

BIHAR BOARD CLASS—XII

2014

SUBJECT - ENGLISH

Time: 3 Hours 15 Minutes]

[Full Marks: 100

GROUP-A

Q.No. 1 Missing

Q.No. 2 Missing

Q.No. 3 Missing

Q.No. 4 Missing

Q.No. 5 Missing

Q.No. 6 Missing

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

- (a) Work is Worship
- (b) Kindness to Animals
- (c) A Picnic Party
- (d) The Use of Electricity
- (e) An Indian Fair.

Q.No. 8 Missing

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

The best way of understanding our civilization is to take an ordinary sort of day in the life of an ordinary sort of man, myself, for instance, and to see what he does. My house is in London. I get up in the morning when an alarm clock rings on the table at my bed; it goes by clock work and is quite a complicated machine. I get into a hot bath, the water for which has been heated by gas. The gas is supplied to me by the Gas for the area in which I live, it is part of a national system. The water is supplied by the City Water Board. After bathing I shave; the water for my shave comes from a kettle which has been heated by electricity. So far as I am concerned, what happens is very simple. I put a plug in the wall and press the switch and the electricity does the rest. I use a safety razor the blade of which, made of very finely tempered steel, has been cut, together with millions of other blades, by a machine. The clothes which I put on have also been spun and woven largely by steam or electricity-driven machines.

Questions:

- (a) Which place does the writer belong to?

- (b) What makes him wake up in the morning?
- (c) How is the water for his shave heated, and what has he to do for it?
- (d) What is the blade he uses made of?

10. Translate the following sentences into English:

- (a) तैरना अच्छी कसरत है।
- (b) हल्ला मत करो।
- (c) उसने तुमसे क्या कहा ?
- (d) मुझे कार चलाना नहीं आता है।
- (e) वे लोग समय पर नहीं पहुँच पायेंगे।

11. Make a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title?

Science has affected our life in innumerable ways. It has revolutionized transport and communications and thus made the world smaller. It has also made the world a better place to live in. We have well-lighted cities with good sanitation. Science has provided all kinds of substances and machines and sources of power. There is almost no end to the benefits that science has conferred on us. All the same, the work of science is no unmixed blessing. It has created new problems. Scientific industry is recklessly exploiting the new materials on the earth. Science has rendered life in cities less healthy. The overcrowding in cities, the air pollution largely because of smoke, cheap food deficient in vitamins-these are all dangerous to health. Again, people in big cities are denied sunlight, fresh air and exercise. Science has to attend to all these problems.

Science has also to take up problem of social life itself. It has to work for freedom from war and various social and economic evils. Science can deal with these human affairs. There would be fewer follies, happiness and good feeling all round if we applied the scientific attitude to all our affairs. Properly using science and cultivating the scientific spirit man can control his destiny.

GROUP-B

12. Name the authors of the following works:

- (a) Tom Jones
- (b) Coolie
- (c) David Copperfield
- (d) The Guide
- (e) The Merchant of Venice

13. Write a short note on English as a world language.

OR

Write a short note on English as the second language of India.

14. Name any five English novelists.

OR

Name any five Indian English novelists.

GROUP-C

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

List-A

(a) D. H. Lawrence

(b) Kamala Das

(c) John Keats

(d) W. H. Auden

(e) Rupert Brooke

List-B

(i) My Grandmother's House

(ii) Now the Leaves Are Falling fast

(iii) Snake

(iv) The Soldier

(v) To Autumn

16. Name the poets who wrote the following lines:

(a) I harbour for good or bad, I permit to speak at every hazard,
Nature without check with original energy.

(b) Was it cowardice, that I dared not kill him?

Was it perversity, that I longed to talk to him?

Was it humility, to feel so honoured?

I felt so honoured.

(c) I who have lost

My way and beg now at strangers' doors to

Receive love, at least in small change?

(d) Here lies a most beautiful lady.

Light of step and heart was she;

I think she was the most beautiful lady
That ever was in the West county..

(e) Cold, impossible, ahead
lists the mountain's lovely head
Whose white waterfalls could bless
Travellers in their last distress.

17. Write the summary of any one of the following poems:

- (a) Song of Myself
- (b) Macavity: The Mystery Cat
- (c) Sweetest Love I Do Not Goe
- (d) Fire-Hymn.

WGROUP-D

18. Name the authors of the following prose pieces:

- (a) Indian Civilization and Culture
- (b) Ideas That Have Helped Mankind
- (c) The Artist

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

- (a) I believe that the civilization India has evolved is not.....
- (b) I can only assure you that I enter that office in spirit of

20. Summarise and one of the following pieces:

- (a) A Pinch of Snuff
- (b) India Through a Traveller's Eyes.
- (c) Bharat is My Home.