Class X (2024-2025)
English Practice Questions
Set 1

1. **Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow**.

   The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body, and when he returned he exclaimed, "These aren't raindrops falling from the sky, they are new coins. The big drops are ten cent pieces and the little ones are fives."
   With a satisfied expression he regarded the field of ripe corn with its flowers, draped in a curtain of rain. But suddenly a strong wind began to blow and along with the rain very large hailstones began to fall. These truly did resemble new silver coins. The boys, exposing themselves to the rain, ran out to collect the frozen pearls.

   i) **State which of the following statements is false.**
      a) The boys were excited to see the rain.
      b) The raindrops seemed to be ten and five cent pieces.
      c) The man wanted to feel the rain on his body.
      d) The man was a little perturbed to see the rain.
   ii) Identify the figure of speech used in the expression "frozen pearls".
   iii) What does the comparison between raindrops and coins reflect about Lencho's feelings?
   iv) Find out an expression from the passage that can replace the underlined expression in the sentence below.

The stage once <u>casually covered with</u> flowers now stands empty and desolate.

2. **Answer each of the following questions in 40-50 words.**
   a) State the reasons for Mandela's joining the African National Congress?
   b) Why would Amanda's parent treat the girl so harshly?
   c) Comment on Adrienne Rich's comparison between the trees and newly discharged patients?
   d) Give an instance of the author's sense of humour as revealed in *A Triumph of Surgery*

3. **Answer each of the following questions in 100-120 words.**
   a) Dog-parenting needs to follow certain guidelines. Discuss this observation in the light of the story *A Triumph of Surgery* and illustrate with an example from real life.

b) Discuss with reference to "Bholi" the role of education in women empowerment, and provide a real-life example.

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