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**FIRST TERM EXAMINATION, JUNE - 2012****Class: XI****Subject: English****Maximum Marks: 80****Time: 3 Hours****GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. This paper is divided into four sections.

Section A - Reading	15 marks
Section B - Writing	20 marks
Section C - Grammar	10 marks
Section D - Textual Questions	35 mark
2. All the sections are compulsory.
3. Adhere to the word limit.

SECTION – A READING**[15 Marks]**

1. Read the following passage carefully. [8 marks]
 1. It is easy to envy successful people. We often do not realize that behind most of them lies a story of unbelievable courage, hard work and perseverance. Unknown to us they have been bearing with patience, setbacks, failures and disappointments. Analysis shows that such people had one characteristic in common – they refuse to give up and this enabled them to turn failure into success in the end.
 2. Harvey Day wanted to become a Writer. He wrote 267 articles before getting one of them accepted. His continued patient effort paid off and he enjoyed extraordinary success – ten thousand articles were accepted and fifty books published.
 3. Remember the longer time you are taking attaining your goals, the more experienced you are becoming and the more worthy of success and recognition. Every set back taken in your stride takes you nearer to your objective. Never give up too soon for success may be just around the corner. This is the first technique.
 4. The second technique is analysis. When any enterprise goes wrong, you must stop and ask why were you to blame? Perhaps you had been too much in a hurry or perhaps you delayed too long. You have to trace the cause. You will be wise to turn the searchlight of analysis upon yourself and your personal qualities. Perhaps you were impatient and offended people who were helping you to realize your ambitions. Perhaps you tried to do too much yourself, as you have not learnt the art of delegating responsibilities to others. Either you were too cautious or over ambitious. Whatever the causes of your setback you are taking a definite step forward when you make clear what they are. You are already on the road towards turning your failure into successes. Having made up your mind where you went wrong, you must decide never to commit the same mistake again.

