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Instructions -

- (i) **All questions are compulsory.**
- (ii) **Marks are indicated against in front of each question.**

SECTION – A

(Reading)

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below -

- (1) "Teenagers? Stress? You must be joking." This is probably the reaction when asked whether teenagers get set full and apprehensive. For, it is generally believed that they have "no responsibilities no worries and no duties". But that is not true.
- (2) In today's competitive world, one needs to struggle and fight to make it in this dynamic, yet uncertain environment that is both stressful and anxiety inducing. Teenagers face a married and of pressure, three of which are briefly discussed here. The pressure to perform that is to do well academically comes principally from parents, teachers and peers.
- (3) The lack of aptitude tests or respecting the students' preferences push them into fields which were not interest them or for which they are not equipped. Apart from the pressure to perform well, they are often burdened with the pressure to conform to the norms laid down by society. Next, teenagers are pressurized to reform themselves. This is commonly

experienced especially by students in the age group of 13 to 17 years. Everybody is telling them when to wake up and what to do. Here's what you can do to deal with these pressures. As a result of pressure, teenagers are often found to be very anxious. A sign of anxiety is holding one's breath. The easy way out to take deep breaths at regular intervals, trying to calm your mind.



- (4) Modern life's competitiveness and challenges put a tremendous load of work on teenagers. They need to understand that they are strong enough to handle the tough challenges in life, studying and assignments being two of them. Procrastinators that is people who habitually delay and postpone due to their work, need to cultivate, "the art of starting;" and this involves dealing with the minor discomfort experienced while beginning a task. Once a job has started, it is much easier to continue.
- (5) Some students worry about factors like social and financial status, intelligence and habits that might make them different from their peers. Effective stress management lies in having a healthy attitude towards competition, work, friends and acquaintances. It lies in taking life as it comes, doing your best and being prepared for the worst.

Questions :-

[1×10=10]

- (i) The following passage is about -
- (a) stress and others (b) stress and woman
(c) stress and teenagers (d) stress and old people
- (ii) What kind of pressure is faced by teenagers?
- (a) pressure to do well academically.
(b) present to confirm to the norms laid down by the society.
(c) pressure to reform themselves stop.
(d) All of the above
- (iii) What age group of teenagers are generally pressurised to reform themselves?
- (a) 12 to 16 years (b) 11 to 15 years
(c) 13 to 18 years (d) 13 to 17 years
- (iv) Who are 'procrastinators'?
- (a) people who do their work on time
(b) people who did who do their work before time
(c) people who never to their work
(d) people who have actually postpone during their work



- (v) The word 'truthful' in the passage means -
(a) Excited (b) Feeling Joy
(c) Feeling distressed (d) Dull
- (vi) The word 'anxiety' in para 2 means -
(a) Being calm
(b) A troubled state of mind
(c) Behaving properly
(d) Being serious
- (vii) In the line ".....fretful and apprehensive", apprehensive does not correspond with -
(a) Anxious (b) Understanding
(c) Fidgety (d) Uneasy
- ~~(viii)~~ The pressures faced by the teenagers come from -
(a) Teachers (b) Friends
(c) Parents (d) All of the above
- ~~(ix)~~ Why does parents push students into field that does not suit them?
(a) The desire for easy success
(b) Lack of career counselling
(c) Lack of aptitude tests
(d) The need to follow a stable career
- ~~(x)~~ The author of the given passage is trying to the students.
(a) amuse (b) encourage
(c) inform (d) scare

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it.

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The choices we make on a daily-wearing a seatbelt, lifting heavy objects correctly or purposely (staying out of any dangerous situation-can either ensure our safety) or bring about potentially harmful circumstances) You and I need to make a decision that we are going to get our lives in order) (Exercising self-control, self-discipline and establishing boundaries and borders in our lives) are some of the most important things we can do. (A life without discipline is one that's filled with carelessness) We can think it's kind of exciting to live life on the edge, We like the images of "Yeah! That's me! Living on the edge! Woo-hoo!" (It's become a popular way to look at life. But if you see, even highways have lines, which provide margins for our safety while we're driving. If we go over one side, we'll go into the ditch. If we cross over the line in the middle, we could get killed. And we like those lines because they help to keep us safe. Sometimes we don't even realize how lines help to keep us safe.

