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**FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT – 1,**

**SUB:ENGLISH**  
**CLASS:VIII**

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**MARKS:40**  
**TIME:90M**

**SECTION –A**  
**(READING)**

**I Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions 5M**

About the year 1900, a small, dark-haired boy named Charles Chaplin was often seen waiting outside the back entrances of London theatres. He looked thin and hungry but his blue eyes were determined. He was hoping to get work in show business. He could sing and dance. His parents were music-hall performers and he had been born into the life of the theatre. And, although his own boyhood was painfully hard, he knew how to make people laugh.

His own father had died from drinking too much. And his mother was not really able to look after Charles and his older half-brother, Sid. She was often sick in mind and had to be sent into hospital.

**Choose the right option.**

- 1) The boy Charles Chaplin was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) brown-haired
  - b) dark-haired
  - c) red-haired
  - d) light-haired
- 2) Chaplin thought to get a job in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) soap business
  - b) hotel business
  - c) show business
  - d) hospital business
- 3) His parents were \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) music-hall performers
  - b) actors
  - c) singers
  - d) directors
- 4) His father had died due to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) an illness
  - b) accident
  - c) drinking
  - d) suicide

- 5) The meaning of 'determined' is \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) mind made up                      b) mind turn up  
c) mind fade up                      d) mind turn down

**II. Read the following poem carefully and answer the given questions:  
5M**

Wind, come softly  
Don't break the shuttle of the windows.  
Don't scatter the papers.  
Don't throw down books on the shelf.  
There, look what you did- you threw them all down.  
You tore the pages of the books.  
You brought rain again.  
You're very clever at poking fun at weaklings.  
Frail crumbling house, crumbling doors, crumbling rafters,  
Crumbling wood, crumbling bodies, crumbling lives, crumbling hearts-  
The wind god winnows and crushes them all.  
He won't do what you tell him.  
So, come, let's build strong homes,  
Let's join the doors firmly.  
Practice to firm the body.  
Make the heart steadfast.

- a) Whom has the poet invited in the poem?  
b) What does he request not to break?  
c) 'You threw them all down' – what is 'them' here?  
d) The wind is clever at poking fun at \_\_\_\_\_.  
e) The poet requests the people to build \_\_\_\_\_.

### SECTION – B (WRITING)

- III. Recently you had actively participated in Harithahaaram - Plantation Day at your school. Make a diary entry in about 60 – 70 words expressing your great feelings of such a day. 5M
- IV. Write a letter to your Principal, requesting him for a Study Certificate. Also write why you need it. 4M

### SECTION – C (GRAMMAR)

- V. Look at the following words and phrases. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. 4 M
- a) Himachal Pradesh / scenery / full of / is / enchanting.
- b) heaven / it / summer / is / during / season.
- c) inhabitants / innocent / its / very / simple / original / are / and
- d) must / pollute / not / beauty / its / we.
- VI. Fill in the blanks with the suitable adjectives. 4M
- Some huge a little whose
1. A \_\_\_\_\_ crowd gathered round the place of accident.
  2. We have only \_\_\_\_\_ time. We have to hurry up.
  3. The man \_\_\_\_\_ house we want to buy is a doctor.
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ words are missing in these sentences.

### SECTION – D (LITERATURE)

- VII. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follows. 3M

At last by starvation and famine made bold,  
All dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold,  
Away he set off to a miserly ant,  
To see if, to keep him alive, he would grant  
Him shelter from rain,  
And a mouthful of grain.  
He wished only to borrow:  
He'd repay it tomorrow;  
If not, he must die of starvation and sorrow.

1. Name the above poem and the poet.
2. Who was dripping with wet and why?
3. Why did he go to the miserly ant?

VIII. Answer the following questions.

6 M

1. What did he find in a secret drawer? Who do you think has put it there?
2. What made the dog, the horse and the ox very angry?
3. What is Connie's Christmas present? Why is it "the best Christmas present in the world"?

IX. Answer the following question

4M

"Games or sports are the good ways of resolving conflicts". Do you agree?