



# INDIAN SCHOOL DARSAIT DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



Subject : English

Topic :Albert Einstein at School

Worksheet .No : 8

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S.No.	Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.	Marks
1.	<p>Why was Einstein unhappy at school?</p> <p>Einstein was a misfit at school and was unable to cope with the conventional system of education. As a student at Munich, he was different from other boys of his age. He hated the oppressive atmosphere of the school and was sure he would fail in the examinations.</p>	3
2.	<p>Why was Mr. Braun speechless?</p> <p>Mr. Braun was speechless because he asked Einstein in what year the Prussians defeated the French at Waterloo. Albert could not reply, when he demanded the reason responsible for this he admitted that he did not learn the answer. Later he said that he could not see any point in learning dates which could be read in a book as well. This made Mr. Braun speechless.</p>	3
3.	<p>Why did Einstein not like the place he lived?</p> <p>Einstein lived in a rented room in one of the poorest quarters of Munich. He did not like the place because of the atmosphere of slum violence. His land lady beat her children regularly. Every Saturday her husband came drunk and beat her.</p>	3
4.	<p>Who was Yuri?</p> <p>Yuri was the only friend Albert had in Munich. He had great concern for Albert. It was Yuri who understood Albert's helplessness in the school and his desire to go to Milan to join his family. He was greatly helpful for Albert, especially in getting a medical certificate.</p>	3
5.	<p>Who was Mr. Koch? How did he help Einstein?</p> <p>Mr. Koch was Einstein's Mathematics teacher. He was a great man, probably who was not jealous of Einstein's knowledge. He admired his knowledge and probably thought Albert would soon be able to teach him. Apart from this, Mr. Koch gave him a certificate that helped Einstein secure a seat in a university.</p>	3
6.	<p>"Albert felt the medical certificate almost burning a hole in his pocket". What does the author mean?</p> <p>The author means to say that Einstein has worked so hard to get the certificate from the doctor, and then he was willing to show the certificate to the head teacher and see how he would react. However, the certificate had then become unnecessary as he was being expelled without its production.</p>	3
	Answer the following questions in 120 words.	6
1.	<p>What were Einstein's views regarding rote learning? Why is mere rote learning useless?</p> <p>As a student at Munich, Einstein was different from the other boys of his age. He was unable to cope with conventional system of education which lays a lot of emphasis on rote learning. Einstein believed that the then existing education method was incapable of meeting the purpose of education. He believed that</p>	

	<p>learning facts and dates was not education. He was against learning facts and dates by heart. Facts, he felt, could easily be looked up in books. Thus, on being asked when the Battle of Waterloo took place, Einstein replied frankly that he had forgotten the date. He added that it would be more interesting to find out why soldiers had killed one another, rather than to memorise the number of soldiers killed in the battle. He was really disappointed that there was no effort of the teachers to make the students think and analyse the subject in his school.</p>	
2.	<p>How did Einstein succeed in leaving school? Einstein hated the school at Munich and longed to escape. One day he got an idea and discussed it with his friend , Yuri. He decided to play a small drama. He would pretend that he has had a nervous breakdown. He would say that he had been advised by the doctor to discontinue studies. With the help of his friend, Einstein was able to find a doctor who was kind and understanding. The doctor gave a certificate stating that Einstein needed rest for six months. But even before Einstein could submit the certificate, he was called by head teacher. The head teacher told Einstein that all the teachers were troubled with his rebellious attitude and wanted him to leave the school. Einstein realized that there was no need to show the medical certificate. He cheerfully walked out of the school which had been his prison for the last five years.</p>	