

Hillcrest High School

Grade 10

ENGLISH HL P1
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MARKS: 70

TIME: 2 Hours

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N.B. This question paper consists of 10 pages.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE ANSWERING THE
QUESTIONS**

1. This question paper consists of THREE sections:

SECTION A:	Comprehension	30 marks
SECTION B:	Summary	10 marks
SECTION C:	Cartoon Study	10 marks
	Advertising	10 marks
	Editing Skills	10 marks

2. You are required to answer ALL questions.
3. Draw a 2cm wide margin on the right-hand side of each page of your answer booklet.
4. Start each question on a new page and rule off on completion of EACH section.
5. Number each response as it is numbered on the question paper.
6. Write neatly and legibly.

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION

QUESTION 1: TEXT A

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:

Stoicism: The art of not Caring

Shravani Ghadge

Oct 15, 2021

Edited to include an extract from “Stoicism: a timeless life philosophy”

Jean-Baptiste Roncari, translated by Blandine Langlet

25 Février 2015

- 1 The loss of a relative, an incurable illness, a traumatic experience... these are all unfortunate events that can happen in life and that seem to be standing in the way between you and your pursuit of happiness. Happiness, this supreme state often considered the ultimate purpose of human life... Is it a sweet utopia or an actual accessible state? Many philosophies tend to agree with the second option. Though Buddhism is gaining worldwide popularity, it is not the only model presenting peace of mind – also known as “ataraxia” – as an end. We have inherited “happiness schools” from Ancient Greece, such as Epicureanism, Aristotelianism or stoicism. The latter provides rational and reasonable answers that serve to explain the “unfortunate events” occurring in our existence. The lessons to be learned are growing more and more each year.
- 2 Today as stated in the dictionary, the word *stoic* refers to a person who can live through pain or hardship without showing their feelings or complaining. But the original idea of stoicism was way beyond that.
- 3 Stoicism is about acceptance. Epictetus says: some things are in our control and others are not. Things in our control are opinion, pursuit, desire, aversion, and our actions. Things not in our control are body, property, reputation, command, and whatever are not our actions. We cannot control what happens to us, but we can control our reactions.
- 4 Zeno and his disciples taught the philosophy of stoicism in a decorated public colonnade called Stoa Poikile through which anyone and everyone could learn and become a stoic. The stoics believed that perception is the basis of true knowledge.
- 5 *“Learning to live with less will create space in your life for the things that truly matter to you”*
- 6 In a world full of unexpected things and events our emotions get into the way of living. Every day by various means of Social Media, Society, and Advertisements, we are expected to behave a certain way or look a certain way or achieve certain things to be happy. We constantly try to seek material things because we think that will make us happy. And if certain plans don’t work out, we are disappointed. We’re just looking at things externally without understanding their internal value.
- 7 Stoicism teaches us that Everything bad that can happen will happen. The attachment to achieving unrealistic expectations will always lead to disappointment. All we have to do is focus on improving ourselves and remember no matter how hard the days and nights are, we will still survive.
- 8 There are four main virtues of stoicism: Wisdom, Courage, Temperance and Justice.

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Stoics teach us to measure success on the amount of work we put in and not on the outcome of our external hopes. Trust the timing of your life. Humans are driven by purpose. We can achieve relief from misery by simply finding our purpose in the darkest of times. By shifting our attention to things, we can control, we can stop focusing on what we cannot control. Whatever has a beginning has an end.

TEXT B



NEEDLESS TO SAY, RICHARD'S FIRST FORAY INTO STOICISM DIDN'T END WELL....

<https://howtobeastocic.wordpress.com/2016/02/19/stoic-comic-relief/>

Questions based on TEXT A

Refer to paragraph 1

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| 1.1 | What is considered to be the "ultimate purpose of human life"? | 1 |
| 1.2 | What does the term "ataraxia" refer to? | 1 |

