

# Summative Assessment 1

Subject: English (31-E)

Marks: 80

Class: 10<sup>th</sup> standard

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## I. Multiple choice questions :

4 x 1 = 4

1. Choose the appropriate question tag and fill in the blank :

You have completed your assignment, \_\_\_\_\_?

- (A) don't you                      (B) did you  
(C) haven't you                      (D) aren't you

2. Read the following and choose the infinitive :

Sita was determined to succeed in her studies. She worked hard every day to achieve her goals.

- (A) worked                      (B) succeed  
(C) achieve                      (D) to succeed

3. Read the following conversation and fill in the blank choosing the most appropriate words:

Ravi: Hi Meena, did you bring the tickets?

Meena: Oh no, I completely forgot!

Ravi: It's okay.

Meena: If I had remembered, I \_\_\_\_\_ enter the show on time.

- (A) would have                      (B) should have  
(C) wouldn't have                      (D) will have

4. Read the given conversation and choose the language function for the underlined sentence:

Ravi: Hello Suresh, how are you?

Suresh: Hi, I'm good. Thank you.

Ravi: Can you help me with my project today?

Suresh: Sorry, I have other commitments, so I won't be able to help you.

- (A) Agreeing                      (B) Apologizing  
(C) Suggesting                      (D) Requesting

## II. Do as directed :

12 x 1 = 12

5. Which one of the following words has two syllables?

Grass, table, primary, tree

6. Combine the word in Column-A with its collocative word in Column-B:

'A'

'B'

Swimming

[ light, cloth, pool, care ]

7. Fill in the blank using the correct article:

India is \_\_\_\_\_ rich country.

8. Fill in the blank using a suitable linker:

Nandan scored more marks in the exam \_\_\_\_\_ he had studied well.

9. Fill in the blank with the appropriate preposition:

She is fond \_\_\_\_\_ reading mystery novels.

10. Fill in the blank with the appropriate tense form of the verb given in brackets:

By the time we arrived, she \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) her presentation.

11. Identify the part of speech of the underlined word:

We are watching an important match.

12. Write the correct form of the word given in brackets:

Her \_\_\_\_\_ (act) in the play was widely praised by the critics.

13. Use the word 'water' as noun in a sentence.

14. Change into the comparative degree:

My house is the biggest in the neighbourhood.

15. Change into passive voice:

The teacher explained the lesson clearly.

16. Read the following conversation and change the underlined sentence into reported speech :

Ravi: I need to finish my project by tomorrow.

Sita: When will you be done with it?

Ravi: I will finish it by the end of the day.

Sita asked Ravi .....

**III. The following paragraph has two errors. Edit the paragraph and rewrite it in the answer-book :**

**1 × 2 = 2**

17. The company was established in 1990 and has grown significantly since then. They have developed a range of new products, and their commitment to innovation has greatly improve their market position.

Clues:

a) Spelling mistake to be corrected

b) Pronoun mistake to be corrected.

**IV. Answer the following questions in 2 – 3 sentences each :**

**7 × 2 = 14**

18. How did Gandhiji and Ambedkar bring about a revolution in social thought?

19. Why were the police grateful to Swami?

20. Why did Baleshwar want to thank the truck driver?

21. What quality of the land is highlighted in the poem?

22. How does the poet praise India being developed in industry and technology?

23. Why did the students march, and in what way was their march unique?

**OR**

How do you know that Mohan's mother was supportive of their struggle?

24. It wasn't a hard decision for Dicky Dolma to take up mountaineering. Explain why.

**OR**

What can we learn from Dolma's life?

**V. Answer the following questions in 5 - 6 sentences each :**

**2 × 3 = 6**

25. Why did the father want Swami to sleep alone in the office room?

26. What does the poet V.K. Gokak want to sing about his Motherland?

**VI. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow :**

**4 × 3 = 12**

27. "Please help me take her to a hospital."

- a) Who does 'me' refer to?
- b) Whom did the speaker request for help?
- c) Why did the speaker want help?

28. "Leave alone strength, can you prove that you have courage?"

- a) Who posed this challenge?
- b) Did he accept the challenge? If not why?
- c) Why did the speaker pose this challenge?

29. "I sold them my property. But I did not sell them the trees in the orchard."

- a) Who sold the property?
- b) To whom was the property sold?
- c) Why could the owner sell only the property and not the trees on the land?

