,
Fed with cold and usurous hand?
- Is that trembling cry a song ?
Can it be a song of joy?
And so many children poor?

It is a land of poverty.

3. And their sun does never shine,
And their fields are bleak and bare.
And their ways are fill'd with thorns:
It is eternal winter there.
4. For where'er the sun does shine,
And where'er the rain does fall,
Babe can never hunger there,
Nor poverty the mind appall.

Read the given sentences and complete it correctly:

- a) In a rich country like England the rich people _____.
- b) England ,for the poet , is a land _____.
- c) The poet does not want the children to make a trembling cry but sing a _____.
- d) And their fields are bleak and bare . Symbolically this means _____.
- e) Does the poem have a regular rhyme scheme _____.

SECTION – B (WRITING-15 MARKS)

QV) You feel that facilities for tourists could be improved in India. Write a letter to the Secretary ,
Department of tourism in your state , highlighting the need for improving facilities for tourists to
promote tourism in your region . Also suggest the facilities you would like extended to tourists in
your region. (6 marks)

OR

Your friend lent you his new video game for your class picnic. Somehow the video game got
damaged by you. Write a letter of apology to your friend. You may take hints from the notes
given.

Video game-accidentally damaged- bus came to sudden halt-
fell off the seat-either replace it-or pay for it

OR

The sanitary conditions of your locality are in a bad shape. Write an e-mail to the sanitary
inspector in 120-150 words. You may take help from the hints given below.

- No sweepers
- Heaps of garbage
- Drainages blocked
- People careless
- No use of dustbins
- Regular visit of officials ...a dire need
- Fear of spread of diseases

QVI) You are Pooja/Pravin and are concerned about the careless behavior of some of your classmates.

You have been asked by the Prefect of your school to speak on 'Guidelines for a Youth from a Youth'. Write your speech. (5 marks)

OR

The school conducted a debate on the topic , " Is Self – Centredness Solution to Mounting Chaos?" Write the debate.

OR

Write an article on the importance of sports and games .Based on your reading of the unit sports and games and with your own ideas write it in about 120 words.

QVII) NeelimaVerma of class X –B is the Secretary of Holy Angel Public School Geography Forum.Her teacher – in –charge asks her to put up a notice on the notice board to invite the students of

Geography to participate in an Inter – School Geography Quiz contest to be held after a fortnight.Imagining yourself as Neelima , write that notice in not more than 50 words. (4 marks)

OR

Two friends were passing through a dense forest. Suddenly they heard some animal screaming... Complete the story.