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Class 11 English (Snapshot) Notes

ALBERT EINSTEIN AT
SCHOOL



Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

4. Albert Einstein at School

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Education, in its true sense, must aim at the all round development of the learners. Each individual has innate qualities and competencies which must be given due recognition. Learning at school must be applied in everyday life to improve it. Besides, the youth should realize their responsibility. They should not waste their energy in futile pursuits. They must have a vision, aspire for it and achieve it making their life a success story and help their country to progress.

A. Short Answer Type Questions (30 to 40 words)

Q.1. Why did Mr. Braun scold young Einstein?

Ans. Mr. Braun, the history teacher scolded young Einstein because he did not remember the dates of events in history. Further, he annoyed him by giving statements against education. He told the teacher that learning the dates of historical events was meaningless.

Q.2. Why was Albert tense about this neighborhood?

Ans. Albert did not like the environment of his neighbourhood as the land lord often beat his wife. The wife also beat children. There was a lot of violence in the neighbourhood. The landlady did not let him play violin.

Q.3. What was the opinion of Mrs. Koch about Albert?

Ans. Mr. Koch appreciated Albert for his intelligence. He was impressed by his knowledge of maths. He felt that Albert knew more than him in Maths. He gave him a glowing certificate in Maths.

A. Short Answer Type Questions (30 to 40 words)

1. What, according to Albert, would interest him in learning History?
2. Why did Albert feel miserable “that day” when he left the school?
3. Why did Albert’s landlady ask him to stop playing the music?
4. What did Elsa think about the examination system?
5. Albert told Yuri his desire to leave the school. What reasons did he give for this?
6. What did the Maths teacher think about Albert?
7. Why did the head teacher decide to expel Albert from the school?
8. ‘Albert felt the medical certificate almost burning a hole in his pocket.’ Explain.
9. What opinion do you form of Einstein’s nature from his conversation with the head teacher?
10. Why did Albert see no point in learning dates and facts from History books?
11. Was Albert impolite while talking to the history teacher? Give reasons.
12. What according to Albert was the purpose of education?
13. ‘Ugh! These are the students!’ Why did Albert say so?
14. Why was Albert not interested in going back to his quarters?
15. How was Albert feeling when he met the doctor?
16. Why did Mr. Koch give Albert a ‘glowing reference’?
17. ‘He could not think of anyone he wanted to say good bye to.’ Comment.
18. Where did Albert find refuge In his moments of stress? [Hint:-playing violin]

B. Long Answer Type Questions (120 words)

1. Would you term Albert’s school days as happy or unhappy? Why?
2. The school system often curbs individual talents. Discuss in the light of the lesson.
3. Write a note on the education system as it existed during Albert’s time.
4. Yuri played an important role in solving Albert’s problem. Discuss with respect to the lesson.