30. "He had an insatiable thirst for books."

- a) Who is 'he'?
- b) What does 'insatiable' mean?
- c) Give an instance to justify the statement.

**VII. Given below is a profile. Write a paragraph using the clues given below :**

**1 × 3 = 3**

31. Name : Mrs. Sushma  
Place and date of birth : Mysore, 5th March, 1985  
Qualification : B.Sc., M.Ed.  
Profession : Science Teacher  
Family : Husband and twin daughters  
Hobbies : Gardening and painting  
Reasons for popularity : Organizes science workshops and eco-friendly campaigns.

**VIII. Develop the story using the clues given below :**

**1 × 3 = 3**

32. A small town — two men arguing over a horse — both claimed ownership — neither willing to settle — took the matter to the town’s elder — elder listened carefully — elder suggested splitting the horse in half — one man immediately opposed — said he couldn’t bear to see the horse harmed — the other man agreed — elder discovered the true owner — declared the rightful possession of the horse.

**IX. Study the picture given below :**

**1 × 3 = 3**

33. Write a description or an account of what the picture suggests to you in a paragraph.



**X. Quote from memory :**

**1 × 4 = 4**

34. The quality of mercy .....

.....

.....

.....and him that takes:

**XI. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : 1 × 4 = 4 ( 2 × 2 )**

35. Chandrashekhra Azad was a prominent freedom fighter in India’s struggle for independence from British rule. Born on July 23, 1906, in Bhavra, Madhya Pradesh, Azad was known for his bravery and commitment to the cause. He joined the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA) at a young age and became a key leader in the movement. Renowned for his daring actions and strategic mind, Azad played a significant role in several revolutionary activities against the British authorities. His dedication to the freedom struggle was unwavering, and he became a symbol of resistance. Azad’s life was cut short when he was killed in a gunfight with British police on February 27, 1931, but his legacy continues to inspire generations of Indians.

a) What role did Chandrashekhra Azad play in India’s freedom struggle?

b) How did Chandrashekhra Azad’s life end, and what was his legacy?

**XII. Answer the following question in about 8 – 10 sentences :**

**1 × 4 = 4**

36. The poet and his father were dutiful and considerate towards grandma. Justify.

**OR**

How does the poet wish to praise Mother India in the poem ‘The Song of India’?

**XIII. Write an essay on any one of the following :**

**1 × 4 = 4**

37. a) Air pollution

b) Chandrayan-3

c) Mobile and its uses

**XIV. Write a letter using the information given below :**

**1 × 5 = 5**

38. Imagine you are Ritesh / Rachana studying in Government High School, Gadikeshwar.

Write a letter to your father about your preparation for the SA 1 examination.

OR

Write a letter to the Gram Panchayath about the problems you face in your village.

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## I.

1. (C) haven't you
2. (D) to succeed
3. (A) would have
4. (B) Apologizing

## II.

5. table
6. Swimming - pool
7. a
8. because
9. of
10. had finished
11. Adjective
12. acting
13. She poured a glass of cold water to quench her thirst.
14. My house is bigger than any other house in the neighbourhood.
15. The lesson was explained clearly by the teacher.
16. Sita asked Ravi when he would be done with his project.

## III. 17.

- a) improved
- b) its

## IV.

18. Gandhi asked higher castes to help the lower castes, while Ambedkar stressed that lower castes deserve equal rights. Gandhi talked about duties, and Ambedkar talked about rights. Their work greatly changed how people thought about social issues.
19. Swami had helped catch one of the most notorious house-breakers of the district. Hence the police were grateful to him. The police inspector wanted Swami to join the police when he grew up.
20. As Baleshwar held the bleeding girl in his arms, no one helped him get her to the hospital. Just when he was losing hope, a tempo-truck stopped, and its driver, who spoke Gujarati, helped him. Before Baleshwar could thank him, the driver left quickly, having done his good deed.
21. The land waits patiently as people keep hurting it. Sometimes, when kind people help it, the land feels hopeful, but the happiness doesn't last long. Still, the land stays hopeful and believes that people will eventually do better.

22. The poet is ready to sing praises of industrially and technologically developed India as he has witnessed dams, lakes, steel mills, and shipbuilding yards. He is, confident that the hard-working men of India can put India on the glorious page of the atomic age.

23. The students were marching to tell the Collector that the British should leave India. It was unusual because there were no slogans and shouts. They marched silently.