Questions -

- (i) Make notes on the above passage. Use abbreviations if necessary.
- (ii) Give a suitable title to the passage.



SECTION - B

(Writing)

Q.3 You have lost your bag. Draft an advertisement suitable to be given in the local daily newspaper. Your advertisement should not exceed words.

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OR

You are S.C. Verma, Senior English teacher of Govt. H.S.School, Dewas. Draft a notice to invite applications from the students of XII class to take part in debate to be held at Bhopal.

Q.4 Write an application to the secretary, Board of Secondary Education, M.P. Bhopal to issue you a duplicate copy of your mark sheet.

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OR

Write a letter to your friend who is worried about the upcoming examinations giving him moral support.

Q.5 With the help of the following clues, prepare a write-up on an election scene.

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- (a) long queue of voters, (b) polling officers,
(c) polling agents, (d) indelible ink,
(e) EVM machine



OR

Write an article on "Importance of Games and Sports".

SECTION - C

(Grammar)

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- Q.6 Fill in the blanks, choosing the most appropriate option - (Any five)
- (I) The birds are sitting the tree. (in, on, with)
 - (II) Ram prefer milk tea. (than, to, at)
 - (III) Work hard lest you fail. (could, would, should)
 - (IV) Each boy of team well in the last match. (play, played, playing)
 - (V) My father gave me one rupee note. (a, an, the)
 - (VI) She has her leg. (break, broke, broken)
 - (VII) Please wait here I return. (when, till, since)

Q.7 Do as directed - (Any five)

- (I) The girl is my cousin. The girl is in pink dress.
(Join the sentences using a relative pronoun)
- (II) As soon as the students saw the teacher, they became silent.
(Replace "as soon as" with "No sooner.....than".)
- (III) Nidhi said, "I want to open this bag".
(Change into indirect narration)
- (IV) He knows me well. (Change into passive voice)
- (V) I cut the fruits with knife. (Change into negative)
- (VI) They accepted our invitation but they did not come to the party.
(Identify the clause and write)
- (VII) The door is so high that the baby can't reach.
(Rewrite the sentence using 'too.....to'.)

SECTION - D

(Text Book)

Q.8 Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions below it -

"It had happened when I was ten or eleven years old. I had decided to learn to swim. There was a pool at the Y.M.C.A. in Yakima that offered exactly the opportunity. The Yakima River was treacherous. Mother continually warned against it, and kept fresh in my mind the details of each drowning in the river. But the Y.M.C.A. pool was safe. It was only two or three feet deep at the shallow end; and while it was nine feet deep at the other, the drop was gradual. I got a pair of water wings and went to the pool. I hated to walk naked into it and show my skinny legs. But I subdued my pride and did it.

From the beginning, however, I had an aversion to the water when I was in it. This started when I was three or four years old and father took me to the beach in California. He and I stood together in the surf. I hung on to him, yet the waves knocked me down and swept over me. I was buried in water. My breath was gone. I was frightened. Father laughed, but there was terror in my heart at the overpowering force of the waves".



Questions :-

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(i) From which lesson has the prose extract been taken?

- (a) The Last Lesson (b) ☒ Deep Water
(c) Lost Spring (d) Indigo

(ii) The pool was at the -

- (a) M.B.A.R. (b) N.C.C.
(c) ☒ Y.M.C.A. (d) I.S.B.T.

(iii) There was river.

- (a) Ganga (b) Nile
(c) Yellow (d) ☒ Yakima

(iv) The narrator went to the pool with -

- (a) ☒ A pair of water wings (b) A pair of shoes
(c) A pair of socks (d) A pair of gloves

(v) The narrator's father took him to the beach in

- (a) Goa (b) Los Angeles
(c) Texas (d) ☒ California

Q.9 (A) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below -

"What I want should not be confused
With total inactivity
Life is what it is about;
I want no truck with death,
If we were not so single minded
About keeping our lives moving,
Perhaps a huge silence
might interrupt this sadness"

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Questions :-

(i) From poem have these lines been taken?

