

Model Exams



MODEL NO. (1)

A- Write an essay on one only of the following:

1. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing. Discuss,
2. How far do you agree to the view that the press overpowers Public Opinion?
3. Olympic Games

B- Read the following passage than answer the questions:

Each year thousands of graduates come down from universities with high hopes for the future, which soon turn into real disappointment if they suddenly discover that those extra years of educational experience turn out to be worthless in the real world. Each year, the state assigns considerable sums of money for the appointment of graduates, in addition to the programmes encompassed within the national 5- year plan designed to open more opportunities to graduates.

Reasons for growing unemployment among graduates are many. Part of the blame lies on the lack of coordination between the university admittance system and the state's requirements for graduates. The processes of modernizing the economy industry and so on, which are making use of machines instead of people, is an important reason. Also the swift population growth means even more young people become graduates.

There are no easy solutions, but a little initiative on the part of the graduate helps. Take an example of a graduate from one of the faculties of commerce in Egypt whose hobby was breeding house sparrows and gold fish. Having his eye on a piece of unoccupied land owned by the governorate, he soon got in contact with the right people to get a licence and to set up his activities. His project met with such support, he was eventually able to take the first steps towards entering into business. It is an example which should encourage graduates not to despair if employment can not be found immediately on gaining their precious qualifications.

Answer the following questions:

1. Why do the hopes of most of the graduates turn out into disappointment?
2. How is the problem of unemployment increasing year after year?
3. Who is to blame for this problem? Give reasons.
4. Why is it not easy to solve the problem?
5. How in your opinion can the problem be solved?

MODEL NO. (2)

A- Write an essay on one of the following:

- 1- International sports competitions strengthen relationships among nations. Discuss.
- 2- War is a disaster in which the winner loses as much as the loser. (**Discuss**)
- 3- Day Dreaming

B- Read the following passage and then answer the questions:

Fashions in clothes are so obvious, their style, their colour, and their trimmings making their presence known to

the eyes immediately. Small wonder then that the kings in this realm impose upon their ever-willing subjects decrees that shall make all who do not obey look old-fashioned. Since minor changes would enable many to come into line with little bother or expense, and that would not suit their purposes, these kings change the outlines, the lengths, the adornments to a degree on occasions that is startling. Instead of straight lines, the decree goes forth that all shall be curves, that in place of an elegant simplicity ornament shall be the hall – mark of the well-dressed lady.

Laugh as they may at their womenfolk, men are just as much slaves of fashion as the fair sex. Though in the matter of dress they may be conservative, a man's reactions to new trends and developments in the particular line or hobby which holds his interest can be as determined and persistent as the obedience of women to their rulers. The latest gadget or a new type of clutch control for the car, a new style of racquet in tennis, or of club in golf, and innumerable other examples show that man is just as sensitive to the applause or scorn of his fellow creatures as woman is.

With both sexes it is largely a matter of pride, and inward fear of being unable to compete with their friends, their colleagues and members of the circle of society in which they find themselves. There is of course, in addition to this pride a natural satisfaction in having a dress or a car that by its appearance alone immediately calls forth admiration, but deeper than this, and quite apart from the desire to be fashionable, is man's natural joy in possessing the best that modern design or invention can offer him. This feeling is often accompanied by a belief that, in some mysterious way, acquisition of the latest and best in either dress or machine brings the owner opportunities for improving his or her position in society and business.

Little wonder, then, that both sexes fall a prey to the lure of fashion and live continually with an eye on their friends and rivals, always trying to make sure that no unfair advantage is scored over them because they have lagged behind in pursuit of the latest developments. It is regrettable that often such an attitude tempts men and women to live beyond their means; in consequence, perhaps on occasion even the bare necessities of life are forgone in order that the latest trends of fashion may be followed. Such sacrifices are the price that the slaves pay, and cheerfully pay, to their master.

Answer the following questions:

- 1- The following words are used in the passage: "**master and slaves**" What does each stand for?
- 2- Men are just as sensitive to fashion as women, but their interests differ. Mention two examples.
- 3- Kings of fashion are tricky. Do you agree to this view? Why?
- 4- Following fashion can be dangerous. Give two reasons.
- 5- In three sentences of your own, summarize the main idea of the passage.

MODEL NO. (3)

3- Write an essay on one of the following:

1. "Life would be more worth living if the philosophers and poets took over from the scientists and politicians. (**Discuss**)
2. Never before in the history of man has there been such widespread cause for mental stress.
(**Discuss**)
3. Advantages of foreign travel.

3- Read the following passage then answer the questions:

We may view society as a spectrum with the innovators, the planners and the managers at one end, and the ill-educated and the drifters on the other. The majority of us come in somewhere between the two extremes. The planners and the managers are acutely aware of the possibilities of change; the drifters are those who find the world too much for them and accept, passively or resentfully, whatever comes along. The better educated a man is, the more likely it is he belongs to the planners rather than to the drifters, simply because he is able to understand and cope with the forces at work in society.

