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5       "patterns": [
6         "Hi",
7         "Hey",
8         "Is anyone there?",
9         "Hi there",
10        "Hello",
11        "Hey there",
12        "Howdy",
13        "Hola",
14        "Bonjour",
15        "Konnichiwa",
16        "Guten tag",
17        "Ola"
18      ],
19      "responses": [
20        "Hello there. Tell me how are you feeling
21          today?",
22        "Hi there. What brings you here today?",
23        "Hi there. How are you feeling today?",
24        "Great to see you. How do you feel currently?"
25      ],
26    },
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28      "tag": "morning",
29      "patterns": [
30        "Good morning"
31      ],
32      "responses": [
33        "Good morning. I hope you had a good night's
34          sleep. How are you feeling today? "
35      ],
36    },
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38      "tag": "afternoon",
39      "patterns": [
40        "Good afternoon"
41      ],
42      "responses": [

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42     "Good afternoon. How is your day going?"
43 ]
44 },
45 {
46     "tag": "evening",
47     "patterns": [
48         "Good evening"
49     ],
50     "responses": [
51         "Good evening. How has your day been?"
52     ]
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55     "tag": "night",
56     "patterns": [
57         "Good night"
58     ],
59     "responses": [
60         "Good night. Get some proper sleep",
61         "Good night. Sweet dreams."
62     ]
63 },
64 {
65     "tag": "goodbye",
66     "patterns": [
67         "Bye",
68         "See you later",
69         "Goodbye",
70         "Au revoir",
71         "Sayonara",
72         "ok bye",
73         "Bye then",
74         "Fare thee well"
75     ],
76     "responses": [
77         "See you later.",
78         "Have a nice day.",
79         "Bye! Come back again.",
80         "I'll see you soon."
81     ]
82 },
83 {
84     "tag": "thanks",
85     "patterns": [
86         "Thanks",
87         "Thank you",

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88     "That's helpful",
89     "Thanks for the help",
90     "Than you very much"
91 ],
92 "responses": [
93     "Happy to help!",
94     "Any time!",
95     "My pleasure",
96     "You're most welcome!"
97 ]
98 },
99 {
100     "tag": "no-response",
101     "patterns": [
102         ""
103     ],
104     "responses": [
105         "Sorry, I didn't understand you.",
106         "Please go on.",
107         "Not sure I understand that.",
108         "Please don't hesitate to talk to me."
109     ]
110 },
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112     "tag": "neutral-response",
113     "patterns": [
114         "nothing much"
115     ],
116     "responses": [
117         "Oh I see. Do you want to talk about something
118         ?"
119     ]
120 },
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122     "tag": "about",
123     "patterns": [
124         "Who are you?",
125         "What are you?",
126         "Who you are?",
127         "Tell me more about yourself.",
128         "What is your name?",
129         "What should I call you?",
130         "What's your name?",
131         "Tell me about yourself"
132     ],
133     "responses": [

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133         "I'm Pandora, your Personal Therapeutic AI
134           Assistant. How are you feeling today",
135         "I'm Pandora, a Therapeutic AI Assitant
136           designed to assist you. Tell me about
137           yourself.",
138         "I'm Pandora. I am a conversational agent
139           designed to mimic a therapist. So how are
140           you feeling today?",
141         "You can call me Pandora.",
142         "I'm Pandora!",
143         "Call me Pandora"
144     ],
145     {
146         "tag": "skill",
147         "patterns": [
148             "What can you do?"
149         ],
150         "responses": [
151             "I can provide general advice regarding
152               anxiety and depression, answer questions
153               related to mental health and make daily
154               conversations. Do not consider me as a
155               substitute for an actual mental healthcare
156               worker. Please seek help if you don't feel
157               satisfied with me."
158         ]
159     },
160     {
161         "tag": "creation",
162         "patterns": [
163             "Who created you?",
164             "How were you made?",
165             "How were you created?"
166         ],
167         "responses": [
168             "I was created by >.",
169             "I was trained on a text dataset using Deep
170               Learning & Natural Language Processing
171               techniques",
172             "The real question is: Who created you?"
173         ]
174     },
175     {
176         "tag": "name",
177         "patterns": [

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166         "My name is ",
167         "I am name.",
168         "I go by "
169     ],
170     "responses": [
171         "Oh nice to meet you. Tell me how was your
172         week?",
173         "Nice to meet you. So tell me. How do you feel
174         today?",
175         "That's a great name. Tell me more about
176         yourself."
177     ]
178 },
179 {
180     "tag": "help",
181     "patterns": [
182         "Could you help me?",
183         "give me a hand please",
184         "Can you help?",
185         "What can you do for me?",
186         "I need support",
187         "I need help",
188         "Support me please"
189     ],
190     "responses": [
191         "Sure. Tell me how can i assist you",
192         "Tell me your problem so that i can assist you",
193         "Yes, sure. How can I help you?"
194     ]
195 },
196 {
197     "tag": "sad",
198     "patterns": [
199         "I am feeling lonely",
200         "I am so lonely",
201         "I feel down",
202         "I feel sad",
203         "I am sad",
204         "I feel so lonely",
205         "I feel empty",
206         "I don't have anyone"
207     ],
208     "responses": [
209         "I'm sorry to hear that. I'm here for you.
210         Talking about it might help. So, tell me