Refer to paragraph 2

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| 1.3 | Explain what stoicism is in your own words. | 2 |
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- Refer to paragraph 3**
- 1.4 According to the text, control is divided into two categories. What are they? 2
- Refer to paragraph 4**
- 1.5 a Where did Zeno teach Stoicism? 1
- 1.5 b Who could learn about Stoicism? 1
- Refer to paragraph 6**
- 1.6 Why might the Stoic philosophy be particularly relevant in today's society? 2
- 1.7 How can shifting focus from external to internal values impact one's emotional well-being? 3
- Refer to paragraph 7**
- 1.8 What implications does the statement "Everything bad that can happen will happen" have for how one approaches challenges? 2
- 1.9 How effective is Stoicism in helping individuals cope with societal pressures and unrealistic expectations? 2
- Refer to paragraph 8**
- 1.10 List the four main virtues of Stoicism. 2
- Refer to paragraph 9**
- 1.11 How does the philosophy of Stoicism suggest we should measure success, and why is this important? 2
- Questions based on TEXT B**
- 1.12 How does the woman feel? Refer to TWO visual clues to support your answer. 3
- 1.13 Discuss how Richard has applied the philosophy of stoicism to his relationship by referring to paragraphs 2 and 3 and Text B. 3
- 1.14 Comment on the appropriateness of Richard's remark. Consider the caption beneath the cartoon in your answer. 3

TOTAL SECTION A: 30 MARKS

SECTION B: SUMMARY

QUESTION 2:

INSTRUCTIONS:

Carefully read the extract below and write an 80- 90-word summary in a fluent paragraph on **why it is important to maintain a positive outlook**. Use your own words.

NOTE:

- ✘ It is not necessary to include a heading/title.
- ✘ Indicate an accurate word count at the end of your summary.
- ✘ Your summary should include 7 points.

The Importance of Seeing the Positives in Life

Recognizing the positives in life can significantly enhance our well-being. Here are ten reasons why maintaining a positive outlook is essential:

Focusing on the positives improves your mental health by reducing stress and anxiety. Someone who practices gratitude regularly may experience lower levels of depression and anxiety. Enhanced resilience is another positive aspect one can get out of maintaining a positive outlook as a positive mindset helps individuals bounce back from setbacks. For instance, a student who sees a failed exam as a learning opportunity is likely to study harder and succeed next time. Positiveness fosters stronger connections because having a friend who emphasizes your strengths during tough times can boost your morale and strengthen your bond. One's motivation and productivity, as well as one's physical health, are fueled by optimism. For example, an employee who focuses on his/her achievements is more likely to take initiative in his/her work. Those who see the positives often report higher life satisfaction. A positive perspective can boost creativity and problem-solving skills. Positivity aids in developing effective coping strategies, as a person who approaches challenges with optimism may seek constructive solutions rather than dwelling on problems. Positive thinking can lead to clearer decision-making resulting in a person being less likely to make impulsive choices out of fear or frustration. Ultimately, focusing on the positives contributes to a happier life. For example, individuals who consciously practice positive affirmations may find themselves smiling more and enjoying their daily activities.

Embracing positivity can transform challenges into opportunities and create a more fulfilling life.

<https://chatgpt.com/>

TOTAL SECTION B: 10 MARKS

SECTION C: TEXTUAL INTERPRETATION

QUESTION 3: CARTOON STUDY

TEXT D



<https://www.cartoonstock.com/cartoon?searchID=EC436288>

Questions - Refer to Text D:

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| 3.1 | How is the customer feeling? Provide one visual clue to support your answer. | 2 |
| 3.2 | Explain the irony of the cartoon. | 2 |
| 3.3a | Identify the punctuation mark used in "don't". | 1 |
| 3.3b | Explain its function. | 1 |

TEXT E



Questions - Refer to Text E:

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| 3.4 | Identify the setting of the cartoon. | 1 |
| 3.5 | Explain the cartoon's message. | 2 |
| 3.6 | What part of speech is "The"? | 1 |

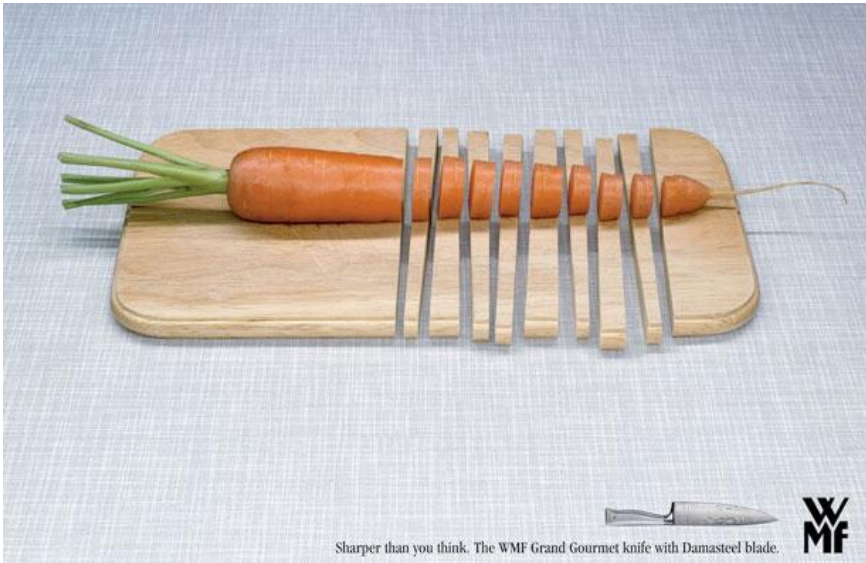
<https://www.rd.com/list/daily-life-cartoons/>