Man has very largely mastered his environment. He has gained control over immense forces of nature. He has transformed the world, but in so doing created fresh problems. All this is the work of the planners. They are always looking ahead to see what might happen ten or twenty years hence. They are ready to wait for the results of their labours; they have been trained to postpone immediate gratification for future benefits. In short, their approach to life is essentially rational.

What of the others? There are very many at the other end of the spectrum, whose conceptual thought has never developed sufficiently to enable them to deal rationally with their personal problems, much less to grasp the problems that beset mankind. They act impulsively rather than rationally. These people are hampered by an insufficient education and their native intelligence has remained underdeveloped. Hence, they have become bewildered, anxious and rebellious or apathetic.

Much of the teenage culture of today is supported by such insecure young people who are in revolt against adult society which, they feel, has rejected them. It is a

widespread, international revolt, most apparent in the wealthier countries where material conditions are easiest, but where society seems uncertain of its own values. Teenage culture is aggressive in its rejection of established social conventions. Immediate gratification of desires is its aim: live for today, never mind tomorrow.

This philosophy is pretty immature and unrealistic; for there is always a tomorrow and always a day of reckoning. Those who become committed to such a culture join the drifters.

We are inescapably heirs to a technological society and it would be wrong to ignore the role of change in human affairs, so there is no reason for rejecting a rational approach to life. The importance of education is today greater than ever before as society advances it has less and less opportunities to offer the unskilled and the ill- educated.

All this leads us to debate this question: How far can we decide the course of our lives and our place on the spectrum?

The answer will certainly affect the way we think and behave.

Answer the following questions:

- 1- How far does education affect a person's place on the "spectrum"?
- 2- What characterizes the approach to life of the "planners" as opposed to that of the "drifters"?
- 3- Why is the revolt of youth against adult society most apparent in wealthier countries?
- 4- According to the passage, what is the philosophy of today's youth and what does the writer think of it?
- 5- Why has an advanced society less and less opportunities to offer the unskilled and the ill- educated?

MODEL NO. (4)

4- Write an essay on one of the following:

1. The chief modern comforts which we owe to science.
2. Our duty to our parents.
3. Your freedom ends where other people's freedom begins.

4- Read the following passage then answer the questions:

As modern civilization has made life more and more demanding, man, in his turn, is becoming more and more materialistic. This has led art to recede from the focus of attention of most people, particularly that it has gained in complexity owing to the fact that life itself is getting more complex. Consequently, it has become difficult for the vast majority of people to appreciate art. In the past when classical or romantic art prevailed, it was easy for anybody to understand what he sees. The mastery of a painter, for instance, lay in his ability to depict details so as to reproduce life exactly as it is. Everybody appreciated the genius of Leonardo da Vinci when he portrayed the Mona Lisa with her soft hands, every crease in her dress, her charming smile and the serene look in her eyes.

But modern art expresses concepts that interplay within the artist, and so the artists have found it inadequate to conform to the old ways of painting landscape and human beings as they are. Painting, and even sculpture, passed through different phases and new schools emerged until ultimately surrealism came into existence. A surrealist artist, Picasso being the most outstanding example, depicts concepts rather than objects. He goes deeper into human nature and into the essence of life at large and paints them as he conceives and visualizes them. That is why we have

those bizarre paintings which only a minority can appreciate.

People look at the paintings of the old masters with their eyes but at modern paintings with their eyes, minds, feelings and a whole background of tradition and culture.

Answer the following questions:

- 1- What, do you think, does the writer mean by "life is getting more and more demanding"?
- 2- Give an example to illustrate that man is becoming more materialistic.
- 3- Why is it that it has become difficult for the majority of people to appreciate art?
- 4- Why does the writer bring up Leonardo da Vinci and Picasso in the passage?
- 5- Comment briefly on the last paragraph. You can draw your ideas from the whole passage.

MODEL NO. (5)

5- Write an essay on one of the following:

- 1- Supermarkets.
- 2- How to help making our environment clean.
- 3- Advertisements.

5- Read the following passage, then answer the questions:

Over the past twenty years, computers and the Internet have become more and more important, to us. In fact, depending on computer technology continues to grow everyday. We seem to use computers for almost everything these days: in shopping, driving our car or communicating with relatives and colleagues.

This explosion in computer technology has resulted in a rush to install computers in every classroom and to "wire"

every school to the Internet . In the USA, between 1984 and 1997 alone, the number of computers in secondary schools increased to more than 8 million units. Both educators and students alike have been forced to keep up with this new wave of technology. Teachers have found that even though they themselves are still trying to learn the most basic of computer skills, they are expected to teach students about computer know-how.