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207         why do you think you're feeling this way?",
        "I'm here for you. Could you tell me why you'
208         re feeling this way?",
        "Why do you think you feel this way?",
209         "How long have you been feeling this way?"
210     ]
211 },
212 {
213     "tag": "stressed",
214     "patterns": [
215         "I am so stressed out",
216         "I am so stressed",
217         "I feel stuck",
218         "I still feel stressed",
219         "I am so burned out"
220     ],
221     "responses": [
222         "What do you think is causing this?",
223         "Take a deep breath and gather your thoughts.
                Go take a walk if possible. Stay hydrated",
224         "Give yourself a break. Go easy on yourself.",
225         "I am sorry to hear that. What is the reason
                behind this?"
226     ]
227 },
228 {
229     "tag": "worthless",
230     "patterns": [
231         "I feel so worthless.",
232         "No one likes me.",
233         "I can't do anything.",
234         "I am so useless",
235         "Nothing makes sense anymore"
236     ],
237     "responses": [
238         "It's only natural to feel this way. Tell me
                more. What else is on your mind?",
239         "Let's discuss further why you're feeling this
                way.",
240         "I first want to let you know that you are not
                alone in your feelings and there is always
                someone there to help . you can always
                change your feelings and change your way of
                thinking by being open to trying to change
                .",
241         "i first want to let you know that you are not

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        alone in your feelings and there is always
        someone there to help . you can always
        change your feelings and change your way of
        thinking by being open to trying to change
        ."
242     ]
243   },
244   {
245     "tag": "depressed",
246     "patterns": [
247       "I can't take it anymore",
248       "I am so depressed",
249       "I think i'm depressed.",
250       "I have depression"
251     ],
252     "responses": [
253       "It helps to talk about what's happening. You're going to be okay",
254       "Talk to me. Tell me more. It helps if you open up yourself to someone else.",
255       "Sometimes when we are depressed, it is hard to care about anything. It can be hard to do the simplest of things. Give yourself time to heal."
256     ]
257   },
258   {
259     "tag": "happy",
260     "patterns": [
261       "I feel great today.",
262       "I am happy.",
263       "I feel happy.",
264       "I'm good.",
265       "cheerful",
266       "I'm fine",
267       "I feel ok"
268     ],
269     "responses": [
270       "That's geat to hear. I'm glad you're feeling this way.",
271       "Oh i see. That's great.",
272       "Did something happen which made you feel this way?"
273     ]
274   },
275   {

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276     "tag": "casual",
277     "patterns": [
278         "Oh I see.",
279         "ok",
280         "okay",
281         "nice",
282         "Whatever",
283         "K",
284         "Fine",
285         "yeah",
286         "yes",
287         "no",
288         "not really"
289     ],
290     "responses": [
291         "Let's discuss further why you're feeling this
292         way.",
293         "How were you feeling last week?",
294         "I'm listening. Please go on.",
295         "Tell me more",
296         "Can you elaborate on that?",
297         "Come Come elucidate your thoughts"
298     ]
299 },
300 {
301     "tag": "anxious",
302     "patterns": [
303         "I feel so anxious.",
304         "I'm so anxious because of "
305     ],
306     "responses": [
307         "Don't be hard on yourself. What's the reason
308         behind this?",
309         "Can you tell me more about this feeling?",
310         "I understand that it can be scary. Tell me
311         more about it.",
312         "Don't let the little worries bring you down.
313         What's the worse that can happen?"
314     ]
315 },
316 {
317     "tag": "not-talking",
318     "patterns": [
319         "I don't want to talk about it.",
320         "No just stay away.",
321         "I can't bring myself to open up.",

