

## Holiday Homework

**Class/Sec : IG-1**

**Subject : English**

### **I. Read the following passage carefully.**

Our house is filled with photos. They cover the walls of my kitchen, dining room and den. I see our family's entire history, starting with my wedding, continuing through the births of both sons, buying a home, family gatherings and vacations. When my sons were little, they loved to pose. They waved, danced, climbed trees, batted balls, hung upside down from the jungle gym and did anything for a picture. But when they reached adolescence, picture-taking changed into something they barely tolerated. Their bodies were growing at haphazard speeds. Reluctantly they stood with us or with their grandparents at birthday celebrations and smiled weakly at the camera for as short a time as possible.

I am the chronicler of our photographs. I select those to be framed and arrange the others in albums. The process is addictive, and as the shelves that hold our albums become fuller and fuller, I wonder what will become of them. Will anyone look at these photographs in future years? If my sons look at them, what will they think of us and of themselves? One bright afternoon, I took some photographs of my father with my husband as they fished in a lake near our vacation house. As my sons and I sat on the shore and watched them row away, I picked the camera up and photographed the beautiful lake surrounded by green trees. The two men I loved gradually grew smaller until all I could see were my father's red shirt, and the tan and blue caps on their heads.

My father died a week later, and suddenly those photos became priceless to me. I wept when I pasted them in our album. I wept again afterwards when I saw my younger son looking at them. It was a few days before he went away to college. He had taken all our albums down from the bookshelves in the den and spread them out on the carpet. It had been a very long time since I had seen him doing this. Once he stopped posing for pictures, he seemed to lose interest in looking at them. But now he was on the verge of leaving home. This was his special time to look ahead and look back. I stood for a moment in the hall by the den, and then tiptoed away. I didn't take a photo of my son that afternoon, but I will remember how he looked for as long as I live. Some pictures, I learned, don't have to be taken with a camera.

### **1. Fill in the summary using one word only.**

The author was (a) \_\_\_\_\_ about taking photographs and framing them. But she always (b) \_\_\_\_\_ whether her sons would ever look at them. She was full of (c) \_\_\_\_\_ when she pasted the pictures of her father's last days in the album. She learnt that some pictures always (d) \_\_\_\_\_ in one's mind without a camera.

### **2. Two examples that show that the author's sons were averse to taking photographs are:**

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_

### **3. Give words that mean the same as**

- a. not organized or planned (para 1)
- c. very valuable (para 3)

- b. one who records events in order (para 2)
- d. continued engagement with an activity (para 2)

## II. Read the following passage carefully.

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. 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 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.

### Based on the passage, answer the following questions.

(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.

**III. Read the following extract from an article in a magazine and then using your own ideas as well, write an article for your school magazine on, 'The Delights and Usefulness of Walking' in about 100-120 words.**

You may start your article with the help of these hints:

Walking has its own delights. Sadly in India walking is associated with deprivation and poverty. Pavements and pedestrians get second class treatment.

**IV. Shreya started writing a short story for school magazine. Unfortunately she fell ill and could not complete it. Imagine you are the Student Editor, complete the story in about 100-120 words by adding a few points of your own. Give a suitable title to your story**

The lady was old and slightly bent. Her hair had grown grey like silver lines. One day she was standing on one side of the road, waiting for someone to lend her a helping hand to cross the road. The passersby didn't care a jot, suddenly.....