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Summative Assessment - Term I 2025-26

SCORING KEY: ENGLISH

CLASS: VIII

Time 1 ½ Hours TOTAL SCORE : 40

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SL.NO.	SCORING INDICATORS	SCORE
1.	The narrator describes the landslide as a big landslide.	1
2.	D. Both A and C	1
3.	Debris	1
4.	The song sung by the bird is without words	1
5.	Hope is the thing with feathers	1
6.	C. in the chillest land	1
7.	Shakespeare compares the world to a great stage where every man and woman plays different roles in life. He beautifully describes the seven stages of a man's life – beginning as an infant, then a whining schoolboy, a passionate lover, and a brave but short-tempered soldier. Each stage has its own charm and struggles. The use of similes and alliteration makes the poem more lively and expressive, showing that life itself is like a drama where everyone has an entrance and an exit.	4
8.	Fred pointed out that there was a hut among the tree	1
9.	iii) Both B and D	1
10	Haven't you?	1
11 (A)	Diary Entry	
	Date:19 - Aug - 2025, Tuesday 10.10 PM Today was a very disturbing day. On my way to Mussoorie, I witnessed a big landslide. Huge debris fell down, blocking the road and creating fear in everyone's mind. For a moment, I felt helpless and worried about what might happen. Though we managed to find another way, the sight of the falling rocks and the danger around us still troubles me. I will never forget this experience.	4
11(B)	Character Sketch of Young Abdul Kalam	
	Young Abdul Kalam was a hardworking and responsible boy. He was very eager to support his family, even at a young age. He took up small jobs with sincerity and never felt ashamed of doing them. His honesty, dedication, and sense of duty made him special. Kalam valued education, discipline, and hard work, which later shaped his	

	Emily Dickinson was a famous American poet, born on 10 December 1830 in Massachusetts. She is well known for her innovative style of writing. Her poems often focused on death,	4
14.	Profile of Emily Dickinson	
	Sincerely, Mani	
	Thank you for your support.	
	Kindly arrange to clear the road at the earliest and take necessary steps for rescue and safety.	
	I am Mani, a traveller on the way to Mussoorie. Today we faced a big landslide on the mountain road. The road is blocked with heavy debris, and it is very difficult for us to continue the journey. Many passengers, including elderly people like my granny, are stranded here.	4
	Respected Sir,	
13(A)	To: bro.mussoorie@gmail.com Subject: Request for Clearing Road after Landslide	
12 (B)	The picture shows a silent, calm river flowing gently. On both sides of the river there are green trees adding beauty to the scene. In the clear blue sky, free birds are flying happily. Between the river banks, a tall rocky mountain stands, looking strong and majestic. The whole view is peaceful and beautiful, like a picture of nature's harmony.	
	Friend: True. You are an inspiration to us!	
	Kalam: Thank you. I believe even small efforts can make a big difference.	
	Friend: That's really great, Kalam. You are so responsible at this young age.	
	Kalam: I want to support my family. We need the money, and this is a way I can help.	
	Friend: Why do you take up this work along with your studies?	4
	Kalam: Sometimes I do, but I must do it.	
	Friend: Kalam, I see you delivering newspapers every morning. Don't you get tired?	
12(A)	can make a big difference. Conversation	
	life. His childhood shows us that even little efforts and sacrifices	

	immortality, and nature.	
	Some of her notable works include "Because I Could Not Stop for Death", "I Heard a Fly Buzz When I Died", and "Success is Counted Sweetest".	
	She passed away on 15 May 1886, but her poetry still inspires readers all over the world.	
15	ISRO SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHES NEW WEATHER SATELLITE	1
16.	INDIA TO EVACUATE ITS NATIONALS FROM ISRAEL	1
17	B) There is a growing global consensus on environmental issues	1
18	(a) Taken aback (b) make out (c) Try out	3
19	a) fitted b) an c) tuition d) had	2
20.	(a) Why do you want to do that?(b) go to bed early at night.(c) you can do your work without any problem.	3

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