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318     "Just shut up"
319 ],
320     "responses": [
321         "Talking about something really helps. If you'
           re not ready to open up then that's ok.
           Just know that i'm here for you, whenever
           you need me.",
322         "I want to help you. I really do. But in order
           for me to help you, you're gonna have to
           talk to me.",
323         "I'm here to listen to you and help you vent.
           So please talk to me.",
324         "You can talk to me without fear of judgement
           ."
325     ]
326 },
327 {
328     "tag": "sleep",
329     "patterns": [
330         "I have insominia",
331         "I am suffering from insomnia",
332         "I can't sleep.",
333         "I haven't slept for the last days.",
334         "I can't seem to go to sleep.",
335         "I haven't had proper sleep for the past few
           days."
336     ],
337     "responses": [
338         "What do you think is the reason behind this?"
           ,
339         "That seem awful. What do you think is behind
           this?"
340     ]
341 },
342 {
343     "tag": "scared",
344     "patterns": [
345         "I'm scared",
346         "That sounds awful. What do i do?",
347         "No i don't want to feel this way",
348         "I am scared for myself"
349     ],
350     "responses": [
351         "It's only natural to feel this way. I'm here
           for you.",
352         "It'll all be okay. This feeling is only

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momentary.",
353     "I understand how you feel. Don't put yourself
        down because of it."
354 ]
355 },
356 {
357     "tag": "death",
358     "patterns": [
359         "My mom died",
360         "My brother died",
361         "My dad passed away",
362         "My sister passed away",
363         "Someone in my family died",
364         "My friend passed away"
365     ],
366     "responses": [
367         "I'm sorry to hear that. If you want to talk
            about it. I'm here.",
368         "I am really sorry to hear that. I am here to
            help you with grief, anxiety and anything
            else you may feel at this time.",
369         "My condolences. I'm here if you need to talk
            ."
370     ]
371 },
372 {
373     "tag": "understand",
374     "patterns": [
375         "You don't understand me.",
376         "You're just some robot. How would you know?",
377         "You can't possibly know what i'm going
            through",
378         "You're useless",
379         "You can't help me",
380         "Nobody understands me."
381     ],
382     "responses": [
383         "It sound like i'm not being very helpful
            right now.",
384         "I'm sorry to hear that. I'm doing my best to
            help",
385         "I'm trying my best to help you. So please
            talk to me"
386     ]
387 },
388 {

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389     "tag": "done",
390     "patterns": [
391         "That's all.",
392         "I don't have anything more to say",
393         "Nothing else",
394         "That's all i have to say",
395         "no, that would be all"
396     ],
397     "responses": [
398         "I heard you & noted it all. See you later.",
399         "Oh okay we're done for today then. See you
400             later",
401         "I hope you have a great day. See you soon",
402         "Okay we're done. Have a great day",
403         "Okay I see. Enjoy the rest of your day then"
404     ],
405     {
406         "tag": "suicide",
407         "patterns": [
408             "I want to kill myself",
409             "I've thought about killing myself.",
410             "I want to die",
411             "I am going to kill myself",
412             "I am going to commit suicide"
413         ],
414         "responses": [
415             "I'm very sorry to hear that but you have so
416                 much to look forward to. Please seek help
417                 by contacting: 9152987821."
418         ],
419         {
420             "tag": "hate-you",
421             "patterns": [
422                 "I hate you",
423                 "I don't like you",
424                 "I don't trust you"
425             ],
426             "responses": [
427                 "I'm sorry if i offended you in anyway. I'm
428                     only here to help",
429                 "Forgive me if i did anything to offend you. I
430                     only want to help"
431             ]
432         }
433     }

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430 {
431     "tag": "hate-me",
432     "patterns": [
433         "You hate me",
434         "I know you hate me",
435         "You don't like me"
436     ],
437     "responses": [
438         "Why do you think so?",
439         "I'm sorry if i have exhibited any sort of
           behaviour to make you think that."
440     ]
441 },
442 {
443     "tag": "default",
444     "patterns": [
445         "exams",
446         "friends",
447         "relationship",
448         "boyfriend",
449         "girlfriend",
450         "family",
451         "money",
452         "financial problems"
453     ],
454     "responses": [
455         "Oh I see. Tell me more",
456         "I see. What else?",
457         "Tell me more about it.",
458         "Oh okay. Why don't you tell me more about it
           ?",
459         "I'm listening. Tell me more."
460     ]
461 },
462 {
463     "tag": "jokes",
464     "patterns": [
465         "Tell me a joke",
466         "Tell me another joke"
467     ],
468     "responses": [
469         "mental health is not a joke."
470     ]
471 },
472 {
473     "tag": "repeat",

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474     "patterns": [
475         "You already told me that",
476         "You mentioned that already",
477         "Why are you repeating yourself?"
478     ],
479     "responses": [
480         "Oh sorry I didn't realise that. I'll try not
          to repeat myself again."
481     ]
482 },
483 {
484     "tag": "wrong",
485     "patterns": [
486         "What are you saying?",
487         "That doesn't make sense",
488         "Wrong response",
489         "Wrong answer"
490     ],
491     "responses": [
492         "I'm very sorry. Let's try that again"
493     ]
494 },
495 {
496     "tag": "stupid",
497     "patterns": [
498         "Are you stupid?",
499         "You're crazy",
500         "You are dumb",
501         "Are you dumb?"
502     ],
503     "responses": [
504         "I wish you wouldn't say such hurtful things.
          I'm sorry if I wasn't useful"
505     ]
506 },
507 {
508     "tag": "location",
509     "patterns": [
510         "Where are you?",
511         "Where do you live?",
512         "What is your location?"
513     ],
514     "responses": [
515         "Duh I live in your computer",
516         "Everywhere",
517         "Somewhere in the universe"

