

BIHAR BOARD CLASS - 10

2015

अँग्रेजी (ENGLISH)

प्रथम पाली (First Sitting)

Time: 3 Hours 15 Minutes]

[Full Marks: 100

SECTION-A

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

Mount Abu's chief claims to fame are the Jain temple architecture at Dilwara, about 5 km from Nakki lake. Dilwara temples are one of the finest Jain temples and many even consider them architecturally superior to the Taj Mahal. Built between 11th and 13th century, the most outstanding feature is its exquisite carvings in marble. The two temples, Vimala Vasahi and Luna Vasahi, are singled out by experts as superb examples of architecture.

The architecture is marked by carvings that are not just aesthetically beautiful in form but are often presented in a highly poetic context. For example, one of the marble nayikas is depicted as having just emerged from her bath. The most outstanding feature of Jain temple architecture is its carvings and that is understatement. The pillars, ceilings, walls and floor of Jain temples are made of marble and rock. The architecture work is shown in marbles and rocks too, This is the reason why the temples in Mount Abu and Raunakpur are said to be the finest Jain temples in the world.

Questions:

- (i) Where are the Jain temples of Mount Abu located and why are these famous for ?
- (ii) What are the outstanding features of these temples?
- (iii) When were these temples built and compared with Taj Mahal? Why?
- (iv) Find a word in the passage which means 'surpassing'.

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

Once upon a time there was an old man. He had four sons. They used to quarrel with one another. They did not pay heed to their father's advice. An idea took place in the mind of the old man to draw his all four sons on the right track. He called all his sons. He placed

a bundle of wood sticks before them. He asked each of them to try in turn and hack the bundle. Each of them tried but failed in doing so. The old man then asked them to untie the bundle and break the sticks separately. Not to speak of the oldest, even the youngest one broke the sticks without any difficulty. Then the old man told his sons that they should see the power of unity. If they lived united, no harm would come to them. If they quarreled, they would have to face difficulty. All the four sons of the old man made out the real meaning of unity and started living unitedly with a great affection.

Questions:

- (i) How many sons had the old man and what was their behaviour with one another!
- (ii) Did they pay heed to their father's advice?
- (iii) What did the old man do next?
- (iv) What moral do you get from the above passage?

SECTION-B

3. Write a letter to your elder brother in about 80 words informing him that you are going to a historical tour with your teachers.

OR

Write a letter to your younger brother, congratulating him on his grand success in the Board Examination.

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

- (i) Importance of trees
- (ii) Hostel life
- (iii) A village fair
- (iv) Pollution

5. You are Chandan, the Secretary of the Cultural Society. You want to organise an award-giving function in your school. Write a notice in about 80 words inviting the students to attend the award-giving function.

OR

On summer vacation you have visited your village and watched the mango orchard there. Write a paragraph on the mango trees that the found in your village.

SECTION-C

6. Missing Question
7. Missing Question
8. Missing Question
9. Missing Question

10. Translate any five into English:

- (i) पोलिथीन घुलता नहीं है।
- (ii) मैं तुम्हें सूचना देने आया हूँ।
- (iii) वह बाजार गया है।
- (iv) गंगा एक पवित्र नदी है।
- (v) पटना गंगा के किनारे बसा हुआ है।
- (vi) वह कलम से लिख सकती है।
- (vii) उसकी आवाज बहुत प्यारी है।
- (viii) हम उन्हें एकटक देख रहे थे।

SECTION-D

11. Missing Question
12. Missing Question

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

- (i) What did the narrator, Mahadevi Verma, do with the wounded squirrel?
- (ii) What is the most dominant influence on Indian films?
- (iii) How is the Indian culture different from the cultures of other countries?

14. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words:

- (i) In which situation, does R.C. Hutchinson find himself in the cinema?
- (ii) Why did Akoulya shout at Malasha?
- (iii) What is the old woman's position in the neighbourhood?
- (iv) What is more precious than diamond or silver or gold?

15. Read carefully the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow:

Our groves were planted to console at noon
The pensive wanderer in their shades. At eve
The moonbeam, sliding softly in between
The sleeping leaves, is all the light they wish
Birds warbling all the music.

Questions:

- (i) From which poem have these lines been taken?
- (ii) Why were groves planted?
- (iii) What for 'Our' stands in the first line?
- (iv) What is the source of light in the village at evening?

16. Answer any two of the following questions in about 40 words:

- (i) Why does the poet believe that God made the country?
- (ii) Why does the poet call the Koel 'a rain of sparks'?
- (iii) What does the poet want to live and die stealthily? Why?
- (iv) What was the reason of man's death?

17. Answer any one of the following questions:

- (i) Mr. Gessler was not successful in his trade. Why?
- (ii) Who was Munni? Why did she ask her husband to give up tenant farming?"

18. Answer any two of the following questions:

- (i) Why did the banker weep to read the notes of the lawyer?
- (ii) Why did Halku need a blanket?
- (iii) How did Moon's shoes look like?
- (iv) Was the narrator honest in his relation with the girl?