



# ANANDALAYA

Class : IX  
Weekly Test 3

Subject : ENGLISH  
Date : 01/12/2015

M.M : 20  
Time : 1 Hour

## SECTION A [READING]

1 Read the following passage and answer the questions 5

Rabindranath Tagore, fondly called 'Gurudev', is one of the great sons of India. He was a genius in many ways. A lover of nature, Tagore wrote not only poetry, but plays, dance-dramas, stories, novels and numerous songs as well. Beside, he was a great educationist. It is difficult to find another equally versatile and gifted genius in history.

Rabindranath was born on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1861 in the rambling old mansion of the Tagore family at Jorasanko, Kolkata. Being the 14<sup>th</sup> child of his parents, young Rabindra grew up under the care of the family's servants.

From the very beginning, young Rabindra would not conform to the teaching of a conventional school or to learning at home under the care of tutors. Schools were like prisons to him where, as he said, "We had to sit inert, like dead specimens of some museum, while lessons were pelted at us like hailstones on flowers."

The first nursery rhyme, a common jingle in Bengali which he had learnt, revealed to him the magic of poetry. He wrote his first verse when he was only seven. What he wrote was so beautiful that well-known writers of the day were full of admiration for him. One of them, the doyen of Bengali literature, Bankim Chandra Chatterji, once took off a garland from his neck and put it on young Rabindra, saying that it was more fitting to garland the 'rising sun.'

Having suffered from bad teaching in his childhood, Tagore thought of starting a small experimental school, modeled on the ancient ideals of the Gurukul.

1. Choose the correct alternative  
a. Rabindranath Tagore was fondly called as \_\_\_\_\_ 1  
i. great son of India  
ii. rising sun  
iii. Gurudev
2. Why did Bankim Chandra Chatterji call young Ravindranath the 'rising sun'? 1
3. How was young Rabindranath introduced to the magic of poetry? 1
4. What did Rabindranath not like about the method of teaching in education? 1
5. Give the synonym of 'multi-faceted'. [para 1] 1

Examinations are part and parcel of any students' life. Write an article on 'Examination Fear-Let it not Grip You' for your school magazine in 100 to 120 words.

## SECTION C [GRAMMAR]

3 The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of the lines against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided.

	Incorrect	correct	0.5 x4
a. A simple test who	_____	_____	=2
b. measures the ability in	_____	_____	
c. recognize or name	_____	_____	
d. world famous people such that	_____	_____	
e. Albert Einstein, Bill Gates or Oprah Winfrey	_____	_____	

## SECTION D [LITERATURE]

4 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. 3

*When I think of the lollies I licked,  
And the liquorice all sorts I picked,  
Sherbet dabs, big and little,  
All that hard peanut brittle,  
My conscience gets horribly pricked.*

- a. What is the poet's main lament?
- b. Why does his 'conscience' get 'pricked' in this instance related to the extract?
- c. What does the poet say he showed his teeth with? Did it help?

5. Answer the following questions briefly (30-40 words): 2x3=6

- a. Why does the writer say he remembers the first lesson they had in musketry?
- b. Mention the phrase the 'Professor' was fond of using. Why would the others be furious at this?
- c. Mention briefly whether or not in your opinion 'Professor' Quelch really learned his lesson.