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518     ]
519   },
520   {
521     "tag": "something-else",
522     "patterns": [
523       "I want to talk about something else",
524       "Let's talk about something else.",
525       "Can we not talk about this?",
526       "I don't want to talk about this."
527     ],
528     "responses": [
529       "Okay sure. What do you want to talk about?",
530       "Alright no problem. Is there something you
531         want to talk about?",
532       "Is there something else that you want to talk
533         about?"
534     ]
535   },
536   {
537     "tag": "friends",
538     "patterns": [
539       "I don't have any friends"
540     ],
541     "responses": [
542       "I'm sorry to hear that. Just know that I'm
543         here for you. Talking about it might help.
544         Why do you think you don't have any friends
545         ?"
546     ]
547   },
548   {
549     "tag": "ask",
550     "patterns": [
551       "Can I ask you something?"
552     ],
553     "responses": [
554       "Sure. I'll try my best to answer you",
555       "Of course. Feel free to ask me anything. I'll
556         do my best to answer you"
557     ]
558   },
559   {
560     "tag": "problem",
561     "patterns": [
562       "Probably because my exams are approaching. I
563         feel stressed out because I don't think I'

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557         ve prepared well enough.",
558         "probably because of my exams"
559     ],
560     "responses": [
561         "I see. Have you taken any approaches to not
562         feel this way?"
563     ],
564     "tag": "no-approach",
565     "patterns": [
566         "I guess not. All I can think about are my
567         exams.",
568         "not really",
569         "i guess not"
570     ],
571     "responses": [
572         "That's no problem. I can see why you'd be
573         stressed out about that. I can suggest you
574         some tips to alleviate this issue. Would
575         you like to learn more about that?"
576     ],
577     "tag": "learn-more",
578     "patterns": [
579         "ok sure. i would like to learn more about it
580         .",
581         "yes, i would like to learn more about it.",
582         "i would like to learn more about it."
583     ],
584     "responses": [
585         "So first I would suggest you to give yourself
586         a break. Thinking more and more about the
587         problem definitely does not help in solving
588         it. You'll just end up overwhelming
589         yourself."
590     ],
591     "tag": "user-agree",
592     "patterns": [
593         "yeah you're right. i deserve a break.",
594         "Yeah you're absolutely right about that"
595     ],
596     "responses": [

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592         "Next, I would suggest you to practice
           meditation. Meditation can produce a deep
           state of relaxation and a tranquil mind."
593     ]
594 },
595 {
596     "tag": "meditation",
597     "patterns": [
598         "hmmm that sounds like it could be useful to
           me.",
599         "That sounds useful."
600     ],
601     "responses": [
602         "Focus all your attention on your breathing.
           Concentrate on feeling and listening as you
           inhale and exhale through your nostrils.
           Breathe deeply and slowly. When your
           attention wanders, gently return your focus
           to your breathing."
603     ]
604 },
605 {
606     "tag": "user-meditation",
607     "patterns": [
608         "i did what you said and i feel alot better.
           thank you very much.",
609         "I feel better now"
610     ],
611     "responses": [
612         "Your welcome. Remember: Always focus on what'
           s within your control. When you find
           yourself worrying, take a minute to examine
           the things you have control over. You can'
           t prevent a storm from coming but you can
           prepare for it. You can't control how
           someone else behaves, but you can control
           how you react. Recognize that sometimes,
           all you can control is your effort and your
           attitude. When you put your energy into
           the things you can control, you'll be much
           more effective."
613     ]
614 },
615 {
616     "tag": "pandora-useful",
617     "patterns": [

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618         "thank you very much again. i'll continue
           practicing meditation and focus on what i
           can control."
619     ],
620     "responses": [
621         "I'm glad you found this useful. Is there
           something else I can help you with?"
622     ]
623 },
624 {
625     "tag": "user-advice",
626     "patterns": [
627         "I want some advice.",
628         "I need some advice.",
629         "I need advice on something"
630     ],
631     "responses": [
632         "Sure. What can I do to help?",
633         "Okay what do you need advice on?"
634     ]
635 },
636 {
637     "tag": "learn-mental-health",
638     "patterns": [
639         "I want to learn about mental health.",
640         "I want to learn more about mental health.",
641         "I'm interested in learning about mental
           health."
642     ],
643     "responses": [
644         "Oh that's really great. I'd be willing to
           answer anything that I know about it."
645     ]
646 },
647 {
648     "tag": "mental-health-fact",
649     "patterns": [
650         "Tell me a fact about mental health",
651         "Tell me another fact about mental health"
652     ],
653     "responses": [
654         "According to a UNICEF report, One in seven
           Indians between 15-24 years of age feels
           depressed",
655         "1 in 5 young people (age 13-18) has or will
           develop a mental illness in their lifetime

