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SECTION A: Reading Comprehension. (20 marks)

Read the passage, and answer the following questions.

Stress and You

- 1 Have you ever had butterflies in your stomach during an exam or competition? Have you ever been loaded with so much school work and activities that you had trouble sleeping? Have you ever been so agonised about something that you ended up with a terrible headache?

- 2 If so, then you know what it's like to feel stress. You've probably heard people say, 5
"Wow, I'm really stressed out!" or "This is making me totally stressed." When you are worried and uncomfortable about something, you will feel stressed. This worry in your mind can lead to anxiety that can cause you to feel unwell. You may feel angry, frustrated, scared or afraid. When you feel any of **these**, it can also give you a stomach ache, a headache or even make you nauseous. 10

- 3 Stressors, or the wide range of stress triggers include exams, competitions, getting along with difficult people, preparing for a class presentation and also physical dangers. When one is under stress, the body responds by activating the nervous system and specific hormones. The hypothalamus activates the adrenal glands to produce two types of hormones: adrenaline and cortisol. **They** signal specific organs to speed up the heart 15

rate, breathing rate, blood pressure and metabolism. These changes lead up to what is called as the stress response, which is also known as the ‘fight or flight’ response. Blood vessels open wider to let more blood flow to the muscles, pupils dilate to improve vision, the liver releases some stored glucose to increase the body’s energy, and lastly, sweat is produced to cool the body. 20

4 The stress response prepares the body to react quickly and effectively to stressors, and it is very important in emergency situations, such as when a driver has to hit the brakes to prevent himself from hitting a boy running across the road. When it works properly, the stress response improves a person’s ability to perform well under pressure. However, it could cause problems when it overreacts or fails to turn off and reset properly. 25

5 Stress can actually be divided into good and bad stress. Good stress can help you do something better. For example, you may do well in your exam if the anxiety inspires you to study harder. On the other hand, if stressful feelings continue for a long time, the body will experience bad stress. This prolonged stress can be caused by family problems such as fighting parents or divorce, or other personal problems. 30

6 On a lighter note, if you’re feeling tired and stressed because you have too much going on, such as lots of after-school activities, you might feel better if you drop an activity or two even if it’s just for a semester or so. Sometimes, lots of activities – even if they’re all fun – can make you feel stressed by keeping you busy all the time. On the other hand, if problems at home are bugging you, some (but not many!) after-school activities may actually help you relax and feel better. 35

7 There are also relaxation exercises that you can do to get rid of stress. The easiest one is to inhale (breathe in) slowly and deeply through your nose, and then, exhale (breathe out) slowly through your mouth. Do this two to four times, but don’t take in too much air too quickly because it can make you feel lightheaded and dizzy. You can do this exercise anytime without anyone noticing. You can even do it in class if you’re nervous before a test. 40

- 8 Therefore, the best way to keep stress away is to think of challenges as opportunities and stressors as temporary problems, and not disasters. Practice solving problems and asking other people for help instead of complaining and letting stress build up. Let a little stress motivate you to achieve your goals, but don't let it beat you. 45

Source was taken from: *Pre-U, Foundation English 2008*

For questions 1 – 3, write the correct answer (A, B, C, or D) in your answer sheet. (3 marks)

1. From the passage, which of the following is not a symptom of stress?
 - A. Going through terrible headache
 - B. Feeling nauseous
 - C. Deciding hastily
 - D. Getting distracted while accomplishing work

2. In paragraph 3, the author explains that when people go through stress...
 - I. their nervous system is triggered.
 - II. their bodies produce adrenalin and cortisol.
 - III. their blood vessels rupture.
 - IV. they sweat.
 - A. I and II
 - B. III and IV
 - C. I, II, and III
 - D. I, II, and IV

3. Which of the following is the main idea for paragraph 7?
 - A. To get rid of stress, you should do a relaxation exercise.
 - B. Stress can happen to anyone, and that it is certainly curable.
 - C. No one will notice it if you're stress.
 - D. Breathing relaxingly is one of the easiest way to reduce stress.

For questions 4 – 7, type the correct word or phrase in your answer sheet.

4. Find a word in paragraph 1 that has **opposite** meaning to *composed*.
5. Find a word in paragraph 2 that has **similar** meaning to *nervousness*.
6. Find a word in paragraph 4 that has **similar** meaning to the phrase, *stress triggers*.
7. Find a word in paragraph 6 that has **similar** meaning to *bothering*.

8. For question 8, determine if each of the statements below is true or false. In your answer sheet, type in T for true statements and F for false statements. (6 marks)

- I. The hormones produced when one is stressed initiate signals to the body to increase one's metabolic rate.
- II. Stress can also cause humans to respond to problems positively.
- III. Occupying your time with many activities is one of the best ways to reduce stress.
- IV. If you practice the breathing exercises 6-7 times per week, you will never have to face stress problems in your life.
- V. Inhaling and exhaling too quickly may cause you to feel faint.
- VI. Stress will only beat you down, and it can never be a good motivation.

For questions 9-12, type the answers in complete sentences in your answer sheet.

