

BIHAR BOARD CLASS—XII

2015

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

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

- (a) Friendship
- (b) Rising prices
- (c) Unity is strength
- (d) Failures are the pillars of success
- (e) Might is right

Q.No. 6 Missing

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9. Translate the following sentences into English:

- (a) हमेशा सच बोलो।
- (b) मैं उसे जानता हूँ
- (c) रमेश मेरा भाई है।
- (d) वह एक अच्छा तैराक है।
- (e) क्या तुम्हें अंग्रेजी बोलना आता है?

10. Make a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title:

I do not, I repeat, enjoy seeing animals, forced to perform unnatural movements which they cannot possibly enjoy. I am prepared to believe that animals are treated by their trainers with real blindness and affection. But that is not the point. The Nazis enjoyed

forcing their human victims to crawl about naked and on all fours. Ought we really to enjoy seeing animals dressed in crinolines and straining with trembling limbs to maintain an erect position? The thoughtless laughter, even of adults, which greets and encourages these performances fill one with sadness.

11. Read carefully the passage given below and answer the question that follow:

Happiness, after all, is an inner state of mind. It is little dependent on outside environment. Happiness has very little to do, for instance, with whether you are rich or not rich. Some of the most miserable persons I have come across in my life are the rich people. It is true that poverty makes one miserable in a very acute way. But my point is that it is not wealth but coordination of one's thought and action which removes inner conflict. It is in that way integration of personality is achieved.

Questions:

- (a) What does the writer say about happiness?
- (b) What has happiness to do with wealth?
- (c) What are inner conflicts?
- (d) How is integration of personality achieved?

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

List-A

List-B

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| (a) Walt Whitman | (i) An Epitaph |
| (b) K.N. Daruwala | (ii) Sweetest Love I do not Goe |
| (c) T.S. Eliot | (iii) Fire Hymn |
| (d) John Donne | (iv) Song of Myself |
| (e) Walter do la Mare | (v) Macavity: The Mystery Cat |

13. Name the poets who wrote the following lines:

(a) If I should die; think only this of me;
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England.

(b) He hath no desire, nor sense
Nor halfe so short a way
Then fears not mee..

(c) Where are the songs of spring? Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou has thy music too-

(d) Macavity's a ginger cat! He's very tall and thin;
You should know him if you saw him, for his eyes are sunken in.

(e) I swore to save fire
From the sin of forgetfulness.

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

- (a) My Grandmother's House
- (b) Snake
- (c) The Soldier
- (d) To Autumn

GROUP-C

15. Name the authors of the following prose pieces:

- (a) A Marriage Proposal
- (b) A Pinch of Snuff
- (c) How Free is the Press?

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

- (a) This means that cheap daily paper which goes everywhere and has the most
- (b) India has always been part of my..... in my life.

17. Summarise any one of the following pieces:

- (a) A Child is Born
- (b) Ideas that Have Helped Mankind
- (c) The Earth

GROUP-D

18. Name the authors of the following books:

- (a) Tom Jones
- (b) In Memoriam
- (c) The Waste land

(d) Arm and the Man

(e) Macbeth

19. Write a short note on Modern English.

OR

Write a short note on the Future of English.

20. Name any five English poets.

OR

Name any five English dramatists.