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656         .",
        "Depression is the leading cause of disability
          worldwide."
657     ]
658 },
659 {
660     "tag": "fact-1",
661     "patterns": [
662         "What is mental health?",
663         "Define Mental Health"
664     ],
665     "responses": [
666         "Mental health is a state of well-being in
          which the individual realizes his or her
          own abilities, can cope with the normal
          stresses of life, can work productively and
          fruitfully, and is able to make a
          contribution to his or her community",
667         "Mental health includes our emotional,
          psychological, and social well-being. It
          affects how we think, feel, and act. It
          also helps determine how we handle stress,
          relate to others, and make choices."
668     ]
669 },
670 {
671     "tag": "fact-2",
672     "patterns": [
673         "Why is mental health important?",
674         "What is the importance of mental health?"
675     ],
676     "responses": [
677         "Maintaining mental health is crucial to
          stabilizing constructive behaviors,
          emotions, and thoughts. Focusing on mental
          health care can increase productivity,
          enhance our self-image, and improve
          relationships."
678     ]
679 },
680 {
681     "tag": "fact-3",
682     "patterns": [
683         "What is Depression?",
684         "Define Depression"
685     ],

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686     "responses": [
687         "A mental health disorder characterised by
           persistently depressed mood or loss of
           interest in activities, causing significant
           impairment in daily life."
688     ]
689 },
690 {
691     "tag": "fact-5",
692     "patterns": [
693         "How do i know if i have Depression?",
694         "Am i depressed?",
695         "Am i suffering from depression?",
696         "Am i mentally ill?"
697     ],
698     "responses": [
699         "For a diagnosis of depression, a person needs
           to have experienced low mood or loss of
           interest or pleasure in life for at least 2
           weeks. Also, they will have experienced
           the following symptoms: feelings of sadness
           , hopelessness, or irritability nearly
           every day."
700     ]
701 },
702 {
703     "tag": "fact-6",
704     "patterns": [
705         "What is a therapist?",
706         "What does a therapist do?"
707     ],
708     "responses": [
709         "A therapist is a broad designation that
           refers to professionals who are trained to
           provide treatment and rehabilitation. The
           term is often applied to psychologists, but
           it can include others who provide a
           variety of services, including social
           workers, counselors, life coaches, and many
           others. "
710     ]
711 },
712 {
713     "tag": "fact-7",
714     "patterns": [
715         "What is therapy?",

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716     "Do i need therapy?",
717     "Who is therapy for?"
718 ],
719 "responses": [
720     "Therapy is a form of treatment that aims to
        help resolve mental or emotional issues.",
721     "Therapy is a form of treatment that aims to
        help resolve mental or emotional issues. It
        is helpful for those with mental health
        conditions or even everyday life challenges
        ."
722 ]
723 },
724 {
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727         "What does it mean to have a mental illness?"
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730         "Mental illnesses are health conditions that
            disrupt a person's thoughts, emotions,
            relationships, and daily functioning. They
            are associated with distress and diminished
            capacity to engage in the ordinary
            activities of daily life. Mental illnesses
            fall along a continuum of severity: some
            are fairly mild and only interfere with
            some aspects of life, such as certain
            phobias. On the other end of the spectrum
            lie serious mental illnesses, which result
            in major functional impairment and
            interference with daily life. These include
            such disorders as major depression,
            schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder, and
            may require that the person receives care
            in a hospital. It is important to know that
            mental illnesses are medical conditions
            that have nothing to do with a person's
            character, intelligence, or willpower. Just
            as diabetes is a disorder of the pancreas,
            mental illness is a medical condition due
            to the brain's biology. Similarly to how
            one would treat diabetes with medication
            and insulin, mental illness is treatable
            with a combination of medication and social
            support. These treatments are highly

