

BIHAR BOARD CLASS—XII

2009

SUBJECT - ENGLISH

Time:3 Hours 15 Minutes]

[Full Marks: 100

GROUP-A

1. Translate the following sentences into English:

- (a) मैं गाँव में रहता हूँ।
- (b) मेरा गाँव पटना के नजदीक है।
- (c) मुझे ग्रामीण जीवन बहुत पसंद है।
- (d) मेरे घर के पीछे जंगल है।
- (e) मैं प्रतिदिन वहाँ टहलने जाता हूँ।

2. Make a precis of the following passage giving a suitable title :

When a suitable title we speak of the 'the freedom of press', we usually mean freedom in a very technical and restricted very sense-namely, freedom from direction or censorship by the Government. In this respect, the British press is under ordinary conditions, singularly free. It can attack policy and political character of ministers, interfere in the delicate machinery of foreign diplomacy, conduct campaigns to subvert the Constitution, incite citizens to discontent and rebellion, expose scandals and foment grievances, and generally harry and belabour the servants of the state, with almost perfect liberty. On occasions, it can become a weapon to coerce the Government to conform to what it asserts to be the will of the people.

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

Most of the people who appear most often in history books are great conquerors and generals strangely enough the people who really helped civilization forward are often never mentioned at all. We do not know who made the first boat or calculated the length of the year but we know all about killers and destroyers. We raise statues to them simply because they fought bravely. But even animals fight. So do savages. To fight is not to be civilized. Moreover, there are other ways of settling quarrels among men and nations. so

really civilized people have been those who have brought peace and happiness to mankind. They have been prophets, saints, doctors, inventors and discoverers. They have been really great since instead of inflicting pain and hardship upon humnuty, they have healed their wounds. Instead of killing, they have saved human lives. They are really civilized and deserve our admiration and respect.

Questions :

- (a) Who are the people that generally appear in history books?
- (b) Is fighting a mark if civilization?
- (c) Who are truly civilized?
- (d) Why do they dserve our admiration and respect?

8. Write an essay in about 100-150 words on any one of the following topics: 10

- (a) Your Hobby
- (b) A Village Fair
- (c) An Indian Festival
- (d) The Post Office

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GROUP-B

12. Name the poet ho wrote the following lines:

- (a) When thou sigh'st, thou sigh'st not winde,
But sigh'st my soule away.
- (b) I celebrate myself, and sing myself.
- (c) Where are the songs of spring?
Ay, where are they?
- (d) And when you think he's half asleep, he's
always wide awake.
- (e) I swore to save fire
From the sin of forgetfulness.

13. Match the names given in List-A with appropriate titles from List-B.

List-A

List-B

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| (a) John Keats | (i) Fire Hymn |
| (b) Walter de la Mare | (ii) Epitaph |
| (c) Kamala Das | (iii) Now the Leaves Are Falling Fast |
| (d) Keki N. Daruwalla | (iv) my Grandmother's House |
| (e) W.H. Auden | (v) To Autumn |

14. Give, in short, the summary of any one of the following poem:

- (a) Song of Myself
- (b) Ode to Autumn
- (c) The Soldier
- (d) My Grandmother's House

GROUP-C

15. Name the authors of the following pieces:

- (a) Indian civilization and Culture
- (b) A Pinch of Snuff
- (c) The Earth

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

- (a) Seimei was passionately interested in
- (b) Seimei was old.

17. Give, in short, the summary of any one of the following pieces:

- (a) The Artist
- b) A Child is Born
- (c) India Through a Traveller's Eye
- (d) I Have a Dream

GROUP-D

18. Write the names of the five Indians writing in English and also mention one poem of literary work of each of them.

OR

Write a note on the importance of English in India with special reference to globalisation of economy.

19. Match the names given in List-A with List-B.

List-A

List-B

(a) Arms and the Man

(i) E.M. Foster

(b) Macbeth

(ii) Mulk Raj Anand

(c) Untouchable

(iii) William Shakespeare

(a) The Guide

(iv) G.B. Shaw

(e) A Passage to India

(v) R.K. Narayan

20. Write a brief note on Global English.

OR

Write a note on the future of English in India.