Few people would question the role that computers could play in education. Some educators claim that students given the opportunity to use them in a classroom setting, will get better grades than those who learn without having had any computer experience. These people say that just as computer technology has improved the way cars work, computers will make the classroom a better place to teach concepts and ideas that students need to become brighter, more successful adults.

A) Answer the following questions:

1. How could computers help students become more successful?
2. Give an example from the passage that shows that computers have been widely used in secondary education.
3. Give some examples of everyday uses of computers in our lives.
4. In your opinion, what are the possible disadvantages of using computers in education?

B) Choose the correct answer:

5. Teachers are expected to teach students how to use computers although

 - a. they know how to use computers.
 - b. they are still learning how to use computers.
 - c. they know all the basics of computer skills.
 - d. they are forced to use computers.

6. "Few people would question the role that computers could play. means..... .
- many people are certain about the importance of computers.
 - some people ask questions about computers.
 - not many people doubt the importance of computers.
 - some people want more computers.
7. The expression "keep up with" means:
- keep in touch.
 - support.
 - manage.
 - continue to learn.

MODEL NO. (6)

6- Write an essay on one of the following:

- 1- The relation between "Tourism" and "Terrorism"
- 2- Your favourite programme on TV and why?
- 3- How can Egypt encourage tourism?

6- Read the following passage and then answer the question:

Sport is an important part of today's society and plays a large role in people's lives. Now more than ever sport events dominate headlines and athletes have become national heroes.

From a social standpoint, sport plays a positive role in uniting people from different social backgrounds in support of their favourite team. However, just as sport united people so it can divided them, as is often demonstrated by crowd violence at football matches.

Sport is also an important part of every child's schooling, as it plays a big role in their physical and mental development. **It** teaches children how to work as part of a

team and co-operate with others, while at the same time improving their physical condition. The only drawback to this is that children who are less able to perform well in sports are likely to feel inadequate in comparison to their more gifted classmates, which may affect their self-confidence.

From an economic point of view, sports can be very profitable, as it attracts a lot of advertising. On one hand, this creates profit for the sporting industry which allows for improvement and expansion. On the other hand, large sums of money are often paid to event organisers to promote products such as cigarettes, which are harmful to one's health.

A) Answer the following questions:

1. According to the passage, sport has two social effects on people, what are they?
2. In what can sport be profitable?
3. How does sport play an important part in education?
4. What does the underlines word "It" in the third paragraph refer to?

B) Choose the correct answer:

5. The children who are likely to feel inadequate are usually.
 - a. good at sport.
 - b. experts at sport.
 - c. interested in sport.
 - d. weak in sport.
6. One drawback of sport at football matches is that:.....
 - a. it creates profit for the sporting industry
 - b. it often leads to violent actions
 - c. it improves the physical condition
 - d. it develops the mental condition

7. shouldn't be promoted in sport events
industrial products.
- sporting products.
 - unhealthy products.
 - healthy products.

MODEL NO. (7)

7- Write an essay on one of the following:

- 1- Time: how people should make the best of it.
- 2- Describe a happy day in your life.
- 3- Good manners.

7- Read the following passage then answer the questions:

Many experts believe there are too many people in the world. Unless, there are big changes in the way people think about the number of children they should have the world's population will double in 25 years. There will be more than 20 cities with populations greater than 20 million. Now there is only one.

Some people-who do not understand what "overpopulation" means - point to countries such as Australia and say, "There is plenty of room there." Although most of Australia is unpopulated, and much of it is thinly populated, there are reasons for this. Firstly, much of the land is desert and waterless, and secondly, even the land that is not desert is not suitable for anything, not even growing grass. Another major problem we shall have to face as the world's population grows, is a shortage of energy. We are using up coal and oil and when **they** have been used up, we shall have to find something to take their place. It is true that we can make electricity from the heat of the sun and moving water, but we do not yet have the technology to do this in a big way.

Perhaps, the biggest problem we shall have when the world's population doubles will be pollution. The air we breathe is already badly polluted.

A) Answer the following questions:

1. How many present cities have a population of over 20 million?
2. According to the passage, why is a great area of Australia unpopulated?
3. Mention two problems we will face as a result of overpopulation.
4. What does the underlined word refer to?

B) Choose the best answer:

5. In order to prevent the world's population from being doubled, there must be a change in
 - a) the methods of agriculture.
 - b) sources of energy.
 - c) the way people think about the number of children they should have.
 - d) the education of the great numbers of children.
6. When coal and oil have been used up, we shall.....
 - a) search for other sources of energy.
 - b) wait for scientists to solve the problem.
 - c) use computers instead.
 - d) try to do without them or any other kind.
7. We do not make electricity from the heat of the sun on a large scale because
 - a) we don't have the required money.
 - b) it is harmful.
 - c) we don't have the technology needed for that.
 - d) it is just impossible.

