

FORMATIVE EVALUATION

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PART 2

Reading Comprehension

And

Written Expression

QUESTIONNAIRE

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SITUATION 1

This is what you see in today's newspaper about the weather forecast for the regions of New Brunswick. Read it and answer questions 1, 2 and 3.

FORECASTS FOR NEW BRUNSWICK ISSUED BY THE NEW BRUNSWICK WEATHER CENTRE OF ENVIRONMENT CANADA AT 5:00 AM ADT FRIDAY 1 AUGUST FOR TODAY AND SATURDAY. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED AT 11:00 AM.

**SAINT JOHN AND COUNTY
GRAND MANAN AND COASTAL CHARLOTTE COUNTY
FUNDY NATIONAL PARK.**

TODAY..A MIX OF SUN AND CLOUD. FOG PATCHES DISSIPATING THIS MORNING. HIGH 20 AT THE COAST TO 25 INLAND. UV INDEX 8 OR HIGH.

TONIGHT..CLOUDING OVER THIS EVENING. PERIODS OF RAIN TOWARD DAWN. LOW 13.

SATURDAY..PERIODS OF RAIN. AMOUNT 10 TO 15 MM. WIND BECOMING EAST 20 KM/H. HIGH 20.

**MONCTON AND SOUTHEAST NEW BRUNSWICK
KENT COUNTY
KOUCHIBOUGUAC NATIONAL PARK.**

TODAY..A MIX OF SUN AND CLOUD. FOG PATCHES DISSIPATING THIS MORNING. HIGH 27. UV INDEX 8 OR HIGH.

TONIGHT..CLOUDY PERIODS. LOW 14.

SATURDAY..CLOUDING OVER. PERIODS OF RAIN BEGINNING IN THE MORNING. AMOUNT 10 TO 15 MM. HIGH 23.

**GRAND FALLS AND VICTORIA COUNTY
MT CARLETON-RENOUS HIGHWAY.**

TODAY..A MIX OF SUN AND CLOUD. 40 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS LATE THIS AFTERNOON. HIGH 27. UV INDEX 7 OR HIGH.

TONIGHT..CLOUDY PERIODS. 40 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS THIS EVENING. LOW 14.

SATURDAY..INCREASING CLOUDINESS. PERIODS OF RAIN BEGINNING TOWARD NOON. AMOUNT 5 TO 10 MM. HIGH 23.

Read statements 1, 2 and 3.
Choose A, B, C or D.

1. Which region won't have fog today?
 - a) Kent County
 - b) St-John
 - c) Grand Manan
 - d) Grand Falls

2. Which area will have cloudy skies during the night?
 - a) Mt Carleton
 - b) Fundy National Park
 - c) Moncton
 - d) Victoria County

3. Next Tuesday's date will be...
 - a) August 5
 - b) August 4
 - c) August 7
 - d) August 2

SITUATION 2

You want to visit New Orleans in Louisiana and you are looking for a place to stay. Read the ads below and answer questions 4 and 5.

Ramada Limited – Gold Award. Free high-speed internet. Hot breakfast. Café, Spa, Salon and valet parking. Gym, meeting room & pool. In-room micro-fridge, iron & coffee. (318) 410-1005.

Sleep Inn Metairie – Free McDonald's breakfast, cable and internet. Free parking, pool and exercise facility available. Conference room. 15 minutes from French Market. (318) 251-4433.

A Villa Bed & Breakfast – Circa 1905. 5 Rooms with whirlpools tubs. Cable, TV/VCR, full breakfast, quiet and romantic. In historical district, Cajun restaurant nearby. (318) 352-2178.

The Jackson Street Guest House – Simple luxury. Private 1900 cottage. Spacious Suite with Jacuzzi. Kitchen privileges & screen porch. Complimentary breakfast. 10 minutes from Casino. (318) 251-5521.

Read statements 4 and 5.

Choose A, B, C or D.

4. You'd rather have a room with breakfast included. Where will you have to pay for your breakfast?
- a) Sleep Inn Metairie
 - b) The Jackson Street Guest House
 - c) Ramada Limited
 - d) A Villa Bed & Breakfast
5. You hate it when you have to carry your luggage all the way from the parking area to the hotel? Where would you love to stay?
- a) Sleep Inn Metairie
 - b) The Jackson Street Guest House
 - c) Ramada Limited
 - d) A Villa Bed & Breakfast

SITUATION 3

You are reading a magazine and notice this article. Read it carefully and answer questions 6, 7 and 8.

Niagara Falls Run Dry

There appears to have been nothing terribly unusual about the winter of 1847-48. But during the night of March 29-30, 1848, the great cataracts over both falls diminished, slowed to a trickle and then stopped completely! When the local residents awoke on the morning of the 30th, something felt wrong...indeed, something sounded wrong. There was...*silence*. No roaring water filled the ambient background as it had every morning in anyone's memory.

Many rushed to the Falls and saw: rock and ice and some ponds and pools of water. The Niagara River had stopped flowing, and both the Horseshoe Falls and the American Falls had stopped, well, falling!

