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CLASS VIII

**Formative Assessment – 3 ENGLISH
Question bank**

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

A human being, a unique animal is considered to be the most powerful animal of the universe because of complex body constitution, intelligence and memory power. One of the characteristics of this memory power is that it can be utilized to remember only useful and relevant things and unwanted information can be easily forgotten. If human beings do not forget the irrelevant information, they will become mad and it will be difficult for them to lead a life of vigour and enthusiasm.

But many people spoil their precious health by evil thinking and wrongful attitudes. Such people, no matter how nutritious food they eat, can't enjoy good health because their misguided attitudes and frivolous thinking keep on adding poison to the body and because of this reason a lot of vital energy is wasted. Hating somebody, disliking, finding faults in others' work, remaining dissatisfied, doubting others' motives, anger, thinking himself to be always correct are some of the ill-feelings. These ill-feelings and negative attitudes could be due to bottling up the feelings within one self, hiding the facts even from closest friend, keeping one's feelings suppressed all the time. Such people who do not express their feelings correctly and try to hide them in their hearts have to spend a lot of energy for this purpose. Because of this, their nerves always remain tense. The suppressed feelings go far beyond the consciousness and in turn affect person's personality. They put pressure on heart because the power of tissues starts deteriorating. After some time it proves to be detrimental to the nervous system. The weakening of the nerves further affects the rest of the organs of the body and their functioning. The blood circulation slows down and heart beat increases. Because of tension and fear, the glands of digestive system don't secrete the necessary gastric juices resulting in less appetite and indigestion. So nurturing negative thinking is a bane and positive thinking is a boon.

1. A human being is different from other animals because _____ 1
2. Only that human being can lead a life of enthusiasm and vigour. _____ 1
3. People with negative thinking can't lead an energetic life because _____ 1
4. Mention two points which show that a person has a negative attitude. a) _____
b) _____ 2
5. Negative attitude affects not only _____ system but also _____ system. 1
6. Feelings should not be suppressed because _____. 1
7. Find words from the passage which mean: 3
 - a) Energy _____
 - b) Harmful _____
 - c) Cultivating or rearing _____

A gentleman was repeatedly picking up starfish along a beach in Mexico. He was throwing them into the sea. When asked why he was doing so he said' "I am throwing these starfish back into the ocean because they came in with the high tide and now the tide has receded, they will die here stranded." "But there must be thousands on every beach. You can't possibly make a difference," asked the other

man. The man smiled, lifted yet another starfish and as he threw it back into the sea, said, “made a difference to that one.”

The story shows that it is not the big things only that really count in life. In fact all great people build their character by doing small day-to-day good actions. Gandhi once was standing in the open compartment door of a speeding train. He was lost in his thoughts when one of his ‘chappals’ slipped from one of his foot and fell down. The moment he realized it was gone, he dropped the other one too. On being asked why he did so he replied, “One chappal is of no use to me, nor to him who finds the dropped one. So he might as well have the full pair.” This incident shows that nothing was too insignificant for Gandhiji.

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

- 1) The gentleman at shore was _____
 - a) Picking up shells from the sea shore
 - b) Watching the boys playing
 - c) Playing in the sea shore
 - d) Picking up starfish
- 2) The man said he made a difference by _____
 - a) Saving the life of the starfish
 - b) Taking the starfish to his house
 - b) Playing with the starfish
 - d) Showing the starfish to his friends
- 3) Gandhiji realized that one of his chappals fell down and _____
 - a) tried to stop the train
 - b) Was depressed that he lost one of his chappals
 - b) Dropped the other one also
 - c) Was happy that he would buy a new one
- 4) Gandhiji explained that _____
 - a) He can buy a new one
 - b) One chappal would be useful to him
 - c) One chappal was of no use to him and nor for the finder
 - d) The finder would be unhappy with one chappal
- 5) The incident shows the attitude of Gandhiji that _____
 - a) Chappals were not important to him
 - b) Nothing was too significant for Gandhiji
 - c) He never wanted a chappal
 - d) Everything was significant for Gandhiji

III paragraph writing

5Marks

- a) My ambition in life
- b) My favourite book

IV Complete the story

6Marks

- a) Once upon a time there was a boy.....

- b) A man had an ambition of getting a commission. He was a man of knowledge . He had been working hard to.....

V Re arrange the jumbled words

2marks

- a) We can/ the enemy planes/ the approach of/ if we know about/ do this only.
b) The most important task/ is to defend/ an air attack/ of the Air force/ by an enemy/ the country/ against
c) We have/ called radar/ or equipment/ for this purpose/ a special kind

VI Reported speech

2marks

- a) John said “Do you love this town?”
b) “Will you drive this car?” he said.

VII Fill in the blanks using suitable words

3marks

- a) (a)_____ interviewing children (b)_____ were candidates for a special programme (c)_____ of the questions asked was what life would be (d)_____ 100 years hence. Ravi, one of the candidate answered, “One thing is for sure, February (e) _____ be the longest month of the year as they add a day to it (f)_____ four years”.

VIII Extract poem or prose

3marks

Said the Duck to the Kangaroo,
‘Good gracious! how you hop!
Over the fields and the water too,
As if you never would stop!
My life is a bore in this nasty pond,
And I long to go out in the world beyond!
I wish I could hop like you!’
Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.

- a) Name the poem and the poet?
b) What does the duck wish to do?
c) What is the duck envious about the kangaroo?
d) Give the meaning of Gracious.

IX Textual questions to prepare.

6Marks.

- a) When did the poet start his journey to Lyonesse?
b) What happened to the poet in Lyonesse?
c) How did the author compare Stephen Hawkings to a lamp?
d) What is Stephen Hawking’s view about para-Olympics?

- e) How does the mist cover the hills?
- f) Mention some of the monsoon flowers as described by Ruskin Bond.
- g) Describe the forest pool?
- h) What was the cause of the fight? (The fight)
- i) According to the niece why was the Window kept open?
- j) Why did Framton Nuttle come to Mrs.Sappleton's house?

Long answer

3 marks

Imagine you are Biju and describe the beauty of monsoon season.