

BIHAR BOARD CLASS—XII

2019

SUBJECT - ENGLISH

Time: 3 Hours 15 Minutes]

[Full Marks: 100

SECTION-A (Objective)

Choose the most suitable option from the choices given :

1. That's strange, our kids.....watch TV serials. (Choose the best option)

- (a) do not
- (b) are
- (c) be
- (d) none of these

2. They.....here next week. (Choose the correct verb form)

- (a) had come
- (b) coming
- (c) came
- (d) will come

3. Marsha is reading a novel. (Choose the best passive voice)

- (a) A novel was read by Marsha.
- (b) A novel had read by Marsha.
- (c) A novel is being read by Marsha.
- (d) A novel must read by Marsha.

4. Drivers..... drive over the speed limit. (Choose the correct option of auxiliary verb)

- (a) should
- (b) can
- (c) must not
- (d) must

5. "What do you want?" she asked him. (Choose the correct indirect narration)

- (a) She asks what he wants.

- (b) She asked him what he wanted.
- (c) She will ask what he wants
- (d) She asked what he had wanted.

6. You must start now. You will miss the bus. (Choose the correct combination of sentences)

- (a) Unless you start now, you will.
- (b) Will you start now, you will miss the bus.
- (c) Till you start now, you will miss the bus.
- (d) Until you start now, you will miss the bus.

7. The doctor suggested. take a vacation. (Choose the meaningful expression)

- (a) the patient
- (b) the patient will
- (c) that the patient should
- (d) the patient ought

8. Choose the correct sentence.

- (a) I have a homework to do.
- (b) I have homework to do.
- (c) I will have homework to do.
- (d) I having homework to do.

9. When Sita..... back, we will discuss the problem. (Choose the best option)

- (a) will come
- (b) comes
- (c) came
- (d) has come

10.he come with us? (Choose the best option)

- (a) Will
- (b) Is
- (c) Do
- (d) Have

11. Choose the correct sentence.

- (a) I wish were I young again.
- (b) I wish was I young again.
- (c) I wish I were young again.
- (d) I wish I was young again.

12. Have you seen.....Taj Mahal. (Choose the best option of article)

- (a) a
- (b) an
- (c) the
- (d) none of thes

13. The great scholar and poet.....died. (Choose the best option)

- (a) have
- (b) has
- (c) are
- (d) none of these

14. John.....in hospital for two weeks. (Choose the meaningful expression)

- (a) has been lying
- (b) lies
- (c) is lying
- (d) lied

15. Choose the correct sentence.

- (a) She is the girl whose name is Raavi
- (b) She is the girl whom name is Raavi.
- (c) She is the girl who name is Raavi.
- (d) She is the girl that name is Raavi

16. The house was painted by Tom. (Choose the best Active voice)

- (a) Tom was painting the house.
- (b) Tom is painting the house.

- (c) To paints the house.
- (d) Tom painted the house.

17. I.....speak Spanish. (choose the best option)

- (a) does not
- (b) have not
- (c) do not
- (d) had not

18. Either of the two.....acceptable. (Choose the best option)

- (a) is
- (b) are
- (c) have
- (d) has

19. A lot of energy.....wasted on finding the treasure. (Choose the best option)

- (a) was
- (b) were
- (c) can
- (d) will

20. Those who work in the same department are..... (Choose the best option)

- (a) college
- (b) colleagues
- (c) friends
- (d) batch mates

21. I am..... my bed. (Choose the best option)

- (a) making
- (b) make
- (c) to make
- (d) had making

22. Listen! Radha.....the sitar. (Choose the best option)

- (a) will playing
- (b) had played
- (c) is playing
- (d) are playing

23. Choose the correctly spelt word.

- (a) Committee
- (b) Commiitee
- (c) Comittee
- (d) Cumittee

24. The man was..... by a dog. (Choose the meaningful expression)

- (a) bitten
- (b) bit
- (c) had bit
- (d) had bitten

25. Look.....this painting. (Choose the correct preposition)

- (a) in
- (b) at
- (c) of
- (d) off

26. He.....Video games. (Choose the best option)

- (a) had playing
- (b) am playing
- (c) are playing
- (d) is playing

27. I bought these books.....auction. (Choose the correct preposition)

- (a) for
- (b) from

- (c) at
- (d) of

28. When the sun is shining, we usually..... for swimming. (Choose the best option)

- (a) went
- (b) going
- (c) to go
- (d) go

29. Radha asked Ravi where his father was. (Choose the correct direct narration)

- (a) Radha said to Ravi, "Where is your father."
- (b) Radha said to Ravi, "Where is your father?"
- (c) Radha said to Ravi, "Where was his father?"
- (d) None of these