24. Dolma loved the snowy mountains near her home and wanted to climb them. Her family and friends encouraged her, so at 16, she decided to start mountaineering and joined a course in Manali.

**V.**

25. Father wanted Swami to sleep alone in the office room to show that courage matters most. Swami believed age and strength were more important for adventurous tasks, but his father thought that courage was the key. To prove he had courage, Swami needed to spend the night alone in the office room.

26. The poet wants to sing praises of Mother India. He aims to celebrate the snow-capped Himalayas that guard the country, the three seas that wash the palm of mother, and the sunrise that brings a new day, replacing the darkness of night.

**VI. 27.**

a) Baleshwar.

b) He requested the motorists who drove by.

c) Baleshwar wanted to take the girl to the hospital.

28.

a) Swami's father

b) No, He did not accept the challenge. Because it was a frightful proposition for him.

c) Because Swami commented that Strength and age are important not the courage.

29.

a) Don Anselmo.

b) The property was sold to some Americans.

c) Because Don Anselmo had planted the trees for the children of the village.

30.

a) Dr Ambedkar

b) That cannot be satisfying.

c) He bought 2000 old books from New York.

**VII. 31**

Mrs. Sushma, born on the 5th of March, 1985, in Mysore, holds a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degree and a Master of Education (M.Ed.). She works as a dedicated Science Teacher and lives with her husband and their twin daughters. In her leisure time, Mrs. Sushma enjoys gardening and painting, which bring her closer to nature and creativity. She is well-known in her community for organizing science workshops and promoting eco-friendly campaigns, making her a respected and admired figure.

**VIII. 32.**

In a small town, two men started arguing over a horse, both claiming it was theirs. They couldn't agree, so they went to the town's wise elder for help. The elder listened to both and suggested cutting the horse in half so they could each have a part. One man quickly shouted that he didn't want the horse to be hurt, while the other man stayed silent. The elder realized that the man who cared for the horse was the true owner and gave him the horse. The problem was solved, and justice was done.

**IX. 33.**

In a garden, two boys and three girls are playing football. They are all running around, having fun and laughing together. The boys are trying to kick the ball, while the girls are passing it to each other. The grass is green, and the garden looks peaceful as they enjoy their game. Everyone is happy and having a great time playing football in the fresh air.

**X. 34**

The quality of mercy is not strained;  
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven  
Upon the place beneath. It is twice blest;  
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes:

**XI. 35**

**a)** Chandrashekhar Azad was a key leader in the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA) and played a significant role in revolutionary activities against British rule.

**b)** Chandrashekhar Azad was killed in a gunfight with British police on February 27, 1931. His legacy continues to inspire generations as a symbol of resistance and dedication to India's freedom struggle.

**XII. 36**

In the poem "Grandma Climbs a Tree," both the narrator and his father show great care and consideration for grandma. They understand her love for climbing trees, so they build her a special treehouse to keep her safe while she enjoys her favorite activity. This act reflects their respect for her independence, even though she is older. The treehouse is a clear example of how they support her desires and let her keep her sense of freedom.

**XIII. 37. a) Air pollution**

**Introduction:**

Air pollution has become one of the most pressing environmental issues of our time. It refers to the presence of harmful substances in the air that can have adverse effects on human health, ecosystems, and the planet as a whole.

**Causes for air pollution:**

1. Cars and trucks emit carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides.
2. Factories release sulphur dioxide and particulate matter.
3. Livestock generate methane, and fertilizers discharge harmful chemicals. etc

**Effects of air pollution:**

1. Causes respiratory issues, heart disease, and aggravates asthma.
2. Leads to acid rain, harming plants, soil, and water bodies.
3. Contributes to global warming by increasing greenhouse gases. Etc



**Solutions to tackle air pollution:**

1. Switch to solar, wind, and other renewable sources.
2. Plant more trees and create parks.
3. Educate people about the impact of air pollution. etc

**Conclusion:**

Air pollution harms health, the environment, and the climate. By adopting clean energy, improving transport, and raising awareness, we can reduce its impact and create a healthier world.

XIV. 38.

**From,**

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**Date:** 12.09.2024

Dear father,

I hope you're well. I wanted to let you know that I'm preparing hard for the SA 1 exams. I've made a study schedule and am reviewing notes and previous year question papers to get ready. I'm managing my time well and staying calm. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Yours lovingly,

Ritesh

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