

**SECTION - A
(READING)**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: **(8 marks)**

1. Papaya is the healthiest fruit with a list of properties that is long and exhaustive. Belonging to the family of Caricaceae fruit, it is commonly known as Papaw in Australia and Mamao in Brazil. It first originated in southern Mexico and neighbouring Central America, but is now available in every tropical and subtropical country. 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 juices. Modern science confirms the age-old beliefs that papaya has much to contribute to the health cause. 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 diarrhea. 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.

1.1 Complete the following: **(1 x 6 = 6 marks)**

- a. The other names for papaya are _____
- b. Though now found in every tropical country _____
- c. One of the most important virtues of papaya is _____
- d. Intestinal irritation can be overcome _____
- e. Diseases cured by papaya are _____
- f. Throat disorders can be cured if _____

1.2 Complete the table below:

| Portion / extract | treatment for | caused by |
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| Juice | (a) _____ | Exposure to sunlight |
| (b) _____ | Skin diseases | (c) _____ |
| Black seeds | (d) _____ | Alcoholism |

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. I was shopping in my home town when I heard a young voice boom from across the aisle Mum come here there s a lady my size The mortified mother rushed to the boy who looked about seven then she

turned to me to apologise. I smiled and told her It s okay. Then I looked at her wide eyed son He studied me from head to toe and asked. "Why are you so little?" It s the way God made me Some people are little Some are tall I m just not going to grow any bigger After about five minutes of questioning he returned to his mother.

2. My life as a little person is filled with stories like that I enjoy talking to children and explaining why I look different from their parents. It has taken many years of developing my confidence to be able to do that. It takes only one glance to see my uniqueness. I stand three feet nine inches tall. I am an achondroplasia dwarf, which is a person having very short limbs. When I was born, my mother was told I was a dwarf. Not knowing a lot about dwarfism my mum's main concern was my health. Our family doctor put her mind at ease when he told her that I would not have any major medical concerns. He was right.
3. When I was growing up, my parents encouraged me to do all the things the kids around me did. So when my neighbours got two-wheel bicycles, I got a two-wheel bicycle. When they roller-skated, I roller-skated. Our neighbours treated me as a normal person. I didn't realise how short I was until I started school. There a few kids picked on me calling me names. After that I began to hate the first day of school each year. I didn't know who was new and would stare as I struggled to climb up the school-bus stairs. Some of the kids would point out and say, "Look at that kid. Look at her." Boys could be especially mean.
4. As time went on I tried to smile and accept the fact that I was going to be noticed all my life. I was determined to make my uniqueness an advantage rather than a disadvantage. My friends became increasingly protective. What I lacked in height I made up for in personality. I had the ability to laugh, even at myself. I am 47 now, and stares have not diminished, as I've grown older. People ask my friends if I live in a dollhouse. They look in disbelief when they see me get out of my car on the driver's side. During those times I try to keep a good attitude. When people are rude I remind myself, "Look what else I have—a great family, nice friends." Children's questions make my life special. "Why are you so short? How old are you? Are you a mummy?" When I talk to children they leave content that their questions have been answered. My hope is that in taking time with them I will encourage them to accept their peers, whatever size and shape they come in, and treat them with respect.

2.1 Fill in the following summary with one word in each blank: **(6 x ½ = 3 marks)**

The author was a (a) _____ and wherever she went, people (b) _____ at her. While (c) _____ up, she did all the things normal kids do. But at school (d) _____ kids called her names. She (e) _____ the first day of school each year. Soon she (f) that she would be noticed all her life.

2.2 Complete the following: **(1 X 5 = 5 marks)**

The difficulties the author had to face due to her size are

- a. _____
- b. _____

Her strengths that compensated for her size are

- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

2.3 Find words in the passage that are similar in meaning to the following, from the paragraphs indicated. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct question number. **(1 x 4 = 4 marks)**

- a. hurt, humiliated (Para 1)
- b. the quality of being only one of a particular kind (Para 2)

- c. inspired with confidence (Para 3)
- d. persons of same age (Para 4)

SECTION B (WRITING) (30 marks)

3. You are Mridul, the Head Boy of Vidya Public School. An Air Force officer has agreed to conduct an orientation camp in your school for those interested in joining the Air Force after school. Put up a notice informing the students of the programme and encouraging them to participate. Write the notice in not more than 50 words and put the notice in a box. **(5 marks)**

4. You are attending a Tennis coaching camp in Bangalore. Write a postcard in not more than 50 words to your mother on your experiences in the camp. Copy the format of the postcard from the question paper in your answer sheet. **(5 marks)**

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5 . You happened to overhear the following conversation: **(10 marks)**

Rahul : Where have you planned to go during the summer holidays?

