

Class : X Subject : English

Assignment 4

1. *Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:*

HAZARDS OF TOBACCO CONSUMPTION

The World Health Federation (WHF), which has 143 countries as members, has reported that the incidence of heart disease has gone up throughout the world. It was not difficult to identify smoking as the single most important risk factor as far as heart and lung ailments are concerned. The World Health Organization has launched a cabinet project, the Tobacco Free Initiative (TFI) in July 1998 as a result.

The idea is to reduce the current mortality rate of 3.5 million per year and to decrease the prevalence of smoking by 1.1 billion people, which is nearly one-third of the global adult population.

The TFI slogan for the current year, 'leave the pack behind', highlights the benefits of quitting smoking. The cessation of smoking strengthens the individual's health vis-à-vis 25 medical ailments. Some of the more important ones are lung cancer, bronchitis, emphysema, cardiac disease and burergers disease, a kind of gangrene involving the lower limbs.

As far as heart disease is concerned, after the cessation of smoking there is rapid improvement in the coronary circulation and the chances of a heart attack recede with every passing day.

Beyond the public health issue, tobacco consumption is responsible for a major financial drain which is not in the interest of nation's development. An estimate regarding the global loss due to smoking related diseases puts it at \$200 billion and half of this is in the developing countries. In India tobacco is a major killer. There were 838,000 tobacco related deaths in 1998.

- 1) Smoking is considered to be the most important risk factor as
- 2) The Tobacco Free Initiative intends to
- 3) The cessation of smoking is responsible for.....
- 4) The two benefits of quitting smoking are.....
- 5) Find a word in para 4, which is likely to be closest in meaning to 'become less'.

Q2. You read the given newspaper report. Using information from the report along with your own ideas write an article on 'Water-borne Diseases – A Threat' in minimum 150 words.

ALL WATER SAMPLES FAIL

Samples of drinking water drawn from the municipal limits of the district were found to be contaminated. The samples collected by the district health authorities from the municipal councils and the public health water resources of these towns were found to contain unacceptable levels of bacteria and were unfit for human consumption.

The district civil surgeon admitted that the bacteria in water might be the source of various diseases including diarrhea, cholera, hepatitis and typhoid. The contaminated water is more harmful for visitors than the locals.

Q3. Commercials are the best way to sell one's product. But these ads shown on television lure the children and some of them try to copy the heroes of these commercials. Arun Bakshi was one of the victim who tried to copy the commercial ad of a well known Cola by trying to jump from the first floor of his house, as a result he got his leg fractured. His elder brother Rishi decides to write a letter to the Editor of 'The Hindu' highlighting the adverse effects all these commercials have on children today. Write a letter in not more than 120 words.

Q4. Given below are some instructions. Use them to complete the paragraph that follows.

HOW TO MAKE ORANGE AND GINGER CAKE

- Mix the butter and sugar until fluffy.
- Add the eggs gradually
- Add the flour, baking powder, milk powder and candied ginger
- Add the vanilla extract with milk and mix well.
- Pour into baking dish greased and lined with baking paper
- Bake at 180°C for about 20-25 minutes.

To make a delicious orange and ginger cake first of all, (a)..... until fluffy. Then (b)..... gradually. Flour, baking powder, milk powder and candied ginger are added after that. Vanilla extract (c)..... And (d)..... for peculiar flavour. Baking dish (e) with baking paper and material (f)..... it. The material (g) For about 20-25 minutes and a sumptuous and fluffy cake is ready to eat.

Q5. Complete the passage given below by choosing the correct alternatives.

The house (a)..... Which we were to live was (b)..... One end of the village. It was (c)..... behind a screen of mango and orange trees (d)... bushes of hibiscus full (e)..... enormous scarlet flowers. The house was adequate without (f) luxurious. We had just (g) unpacking when we were greeted by the housekeeper (h)

name was Paula.

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| a) i) on | b) i) at | c) i) hide | d) i) with | e) i) of | f) i) be |
| ii) at | ii) in | ii) hid | ii) or | ii) from | ii) was |
| iii) in | iii) on | iii) hiding | iii) and | iii) with | iii) being |
| iv) by | iv) by | iv) hidden | iv) but | iv) by | iv) been |
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| g) i) finish | h) i) what |
| ii) finished | ii) who |
| iii) finishing | iii) which |
| iv) finisher | iv) whose |

Q6. Following are some of the characteristics of student life but they are in jumbled form. Rearrange them into meaningful sentences.

a) characterized / labyrinth of / decision / is / by / a / student life / choices, / and / conflicts

student life is characterized by a labyrinth of choices, decisions and conflicts.

b) academic performance / a toll / course options / juggling / often takes / between / on youngsters / and

c) often aid / final decision / peers / you / a / can / in making

d) listening / more / their / students are / peers / prone to / to

e) where you want / typically / where you are / to head next / as peers / coming from / know / and

Q7) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

(i)..... whose frown,
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed;

1. What feelings are depicted on the shattered face ?
2. How can it be said that the sculptor was skillful?
3. Whose hand and heart are referred to here?

(ii) "Me!" I gasped, "Me! I won't" but even as I spoke she had taken my arm, and the next thing I knew I was sitting with the thing on my knees and Miss Laura Hinkle opposite, grinning in my face like a flirtatious crocodile.

1. What does the author's wife want him to do?
2. Why didn't the author want to be a part of the game?
3. Explain the phrase 'grinning like a flirtatious crocodile'.

Q8) Answer the following in 40-50 words.

1. What made the ghost really angry and how did she want the author to help her?
2. Why did the ghosts organize 'The Writer's Inspiration Bureau'? What was their mode of working?
3. What is your impression of Ozymandias as a king?
4. What does the partially destroyed statue of Ozymandias symbolize?

Q9) The story 'A Shady Plot' is not a spine chilling and scary ghost story. It is full of humour and pun. Explain with reference to context.