8- Write an essay on one of the following:

1. Cheating.
2. Do sports really strengthen the ties between nations?
Discuss.
3. The qualities one needs to be a successful man.

8- Read the following passage then answer the questions:

Sleep is a powerful influence on our lives. The traditional theory about sleep is that our brain needs to rest for several hours to refresh itself and to 'file' in our memory everything that happened to us during the day. If we are not allowed to sleep, we eventually die.

However Ray Meddis, a scientist at University, has a fascinating new theory. He suggests that we don't really have to sleep at all. We sleep only because our brain is 'programmed' to make us do so. According to Dr Meddis, the 'tiredness' we feel at the end of the day is produced by a chemical mechanism in the brain which makes us sleep. We are 'programmed' to feel 'sleepy' at midnight, even if we have spent the day relaxing or doing nothing. He believes that the unpleasant symptoms we suffer when we don't sleep enough are not because we have not rested but because we have disobeyed our brain's programming. But he believes that if scientists could "turn off the sleep mechanism in our brain, we could live completely normal lives without sleeping.

So is sleeping a waste of time? Even Dr Meddis does not deny the great psychological value of sleep, and he asks us, 'if scientists invented a pill which keeps you awake for ever, would you take it?'

A) Answer the following questions:

1. What happens if people don't sleep?
2. According to Dr Meddis, could we live without sleeping? Why?
3. What is Dr Meddis' theory about the reason for tiredness?
4. Would you take a pill to keep you awake forever? Why?

B) Choose the best answer from a, b, c, or d:

5. The traditional view is that we sleep because.....
 - a. we are programmed to do so.
 - b. the brain needs to rest.
 - c. the body needs to rest.
 - d. the memory needs to rest.
6. According to the passage, we suffer from unpleasant symptoms when we don't sleep enough because.....
 - a. we have not rested
 - b. we feel sick.
 - c. our brain is " turned off"
 - d. we did not follow our normal routine fixed by our mind.
7. The word 'filel means:
 - a) to cut.
 - b) to record.
 - c) to walk.
 - d) to find.

MODEL NO. (9)

9- Write an essay on one of the following:

1. Life in a big city.
2. A Railway Station.
3. The game you like best.

9- Read the following passage then answer the questions:

Today, many people use natural ways to cure illnesses that don't cause side-effects. "Acupuncture" and: biofeedback" are two popular methods. Doctors have been using Acupuncture in China for over two thousand years. It involves pushing needles into the skin at special points around the body. Ancient Chinese philosophers believed that they were connected to different organs and could cure disease.

Today, Acupuncture" is used in many countries, and studies show that it works especially for headaches, backaches and smoking. Since the 1950, doctors in China have also been using Acupuncture in major operations. Patients are awake and know what is happening in the operation but they feel little or no pain. Scientists think that the needles make the body produce a chemical called endorphin" that helps to reduce the feeling of pain.

Another natural way to cure illnesses is "biofeedback". It used technology to help people control their internal organs. For example-, is a person has problems with sleeping, he/she is connected to a special computer that shows the activity of the brain. The person then is asked to do some mental exercises to relax. When the brain activity falls' and the person is relaxed, the computer makes a noise. Slowly, the person learns what type of mental exercises can help him / her to reduce the activity of the brain.

A) Answer the following questions:

1. Why do many people prefer acupuncture and biofeedback to cure diseases?
2. How do doctors use acupuncture in operations?
3. Biofeedback uses technology to help people control their internal organs. Explain
4. What does the underlined word 'they' refer to?

passing of germs from one person to another. It is true that diseases such as hepatitis cannot be passed from one person to another through a simple handshake. But what about cold viruses? Rather than risk our health unnecessarily, we might adopt an alternative to handshaking. The "namaste" - placing your two palms together with fingers pointed upward - is used throughout much of the world as a display of respect when greeting someone. Similarly, the military salute would permit us to greet each other without touching. As a possible compromise between the "namaste" and the salute, we might consider the familiar Japanese bow.

A) Answer the following questions:

1. Why does the writer think handshaking is a bad habit?
2. Why did the writer hesitate to give money to the man?
3. What is the advantage of a military salute?
4. Are you with or against handshaking? Why?

B) Choose the correct answer:

5. According to the writer, we get cold viruses by handshaking.
 - a) can .
 - b) can never.
 - c) couldn't.
 - d) never.
6. I couldn't bring myself to grasp the outstretched hand" means that the writer hands.
 - a) stretched his.
 - b) shook.
 - c) didn't shake.
 - d) was able to shake.
7. There are alternatives to handshaking.
 - a) no.
 - b) two.
 - c) three.
 - d) four.