

BIHAR BOARD CLASS—XII

2011

SUBJECT - ENGLISH

Time: 3 Hours 15 Minutes]

[Full Marks: 100

GROUP-A

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5. Translate the following sentences into English:

- (a) पौ फट चुकी है।
- (b) सूरज पूरब से निकल चुका है।
- (c) सभी ग्रामवासी जाग चुके हैं।
- (d) उन्होंने काम करना शुरू कर दिया है।
- (e) कुछ किसान अपने खेतों पर जा चुके हैं।

6. Read carefully the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Once Amar Singh, the General of Shah Jahan's army was passing through a desert. He saw a thirsty man dying out of thirst. Amar Singh gave him "Amar Singh, you saved my life. I am a Pathan named Narshahwaj Khan. I will shed my blood for you and your family if needed." The Pathan proved true to his word. When Amar Singh was killed treacherously and his dead body was captured by Shah Jahan, Narshahwaj Khan came with his army and fought to the vast army of Shah jahan He with his entire army was killed in the battle. But, he immortalised the tale of gratitude friendship.

Questions:

- (a) Who was Amar Singh and who was Narshahwaj Khan?
- (b) How did Amar Singh save his life?
- (c) How did Narshahwaj Khan return the obligation of Amar Singh?
- (d) What moral do you get from the above passage?

7. Write an essay in about 100-150 words on any one of the following:

- (a) My Hobby
- (b) The book I like most

- (c) Television
- (d) Book Fair
- (e) Hostel Life

8. Make a precis of the following passage and give a suitable title:

No one on this earth is as servant serves the entire family. He given joy to every member of the family. So, he is a very important person of the family. Whenever we give him as wages for his service is negligible. Service is precious but we can't do the job what a servant does even if we are paid hundred times of what he is paid.

Labourers are the creators of food, cloth and house on this earth. Without them this world can't move. Therefore, servants and labourers should be honoured. We must not exploit them. Unfortunately, such thought does not exist in the minds of the people. We avail the services of servants and labourers but do never honour them. If a servant is given honour and a word of love, he would irrigate the family with his blood. If labourers are given due honour and facility, they would make this earth pleasant with their sweats.

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GROUP-B

12. Name the poets who wrote the following lines:

(a) He's broken every human law, he breaks the law of gravity.

His power of levitation would make a Fakir stares.

(b) I think she was the most beautiful lady

That ever was in the West Country.

(c) Creeds and schools in abeyance,

Retiring back a while sufficed at what they are, but never forgotten.

(d) But thinke that wee

Are but turn'd aside to sleepe;

They who one another keepe

Alive, ne'r parted bee.

(e) Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;

And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness.

13. Write in short, the summary of any one of the following poems:

- (a) Song of Myself
- (b) Snake
- (c) An Epitaph
- (d) Sweetest Love I Do Not Goe.

14. Match the poets given in List-A with appropriate titles from List-B:

List-A

List-B

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| (a) John Donne | (i) Snake |
| (b) John Keats | (ii) Sweetest Love I Do Not Goe |
| (c) T.S. Eliot | (iii) My Grandmother' House |
| (d) Kamala Das | (iv) Macavity: The Mystery Cat |
| (e) D. H. Lawrence | (v) To Autumn. |

GROUP-C

15. Name the authors of the following prose pieces:

- (a) The Child is Born
- (b) The Earth.
- (c) A Marriage Proposal

16. Write in short, the summary of any one of the following pieces:

- (a) The Artist
- (b) A Pinch of Snuff
- (c) How Free is the Press.

17. Complete the following sentences on the basis of your textual reading:

- (a) The most important and difficult steps were taken before the dawn of.....
- (b) I was waiting on the platform when the train.....

GROUP-D

18. Write a note on the future of English in India.

OR

Write a note on Modern English.

19. Write a brief note on the Indian English.

OR

Name any three Indian writers in English.

20. Name the authors of the following works:

(a) Arms and the man

(b) King Lear

(c) The Princess

(d) Untouchable

(e) The Rape of the Lock.