

2020
CLASS-IX
ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Total marks: 80

Time: 3 hours

General instructions:

- i) The question paper consists of 21 main questions.
ii) Internal choice has been provided in some questions.
iii) Marks allocated to every question are indicated against it.

N.B: Check that all pages of the question paper are complete as indicated on the top left side.

Unit – I (Reading)**1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

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 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 the maximum nutritional value from food to provide energy and body-building materials. 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. 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 cause by alcoholism, malnutrition, etc. a tablespoon 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.

- a. What does papaya cure? 1
b. What are the benefits of eating raw papaya? 2
c. Fill in the blanks: 4x½=2
- i. Papaya has a long and exhaustive _____.
ii. The enzyme in papaya is similar to _____ in its digestive action.
iii. _____ can be cured by applying a paste of papaya seeds.
iv. Honey and raw papaya juice can be applied over _____.

2. Read the poem and answer the questions that follow:The Peace of Wild Things

When despair for the world grows in me.
And I wake in the night at the least sound
In fear of what my life and my children's life may be
I go and lie down where the wood drake
Rests in his beauty on the water. And the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
Who do not tax their lives with forethought
Of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind start
Waiting with their lights. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

Wendell Berry

- a. Why does the poet sometimes wake up during the night? 1
b. What is the poet's fear for his children? 1

- c. Where does he go to ease his fears? 1
- d. How do the 'wild things' remain peaceful? 1
- e. What happens when the poet 'rest in the grace of the world'? 1

Unit – II (Writing and Applied Grammar)

- 3. Two friends are discussing their hobbies during recess. Write a dialogue in about 100-150 words. 6
- 4. a. Recently your school organised an inter-House Literary competition. Write a report in about 100-150 words about the event mentioning the activities, the number of days and the winners of the different activities in the competition. 6

Or

- b. Write a story in about 100-150 words starting with the following sentence, "Kevi and Imli went strolling towards the forest and they saw...."
- 5. **Rewrite the sentences as directed in the brackets:** 2x1=2
 - a. _____ you have a great year! (*Insert suitable Auxiliary*)
 - b. Aneile _____ (read) a lot of books during the lockdown. (*Fill in the blanks with the Present Perfect Tense of the verb given in bracket.*)
- 6. **Some words are missing in the following passage. Put a, an or the wherever necessary.** 4x½=2

Boy came to see me today. Boy brought letter from my friend. My sister took letter.
- 7. **Complete the sentence with suitable Auxiliaries:** 2x1=2

You _____ replace the defective laptop at the earliest because I heard that the shop _____ be closing down soon.
- 8. **Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the words in the brackets:** 2x1=2
 - a. By this time tomorrow, Naveen _____ (drive) across four states.
 - b. The farmers _____ (need) rain.

Unit – III (Literature)

- 9. **Choose the correct answer from the alternatives given:** 10x1=10
 - (a) The author A G Gardiner assumes that we may be as free as we like in-
 - (i) Public places where no one sees us
 - (ii) Matters which does not interfere with the liberties of others
 - (iii) Anything that is not against the law
 - (iv) Our own homes
 - (b) Why couldn't the two Orphans think rationally?
 - (i) They were too scared
 - (ii) They wanted to follow the Ogress so much
 - (iii) They were tired of trapping birds and animals for their living
 - (iv) They were under the Ogress' magical charm.
 - (c) What was the devil's sole intention?
 - (i) To give the brothers immense happiness.
 - (ii) To take away the brother's wealth.
 - (iii) To kill the brothers.
 - (iv) To start a quarrel between Ivan and his brothers.
 - (d) Why did Ivan refuse to give more gold to Tarras?
 - (i) He ran out of gold
 - (ii) Tarras insulted him
 - (iii) Tarras bought the cow which was the only source of milk for the children
 - (iv) The imps told him not to
 - (e) What is the Happy Man's utmost skill?
 - (i) Simple Truth (ii) Public fame
 - (iii) Private breath (iv) Honest thought

- (f) Who was the Indian scientist famous for Chandra Limit?
 - (i) APJ Abdul Kalam
 - (ii) Sir CV Raman
 - (iii) Srinivasa Ramanujan
 - (iv) Chandrasekhar Subramanian
- (g) What is the mother guilty of in the poem ‘Mother’s Tears’?
 - (i) Being timid and poor
 - (ii) Spoiling her son
 - (iii) Giving birth to a son
 - (iv) Giving her son a hard life
- (h) Who is Hamadryad in the Greek mythology?
 - (i) The tree nymph
 - (ii) A mermaid
 - (iii) Imps
 - (iv) Fairies
- (i) What did Hans suffer from in the winters?
 - (i) Warmth and prosperity
 - (ii) Excessive visitors
 - (iii) Cold and hunger
 - (iv) Missing the Miller
- (j) What do the first three stanzas of the poem, ‘The Soul’s Prayer’ represent?
 - (i) The child’s desire for happiness
 - (ii) The child’s desire for joy
 - (iii) The child’s desire for truth
 - (iv) The child’s desire for knowledge

Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words: 5x2=10

- 10. How did Ivan, the fool get to marry the Tsar’s daughter?
- 11. Why doesn’t the Happy Man need any other armour or protection? (*Character of a Happy Life*)
- 12. What was pointed out to the stout old lady on a street in Petrograd? (*On the Rule of the Road*)
- 13. Why did the jester refuse to leave Ivan’s palace?
- 14. Why didn’t the mother ever question her son’s lifestyle in the poem, ‘Mother’s Tears’?

Answer the following questions in about 40-45 words: 5x4=20

- 15. What is the myth about Diana? What did Science do to this myth? (*Sonnet- To Science*)
(2+2=4)
- 16. How did Imp 1 plan to destroy Simeon? (*The Tale of Ivan the Fool*)
- 17. How did the Ogress convince her husband to wait till ‘D-Day’?
- 18. Why was Abdul Kalam impressed with Srikanth, the visually challenged boy?

- 19. a. “Child, I will hearken to thy prayer,
And thy unconquered soul shall know
All passionate rapture and despair.” (*The Soul’s Prayer*)
 - a. Who is the speaker? (1)
 - b. Why is the soul ‘unconquered’? (1)
 - c. What does the speaker promise the child? (2)

Or

- b. ‘We have a whole kingdom in which we rule alone.’ (*On the Rule of the Road*)
 - i. What happens when we enter our own private kingdom? (2)
 - ii. How can we accommodate our liberties with the liberties of others? (2)

Read the lines and answer the questions that follow in about 50-60 words: 2x5=10

- 20. ‘Dear little Hans,’ cried the Miller, ‘I am in great trouble.’
 - a. What was the trouble that the Miller is referring to here? (2)
 - b. What did the Miller ask Hans to do for him? (2)
 - c. Did Hans agree to help the Miller? (1)

- 21. ‘Soon the fools had a lot of gold coins, but none understood their real worth.’ (*The Tale of Ivan the Fool*)
 - a. Mention any two things the fools did to receive a lot of gold coins. (2)
 - b. What did they do with the gold coins? (2)
 - c. From whom did they receive the gold coins? (1)
