

BIHAR BOARD CLASS - 10

2013

अंग्रेजी (ENGLISH)

Time: 3 Hours 15 Minutes]

[Full Marks: 100

SECTION-A

1. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follows :

Lakshadweep, the coral paradise of India, is the tiniest but the most fascinating Union Territory of India in the lap of the Arabian sea. Its southernmost island is Minicoy, which is a unique island full of specialities. The famous European traveller Marco Polo (AD 1254-1324) in his travelogue made a reference to Minicoy as "the island of females perhaps due to majority of its inhabitants being females and their predominant role in every walk of life.

Though the language of the Lakshadweep archipelago is a variant of Malayalam, the language spoken in Minicoy is entirely different from Malayalam or any other language of our country and is called Mahi, written in a peculiar script called 'Divehi Thanna'. The most interesting to note is that, there is hardly any mention of this language on the linguistic map of India.

Questions:

- (i) A reference to woman's land is made in this passage. what is its name? who made its reference?
- (ii) Where is Lakshadweep island situated?
- (iii) What two special features of Lakshadweep are given in this passage?
- (iv) What type of language is spoken in Lakshadweep?
- (v) Why is Minicoy known as the island of females? Give two reasons.
- (vi) Which language is spoken in Minicoy? What is noteworthy about it?

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below in your own words:

Television is changing people's lives quite dramatically. They are sleeping less, reading less, communicating less with their families. In a countrywide survey, a tenth of television viewers have admitted that the care of children and elderly is getting neglected. While television has contributed to the popularity of games and sports, ironically enough, children have reported that they play less.

Television has increased the general knowledge of children, in particular their knowledge of various products being advertised. The survey shows that hardly any children are watching any educational programme. The parents interviewed said their children's studies were affected. Many parents have cut off cable TV to reduce the distraction for the children.

Questions:

- (i) Why do parents feel that their children's studies are affected while television is increasing their general knowledge?
- (ii) What changes do we notice in the lives of the people under the influence of television?
- (iii) "Television has contributed to the popularity of games and sports but children are reported to be playing less." Why?
- (iv) Find out the words from the passage which means turning away.

SECTION-B

3. Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his success in the examination.

OR

Write an application to your Principal of your school requesting to arrange a film show for the students of your school.

4. Write a short paragraph on any one of the following in about 60 words:

- (i) Your aim of life
- (ii) Bicycle
- (iii) Science A boon or a curse
- (iv) Global Terrorism

5. Visualize a trip to Golghar and write a short writing in about 80 words.

OR

Write a notice in about 80 words for your school inviting students to give their names for a fancy dress competition.

SECTION-C

- 6. Missing Question
- 7. Missing Question
- 8. Missing Question
- 9. Missing Question
- 10. Missing Question
- 11. Missing Question

12. Translate the following sentences into English:

- (i) सूरज के डूबने से पहले ही मैं घर आ जाऊँगा ।
- (ii) तुमसे यह किसने कहा ?
- (iii) सूर्य अभी पूरब से उग रहा है।
- (iv) हमलोग सत्य का सामना करें।
- (v) उसे ऐसा करने दो।

SECTION-D

13. Missing Question

14. Missing Question

15. Answer any one of the following in about 80 words:

- (i) How did Gillu make himself cool in Summer? How long does a squarrel live?
- (ii) What did the two girls do when men started fighting?

16. Answer the following questions in about 50 words:

Name some particular disease which is caused due to weather. Also mention its remedial measures.

OR

What were the terms and conditions of the bet?

17. Read carefully the given stanza and answer the following questions:

Like a bird

his heart is twittering panting

he is sweating and out of breath

A hut on the cliff.

his son, shivering with cold

woes of hunger

the mother searching for nettles and vines.

Questions:

- (i) How does the poet give an idea of time?

- (ii) What made the poet in brief??
- (iii) Why is the porter's son shivering?
- (iv) Explain nettles and vines.

18. Answer any four questions given below:

- (i) Where do you find health and virtue?
- (ii) What does the poet wish after death?
- (iii) Who is a happy man?
- (iv) What does he do to satisfy his ambition?
- (v) What makes a thousand memories in heart?
- (vi) What is meant by lid of night?

19. Answer any two of the questions given below in about 50 words:

- (i) What is allergy march? Explain
- (ii) What did the banker do to know that the lawyer had escaped?
- (iii) Who was Mr. Gessler? How did the author know him?
- (iv) 'It was only your existence inside me that made me laugh. Why does the daughter say so? Why does she mean by laugh on"?

20. Answer any two of the following questions in about 20 words:

- (i) How many characters are there in the story. 'January Night'? List them.
- (ii) Why did the banker weep to read the notes of the lawyer?
- (iii) What did the mother feel after going through her daughter's letter?
- (iv) Why did the narrator leave the girl he loved so passionately?