

Literature Test

4.02.2026 [Thursday]

Class – VIII

F.M : 15

Short Question : [30 – 60 words] [3 Marks]

In “The Summit Within”, H.P.S. Ahluwalia says that winning over oneself is more important than reaching the top of a mountain. What lesson does this idea give to students? Explain your answer with two simple examples from your life.

Long Questions : [120 words] (2 x 6 = 12)

1. “Under a cruel eye outworn,
The little ones spend the day
In sighing and dismay.”

Justify how William Blake criticises the formal education system and its effect on a child’s happiness and creativity in ‘*The School Boy*’.

2. Imagine the schoolboy is allowed to learn freely in nature instead of attending a strict school. Explain and justify how this change might affect- his happiness, his desire to learn, and his future growth as suggested in the poem. Support your answer with ideas from the poem ‘*The School Boy*.’