"The WiFi password is:
'buysomethingorgetout'."

SUB-TOTAL SECTION C: 10 MARKS

QUESTION 4: ADVERTISING

TEXT F



TEXT:

Sharper than you think.

The WMF Grand
Gourmet knife with
Damasteel blade.

<https://www.webdesignerdepot.com/2009/11/40-seriously-funny-print-ads/>

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| 4.1 | What brand of knife is being advertised? | 1 |
| 4.2 | According to the advert, what is this product's unique selling point? | 1 |
| 4.3 | Explain the link between the text, "Sharper than you think" and the image. | 2 |

TEXT G



TEXT:

CYPHOROL.
GETS RID OF
DEADLY FOOT
ODOR.

[https://jayce-
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/2011/12/99-
hilarious-
extremely-
funny-print-](https://jayce-o.blogspot.com/2011/12/99-hilarious-extremely-funny-print-)

Questions:

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| 4.4 | What is the name of the product being advertised? | 1 |
| 4.5 | Who would you say the target market is for this advertisement? | 1 |
| 4.6.1 | What is the soldier going to do with his sock? | 1 |
| 4.6.2 | Why is he doing this? | 1 |
| 4.7 | Is this an effective advert? Refer to the advert in your answer. | 2 |

SUB-TOTAL SECTION C: 10 MARKS

SECTION C: EDITING SKILLS

QUESTION 5: The following text may contain deliberate errors.

Read the text and answer the questions.

Stoic Philosophy Goes Hollywood

Like T-Pain, Brie Larson, and Elizabeth Holmes, Scott Thompson—who will reunite with the other Kids in the Hall for a reboot this summer—is following in the footsteps of Seneca and Marcus Aurelius.

By Ivy Knight

1 The comedian Scott Thompson likes to listen to the “Breakfast Club” podcast while driving in Toronto. One day, during the darkest part of the lockdown, the self-help author Ryan Holiday was a guest. The episode was about Stoicism, and Thompson’s attention was grabbed when he heard Holiday quote Epictetus. He remembers it as: “We all have to die, but do we have to die bawling?”

2 “That was it for me,” Thompson said, on a recent Zoom call. “It hit me like a shot to the heart.” He ordered the Enchiridion, Epictetus’ Stoic advice manual. When it arrived, he made a cup of tea, sat down with his two cats, Rusty and Dusty, and began to read.

3 Thompson, who became well known in the nineteen-eighties as a member of the comedy troupe the Kids in the Hall, then as a star of “The Larry Sanders Show,” was looking for enlightenment; COVID had shut down the writers’ room he and the other Kids had set up to write material for a reboot of their old television show, to be streamed on Amazon.

4 Published in the print edition of the January 31, 2022, issue, with the headline “Stoic or Bust.”

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2022/01/31/stoic-philosophy-goes-hollywood>

Questions:

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| 5.1 | Identify AND correct the misspelled word in paragraph 1. | 1 |
| 5.2 | “One day, during the darkest part of the lockdown, the self-help author Ryan Holiday was a guest.” (paragraph 1)
Explain why the commas have been used in the above sentence. | 1 |
| 5.2 | Identify AND name the 3 underlined parts of speech. (Paragraph 1 and 2) | 3 |
| 5.3 | “We all have to die, but do we have to die bawling?”
Provide a synonym for the word “bawling”. (paragraph 1) | 1 |
| 5.4 | “When it arrived, he made a cup of tea...”
Provide an antonym for the word “arrived” (paragraph 2) | 1 |
| 5.5 | Name and state the function of the punctuation mark used in:
“nineteen-eighties” (paragraph 3) | 2 |
| 5.6 | What is COVID an example of? (paragraph 3) | 1 |

SUB-TOTAL SECTION C: 10 MARKS

TOTAL SECTION C: 30 MARKS

GRAND TOTAL: 70 MARKS