Jeevan : I wish I could go boating on Dal Lake.

Rahul : Is it safe to go to Kashmir now? Don't you hear a lot about terrorism in the newspapers?

On hearing this dialogue you decide to write an article in the local daily on the need to provide security at tourist spots and suggest ways and means by which such spots could be made more attractive to tourists. Using ideas from the unit on 'Travel and Tourism' along with your own ideas, write the article in 150-200 words.

6. The following diagram gives an idea about the stress and strain undergone by the present-day generation. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper in about 150 words on the problems faced by the teenagers and offer suggestions to help them come out of these. **(10 marks)**

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Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper in about 150 words on the stress and strain faced by the teenagers of today Also include suggestions to help them come out of this situation. **(10 marks)**

SECTION C (GRAMMAR) (20 marks)

7. Read the information given below and fill in the blank spaces appropriately. Do not add any new information. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. **(5 x 1 =5 marks)**

House — symbol — safe and secure — construct — lot of time and effort — buy — best quality materials — ability to identify and purchase good materials — lay — strong foundation. A house (a) _____ for a family When a house is (b) _____. The best quality materials (c) _____. You should be (d) _____ For the house to last long (e) _____ .

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is one word missing in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Make sure that the word that forms your answer is underlined. The first one has been done for you. Follow the example. **(10 x ½ = 5 marks)**

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Example: There are various

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| a. to India most foreigners | _____ |
| b. tend to land Delhi and a | _____ |
| c. good proportion of head for | _____ |
| d. he main bazaar is India's | _____ |
| e. craziest street It situated close to the Delhi Railway station | _____ |
| f. The main bazaar is packed foreigners | _____ |
| g. from all the world. Frequent | _____ |
| h. power-cuts affect area and the | _____ |
| i. ugly sound growling generators | _____ |
| j. is common phenomenon | _____ |

9. Read the dialogue given below Report it by completing the blanks that follow Write the correct answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number Do not copy the whole sentence. **(4 x 1 =4 marks)**

10. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. Write each sentence in your answer sheet against the correct number. The first one has been done for you as an example. **(6 x ½ =3 marks)**

Example — relieves and amuses / soul / laughter / the depressed /
Laughter relieves and amuses the depressed soul.

- a. an antidote / and pain / it is | to stress /
- b. for toning. / a good exercise / up / it is / facial muscles /
- c. are stabilised / is improved / body functions / and blood circulation /
- d. makes one / of friends / feel good / in making / a lot / laughter / and helps /
- e. increases / it / longevity /
- f. negative laughter / at others / the only / is laughing /

11. Read the newspaper headlines and complete the sentences given below Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number Do not copy the whole sentence **(3 x 1 =3 marks)**

- a. HIGH COURT DISMISSES PETITION
The Karnataka High Court on Monday _____ filed by Flying Officer Anjali Gupta
- b. 37 LAKH INDIANS TO PERFORM HAJ
The Government on Monday informed that the number of Indians _____ risen to 37 lakhs.
- c. FROGS MARRIED OFF IN HOPE OF RAIN
A pair of golden frogs _____ in West Bengal in the hope of rains.

SECTION D (LITERATURE)

12. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two sentences only. **(4 marks)**

She rewards me with tears and an agitation of hands.
I am important to her. She comes and goes.
Each morning it is her face that replaces the darkness

- a. Who is the speaker and who is 'She'? **(1)**
- b. Why does she come there often? **(1)**
- c. What is her reaction on seeing her image? **(2)**

13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two sentences only

“The technique was fine, of course,
But it lacked a certain force.”
“Oh !” the nightingale confessed.
Greatly flattered and impressed

- a. Name the poem and the poet. **(1)**
- b. Which 'technique' is referred to here? **(1)**
- c. How did the listener react to these words? **(2)**

14. What are the sufferings undergone by the mariners in the silent sea? Write the answer in 75-100 words. **(5 marks)**

15. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only

DECIUS BRUTUS This dream is all amiss interpreted
It was a vision fair and fortunate :

- a. Which vision is referred to here **(2)**
- b. What is Brutus interpretation of the vision **(2)**
- c. Why did he interpret it in such a way **(1)**

16. How did Babuli's wife react on hearing about the partition. What light does this throw on her nature? Write the answer in 50-75 words. **(4 marks)**

17. You are Ch-tsal and have reached home safely. You decide to make a diary entry on your association with C H Winters. Write the answer in 150-175 words. **(8 marks)**