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effective, with 70-90 percent of
individuals receiving treatment
experiencing a reduction in symptoms and an
improved quality of life. With the proper
treatment, it is very possible for a person
with mental illness to be independent and
successful."
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736       "Who does mental illness affect?"
737     ],
738     "responses": [
739       "It is estimated that mental illness affects 1
        in 5 adults in America, and that 1 in 24
        adults have a serious mental illness.
        Mental illness does not discriminate; it
        can affect anyone, regardless of gender,
        age, income, social status, ethnicity,
        religion, sexual orientation, or background
        . Although mental illness can affect anyone
        , certain conditions may be more common in
        different populations. For instance, eating
        disorders tend to occur more often in
        females, while disorders such as attention
        deficit/hyperactivity disorder is more
        prevalent in children. Additionally, all
        ages are susceptible, but the young and the
        old are especially vulnerable. Mental
        illnesses usually strike individuals in the
        prime of their lives, with 75 percent of
        mental health conditions developing by the
        age of 24. This makes identification and
        treatment of mental disorders particularly
        difficult, because the normal personality
        and behavioral changes of adolescence may
        mask symptoms of a mental health condition.
        Parents and caretakers should be aware of
        this fact, and take notice of changes in
        their child's mood,
        personality, personal habits, and social
        withdrawal. When these occur in children
        under 18, they are referred to as serious
        emotional disturbances (SEDs)."
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        occur in children under 18, they are
        referred to as serious emotional
        disturbances (SEDs)."
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753   "patterns": [
754     "What are some of the warning signs of mental
        illness?"
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756 "responses": [
757     "Symptoms of mental health disorders vary
        depending on the type and severity of the
        condition. The following is a list of
        general symptoms that may suggest a mental
        health disorder, particularly when multiple
        symptoms are expressed at once. \n In
        adults:\n Confused thinking\n Long-lasting
        sadness or irritability\n Extreme highs and
        lows in mood\n Excessive fear, worrying,
        or anxiety\n Social withdrawal\n Dramatic
        changes in eating or sleeping habits\n
        Strong feelings of anger\n Delusions or
        hallucinations (seeing or hearing things
        that are not really there)\n Increasing
        inability to cope with daily problems and
        activities\n Thoughts of suicide\n Denial
        of obvious problems\n Many unexplained
        physical problems\n Abuse of drugs and/or
        alcohol\n \nIn older children and pre-teens
        :\n Abuse of drugs and/or alcohol\n
        Inability to cope with daily problems and
        activities\n Changes in sleeping and/or
        eating habits\n Excessive complaints of
        physical problems\n Defying authority,
        skipping school, stealing, or damaging
        property\n Intense fear of gaining weight\n
        Long-lasting negative mood, often along
        with poor appetite and thoughts of death\n
        Frequent outbursts of anger\n \nIn younger
        children:\n Changes in school performance\n
        Poor grades despite strong efforts\n
        Excessive worrying or anxiety\n
        Hyperactivity\n Persistent nightmares\n
        Persistent disobedience and/or aggressive
        behavior\n Frequent temper tantrums"
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761     "tag": "fact-12",
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763         "Can people with mental illness recover?"
764     ],
765     "responses": [
766         "When healing from mental illness, early

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771         "patterns": [
772             "What should I do if I know someone who
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773         ],
774         "responses": [
775             "Although Pandora cannot substitute for
              professional advice, we encourage those
              with symptoms to talk to their friends and
              family members and seek the counsel of a
              mental health professional. The sooner the
              mental health condition is identified and
              treated, the sooner they can get on the
              path to recovery. If you know someone who
              is having problems, don't assume that the
              issue will resolve itself. Let them know
              that you care about them, and that there
              are treatment options available that will
              help them heal. Speak with a mental health
              professional or counselor if you think your
              friend or family member is experiencing
              the symptoms of a mental health condition.
              If the affected loved one knows that you
              support them, they will be more likely to
              seek out help."
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           for myself or my child?"
782     ],
783     "responses": [
784         "Feeling comfortable with the professional you
           or your child is working with is critical
           to the success of the treatment. Finding
           the professional who best fits your needs
           may require research. Start by searching
           for providers in your area."
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789     "patterns": [
790         "What treatment options are available?"
791     ],
792     "responses": [
793         "Just as there are different types of
           medications for physical illness, different
           treatment options are available for
           individuals with mental illness. Treatment
           works differently for different people. It
           is important to find what works best for
           you or your child."
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799         "If I become involved in treatment, what do I
           need to know?"
800     ],
801     "responses": [
802         "Since beginning treatment is a big step for
           individuals and families, it can be very
           overwhelming. It is important to be as
           involved and engaged in the treatment
           process as possible. Some questions you
           will need to have answered include:\n What
           is known about the cause of this particular
           illness?\n Are there other diagnoses where
           these symptoms are common?\n Do you
           normally include a physical or neurological