30. Patna is situated..... the bank of the Ganga. (Choose the correct preposition)

- (a) at
- (b) on
- (c) of
- (d) to

Instruction: Questions 31 to 50 are based on the prescribed texts.

31. John Donne is a poet. (Choose the correct option)

- (a) nature
- (b) metaphysical
- (c) cavalier
- (d) romantic

32. The line 'In hearts at peace, under an English heaven' is taken from.....

(Choose the correct option)

- (a) Ode to Autumn
- (b) The Soldier

- (c) Song of Myself
- (d) Fire Hymn

33. 'Macbeth' and 'Julius Caesar' are written by.....(Choose the correct option)

- (a) Johnson
- (b) Goldsmith
- (c) Shakespeare
- (d) Sheridan

34. English used since AD 1500 is called.....(Choose the best option)

- (a) Old English
- (b) Modern English.
- (c) Middle English
- (d) None of these

35. Our forefathers did not invent machinery because..... (Choose the correct option)

- (a) they knew we would become slaves.
- (b) They knew we would be happy.
- (c) they did not like to see us comfortable.
- (d) they were jealous of us.

36. The Great Vowel Shift took place during..... (choose the suitable option)

- (a) Modern English
- (b) Middle English
- (c) Old English
- (d) British English

37. The line 'And the nightingale is dumb' is taken from.....suitable option)

- (a) Fire Hymn
- (b) Ode to Autumn
- (c) Now the leaves are Falling Fast
- (d) sweetest Love Do not goe

38. And as we walk, we make the pledge that we shall..... (Choose the suitable option)

- (a) always be satisfied
- (b) always fight
- (c) always hate people
- (d) always march ahead

39. Seibel's hobby was collecting..... (Choose the correct option)

- (a) gourds
- (b) flowers
- (c) seeds
- (d) grass

40. The line 'Hoping to cease not till death' is taken from..... (Choose the suitable option)

- (a) Song of Myself
- (b) The Soldier
- (c) Fire Hymn
- (d) None of these

41. The sentence 'After all, there is something in Hinduism that has kept it alive up till now' is taken from..... (Choose the correct option)

- (a) Artist
- (b) The Earth
- (c) Indian Civilization and culture
- (d) I Have a Dream

42. 'Savitri' is written by..... (Choose the correct option)

- (a) Aurobindo Ghosh
- (b) Sarojini Naidu
- (c) Rabindranath Tagore
- (d) Toru Dutt

43. Bertrand Russell was awarded Noble Prize in literature in the year..... (Choose the correct option)

- (a) 1956
- (b) 1952
- (c) 1950
- (d) 1953

44. 'The Waste Land' has been composed by..... (Choose the correct option)

- (a) T.S. Eliot
- (b) W.H. Auden
- (c) S.T. Coleridge
- (d) John Donne

45. Dr. Radhakrishnan never lost his faith in the..... (Choose the correct option)

- (a) essential wealth
- (b) essential humanity of man
- (c) essential knowledge
- (d) essential experience

46. New varieties of English that have emerged in different parts of the world is called..... (Choose the suitable option)

- (a) Second language
- (b) New English
- (c) American English
- (d) None of these

47. English language is..... than Sanskrit and Persian. (Choose the suitable option)

- (a) older
- (b) younger
- (c) classical
- (d) None of these

48. Walter de la Mare makes us aware of the..... (Choose the Suitable option)

- (a) inhuman conditions of modern life
- (b) poverty
- (c) dreams
- (d) London life

49. Walter de la Mare was born in the year..... (Choose the correct option)

- (a) 1853
- (b) 1867
- (c) 1873
- (d) 1889

50. 'Ideas that have helped Mankind' is written by. (Choose the correct option)

- (a) Germaine Greer
- (b) Pearl S. Buck
- (c) Shiga Naoya
- (d) B. Russell

SECTION-B (Subjective)

1. Write an essay in about 150 words on any one of the following:

- (a) Hostel life.
- (b) The season you like most
- (c) Your aim in life
- (d) Newspaper
- (e) The future of English in India

2. Explain any one of the following:

(a) "You're an idiot!" he shouted. There is absolutely no future for a boy like you".

