



**BK BIRLA CENTRE FOR EDUCATION
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SENIOR SECONDARY CO-ED DAY CUM BOYS' RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL
PERIODIC TEST 2 EXAMINATION 2024-25
ENGLISH CORE (301)**



**Class: XI
Date: .12.24**

**Duration: 1 hr
Max Marks: 25**

SECTION A: READING SKILLS

(7 marks)

I. Read the passage given below.

- i. Chronic stress affects ability to concentrate, plan, and make good decisions/Changes are seen in social behaviour/Many people develop heart related diseases.
- ii. guided imagery
- iii. a) Yes
- iv. c) Both statements can be inferred from the passage.
- v. d) All of the above
- vi. By telling them about techniques and tools that can help them to keep stress and anxiety at manageable levels/we can take them to a therapist.
- vii. c) A is not correct but R is.

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS

Education Of the Girl Child in The Country

-Name:

Education of girls has been a high priority with the Government of India. In the new millennium, India has consolidated its earlier educational reforms with increased resources and stronger policy commitments for achieving elementary education, particularly for girls. Reaching out to the girl child is primary to the efforts to universalise elementary education. 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' or 'Education For All' programme recognizes that ensuring the education of the girl child requires changes not only in the education system but also in society's norms and attitudes.

A two-pronged gender strategy has hence been adopted to make the educational system responsive to the needs of the girls through targeted interventions which serve as a pull-factor to enhance access and retention of girls in schools on the one hand and generate community demand for girls' education through training and mobilisation on the other hand. The CBSE has also come up with the novel scheme of providing free education from the sixth standard onwards to the single girl child. The need of the times is that the government should further improve the educational infrastructure and make it more accessible and meaningful for the girl child.

SECTION C: GRAMMAR

Answers:

	Incorrect	Correct
(a)	any	a
(b)	who	which
(c)	an	the
(d)	he	you

LITERATURE

A. **Competency-based multiple-choice questions (MCQS):** (1x3=3)

Ans: (iv) options (b) and (c)

Ans: wash

Ans: (iii) option (a) and (b)

B. **Answer any two of the following questions**

1. The phrase implies that the goldfinch is the driving force or the central figure in her family, responsible for bringing life and energy to her surroundings
2. Andrew recalled a similar case in the past. He gave the same treatment to the stillborn baby. He asked for hot and icy cold water. He placed the baby into cold and warm water alternately. He rubbed the child with a rough towel and pressed and released the little chest with his hands. The miracle happened. Its skin turned pink and it cried.
3. Professor Gaitonde was a history professor living in Poona in the 20th century. He lived in Independent India. He has authored many books on History. He had also chaired many meetings(999). He was surprised to see the name of the East India Company on a building in Bombay because it belonged to the 18th and 19th centuries when the Company was ruling India. It did not exist in the present time.

C. **Answer any one long answer type questions:(40 words each)**

1. Doctor Andrew Manson was a young man. He was a committed and diligent medical professional. He worked under Dr Edward Page. He has lots of ideas. He examined each case on its own merits. He displayed a fairly mature understanding of his patients. He never hesitated or stumbled. He made an appropriate decision immediately when faced with a choice between two conflicts. He took his job seriously. He could understand the gravity of situation in case of Susan's delivery. It was a difficult birth. But he could save the dying mother as well as bring the lifeless child back to life which shows that he is a man full of optimism and hope. He was not a weak character person. Even though he had a tormenting

relationship with his lover that evening he could dedicate all his efforts to bring joy to the family of Joe Morgan.

2. Discuss the initial state of the tree and the change brought by the goldfinch. Explain the symbiotic relationship between the tree and the bird. Highlight the cyclic nature of activity and stillness in the poem.