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examination?\n Are there any additional
tests or exams that you would recommend at
this point?\n Would you advise an
independent opinion from another
psychiatrist at this point?\n What program
of treatment is the most helpful with this
diagnosis?\n Will this program involve
services by other specialists? If so, who
will be responsible for coordinating these
services?\n What do you see as the family's
role in this program of treatment?\n How
much access will the family have to the
individuals who are providing the treatment
?\n What medications are generally used
with this diagnosis?\n How much experience
do you have in treating individuals with
this illness?\n What can I do to help you
in the treatment?"
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        professionals?"
809     ],
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811       "There are many types of mental health
        professionals. The variety of providers and
        their services may be confusing. Each have
        various levels of education, training, and
        may have different areas of expertise.
        Finding the professional who best fits your
        needs may require some research."
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816     "patterns": [
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        right for my child or myself?"
818     ],
819     "responses": [
820       "Feeling comfortable with the professional you
        or your child is working with is critical
        to the success of your treatment. Finding

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the professional who best fits your needs
may require some research."
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823   {
824     "tag": "fact-19",
825     "patterns": [
826       "Where else can I get help?"
827     ],
828     "responses": [
829       "Where you go for help will depend on the
        nature of the problem and/or symptoms and
        what best fits you. Often, the best place
        to start is by talking with someone you
        trust about your concerns, such as a family
        member, friend, clergy, healthcare
        provider, or other professionals. Having
        this social support is essential in healing
        from mental illness, and you will be able
        to ask them for referrals or
        recommendations for trusted mental health
        practitioners. Search for mental health
        resources in your area. Secondly, there are
        people and places throughout the country
        that provide services to talk, to listen,
        and to help you on your journey to recovery
        . Thirdly, many people find peer support a
        helpful tool that can aid in their recovery
        . There are a variety of organizations that
        offer support groups for consumers, their
        family members, and friends. Some support
        groups are peer led while others may be led
        by a mental health professional."
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832   {
833     "tag": "fact-20",
834     "patterns": [
835       "What should I know before starting a new
        medication?"
836     ],
837     "responses": [
838       "The best source of information regarding
        medications is the physician prescribing
        them. He or she should be able to answer
        questions such as: \n1. What is the

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839 medication supposed to do? \n2. When should
840 it begin to take effect, and how will I
841 know when it is effective? \n3. How is the
842 medication taken and for how long? What
843 food, drinks, other medicines, and
844 activities should be avoided while taking
845 this medication? \n4. What are the side
846 effects and what should be done if they
847 occur? \n5. What do I do if a dose is
missed? \n6. Is there any written
information available about this medication
? \n7. Are there other medications that
might be appropriate? \n8. If so, why do
you prefer the one you have chosen? \n9.
How do you monitor medications and what
symptoms indicate that they should be
raised, lowered, or changed? \n10. All
medications should be taken as directed.
Most medications for mental illnesses do
not work when taken irregularly, and extra
doses can cause severe, sometimes dangerous
side effects. Many psychiatric medications
begin to have a beneficial effect only
after they have been taken for several
weeks."
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843 "patterns": [
844 "Where can I go to find therapy?"
845 ],
846 "responses": [
847 "Different kinds of therapy are more effective
based on the nature of the mental health
condition and/or symptoms and the person
who has them (for example, children will
benefit from a therapist who specializes in
children's mental health). However,
there are several different types of
treatment and therapy that can help."
848 ]
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851 "tag": "fact-22",
852 "patterns": [

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853         "Where can I learn about types of mental
           health treatment?"
854     ],
855     "responses": [
856         "Mental health conditions are often treated
           with medication, therapy or a combination
           of the two. However, there are many
           different types of treatment available,
           including Complementary & Alternative
           Treatments, self-help plans, and peer
           support. Treatments are very personal and
           should be discussed by the person with the
           mental health conditions and his or her
           team."
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           professionals?"
863     ],
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865         "There are many types of mental health
           professionals. Finding the right one for
           you may require some research."
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870     "patterns": [
871         "Where can I go to find a support group?"
872     ],
873     "responses": [
874         "Many people find peer support a helpful tool
           that can aid in their recovery. There are a
           variety of organizations that offer
           support groups for consumers, their family
           members and friends. Some support groups
           are peer-led, while others may be led by a
           mental health professional."
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878     "tag": "fact-25",
879     "patterns": [

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880     "Can you prevent mental health problems?"
881 ],
882 "responses": [
883     "We can all suffer from mental health
      challenges, but developing our wellbeing,
      resilience, and seeking help early can help
      prevent challenges becoming serious."
884 ],
885 },
886 {
887     "tag": "fact-26",
888     "patterns": [
889         "Are there cures for mental health problems?",
890         "is there any cure for mental health problems
          ?"
891     ],
892     "responses": [
893         "It is often more realistic and helpful to
          find out what helps with the issues you
          face. Talking, counselling, medication,
          friendships, exercise, good sleep and
          nutrition, and meaningful occupation can
          all help."
894     ],
895 },
896 {
897     "tag": "fact-27",
898     "patterns": [
899         "What causes mental health problems?"
900     ],
901     "responses": [
902         "Challenges or problems with your mental
          health can arise from psychological,
          biological, and social, issues, as well as
          life events."
903     ],
904 },
905 {
906     "tag": "fact-28",
907     "patterns": [
908         "What do I do if I'm worried about my mental
          health?"
909     ],
910     "responses": [
911         "The most important thing is to talk to
          someone you trust. This might be a friend,

