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FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT**

**Max Marks: 40  
Max Time: 90 Min.**

**Sub: English  
Class: VIII**

**Q.1 Read the following passage carefully. (5 marks)**

1. Papaya is the healthiest fruit with a list of properties that is long and exhaustive. Papaya favours digestion as well as cures skin irritation and sun burns. You can munch on it as a salad, have it cooked or boiled or just drink it up as milkshake or juice. The most important of these virtues is the protein-digesting enzyme in the milky juice or latex. The enzyme is similar to pepsin in its digestive action and is said to be so powerful that it can digest 200 times its own weight in protein. It assists the body in assimilating the maximum nutritional value from food to provide energy and body-building materials.
2. Papain in raw papaya makes up for the deficiency of gastric juice and fights excess of unhealthy mucus in the stomach, dyspepsia and intestinal irritation. The ripe fruit, if eaten regularly corrects habitual constipation, bleeding piles and chronic diarrhoea. The juice of the papaya seeds also assists in the above-mentioned ailments.
3. The juice, used as a cosmetic, removes freckles or brown spots due to exposure to sunlight and makes the skin smooth and delicate. A paste of papaya seeds is applied in skin diseases like those caused by ringworm. The black seeds of the papaya are highly beneficial in the treatment of cirrhosis of the liver caused by alcoholism, malnutrition, etc. A tablespoonful of its juice, combined with a hint of fresh lime juice, should be consumed once or twice daily for a month. The fresh juice of raw papaya mixed with honey can be applied over inflamed tonsils, for diphtheria and other throat disorders. It dissolves the membrane and prevents infection from spreading.

**Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones given below:**

**(a) One of the most important virtues of pepsin is that:**

- (i) it is found in papaya.
- (ii) it can digest large quantities of protein.
- (iii) it cures constipation.
- (iv) it can treat a damaged liver.

**(b) Intestinal irritation can be overcome by:**

- (i) eating ripe papaya salad.
- (ii) drinking papaya juice.
- (iii) eating raw papaya.
- (iv) chewing the seeds of the fruit.

**(c) Throat disorders can be cured if:**

- (i) one applies honey and the juice of a raw papaya on it.
- (ii) one drinks the juice of a raw papaya.
- (iii) one eats ripe papaya mixed with honey.
- (iv) one drinks the juice of ripe papaya with honey.

**(d) 'The juice can be used as a cosmetic' means:**

- (i) the juice has medicinal properties.
- (ii) the juice can be used to rectify physical defects.
- (iii) the juice can be used to treat internal diseases.
- (iv) the juice can be used to make the skin look more attractive

**(e) The fact that papaya is a versatile fruit is evident from:**

- (i) the fact that it can be drunk as a milkshake.
- (ii) the fact that it can be eaten as a salad, cooked, boiled or just drunk.
- (iii) the fact that its seeds can be applied on the skin.
- (iv) the fact that it can be eaten, drunk and also used externally.

Q.2 Ashwani/ Aastha Sharma, in charge of the NSS Club of St. Andrew's School, Hyderabad, is asked to write a notice about a fair being organised by the club to collect articles & money for people affected by floods in Uttaranchal. The notice will be put up for students on the school notice board. Write the notice in around 40 words, including relevant details such as purpose of fair; kind of stalls-games, food etc; contributions accepted; fair timing etc. in your notice so that students may contribute generously. Do not give extra information. Put the notice in a box. (5 marks)

Q.3 This year, during your vacation, you went on an adventure camp that included activities like trekking, rafting, rock-climbing etc. Write a letter to your friend, describing your activities and telling him/her how you enjoyed this camp, in about 100 words. (5 marks)

Q.4 Write a paragraph in about 80-100 words on 'The Best Gift I received'. Mention details like ; from whom- on what occasion-how was the gift- you liked the value of the gift or love /affection of the giver etc. (3 marks)

Q.5 Using these notes complete the paragraph describing the famous Indian author R.K. Narayan by choosing from the given options. (1 × 4 = 4 marks)

*R. K. Narayan*

Birth-October 10, 1906, Chennai  
Occupation-novelist, short-story writer  
Father-headmaster  
Brother-famous cartoonist, R.K. Laxman  
Married-Rajam in 1939  
Notable work(s)-Swami and Friends  
Died-May 13, 2001 (aged 94)

The famous novelist and short-story writer R.K. Narayan (a) .....  
His father (b) ..... His brother (c) .....  
R.K. Laxman. In 1939 he married Rajam. One of (d) .....  
Swami and Friends. He died on May 13, 2001 at the ripe age of ninety four.

- (a) (i) was born in Chennai on October 10, 1906
- (ii) born at Chennai on October 10, 1906
- (iii) were born in Chennai on October 10, 1906
- (iv) was born at Chennai in October 10, 1906

(b) (i) was a Headmaster (ii) was Headmaster  
(iii) was the Headmaster (iv) is a Headmaster

(c) (i) is a famous cartoonist (ii) is the famous cartoonist  
(iii) was the famous cartoonist (iv) was famous cartoonist

(d) (i) his notable work is (ii) his notable works are  
(iii) his notable works is (iv) his notable work is

**Q.6 Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences as shown. (1x4=4 marks)**

streets /during/ can see/ slogans/ elections,/ supporters/ political parties/ the/ shouting  
/of/ in /we.

During elections, we can see supporters of political parties shouting slogans in the streets.

- on foot/ the/ greeting/ candidates/ walk/ the/ even / people.
- opportunity/ they/ the/ of / catch/ shaking hands/ anyone/ meet/ they/ with.
- their problems/ people/ their/ assure/ that \ they \ will \ supporters.
- to exercise/ votes / they/ candidates/ urge/them/ their/ in favour of their.

Q.7 Answer the following: (3x3=9)

- Do you think Jim MacPherson came back from the war? How do you know this?
- What is Connie's Christmas present? Why is it 'the best Christmas present in the world' ?
- What are the two different ideas about why so few animals were killed in the tsunami?

Q.8 Write an article for the School magazine expressing your views on  
"whether wars are a good way to end conflicts between countries" in  
about 80-100 Words. (6 marks)