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Ramacrisna Madeva Salgaocar Higher Secondary School

SECOND TERMINAL EXAMINATION – MARCH 2025

STD XI, ENGLISH LANGUAGE -1

DATE-10/03/25

TIME: 3 hours

MAX MARKS – 80

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- i) The question paper is divided into 4 sections – A, B, C, D. All questions are compulsory.
- ii) Write the number of each question clearly.
- iii) Questions 4 to 13 and 19 to 24 are MCQ type and have four alternatives of which only one is the correct answer. Choose the right answer and write it against the appropriate question number in your answer book.
- iv) Questions 15 to 18 have an internal choice.
- v) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
- vi) Figures to the right indicate marks.

**SECTION A (READING SKILLS)**

**Read the following passage carefully:**

Dementia is the term used to describe the symptoms of a few illnesses that affect the brain. The most common cause is Alzheimer's disease, but there are other causes, including Parkinson's disease. Early diagnosis is important to help with early treatment, planning and support. Medications might help some symptoms of dementia, but there is no cure. Dementia is a broad term used to describe the symptoms of a large group of illnesses that affect the brain and cause a progressive decline in a person's functioning. It is not one specific disease. Dementia symptoms include memory loss, confusion, and personality and behavioural changes. These symptoms interfere with the person's social and working life. Dementia is more common in people over 65, but it is not a normal part of ageing. Several different illnesses can result in dementia, and each has its own features. In most cases, the reason people develop these conditions is not known.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia and accounts for approximately two thirds of cases. It is a progressive degenerative illness that attacks the brain and causes gradual increase in cognitive (memory and thinking) problems. In Alzheimer's disease, the physical damage in the brain is caused by amyloid plaques and neurofibrillary tangles. The plaques (fibrous patches) form when a protein called beta-amyloid forms abnormal clumps. The tangles are twisted strands of a protein called tau.

Most of the cases of Alzheimer's disease are not caused by known changes to specific genes. This type is called sporadic Alzheimer's disease and mostly occurs in people over the age of

65. Familial Alzheimer's disease is a rare type that is inherited, with symptoms often appearing when the person is between 40 and 60. In familial Alzheimer's disease, genetic changes in three specific genes cause an increase in the production of the protein present in amyloid plaques. (310 words, Source- betterhealth.gov.in)

Based on your reading of the above passage, answer questions 1, 2 & 3 briefly in about 10-15 words each and questions 4 to 8 by choosing the correct alternative from those provided:

1. What is dementia? 1
2. What are some common symptoms of dementia? 1
3. What is the most common form of dementia? 1

Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct alternative given below.

4. In familial Alzheimer's disease genetic changes in 3 specific \_\_\_\_\_ cause an increase in the production of the protein present in amyloid plaques. 1

- personality.
- geans.
- jeans.
- dementia.

Give the meaning of the word in the context of the passage from the alternatives given below....

5. Diagnosis. 1

- Unsureness.
- Detection.
- Indifference.
- Disregard.

6. Symptoms. 1

- Disproof
- Hate.
- Indication.
- Break.

The alternatives provided are words from the passage. Select the correct alternative to the meaning given below.

7. The process of something becoming less. 1

- Advancing.
- Gradual development.
- Progressive decline.
- Increasing.

8. Body's, tissues or organs steadily breakdown.

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- Becoming strong.
- Degenerative illness.
- Recovering.
- Healing.

**Read the following passage carefully:**

Nuts, those tiny, hard-shelled fruits, are nutritional powerhouses packed with a variety of health benefits. They are a rich source of essential nutrients, including healthy fats, protein, fiber, vitamins, and minerals. Their versatility makes them a valuable addition to any diet, from snacking to culinary creations. Nuts are primarily composed of unsaturated fats, particularly monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats. These fats are known to lower bad cholesterol (LDL) and increase good cholesterol (HDL), promoting heart health. Nuts provide a good source of plant-based protein, making them a valuable option for vegetarians and vegans. Protein is essential for building and repairing tissues, producing enzymes and hormones, and supporting a healthy immune system. Nuts are rich in fiber, both soluble and insoluble. Fiber aids in digestion, promotes gut health, and helps regulate blood sugar levels. Depending on the type of nut, they can be excellent sources of various vitamins and minerals, including vitamin E, magnesium, potassium, and zinc. These nutrients play crucial roles in numerous bodily functions, such as immune function, bone health, and brain function.

The nutritional profile of nuts translates into a wide range of health benefits: As mentioned earlier, the healthy fats in nuts can help lower cholesterol levels, reducing the risk of heart disease. Despite being high in calories, nuts can actually aid in weight management. The combination of healthy fats, protein, and fiber can help you feel full and satisfied, reducing overall calorie intake. The fiber in nuts helps slow down the absorption of sugar into the bloodstream, preventing spikes in blood sugar levels. This is particularly beneficial for people with diabetes. Some nuts, such as walnuts, are rich in omega-3 fatty acids, which are essential for brain function and cognitive health. Nuts are a good source of magnesium, which is important for bone health and can help prevent osteoporosis. (302 words)

**On the basis of your reading of the above passage, choose a suitable title and choose the para - wise main topics and sub-topics from the alternatives provided using the format given below:**

Title : \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_.

I : \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_.

A : \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_.

II : \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_.

A : \_\_\_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_\_\_.

9 : \_\_\_\_\_.

- Snacking and culinary creations.
- Valuable option for vegetarians.
- Nuts- a nutritious powerhouse.

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- Saturated fats.

10 : \_\_\_\_\_ 1

- Vitamins and minerals.
- Nutritional breakdown.
- Promotes gut health.
- Building and repairing tissues.