- (a) ☒ Keeping Quiet (b) A Thing of Beauty
(c) My Mother at Sixty-Six (d) A Roadside Stand

(ii) The poet wants that he should not be -

- (a) totally upset (b) ☒ totally inactive
(c) totally confused (d) totally dead

(iii) The meaning of 'Vast' from the stanza is

- (a) huge (b) ☒ inactivity
(c) silence (d) death



- (B) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below -

"The Maharaja of Pratibandapuram is the hero of this story. He may be identified as His Highness Jamedar-General, Khiledar-Major, Sata Vyaghra Samhari, Maharajadhiraja Visva Bhuvana Samrat, Sir Jilani Jung Jung Bahadur, M.A.D., A.C.T.C., or C.R.C.K. But this name is often shortened to the Tiger King. I have come forward to tell you why he came to be known as Tiger King. I have no intention of pretending to advance only to end in a strategic withdrawal. Even the threat of a Stuka bomber will not throw me off track. The Stuka, if it likes, can beat a hasty retreat from my story."

Questions :-

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- (i) Who is the hero of this story?
(a) Vikramaditya
(b) Ashoka
(c) Puru
(d) The Maharaja of Pratibandapuram
- (ii) The Raja's name is often shortened to
(a) M.A.P. (b) A.C.T.C.
(c) Tiger King (d) Lion King
- (iii) Even the threat of a will not throw me off track.
(a) Stuka bomber (b) Atom bomber
(c) Missile bomber (d) Blast bomber
- (iv) The opposite of 'like' is
(a) prefer (b) dislike
(c) mislike (d) happy

Q.10 Answer the following questions in about 30 words each. (Any five)

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- (I) What did Franz notice that was unusual about the school that day? <https://www.mpboardonline.com>
- (II) Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry?
- (III) What were the series of emotions and fears that Douglas experienced when he was thrown into the pool?
- (IV) What made the peddler think that he had indeed fallen into a rattrap?
- (V) Why is Rajkumar Shukla described as resolute in the lesson "Indigo"?
- (VI) What is the example of national integration that the author refers to in the lesson "Poets and Pancakes"?
- (VII) What is the reason for the huge success of the novel 'The Name of The Rose'?

Q.11 Answer the following questions in about 30 words each. (Any three)

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- (I) Why are young trees described as 'sprinting' in the poem 'My Mother at Sixty-Six'?
- (II) What will counting up to twelve and keeping still help us achieve?
- (III) List the things that cause suffering and pain in the poem 'A Thing of Beauty'.
- (IV) What was the plea of the folk who had put up the roadside stand?



Q.12 Answer any two questions of the following -

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- (I) How will the Maharaja prepare himself for the hundredth tiger which was supposed to decide his fate?
- (II) Do you think all this will change in Derry's attitude towards Mr. Lamb?
- (III) Will Dr. Sadao be arrested on the charge of harbouring an enemy?

Q.13 Answer following questions in about 75 words each. (Any two)

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- (I) The people in this story suddenly realise, how precious their language is to them. What shows you this? Why does this happen?
- (II) What forces conspire to keep the workers in the bangle industry of Firozabad in poverty?
- (III) How does the peddler interpret the acts of kindness and hospitality shown by the crofter, the ironmaster and his daughter?

Q.14 Answer the following questions in about 75 words. (Any one)

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- (I) Do you experience things of beauty only for short moments or do they make a lasting impression on us?
- (II) What is the 'childish longing' that the poet refers to? Why is it 'vain'?

Q.15 Answer any one of the following questions in about 75 words. (Any one)

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- (I) Why is Antarctica the place to go to understand the earth's present, past and future?
- (II) The modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and stress, what are the ways in which we attempt to overcome them?