(b) "What! That means he will be here for weeks! Ministers don't see people for weeks.....months! Oh, my God!"

(c) "You two'd better hurry up and get married.....Just do me a favour and leave me in peace".

3. Explain any one of the following:

(a) "When thou sigh'st thou sigh'st not winde, But sigh'st my soule away".

(b) I celebrate myself, and sing myself, and what I assume you shall assume, for every atom belonging to me as good belongs to you.

(c) Macavity, Macavity, there's no one like Macavity.

4. Attempt any one of the following:

(a) Write a letter to your cousin, asking him about the preparation of his/her upcoming examination.

(b) Write an application to the Principal of your school/college, requesting him for a permission to organize a cultural event in your school/college.

5. Answer in about 40 to 50 words, any five of the following:

(a) Why did our ancestors dissuade us from luxuries and pleasures?

(b) How did Seibei's father react to the teacher's complaint?

(c) Why does Dr. Zakir Hussain call India "The young state of an ancient people"?

(d) What was the great lesson that India had to teach the west?

(e) In the poem 'An Epitaph', what will happen when the poet dies?

(f) Why is Macavity termed a 'criminal'?

(g) Why was the speaker in 'My Grandmother's House' proud of living in that house?

(h) What did the Fire Hymn say to the speaker?

(i) What are the features of a novel?

(j) Why are the Indians quick learners of English?

6. (a) Write a summary of any one of the following poems in about 100 words:

(i) To Autumn

(ii) The Soldier

(iii) My Grandmother's House

OR

(b) Write a summary of any one of the following prose-pieces in about 100 words:

(i) A Pinch of Snuff

(ii) Bharat is My Home

(iii) Ideas That have Helped Mankind

(c) Write a note on the future of English in India.

OR

(d) Write a note on the development of Indian poetry in English.

OR

(e) How can we improve our English?

(f) Match the names of the poets given in List-A with their works in list-B

List-A

List-B

(a) Rupert Brooke

(i) Song of Myself

(b) Walt Whitman

(ii) My Grandmother's House

(c) W.H. Auden

(iii) Now the Leaves Are Falling Fast

(d) Kamala Das

(iv) Sweetest Love I Do Not Goe

(e) John Donne

(v) The Soldier

OR

(g) Translate any five of the following sentences into English:

(i) वह अंग्रेजी बोलना नहीं जानता है।

(ii) हम लोग खा रहे हैं।

(iii) बच्चे हल्ला नहीं कर रहे हैं।

(iv) क्या रेणु गा रही है?

(v) उसने मुझे दौड़ना सिखाया।

(vi) राधा नाच रही है।

(vii) वह पिछले सोमवार से बीमार है।

(viii) तैरना एक कला है।

(h) Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

Kalidas is known as the Shakespeare of India. His name has been immortalized in the history of Sanskrit literature. He was at the head of the celebrated nine gems who adorned the court of Vikramaditya. The poems and dramas of Kalidas have elicited unreserved praise not only from Indian scholars but even from European critics like Max Muller. The age in which Kalidas flourished and the place where he was born are a matter of dispute. But true genius is independent of time and place and although the century of Kalidas is far more remote, his fame is shining with undiminished grandeur even in our days.

Questions:

- (i) Who is known as the Shakespeare of India?
- (ii) Who was Max Muller?
- (iii) Who adorned the court of Vikramaditya?
- (iv) Make sentence with the words 'independent' and 'century'.

OR

Write a precis of the following passage and give a suitable title:

Life without friendship is insipid, tiring and boring. Friendship is a precious thing to be treasured by one and all. A friend in need is a friend indeed. A true friend praises our virtues but does not keep his eyes closed to our faults. He cares for us and shares with us joys as well as sorrows. We turn to our friends for counsel, for comfort, for encouragement. He is our friend, philosopher and guide. Blessed is the man or woman who is lucky to have got a true friend. Such friendship should be preserved at all costs.