



INDIAN SCHOOL NIZWA - WORKSHEET

ENGLISH
ALBERT EINSTEIN AT
SCHOOL

Name: _____

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Class: XI Sec: ____

SHORT QUESTIONS

1 **Why was Einstein's presence in the school a persistent soreness for his teachers and classmates?**

Ans. Albert Einstein was not a good student at school when we judge his performance in the class. He was rather a rebel. His intelligent questions left his teachers with no answer. Most teachers entered his class with dread about the questions he would ask. His classmates, who were either jealous of him or disliked him for his questioning behavior, hated him, too. Albert Einstein was too genius for a school like the one that he attended in Munich. He pestered/troubled his teachers with questions that they were not able to answer and made his classmates feel jealous of his genius. Einstein's honesty is mistaken for arrogance. He is punished and told that he is disgrace to the school. Einstein thus, felt miserable at school and longed to escape. Besides, the head teacher told Einstein that all the teachers were vexed with his rebellious attitude and wanted him to leave the school.

2 **What was Einstein's theory of education?**

Ans. Einstein believed that the then existing education method was incapable of meeting the purpose of education. He wanted the school find out a student's area of interest and empower that side of the students. He believed that learning facts and dates was not education. He was against learning facts and dates by heart. He was really disappointed that there was no research in his school.

3 **What were Einstein's views regarding rote learning? Why is mere rote learning useless?**

Ans. As a student in Munich, Einstein was different from the other boys of his age. He was unable to cope with conventional system of education which says a lot of emphasis on learning by rote. He believed that there was no point in memorizing facts. Facts, he felt, could easily be looked up in books. Rote learning only helps in scoring but on the other hand, the student stops thinking and exploring. Students take to learning what others have learnt but creativity and inventions are disabled.

4 **What made Einstein unhappy at school?**

Ans. 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. He was always dissatisfied with the absence of creative learning in the school.

5 **Why didn't Einstein take interest in learning the dates of wars? OR What was 'Einstein's theory of education?'**

Ans. Einstein did not believe that learning facts and dates is education. In the case of the date of the Waterloo War, he said he did not remember the date for the very reason. In his opinion, students should not be made to memorize the dates of wars and events. Rather, he loved to learn why the war was fought. This means that Albert Einstein was in favor of applied knowledge over rote learning.