

**Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama Institute, High School**

**Class X**

**Subject- English**

**Assessment - 1**

**Full Marks- 40**

**Time- 1hr 10 mins**

**Section A**

**Reading Comprehension (Seen)**

**1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:**

“ Some days after the funeral ..... to bear his banner before us.”

**A. Write the correct alternatives to complete the following sentences. (1x5=5)**

a) “I felt at sea.” The narrator felt -

i) lost at sea      (ii) on the sea in a ship      (iii) confused and directionless      (iv) marooned in a sea

b) After the immersion of ashes the narrator went to -

i) Dhanbad      (ii) Allahabad      (iii) Kanpur      (iv) Delhi

c) Gandhiji’s presence was felt amid -

i) sorrowful crowds      (ii) ordinary folk      (iii) songs and prayers      (iv) flowers and songs

d) “What if now Bapu is gone?” The feeling expressed here is one of -

i) depression      (ii) apprehension      (iii) frustration      (iv) optimism

e) People on the train -

i) mourned      (ii) rejoiced      (iii) wept      (iv) sang

**B. Answer the following questions: (2x3=6)**

i) Why did the narrator have a feeling of hopelessness?

ii) In what did the narrator have faith inspite of Bapu’s demise?

iii) What was Bapu’s contribution as a mass leader?

**C. State whether the following statements are True or False. Provide supporting statements in support of your answer (2x2=4)**

i) The narrator went to prison with Gandhiji a number of times.

ii) The narrator could still feel the presence of the magic circle around her.

**2. Read the extract of the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:**

“ The mountain and the squirrel / Had a quarrel.....  
Neither can you crack a nut.”

**A. Write the correct alternatives to complete the following sentences:** (1x4=4)

- a) The mountain made fun of the squirrel's –  
i) humility      ii) moral attitude      iii) physical stature      iv) spirituality
- b) 'Prig' is called 'little' for its –  
i) work      ii) movement      iii) talent      iv) size
- c) For his existence in this world the squirrel is –  
i) afraid      ii) ashamed      iii) unashamed      iv) doubtful
- d) The mountain had fallen out with the –  
i) weather      ii) sphere      iii) squirrel      iv) place

**B. Answer the following questions:** (2x3=6)

- i) What are the qualities of a mountain?  
ii) Explain: 'Talents differ; all is well and wisely put;'  
iii) What message does the poem 'Fable' convey?

**Section – B**

**Grammar**

**3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions.** (1x3=3)

Mr. Richardson is \_\_\_\_\_ European. He deals \_\_\_\_\_ umbrella and deals well \_\_\_\_\_ his customers.

**4. Write the correct alternative to fill in the blanks:** (1x3=3)

Mr. Roy's relationship with the bank \_\_\_\_\_ (is/was/has been) necessary, but platonic. This is where the salary \_\_\_\_\_ (is parked/was parked/had parked), part of it \_\_\_\_\_ (go/goes/went) to pay bills, make online purchases.

**5. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the words underlined. Write the correct phrasal verbs in the boxes, changing the form, where necessary.** (1x3=3)

- i) He is in search of a job.  
ii) This novel has already been read before.  
iii) He has deleted the message by mistake.

[HINTS: wind up, write out, write off, go through, look for, look into]

**6. Do as directed.**

(1x6=6)

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|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| i) Why did you refuse such an honourable job?    | (Change the voice)                |
| ii) He said to me, "Please lend me your book."   | (Change the narration)            |
| iii) This is the house. My father was born here. | (Join using adjective clause)     |
| iv) It is easier to preach than to perform.      | (Change the degree of comparison) |
| v) You must study hard to pass the examination.  | (Change into complex sentence)    |
| vi) He tried all plans to get success.           | (Change into negative)            |

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