**Symbiosis School, Nashik**

**Std X Term I (2020-21)**

**Subject : English – Comprehension Worksheet M.M. 12**

**Read the passage given below and answer the questions/complete the statements that follow: (12 marks)**

The ‘Little Tramp’, the unforgettable character Charlie Chaplin invented, was born purely by accident in 1915. While rushing to a film shoot in California, he grabbed clothes other people had left behind in the changing room. And when he emerged, he found he had created a personality everybody loved. A little guy in a bowler hat, a close-fitting jacket, a cane, outsize shoes and a brush-like moustache!

Before long, Chaplin found himself a star. That puzzled him, for he saw himself essentially as a shy British Music hall comedian. The U.S. acknowledged him as its king of silent film comedy. Soon, so did crowds all over the world.  
But life wasn’t always a laugh for Charles Spencer Chaplin.

Both his parents were Music Hall artists, who separated when Charlie was very young. His childhood was very sad, for his mother never earned enough to look after Charlie and his older brother, Sydney. Sometimes, Chaplin had to sleep on the streets and forage for food in the garbage.

Charlie took his first bow on stage when his mother made her last appearance. It happened when her voice broke during a song. Her son stepped on stage and sang a popular song. That’s when a star was bom.

Through all these years of success, Charlie never forgot his troubled childhood. It made him recall a Christmas when he was denied two oranges and his bag of sweets for breaking a rule at the orphanage he went to after his mother’s death. It would have broken his heart, if the other children had not offered him a share of theirs. Spontaneously, the adult Chaplin gifted the orphanage with a motion picture machine and insisted that each child should have as many oranges and sweets as they pleased.

**(A) Answer the following questions: (2 x 4 = 8)**  
(a) Which unforgettable character did Charlie Chaplin invent ?  
(b) Describe the personality created by Charlie, whom everybody loved.  
(c) What did Charlie see himself as ?  
(d) Give two reasons to show that his early life was very sad.

**(B) Do as directed: (1×4 = 4 marks)**   
(e) The word that means ‘to search for food’ is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (para 3)  
(i) stepped (ii) forage (iii) emerged (iv) orphanage  
(f) What is meant by the word ‘invented’ ? (para 1)  
(i) created (ii) wrote (iii) struggled (iv) laughed  
(g) Find the word in the passage opposite in meaning to ‘bold’ ? (para 2)  
(i) found (ii) shy (iii) silent (iv) puzzled  
(h) Find the word opposite in meaning to ‘failure’ ? (para 5)  
(i) troubled (ii) share (iii) motion (iv) success