

**NEB - GRADE XII
2080 (2023)**

**Compulsory English
New Course**

(For grade increment students whose registration number is 78 only)

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable. The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Time: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 75

Attempt all questions

Group 'A'

1. Read the following text and complete the tasks that follow : 15
- It's not cool to be fat, but that hasn't stopped an obesity epidemic from occurring among young Americans. Childhood obesity increased from 5% in 1964 to about 13% in 1994. Today it is about 20%, and rising. Children, on average, spend five to six hours a day involved in **sedentary** activities like watching TV, using the computer, and playing video games, which is partly to blame for this rising rate. Maybe it would not matter if they were active enough at other times, but most of them are not.
- To make matters worse, children are bombarded with television advertisements for fast food chains and other providers of high-fat, high-sugar meals and snacks. These highly **effective** advertising campaigns, combined with a physically inactive lifestyle, have produced a generation of children who are at high risk for medical conditions associated with **obesity**.
- The main health threat is the early development of type 2 diabetes (adult onset), particularly in children with a family history of the disease. Doctors report an increase in the number of young adolescents developing type 2 diabetes, which can lead to heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney disease, stroke, limb amputations, and blindness. People who develop diabetes in adolescence face a decreased quality of life and a shorter life expectancy, particularly if the disease progresses without treatment. It is a **scary** prospect for our children, but in many cases, obesity and diabetes are preventable.
- When kids spend most of their free time sitting in front of TVs and computers, they are not outside running, jumping, or participating in team sports that would keep their weight down. Parents should set limits on the time their children spend in passive activities. Pediatricians **recommend** restricting children to one or two hours a day in front of the TV and computer combined, although older children may need **additional** time for learning activities.

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Parent involvement remains the most important key to healthy diets for our children. Programs to educate parents about nutrition are essential. Fast foods should be eaten only in moderation. Caregivers, who are often busy and in a hurry, must avoid the **temptation** to take their children to fast food restaurants or buy fast food for dinner at home. Changing eating habits and lifestyles is not easy, but the benefit to our children's health is a wonderful reward for parents willing to take on the task.

A. Complete the following sentences using the words highlighted in the text.

Two of those words are not necessary. $5 \times 1 = 5$

- a. The horror film was really
- b. You may ask your doctor to a suitable therapist.
- c. Their health problems are caused by their lifestyles.
- d. The car has features.
- e. The new rules will become in the next few days.

B. Read the text again and write

TRUE if the statement agrees with the information given in the text.

FALSE if the statement contradicts the information given in the text.

NOT GIVEN if there is no information in the text. $5 \times 1 = 5$

- a. Childhood obesity is gradually going up in America.
- b. According to the text, fast food is very good for health.
- c. Doctors do not advise people to take fast food.
- d. Kids would lose their weight if they participated in sports.
- e. It is not very easy to change eating habits.

C. Read the text again and answer the following questions in ONE SENTENCE each. $5 \times 1 = 5$

- a. Give an example of an inactive lifestyle.
- b. What is another name for type 2 diabetes?
- c. What can type 2 diabetes lead to?
- d. How do you think parents can help kids reduce their weight?
- e. Would you advise people to take fast food? Why, why not? Give a reason.

2. Write short answers to the following questions in about 75 words each. $5 \times 2 = 10$

- a) What made the young couple feel like sojourners in a foreign land when they first moved in their new house ? (*Neighbours*)
- b) How does Lu Xun describe his feeling at the arrival of his old home ?
(*My old Home*)

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OR

Describe the old man as Pelayo and his wife first encounter within their courtyard. (*A very Old Man with Enormous Wings*)

- c) Do you agree or disagree with the poet's impression about the magnificence of the God ? Write your opinion about the existence of God.

(*Every Morning I Wake*)

- d) Do you think marriage is a social institution ? Why, why not ? Explain briefly. (*Marriage as a Social Institution*)

OR

In what way is the Universal Declaration of Human Rights important ? Give reasons. (*Human Rights and the Age of Inequality*)

- e) Sketch the character of Famous Actress. (*A Matter of Husbands*)

3. Write long answers to the following questions in about **150 words** each. $2 \times 5 = 10$

- a) Explain the following lines from the poem 'The Awakening Age' with reference to the context.

When perceptions are changed there's much to gain,
A flowering of truth instead of pain,
There's more to a people than their poverty,
There's their work, wisdom and creativity.

OR

Interpret the story 'The Treasure in the Forest' as a mystery story.

- b) Do you think 'Facing Death' is a modern tragedy ? Why, why not ? Give reasons to support your answer.

4. Write a short story in approximately 150 words using the following clues. Provide the story with a suitable title. 7

Himesh was on the terrace watching the last rays of the Sun. Suddenly, he heard a shout coming from the street He ran down the stairs to see what had happened. Out of his horror he saw a man lying on the street. The floor was full of blood

5. Imagining yourself as a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Rastriya Banijya Bank, write an email in approximately **180 words** to the CEOs of private Banks about the seminar you are organising in your esteemed office on 23 May, 2023. 8

6. Suppose you are the General Manager of Dairy Development Corporation (DDC). Write a press Release explaining with the clear reason for increasing the price of dairy products. 10

7. Do as instructed within the brackets and rewrite the sentences. $10 \times 1 = 10$

- a) Students said to the principal, "Can you manage extra classes through virtual process ?" (*Change it into indirect speech.*)

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- b) Look! The man is laughing out loudly jumping on the floor. He (can/ must/will/would) be mad. *(Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks.)*
- c) All the books were published in time. *(Rewrite the sentence in active voice)*
- d) He and I (is/are/has/have) well until now. *(Choose appropriate verb and rewrite it filling in the blanks.)*
- e) The garden is beautiful. We spend a lot of time in the garden everyday. *(Join the sentences using one of the relative pronouns- who/whom/where/which.)*
- f) We go on outing every year. We always have financial problems. *(Use **although/in spite/despite/however**- whichever is appropriate to join them)*
- g) The culprit came office, walked across the road and got on a bus. *(Use appropriate preposition- **out of/ toward/ along/ into** to fill in the blank.)*
- h) I can't work as as I used to five years ago. *(Rewrite it using **hard/ harder/ hardest/more hard**, whichever is appropriate.)*
- i) After the lesson had finished, we run out of college. *(Rewrite the sentence correcting the mistakes.)*
- j) We all get wet in the rain because us had raincoat. *(Fill in the blanks using **any/some of/ none of/ none** whichever is correct.)*
8. Choose and copy the correct alternatives. 5x1=5
- a) Which of the following words has a different vowel sound from the rest ?
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| (i) shoot | (ii) to |
| (iii) should | (iv) food |
- b) Now, you can have a go without any delay. In this sentence the word 'go' is a ...
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| (i) noun | (ii) verb |
| (iii) adjective | (iv) adverb |
- c) The children who under go extreme poverty generally stand firm even in hardships. The word 'undergo' in this sentence has a meaning similar to
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| i) to go under | (ii) to escape |
| (iii) to deviate | (iv) to experience |
- d) Which of the following can be the guide words for the word 'medicine' ?
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| i) mediocre/medium | (ii) median/medicinal |
| (iii) mediate/megaphone | (iv) medicaid/meeting |
- e) The burglar was finally brought to the book by the high court. In this sentence, the phrase 'brought to the book' means ...
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| i) defended | (ii) released |
| (iii) penalized | (iv) forgave |