

Name of the School: _____

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2026–27)

Class X — ENGLISH (Third Language)

Common for English and Telugu Medium

Model Question Paper — Set A

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

Name of the Student: _____ Roll No.: _____

Syllabus covered: Unit 1 Personality Development (Attitude is Altitude; Every Success Story is also a Story of Great Failures; I Will Do It), Unit 2 Wit and Humour (The Dear Departed – Parts I & II; The Brave Potter), Unit 3 Human Relations (The Journey; Another Woman; The Never-Never Nest), with grammar and discourses covered in these units

Instructions:

1. This paper has two parts. Part A (60 marks) is to be answered in the answer booklet within the first 2 hours 30 minutes.
2. Part B (20 marks) is to be answered on the question paper itself in the last 30 minutes.
3. Read the passages carefully before answering. Write neatly and within the word limit wherever given.

PART – A

Time: 2 Hours 30 Minutes

Marks: 60

SECTION – A: READING COMPREHENSION (30 Marks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions in one or two sentences each. ($5 \times 2 = 10$)

Nick Vujicic was born in Melbourne, Australia, in 1982 without arms or legs. As a child he was often lonely and was bullied at school, and he kept wondering why he had been made so different from everyone else. At the age of ten he felt so hopeless that he almost gave up on life.

A turning point came when his mother showed him a newspaper article about a man who had overcome a serious disability. Nick slowly understood that he was not alone and that his life could still have a purpose. He learned to write using two toes on his small left foot, and later to type, to swim and even to surf. After completing a degree in commerce, he began speaking to groups of students about hope. Today he travels around the world as a motivational speaker, and his organisation, Life Without Limbs, reaches millions of people. Nick believes that a person who is waiting for a miracle can instead become a miracle for someone else.

1. Where and when was Nick Vujicic born?
2. What happened when Nick was ten years old?
3. What changed Nick's attitude towards life?
4. Mention any two things that Nick learned to do.
5. What does Nick mean when he says a person can "become a miracle for someone else"?

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. ($5 \times 2 = 10$)

When Lakshmi entered the district science fair for the first time, her water-filter model leaked all over the table. The judges moved on to the next stall within a minute. She went home and cried, and for a week she refused even to look at the model.

Her grandfather, a farmer who had lost his crop to drought three times, sat with her one evening. "The rain does not come because I am angry with the sky," he said. "It comes, and I must be ready with the seeds." Lakshmi opened her notebook again. She tested sand, charcoal and gravel in different layers and wrote down every result, even the bad ones. The next year her filter cleaned muddy water from the village tank well enough to be used for washing, and her model won the first prize. When a reporter asked about the secret of her success, she opened her notebook and pointed to the pages full of mistakes.

6. What happened to Lakshmi's model at her first science fair?
7. How did Lakshmi react to her failure?
8. What did her grandfather mean by his words about the rain and the seeds?

9. What materials did Lakshmi test for her filter?

10. Why do you think Lakshmi showed the reporter the pages full of mistakes?

Answer any TWO of the following in about 80–100 words each. (2 × 5 = 10)

11. Answer any two:

- (a) Describe the character of Mrs Slater in ‘The Dear Departed’.
- (b) How did the potter become a hero in ‘The Brave Potter’?
- (c) What problems did Jack and Jill face because of buying things on instalments in ‘The Never-Never Nest’?

SECTION – B: CREATIVE WRITING (DISCOURSES) (30 Marks)

Answer each question. Choose (a) or (b) in each. (3 × 10 = 30)

12. (a) Write a letter to your friend describing how you overcame a difficulty in your life and what you learnt from it.

OR

(b) Write a biographical sketch of Nick Vujicic using the hints given below.

- Born: 1982, Melbourne, Australia; born without arms and legs
- Childhood: loneliness, bullying at school
- Learnt to write with his toes, to type, swim and surf
- Education: degree in commerce
- Work: motivational speaker; founded Life Without Limbs
- Message: hope and a positive attitude

13. (a) Imagine you are Victoria in ‘The Dear Departed’. Write a diary entry about the day Grandfather came downstairs.

OR

(b) Write a conversation of about 10 exchanges between Jack and Jill in which they discuss how to pay their monthly instalments.

14. (a) Prepare a poster for your school campaign “Say No to Dowry”.

OR

(b) Write a short story that begins with: “The day my results came, I did not want to go home...”

PART – B

Time: 30 Minutes

Marks: 20

I. Grammar

Choose the correct answer and write its letter in the bracket. (10 × 1 = 10)

1. Nick is _____ inspiring speaker. []
(A) a (B) an (C) the (D) no article
2. The villagers were afraid _____ the tiger. []
(A) of (B) from (C) with (D) at
3. Grandfather was lying _____ bed upstairs. []
(A) on (B) in (C) at (D) over
4. Neither Jack _____ Jill could pay the bill. []
(A) or (B) nor (C) and (D) but
5. If I _____ rich, I would help the poor. []
(A) am (B) was (C) were (D) be
6. Choose the passive form: “The potter caught the tiger.” []
(A) The tiger was caught by the potter.
(B) The tiger is caught by the potter.
(C) The tiger has been caught by the potter.
(D) The potter was caught by the tiger.
7. Choose the reported form: He said, “I am tired.” []
(A) He said that I am tired. (B) He said that he was tired.
(C) He said that he is tired. (D) He told that he was tired.
8. Mrs Slater is very clever, _____? []
(A) is she (B) isn’t she (C) was she (D) doesn’t she
9. She _____ the letter before I reached home. []
(A) has written (B) had written (C) writes (D) will write
10. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence. []
(A) “Where are you going?” asked Ben. (B) “Where are you going.” asked Ben?
(C) Where are you going? “asked Ben.” (D) “Where are you going” asked Ben?

II. Vocabulary

Choose the correct answer and write its letter in the bracket. (5 × 1 = 5)

11. The synonym of ‘determined’ is []
(A) resolute (B) confused (C) lazy (D) weak
12. The antonym of ‘generous’ is []
(A) kind (B) mean (C) rich (D) polite
13. Choose the correctly spelt word. []
(A) occassion (B) occasion (C) ocssion (D) occation
14. Which word comes first in dictionary order? []
(A) attitude (B) arrive (C) altitude (D) apple
15. The noun form of ‘decide’ is []
(A) decisive (B) decision (C) decided (D) decisively

III. Match the words with their meanings

(5 × 1 = 5)

No.	Word		Meaning
16.	bureau ()	A.	a part payment made at regular intervals
17.	instalment ()	B.	to save someone from danger
18.	bully ()	C.	a writing desk with drawers
19.	rescue ()	D.	expressing sorrow for someone's death
20.	mourning ()	E.	to frighten or hurt a weaker person
		F.	a large farm animal

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