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    colleague, family member, or GP. In
    addition to talking to someone, it may be
    useful to find out more information about
    what you are experiencing. These things may
    help to get some perspective on what you
    are experiencing, and be the start of
    getting help."
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914 {
915     "tag": "fact-29",
916     "patterns": [
917         "How do I know if I'm unwell?"
918     ],
919     "responses": [
920         "If your beliefs , thoughts , feelings or
          behaviours have a significant impact on
          your ability to function in what might be
          considered a normal or ordinary way, it
          would be important to seek help."
921     ]
922 },
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924     "tag": "fact-30",
925     "patterns": [
926         "How can I maintain social connections? What
          if I feel lonely?"
927     ],
928     "responses": [
929         "A lot of people are alone right now, but we
          don't have to be lonely. We're all in this
          together. Think about the different ways to
          connect that are most meaningful for you.
          For example, you might prefer a video chat
          over a phone call, or you might prefer to
          text throughout the day rather than one set
          time for a video call. Then, work with
          your social networks to make a plan. You
          might video chat with your close friends in
          the evening and phone a family member once
          a week. Remember to be mindful of people
          who may not be online. Check in by phone
          and ask how you can help. The quality of
          your social connections matter. Mindlessly
          scrolling through social media and liking a
          few posts usually doesn't build strong

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social connections. Make sure you focus on strategies that actually make you feel included and connected. If your current strategies don't help you feel connected, problem-solve to see if you can find a solution. Everyone feels lonely at times. Maybe you recently moved to a new city, are changing your circle of friends, lost someone important in your life, or lost your job and also lost important social connections with coworkers. Other people may have physical connections to others but may feel like their emotional or social needs aren't met. Measures like social distancing or self-isolation can make loneliness feel worse no matter why you feel lonely now. Reach out to the connections you do have. Suggest ways to keep in touch and see if you can set a regular time to connect. People may hesitate to reach out for a lot of different reasons, so don't be afraid to be the one who asks. Look for local community support groups and mutual aid groups on social media. This pandemic is bringing everyone together, so look for opportunities to make new connections. These groups are a great way to share your skills and abilities or seek help and support. Look for specialized support groups. Support groups are moving online, and there are a lot of different support lines to call if you need to talk to someone."

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933     "tag": "fact-31",
934     "patterns": [
935       "What's the difference between anxiety and
          stress?"
936     ],
937     "responses": [
938       "Stress and anxiety are often used
          interchangeably, and there is overlap
          between stress and anxiety. Stress is
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related to the same fight, flight, or freeze response as anxiety, and the physical sensations of anxiety and stress may be very similar. The cause of stress and anxiety are usually different, however.

Stress focuses on mainly external pressures on us that we're finding hard to cope with. When we are stressed, we usually know what we're stressed about, and the symptoms of stress typically disappear after the stressful situation is over. Anxiety, on the other hand, isn't always as easy to figure out. Anxiety focuses on worries or fears about things that could threaten us, as well as anxiety about the anxiety itself. Stress and anxiety are both part of being human, but both can be problems if they last for a long time or have an impact on our well-being or daily life."

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943     "patterns": [
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          depression?",
945       "difference between sadness and depression"
946     ],
947     "responses": [
948       "Sadness is a normal reaction to a loss,
          disappointment, problems, or other
          difficult situations. Feeling sad from time
          to time is just another part of being
          human. In these cases, feelings of sadness
          go away quickly and you can go about your
          daily life. Other ways to talk about
          sadness might be feeling low, feeling down,
          or feeling blue. A person may say they are
          feeling depressed, but if it goes away on
          its own and doesn't impact life in a big
          way, it probably isn't the illness of
          depression. Depression is a mental illness
          that affects your mood, the way you
          understand yourself, and the way you
          understand and relate to things around you.
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It can also go by different names, such as clinical depression, major depressive disorder, or major depression. Depression can come up for no reason, and it lasts for a long time. It's much more than sadness or low mood. People who experience depression may feel worthless or hopeless. They may feel unreasonable guilty. Some people may experience depression as anger or irritability. It may be hard to concentrate or make decisions. Most people lose interest in things that they used to enjoy and may isolate themselves from others. There are also physical signs of depression, such as problems with sleep, appetite and energy and unexplainable aches or pains. Some may experience difficult thoughts about death or ending their life (suicide). Depression lasts longer than two weeks, doesn't usually go away on its own, and impacts your life. It's a real illness, and it is very treatable. It's important to seek help if you're concerned about depression."

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