## **FAQs on STRESS**

- 2) What percentage of the illnesses that doctors see, from headaches to skin outbreaks, cancer and heart disease, are directly related to stress according to the AMA and Center for Disease Control? a. 20% b. 50% c. 80%
- 3) What factors contribute to the level of stress felt?
  - a. Air b. Water c. Expectations d. A and B only e. All of the preceding f. None of the preceding

4) Stress effects more than how we feel physically. True

5) There's nothing you can do to control stress, it's just a fact of life. 

True False

Experiencing 'normal' life events can increase your chance of possible health risks.

Which of the following events have you experienced in the last 12 months:

Death of a Spouse 100

Divorce 73

Marital Separation 65

Death of a close family member 63 Major personal injury or illness 53

Marriage 50

Marital reconciliation 45

Retirement 45

Major change in health / behavior of a family member 44

Pregnancy 40

Gaining a new family member -

birth, adoption or remarriage 39

Major business readjustments 39

Major change in financial state 38

Death of a close friend: 37

Change to a different line of work 36

Major increase in fights with spouse 35

Taking on a mortgage 31

Foreclosure on a mortgage or loan 30

Major change in responsibility at work 29

Son or daughter leaving home 29

In-Law troubles 29

Outstanding personal achievement 28

**False** 

Spouse begins to cease work outside of home 26

Go back to school 26

Major change in living condition (rebuilding, remodeling) 25

Revision of personal habits 24

Troubles with superior, boss 23

Major change in working hours, conditions 20

Change in residence 20

Change to a new school 20

Major change in usual type and/or amount of recreation 19

Major change in church activities 19

Major change in social activities 18

Purchasing a new car, or other big purchase 17

Major change in sleeping habits 16

Major change in number of family get-to-gethers 15

Major change in eating habits 15

Vacation 13

Christmas or holiday observance 12

Add up the numbers next to applicable events to come up with your total.

Below 150 - 35% chance of illness - Between 150 - 300 - 51% chance of illness - Over 300 - 80% chance of illness (research done by Holmes and Rahe)

This does **NOT** have to be the case.

By learning how to manage negative stress, **YOU** can create a healthier, happier, more balanced life!

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Answers: 1)F 2)c 3)e 4)T 5)F