

Name of the School: _____

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2026–27)

Class X — ENGLISH (Third Language)

Common for English and Telugu Medium

Model Question Paper — Set B

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. ($5 \times 2 = 10$)

Behind almost every success story lies a longer story of failures. Thomas Edison tested thousands of materials before he found a filament that could make an electric bulb glow for many hours. When someone asked him how it felt to fail so many times, he replied that he had not failed; he had only found many ways that did not work.

Abraham Lincoln lost several elections before he became the President of the United States in 1860. J. K.

Rowling's first Harry Potter book was rejected by twelve publishers before one agreed to print it. What these people shared was not luck but the courage to try again. They treated each failure as a lesson rather than as the end of the road.

1. What did Edison test before he succeeded with the electric bulb?
2. How did Edison describe his “failures”?
3. What happened to Abraham Lincoln before he became President?
4. How many publishers rejected Rowling's first book?
5. According to the passage, what did all these successful people have in common?

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

Ramaiah of our street never bought anything; he only borrowed. On Monday it was our ladder, on Tuesday our bicycle pump, and by Friday he had our umbrella. “I will return it tomorrow,” he always said, and tomorrow never came. One rainy evening my father needed the umbrella urgently. He knocked on Ramaiah's door and found him standing on our ladder, fixing a leak in his roof, while his son pumped air into our bicycle.

“Ah, you have come at the right time,” said Ramaiah happily. “Could you also lend me a hammer?” My father laughed so much that he forgot why he had gone there. Since that day, whenever something goes missing in our house, we do not search for it. We simply walk to Ramaiah's house.

6. What was Ramaiah's habit?
7. Name any two things Ramaiah borrowed from the writer's family.
8. What did the writer's father see when he went to Ramaiah's house?
9. Why did the father forget why he had gone there?
10. What does the family do now when something is missing? Why is this funny?

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

11. Answer any two:

- (a) What was Abel Merryweather's plan at the end of 'The Dear Departed'? How did it surprise his daughters?
- (b) What is the central message of the poem 'Another Woman'?
- (c) What lessons does 'Attitude is Altitude' teach young people?

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

Answer each question. Choose (a) or (b) in each. ($3 \times 10 = 30$)

12. (a) Write a letter to your younger brother advising him not to lose heart after failing in an examination.

OR

(b) Write a biographical sketch of Thomas Edison using the hints given below.

- Born: 1847, Milan, Ohio (USA)
- Very little formal schooling; taught at home by his mother
- Sold newspapers on trains as a boy
- Invented the phonograph (1877) and a long-lasting electric bulb (1879)
- Held more than 1,000 patents
- Died: 1931

13. (a) Write a conversation of about 10 exchanges between Mrs Slater and Mrs Jordan about sharing Grandfather's belongings.

OR

(b) Imagine you are Jill in 'The Never-Never Nest'. Write a diary entry about the day you realised how much money you owed.

14. (a) Write a news report on the Science Fair held in your school.

OR

(b) Prepare a notice inviting students to a "Humour Day" programme in your school.

PART – B

Time: 30 Minutes

Marks: 20

I. Grammar

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

1. She is _____ honest girl. []
(A) a (B) an (C) the (D) no article
2. Abel Merryweather was fond _____ Victoria. []
(A) of (B) with (C) for (D) about
3. The tiger jumped _____ the wall. []
(A) over (B) in (C) on (D) at
4. He has been living here _____ 2015. []
(A) for (B) since (C) from (D) by
5. The meeting starts _____ 10 a.m. []
(A) in (B) on (C) at (D) by
6. Choose the passive form: "They are building a new bridge." []
(A) A new bridge is built by them. (B) A new bridge is being built by them.
(C) A new bridge was being built by them. (D) A new bridge has been built by them.
7. Choose the reported form: She said to me, "Where do you live?" []
(A) She asked me where do I live. (B) She asked me where I lived.
(C) She said me where I lived. (D) She asked me where did I live.
8. Let's go for a walk, _____? []
(A) shall we (B) will you (C) don't we (D) won't we
9. Choose the correct sentence. []
(A) Each of the boys have a book. (B) Each of the boys has a book.
(C) Each of the boy has a book. (D) Each of boys have books.
10. Combine using 'although': He was poor. He was honest. []
(A) Although he was poor, he was honest.
(B) Although he was poor, but he was honest.
(C) He was poor although honest he was.
(D) Although poor, but honest he was.

II. Vocabulary

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

11. The synonym of 'humorous' is []
(A) serious (B) funny (C) angry (D) boring
12. The antonym of 'failure' is []
(A) defeat (B) loss (C) success (D) mistake
13. Choose the correctly spelt word. []
(A) accomodation (B) accommodation (C) acommodation (D) accommodasion
14. Which word comes first in dictionary order? []
(A) potter (B) pottery (C) pot (D) potato
15. The adjective form of 'humour' is []
(A) humourist (B) humorous (C) humorously (D) humoured

III. Match the words with their meanings

(5 × 1 = 5)

No.	Word		Meaning
16.	will ()	A.	money that is owed to someone
17.	debt ()	B.	a new device made for the first time
18.	rejection ()	C.	a legal document saying who gets one's property after death
19.	invention ()	D.	the official right to be the only maker of an invention
20.	patent ()	E.	refusal to accept something
		F.	a kind of medicine

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