(7 marks)

- 9. What does the word 'these' in paragraph 2 refer to? (1 mark)
- 10. What does the word 'they' in paragraph 3 refer to? (1 mark)
- 11. Why do you think that stress can be a good motivator to a student? (2 marks)
- 12. Give three (3) ways on how to control anxiety before an exam? (3 marks)

SECTION B: Sentence Analysis. (30 marks)**Question 1: Subject Verb Agreement (14 marks)**

Identify and correct the subject-verb agreement errors in all 14 numbered sentences in the passage. Write the correct answers in your answer sheet. Follow the example given:

Example:

<i>Sentence</i>	<i>Correction</i>
<i>(E.g.)</i>	<i>There <u>is</u> only one...</i>

*(E.g.) There **are** only one type of weather where I am currently living now, and that is definitely the best weather for me; even if I need to migrate, I would love summer the most.*

(1) Summer are the warmest of the four temperate seasons which also include winter spring and autumn. (2) It occur between spring and autumn, and it is known for the longest days and shortest nights. (3) The seasons starts on different dates in different cultures based on astronomy and regional meteorology. (4) Summer is traditionally associated with hot dry weather, but this do not occur in all regions. (5) For example, the wet season occur during summer across many parts of the tropics and subtropics. (6) Tropical cyclones develops and roam the tropical and subtropical oceans during the summer. (7) In the interior of continents, thunderstorms is most likely to produce hail during the afternoon and evening. (8) Schools and universities has a summer break to take advantage of the warmer weather and longer days. (9) People takes advantage of the warmer temperatures by spending more time outdoors during the summer. (10) Meanwhile, winter season is the coldest season which start from the month of December until the month of March. (11) The peak winter months is January and December. (12) Winter season come with fog which covers sunlight and makes winter colder. (13) There are a huge change in atmospheric temperature and routines of day and night in winter. (14) In winter, the nights becomes long and the days become short.

Question 2: Modifiers (16 marks)

In your answer sheet, indicate whether the sentences below contain dangling modifiers or misplaced modifiers. Then, correct the errors. Refer to the example below:

Riding my bicycle, a dog chases me	<u>Dangling Modifier</u>
Correction: <u>Riding my bicycle, I am chased by a dog.</u>	

1. Although only four years old, my father insisted that I learn to read.
2. I shot a dog in my pyjamas.
3. Sitting in the back row of the theatre, the actors could hardly be heard by us.
4. Upon entering the doctor's office, a skeleton caught my eye.
5. I slipped on the wet cement running across the road.
6. A writer who revises his works often can recognise his mistakes.
7. Having washed all the dishes, all the chores have been completed.
8. The little girl screamed at the library for her mother.

SECTION C: Sentence Skills. (30 Marks)**Question 1: Active & Passive Voices (6 marks)**

Write the correct answers (A, B, C, or D) in your answer sheet.

1. Which of the following sentences are written in the **active** voice?
 - I. The Mona Lisa was painted by Leonardo Da Vinci.
 - II. In some countries people believe that fresh air is bad for sick people.
 - III. A good job should be done by the policeman.
 - IV. We keep the documents in the drawer.
 - A. I and II
 - B. II and III
 - C. II and IV
 - D. III and IV

2. Which of the following sentences are written in the **active** voice?

- I. They have modernized the theatre.
 - II. The house is being built by the Sanders and Co.
 - III. People check their phones after waking up from sleep.
 - IV. The man walked out alive from the accident.
- A. I and II
 - B. I, II and III
 - C. I, III and IV
 - D. All of the above

3. Which of the following sentences are written in the **passive** voice?

- I. The streets were flooded with rain from the hurricane.
 - II. Some students study hard during weekdays to relax on weekends.
 - III. Several solutions are presented in the research paper.
 - IV. She summarizes the lecturer's notes very clearly.
- A. I and II
 - B. I and III
 - C. II, III and IV
 - D. I, III and IV

4. *Students are managing their studies, family obligations, and sometimes work.*

Studies, family obligations, and sometimes work _____ by students.

- A. is managed
- B. is being managed
- C. are managed
- D. are being managed

5. *DVDs can be rented at many stores.*

You _____ DVDs at many stores.

- A. can rent
- B. could rent
- C. rent
- D. are renting

6. Choose a sentence with the appropriate **passive** form for the following sentence.

They have shown us the important requirements to enter the country.

- A. The important requirements to enter the country were shown to us.
- B. To enter the country, one is required to show their important documents.
- C. To enter the country, we had been shown the requirements by them.
- D. The important requirements to enter the country have been shown to us.

Question 2: Sentence Skills (14 marks)

Correct the following fragment and run-on problems. Write the answers in your answer sheet.

- 1. We should invite her. Since she has not seen that movie.
- 2. I went apple-picking, my friends, Rani and Magna, followed.
- 3. Unlike fish. Whales do not have gills.
- 4. The audience members have probably given a lot of speeches they know how terrifying it can be.
- 5. A flash card. A small card for learning vocabulary.
- 6. Many people take care of their parents they work at a regular job all day.
- 7. Tsunamis can only be predicted about an hour in advance at most, hurricane storms can be carefully followed by technology weeks in advance.

Question 3: Sentence Types (10 marks)

Combine the set of sentences to create the sentence type asked for. You may need to delete or change some words. Write the answers in your answer sheet.

1. A simple sentence

- a. The people are in their 20s.
- b. The people prefer to live in the cities for a lot of reasons.

2. A simple sentence

- a. The electricity in the storm.
- b. The electricity went off.

3. A compound sentence

- a. Many Arctic animals are white to blend in with the snow.
- b. This snow has been melting in many areas.

4. A complex sentence

- a. Students read a lot of material online.
- b. They do not remember it well most of the time.

5. A complex sentence

- a. Monkeys in Japan take baths in hot springs.
- b. Monkeys in Malaysia take baths comfortably at home every season.

SECTION D: Paragraph Writing. (20 marks)

Choose **ONE (1)** of the topics given below and write **ONE PARAGRAPH** of about 180-200 words on your topic. Make sure you have a clear topic sentence, good support, and a concluding sentence.

Write your paragraph in the answer sheet.

1. The effects of a dirty environment on a student
2. The similarities of physical and psychological abuse
3. The importance of hygiene among students

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