

	<p align="center">BCM School, Basant Avenue, Dugri Road, Ludhiana Class - VIII English Assignment</p>	
	Reading	
I	<p>Read the following passage carefully.</p> <p>Papaya is a healthy fruit with a list of properties that is long and exhaustive. You can munch on as a salad, have it cooked or boiled or just drink it up as milkshake or juices. Papaya has many virtues that can contribute to our good health. The most important of these virtues is the protein- digesting enzyme it has. 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 1 nutritional value from food to provide energy and body building materials.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Papain in raw papaya makes up for the deficiency of gastric juice and fights excess of unhealthy mucus in the stomach and intestinal irritation. The ripe fruit, if eaten regularly habitual constipation, bleeding piles and chronic diarrhoea. The juice of the papaya seeds also assists in the above-mentioned ailments. Papaya 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 <p>1.1 On the basis of the reading of the passage, answer the following questions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How does the powerful protein digesting enzyme in papaya assist the body? What is the function of papain in raw papaya? Write any two uses of ripe papaya fruit? How can papaya be used for the causes of malnutrition or alcoholism? <p>1.2 Assertion (A): Papaya has many virtues that can contribute to our good health. Reasoning (R): It has the protein- digesting enzyme.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A is the true but R is not correct explanation of A. Both A and R are false. A is true and R is the correct explanation of A. A is false but R is true. <p>1.3 Choose the correct option.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Write the word similar to 'salient' in para 2. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> important assimilate virtues nutritional Write the word similar to 'malady' in para 2 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> deficiency gastric ailment chronic The black seeds of the papaya are <u>highly</u> beneficial in the treatment of cirrhosis of the liver. (Identify the part of speech of the above underlined word) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Noun Adverb Verb Adjective <p>1.4 Complete the following sentence: Pepsin is similar to enzyme that can _____.</p>	