11 : \_\_\_\_\_ 1

- Increases risk of heart diseases.
- Spike in blood sugar levels.
- Decreases cognitive health.
- Unsaturated fat, Fiber, vitamin, minerals.

12 : \_\_\_\_\_ 1

- Not healthy.
- Health benefits.
- Increases cholesterol levels.
- Feel dissatisfied.

13 : \_\_\_\_\_ 1

- Fiber makes you hungry.
- Aids in weight management.
- Doesn't control diabetes.
- Chances of osteoporosis.

14. Write a summary of the above passage about 65 words using the topic sentences of the paragraph. 3

#### Section – B (Writing Skill )

Attempt any one of the following:

15. Your Institution is organising a Tree Plantation Drive, in the campus. Draft a notice to be displayed on the school notice board giving all the necessary details. You are Naveen/Namita Pandey, the Secretary of Vidya Vruksha Higher Secondary School, Thane. (30-40 words) 3

OR

You want to sell your agricultural land. Draft an advertisement for the classified columns of a local daily giving necessary details. You are Sid/Sushma, Flat No.19, Hill view Apartments, Pashan, Pune, Maharashtra. Email: sidhu@gmail.com (30-40 words)

**Attempt any one of the following:**

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16. Recently your school organised a Talk on the topic 'Importance of Cybersecurity'. Write a report for your school magazine. You are Amar/Anamika. The General Secretary of Greenwood Higher Secondary School, RK Puram Delhi.

(70 -80 words)

OR

You are the Staff Reporter of a local newspaper. Write a report for a newspaper on the "The National Dance Festival" held at Nrutya Academy, Jaipur. (70-80 words)

**Attempt any one of the following:**

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17. You are Mina/Manish Singh a resident of Flat B6, Garden View Apartment Lal Chowk, Nainital, Uttarakhand. Write a Letter to the Editor of the "Indian Express" to highlight the issue of Open Manholes.

(100-150 words)

OR

Write a letter to the Electricity Department regarding inadequate street lighting in your locality, requesting immediate action. You are Naveen/Nima Shah, H.No 50, HCL Colony , Vadodara, Gujarat.

(100-150 words)

18. Write an essay in about 200 – 250 words on any one of the following

topics:

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- The Impact of Social Media on Modern Youth.
- Environmental Sustainability. The need of the hour.
- The power of empathy in building a better society.
- The influence of celebrity culture on youth values.
- The Role of Sports in Developing Character.

### SECTION -C (GRAMMAR)

19. The music was too loud to hear the conversation.

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(Select the correct alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence by replacing 'too' and using 'so.....that')

- The music is very loud to hear the conversation.
- The conversation is very loud to hear the music.
- The music was so loud that we can hear the conversation.
- The music was so loud that we couldn't hear the conversation.

20. If you do not have a ticket, you cannot enter.

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(Select the correct alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence by using "Unless")

- Unless you do not have a ticket, you can enter.
- Unless you have a ticket, you cannot enter.
- You can enter if you don't have a ticket.
- If you don't have a ticket, unless you can enter.

21. Very few movies are as exciting as The Sound of Music.

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(Select the correct alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence by using the Superlative Degree of Comparison)

- Few movies are more exciting as the Sound of Music.
- The Sound of Music is the most exciting movie.
- The Sound of Music is one of the most exciting movies.
- The Sound of Music is the best movie.

22. "Where are you going?" She asked me.

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(Select the correct alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence in indirect speech)

- She asked me where I was going.
- She asked me where I am going.
- She asked me where I is going.
- She told me where I was going.

23. I \_\_\_\_\_ remember to call my mother.

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(Rewrite the sentence by selecting a modal indicating compulsion from the alternatives provided below)

- might.
- can.
- must
- may

24. He \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in that city for ten years before he \_\_\_\_\_ (move) to the countryside.

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(To fill in the blanks, select the correct set of alternatives from those provided below and rewrite the sentence)

- had been lived, moved.
- will live, moved.
- had lived, moved.
- living, moving.

### SECTION - D ( TEXTUAL)

Read the following stanzas carefully and answer the questions that follow in complete sentences of about 10 to 15 words each:

*The seed I spent or sown it where*

*The land is his and none of mine?*

*We speak like strangers, there's no sign*

*Of understanding in the air.*

25. Name and explain the figure of speech in the third line. 1
26. Why does the father and son speak like strangers? 1

*When I cross your path*

*Unseeing*

*Uncomprehending*

*Hard of hearing....*

*-What is your reaction then?*

*Is it pity or indifference?*

27. Name and explain the figure of speech in the fourth line. 1
28. What does the Poetess expect from the reader? 1

**Answer the following questions in about 25 to 30 words each:**

29. Why is the image of the engine evoked in *The Laburnum Top*? 2
30. What happened when Markus Natten completed 11 years of age? 2

**Answer the following questions in about 25 to 30 words each:**

31. Explain the concept of Shanshui. 2
32. What do you understand by the terms 'outsider ar't and art brut' or 'raw ar't'? 2
33. What does the notice 'The world's most dangerous animal' at a cage in the zoo at Lusaka, Zambia signify? 2
34. What is sustainable development? 2

35. What do you understand about Crocker Harris's character from the play 'The Browning version'? 2

36. Why were the Tibetan mastiffs very popular in China's imperial courts? 2

**Answer the following questions in about 50 to 60 words each:**

37. Suggest a different ending to the story 'Mother's Day'. 3

38. How did Doctor Andrew revive Susan Morgan? 3

39. How was the wise man brought to court?? What advice did he offer? 3

40. Does the story, 'The Legacy of Love' remind you of any contemporary issues faced by the people of Goa? Elucidate. 3

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