



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
UNIT TEST 2019-20
ENGLISH (Core) 301

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Instructions:

- *This paper consists of three sections: Section A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.*
- *Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions carefully and follow them faithfully.*
- *Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

SECTION A (10 Marks)

Reading:

1. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow:

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1. The advances in biological science and electronics have greatly changed the understanding of the human body and treatment of diseases. These advances have given great powers to medicine in prolonging human life using an array of gadgets – artificial respirator, pacemaker, synthetic valves, artificial bones and electronic implants – in addition to a vast array of new drugs. The hopeless medical case of yesterday is easily cured today. This has become a reality primarily because of the formulation of wonder drugs such as antibiotics, sulpha drugs, antiseptics, growth stimulants and rejuvenators. Thus, the pharmaceutical industries have become giants in every country, big or small.

2. “The desire to take medicine is perhaps the greatest feature which distinguishes man from animals,” said William Oster. This desire has catalyzed an awesome and uncontrolled development of drug industries all over the world. Taking drugs has become a veritable cult in this century. Even a healthy person swallows a few tablets a day in the hope of maintaining his health. The most extensively used medicines are painkillers, vitamins and antibiotics. Among these, aspirin is the number one drug in terms of quantities consumed. This has been in use for a century now. Over 30 million pounds of aspirin, or 150 tablets a person, are consumed in the U.S. alone each year. The worldwide production of this drug is a staggering 1, 00,000 tons a year.

3. We have now to ask whether this habit of taking drugs is being exploited by the drug industries. Are the doctors, at least some of them, in league with the drug industries in promoting unfair sale of drugs? A commonly-voiced criticism against the doctors pertains to over-prescription, directing the patients to take more drugs than what is necessary. This causes physician-produced diseases (called iatrogenic diseases). Some doctors are responsible for drug addiction among their patients.

4. There is a growing concern among the medical practitioners themselves that antibiotics are prescribed irrationally and recklessly. These medicines, though potent in curing diseases, are not totally free from side effects. A survey conducted in Kolkata recently had indicated that over-prescription of antibiotics had led to serious kidney and liver problems in patients. Some persons are allergic to antibiotics and cases of deaths are known by callous administration of these drugs to such persons. Mexaform and Enterovioform are anti-diarrheal drugs. Until recently these could be bought off the shelf of the drug store without prescription. Today, consumption of these drugs has been proved to cause blindness and therefore these have been withdrawn from use.

5. A Swedish pediatric neurologist, Dr. Ollen Hansson, pioneered in igniting campaign internationally, against needless drug prescription. He, in spite of his affliction with cancer, campaigned for withdrawal from use all

over the world. May 24, the day he died is celebrated as the Ollen Hansson Day to keep alive his campaign against over-prescription.

6. Each drug we use, like a coin, has to two sides, namely-its potency and toxicity. The border line between these two effects is thin in some cases. Therefore, doctors have a great responsibility in carefully prescribing such drugs.

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option: **1x3= 3**

a. Ollen Hansson Day is celebrated to _____ .

- i) Highlight advances made in biological science
- ii) Fight against needless drug prescription
- iii) Promote the sale of wonder drugs
- iv) Prevent the use of Mexaform and Enterovioform

b. The writer says that 'the doctors are in league with the drug industries'. This means that Doctors _____ .

- i) Promote over-prescription.
- ii) Are responsible for drug addiction among their patients.
- iii) Encourage over-zealous prescription of drugs
- iv) All of these.

c. According to the passage what causes blindness?

- i) Antiseptics
- ii) Antibiotics
- iii) Sulpha drugs
- iv) Anti-diarrheal drugs

1.2 Answer the following questions briefly:

1x5= 5

- a. How has growth in medical science helped mankind?
- b. According to the writer, what distinguishes man from animal?
- c. What causes physician-produced diseases?
- d. What does the writer mean by 'over-prescription'?
- e. What are the side effects of antibiotics?

1.3 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following:

1x2=2

- a. carelessly (Para 4)
- b. disapproval (Para 3)

SECTION B (14 Marks)

ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS:

2. You want to sell your newly built flat. Draft a suitable advertisement, giving relevant details, in not more than 50 words, for the classifieds column of a reputed newspaper. **4**

3. A spurt of violence previously unknown in Indian schools makes it imperative for educationists to introduce value education effectively in schools. Write an article in about 180 to 200 words, expressing your views on the need of value education. You are Anu/Arun. **10**

SECTION C- (26 Marks)

LITERATURE:

4. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

1x4= 4

*I looked again at her, wan, pale
as a late winter's moon and felt that old
familiar ache, that childhood fear.*

- i) Who do 'I' and 'her' refer to?
- ii) Where are they both going?
- iii) What does the 'familiar ache' refer to?
- iv) How does she part from her mother?

5. Answer the following in 30-40 words each:

2x5=10

- i) Why is Saheb's name full of irony?
- ii) What do the "green fields" and "gold sands" in the poem "An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum", refer to?
- iii) Justify the title 'Deep Water'.
- iv) Describe Galesburg Illinois in 1894. Why did the narrator want two tickets to Galesburg, Illinois?
- v) 'Take care of the small things and the big things will take care of themselves.' What is the relevance of this statement in the context of the Antarctic environment?

6. Answer the following in about 120-150 words:

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What is Linguistic Chauvinism? How do you classify M. Hamel's love and the villager's concern for French Language?

7. Answer the following in about 120-150 words:

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'The operation is successful. The Maharaja is dead'. Comment on the irony of the situation.