	Writing										
II	<p>a. You are Sakshi, the Head Girl of DAV Public School, Jalandhar. Write a notice of appeal to help the victims of Punjab floods by contributing money, grains, clothes, medicines etc. Write your notice in about 50 words and don't forget to include the last date for accepting donations.</p> <p>b. Write a factual description in 100-120 words about a Mall, you recently visited with your parents. You can use the following value points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name and Location of the mall Design, shape and colour of the building, including floors/ blocks Shopes, services and facilities available there Its importance to the local community <p>c. Parents, these days, are facing a major problem with their children as they waste most of the time on social networking sites with the result that their studies and other important activities are neglected. Taking ideas from the following hints, together with your own ideas, write an article in about 120 words on the topic 'The Hazards of Addiction to Social Networking Sites'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teenagers waste time Undoubtedly, good source of information, solves crimes, improves relationships. Spread of false information adverse effects on vision, leads to stress, misunderstandings and arguments, develop self centered personality, less quality time with friends and family, loneliness and depression, irritable temper, poor health, poor grades. <p>d. You are Amit/Asha living in Delhi. Apart from environmental pollution, you feel concerned and disturbed at the rise in noise pollution. Write a letter to the Editor, The Hindustan Times' on the basis of the points given below in 120 words.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> moving vehicles all the time create noise number of vehicles has increased manifold pressure horns, used by motorists use of loudspeakers in functions high pitch sound of music systems causing deafness, mental tension disturbance, lack of peace mental and psychologic problems need to create awareness need to make a law to control it 										
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III	<p>Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks with suitable words.</p> <p>The mosquito (a) _____ no biting parts, so it doesn't really bite. (b) _____ stabs through the victim's skin (c) _____ needle -like parts and sucks up the blood (d) _____ flows. To prevent the blood (e) _____ clotting while it is sucking, it introduces its saliva (f) _____ the wound. Most people (g) _____ allergic to the chemicals in this saliva, (h) _____ an itchy welt firms on the skin.</p>										
IV	<p>The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line with a blank against it. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Correct</td> <td>Incorrect</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Today we see a society in which</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>there are tremendous difference</td> <td>(a) _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>		Correct	Incorrect	Today we see a society in which			there are tremendous difference	(a) _____	_____	
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	<p>between man and woman. Some people lives in luxury without doing some work while others work without any rest and yet do not get the basic necessities. This cannot be right. It is the fault for the system. Every man and woman should get an opportunity.</p> <p>(b) _____</p> <p>(c) _____</p> <p>(d) _____</p> <p>(e) _____</p> <p>(f) _____</p> <p>(g) _____</p> <p>(h) _____</p>	
V	<p>Change the following sentences into passive voice.</p> <p>i. The airport authorities cancelled all the flights.</p> <p>ii. Do you pay tax on time ?</p> <p>iii. Our party will form the next government.</p> <p>iv. They had bribed the clerk.</p>	
VI	<p>The company refused Ria's application for this position and <u>made the situation even worse</u> by refusing to pay her salary for two months. (Replace the underlined words with a suitable idiom)</p>	
VII	<p>Harshit didn't want <u>to disappoint</u> his father by not joining the army. (Replace the underlined words with a suitable phrasal verb)</p>	
VIII	<p>The news _____ (is / are) broadcasted everyday at 8 p.m. (Choose the correct option)</p>	
IX	<p>The General, along with his soldiers, _____ (were / was) captured. (Choose the correct option)</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Literature</p>	
X	<p>Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions.</p> <p>O ! Father and Mother, if buds are nip'd, And blossoms blown away, And if the tender plants are strip'd Of their joy in the springing day, By sorrow and cares dismay,</p> <p>i. Whose parents are being referred to in the above lines ?</p> <p>ii. What drives the joy of the school boy away ?</p> <p>iii. The word similar to the meaning 'a strong feeling of disappointment' is _____</p> <p>(a) nip'd (c) dismay</p> <p>(b) blown away (d) strip'd</p> <p>iv. What is the rhyme scheme of the given lines ?</p> <p>(a) abaab (c) aabcc</p> <p>(b) ababb (d) ababc</p>	
XI	<p>Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions.</p> <p>Tilly started to scream at her family to get off the beach. "She talked about an earthquake under the sea. She got more and more hysterical," said her mother Penny.</p> <p>i. How was Tilly forewarned about the earthquake under the sea ?</p> <p>ii. Where did Smith family go to celebrate Christmas ?</p> <p>iii. Tilly's geography teacher told her that Tsunami can be caused by _____</p> <p>(a) earthquakes (c) landslides</p> <p>(b) volcanoes (d) all of them</p>	

	<p>iv. Who saw the sea slowly rise and to start foam ? (a) Meghna (c) Tilly (b) Alma (d) Tilly's mother Penny</p>	
XII	<p>Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions. Now who would give me admission in another college? I had got admission to Jai hind by influence.</p> <p>i. Who was an unhappy school boy? ii. Which subject gave home shivers iii. What was the percentage needed to enter the college of architecture? (a) 60-65 (c) 90-95 (b) 80-85 (d) 75-80 iv. Who tore his admission letter for army? (a) His mother (c) School Principal (b) Mrs Gupta (d) His aunt</p>	
XII	<p>Answer the following questions. (a) Write about Raja Ram Mohan Roy in your own words? (b) Why did HPS Ahluwalia climb Mount Everest? Explain on the basis of the reading of the chapter 'The Summit Within'. (c) Compare and contrast the characters of Princess September and her other eight sisters? (d) Do you think the title of the story 'The Best Christmas Present in the World' is suitable for it? (e) How did British East India Company extend its power in India ?</p>	
XIV	What emotions took over Major Ahluwalia when he finally reached the summit?	
XV	<p>Replace the underlined expressions with suitable words given in the box.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;">Jubilant, ponder, elucidate, thrive, gloomy, .</div> <p>(a) He did not <u>clearly explain</u> the main points of the new regulations. (b) It was a <u>dark and dim</u> room with a small window.</p>	
XVI	<p>GK a) This is used by writers instead of their real names____ i) Critique ii) Faux pas iii) Nom de plum b) Which famous personality quoted "Truth is God" i) John F Kennedy ii) L. A Seneca iii) G.W Crane</p>	