Despite the limited and slow communication network of the day, a reported 5000 people from as far as Hamilton, Ontario and Buffalo, New York converged on the scene, jamming local roads. Thousands attended special church services, convinced that the incident was a prophetic sign of greater disasters yet to come.

But many brave souls took the opportunity to descend into the Great Niagara Gorge and explore the never-before-seen basin at the foot of the Niagara Falls. Some retrieved a variety of relics from beneath the Falls, including weapons from the War of

1812: bayonets, musket barrels, swords, pistols and tomahawks. Several enterprising men brought a cart to the edge of the Horseshoe Falls and salvaged huge pine logs and timbers 12-18 metres (36-60 ft) long that had jammed there. These were eventually turned into furniture and sold (at premium price?) as special items that had an incredible and rare story attached to their wood.

Others used the opportunity to walk or ride across the river above and below the Falls. A squadron of United States Army cavalry rode down the river bed enjoying the novel situation. Operators of the *Maid of the Mist* excursion boat took the occasion to blast away a rock outcrop from the channel which had threatened the boat's keel.

The cause of the water stoppage appears to have been a perfect ice dam formed at the source of the Niagara River near Buffalo.

To date, this was the only *natural* occasion when the waters of the full Niagara Falls complex stopped completely. An ice boom placed in Lake Erie to protect water intakes for the hydroelectric generating stations on both sides of the Niagara River will likely prevent a similar ice dam from ever again forming.

Read statements 6, 7 and 8.

Choose A, B, C or D.

6. What happened one night of March 1848?
- a) Cataracts formed on the Niagara River.
 - b) Many people hurried to the falls and perished.
 - c) Nothing unusual happened.
 - d) The Niagara Falls stopped falling.
7. What was recovered at the bottom of the Falls?
- a) Numerous objects and pieces of wood.
 - b) Large pieces of furniture.
 - c) Weapons that had been lost recently.
 - d) A large number of Indian bones and pottery.
8. What was the cause of this extraordinary event?
- a) It still remains a mystery to this day.
 - b) God sent a clear message of more disasters to come.
 - c) An ice jam occurred in the Niagara River.
 - d) The Falls froze over for several hours.

SITUATION 4

In the same magazine, you find this other article. Read it carefully and answer questions 9 and 10.

Space

In 1866, a meteorite fell to Earth near Knyahinya, Hungary. It was then given to Doctor Otto Hahn, a respected German geologist. Hahn sawed off several slices which he polished to a transparent thinness. Under a microscope he found what looked like miniature, fossilized lifeforms similar to Earth sealife: sponges and corals. Before going public with his findings the doctor decided to get a second opinion. He asked a zoologist, Doctor D.F. Weinland, to determine what he had found. Doctor Weinland studied the ocean-like objects and agreed with Doctor Hahn's findings. The two eminent scientists published their research in 'Popular Science' in 1880. They experienced a backlash. Their fellow colleagues would not even examine the evidence. Instead, they were told that the Earth was unique and that it was the only place in the universe with life. This discovery was buried.

In September of 1921, William Marconi claimed to have received radio communication, from outer space, on his yacht in the Mediterranean. At that time a radio transmitter could only transmit signals with a wavelength of up to 24,000 meters. His radio receiver picked up signals with a wavelength of up to 150,000 meters.

No transmitter was capable of doing that at this time and the regularity of the signals ruled out any possibility of electrical disturbances. The signals looked like a code. But the only part that could be understood was something which was similar to the letter "V" in our Morse Code.

In 1924, the American Navy worked with Amherst College to find out if there was life on Mars. They would use the latest technology to try and receive radio signals from that planet. The two scientists who headed the project were Doctor David Todd and Francis Jenkins. The receiver they used was called a 'Radio-Camera'. Newly invented, this instrument could convert radio waves into visual images. These images could then be recorded on sensitized paper film thirty feet long and six inches wide. On the night of August 23, they aimed their device at Mars. Over a 29 hour period, when the radio signals came in, they were converted into a beam of light and recorded onto the paper film. Unmistakably, a human face kept appearing on the film over and over again. The scientists were baffled as to how the signals could be transmitted to produce such a strange result. Called the 'Martian Code', it was never deciphered.

Read statements 9 and 10.

Choose A, B, C or D.

9. What fact can be inferred from this article?
- a) Earth was hit by a huge rock from space.
 - b) Marconi invented the radio in 1921.
 - c) Americans discovered Mars.
 - d) Unexplained events have been happening for years.
10. What was the 'Martian Code' ?
- a) It was a device called a Radio-Camera.
 - b) They were symbols seen on the surface of Mars.
 - c) It was a series of pictures of a human face.
 - d) It was a special paper that could record images from radio waves.

SITUATION 5

You are spending the construction vacation at the beach. Write a postcard to a friend. Tell him or her:

- Where you are
- How the weather is
- How the place and people are
- What you have been doing
- How you will spend the rest of your vacation

SITUATION 6

You were chosen to be a contestant on 'The Price Is Right' game show and you won the final showcase which included winter sports equipment, kitchen appliances and a brand new Honda CRV. You already have all of these things at home and you need money more than these prizes. Choose one of these items and write an ad to sell it. Give the name of the person to contact. (15 words minimum)