

**GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION YEAR 2021- 2022**

**SUBJECT : ENGLISH I**  
**TIME : 1 HOUR**

**CLASS : VIII**  
**MARKS : 40**

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**SECTION I**  
**LETTER WRITING**

**(10)**

I] Write a letter to congratulate your cousin who has been selected to participate in a national level tennis tournament in Sikkim next month.

**OR**

II] Write a letter to the Editor of 'The Hindustan Times' Newspaper, drawing attention to the noise pollution, causing inconvenience to all citizens in your locality. You are Joshua Mathew of Bandra, Mumbai.

**SECTION II**  
**COMPREHENSION**

**(10)**

On October 14, 1912, just past 8 p.m. an unemployed saloonkeeper watched Theodore Roosevelt walking out of a hotel in Mulwaukee, Winconsin and getting into an open car that was waiting to take him to an auditorium for a campaign speech. Although the two times former president of America was worn out and his voice hoarse, he was pushing hard to win a third term in the White House. The disgruntled saloonkeeper John Schrank, who was hiding a Colt.38 revolver under his coat jacket, believed that any man looking for a third term ought to be shot. Just when Roosevelt stood up to wave his hat at the cheering crowd standing near the sidewalk, Schrank pulled the trigger aiming his bullet directly at the ex president's heart.

Schrank was immediately detained, but the bullet he had fired failed to mortally wound Roosevelt .The reason? Roosevelt's metal spectacle case and the 50 page speech which was folded double to fit into the breast pocket of his heavy coat, had slowed the force of the bullet though it had left a hole in his chest and a fist sized stain on his shirt.

The defiant Roosevelt, rightly nicknamed Bull Moose, refused to be driven to the hospital to seek medical help. He had handled guns as a hunter, a cowboy and an officer during the Spanish American War and knew that since he was not bleeding from the mouth, the bullet had not entered his lung. So keen to deliver his scheduled 90 minute speech, he went to the auditorium with the bullet still in his body.

Backstage at the auditorium, he covered the wound with a clean handkerchief before he headed for the stage. When someone in the audience shouted, "Fake!" Roosevelt stepped forward to show the crowd his stained shirt and pulled the torn and bloodstained manuscript from his pocket and declared, "you see, it takes more than one bullet to kill a Bull Moose." Pale and visibly unsteady, he spoke slowly but with conviction for nearly an hour and then was rushed to the hospital. After doing an x ray it was found that the bullet had lodged in one of Roosevelt's rib and stayed there for the rest of his life.

Despite his vigorous campaign, the Progressive Party candidate who served as the 26th U.S. president from 1901 to 1909 was defeated by Democrat Woodrow Wilson in November. Schrank was deemed insane and committed to a mental hospital where he died in 1943.

1. Where was Roosevelt heading for on October 14, 1912? (1)
2. Who fired at Roosevelt? Why? (2)
3. What saved Roosevelt from fatal injuries? (2)
4. What made Roosevelt decide against medical help even after being shot? (2)
5. What was Roosevelt's reaction when the attempt on his life was declared as a fake claim? (2)
6. Pick a word from the passage which means the following Annoyed or disappointed - (1)

### SECTION III GRAMMAR

(20)

#### I) Pick out the adverb and state its kind

(4)

1. That day he arrived late.
2. He rarely comes unprepared.
3. The lamb followed Mary everywhere.
4. Nothing ever happens by chance.

#### II) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

(4)

1. He boasted \_\_\_\_\_ his accomplishments.
2. Our plane stopped \_\_\_\_\_ London on the way to New York.
3. I have lived \_\_\_\_\_ this village all my life.



4. Varanasi is \_\_\_\_\_ the Ganga river.

**III)**

**A) Change the following sentences into indirect speech. (2)**

1. 'Call the first witness,' said the judge.
2. He said, 'I am glad to be here this evening.'

**B) Change the following sentences into direct speech. (2)**

1. He asked if she was coming.
2. He said that he had passed the examination.

**IV)**

**A) Rewrite the sentences in the passive voice. (2)**

1. Somebody has stolen my purse.
2. Who did this?

**B) Rewrite the sentences in the active voice. (2)**

1. The gate was opened by the peon.
2. Why was such a letter written by your brother?

**V) Change the following sentences as directed in the brackets. (3)**

1. What a good idea! (assertive)
2. Alfred was the best king that ever reigned in England. (negative)
3. She is very clever. (exclamatory)

**VI) Add a question tag. (1)**

1. I'm never on time.