

BIHAR BOARD CLASS—XII

2020

SUBJECT - ENGLISH

Time: 3 Hours 15 Minutes]

[Full Marks: 100

SECTION-A (Objective)

Question No. 1 to 60 have four options, out of which only one is correct. You have to mark, you selected option, on the OMR-Sheet. Answer any 50 questions.

1. She..... be above forty. (Choose the correct verb)

- (a) will
- (b) needs
- (c) used to
- (d) ought

2. Who is the person..... this picture? (Choose the correct preposition)

- (a) at
- (b) by
- (c) over
- (d) in

3. Please give me.....cake that is on the table. (Choose the correct article)

- (a) a
- (b) an
- (c) the
- (d) no article

4. Choose the correct sentence

- (a) I do not like coffee
- (b) I no like coffee
- (c) I had no like coffee
- (d) I will no like coffee

5. The teacher.....the lesson yesterday. (Choose the correct option)

- (a) teaches
- (b) taught
- (c) will teach
- (d) has taught

6. It may rain. We will get wet. (Choose the correct combination)

- (a) If it will rain, we get wet
- (b) Had it rained, we get wet
- (c) If it rains, we will get wet
- (d) If it may rain, we get wet

7. Please be quiet. I.....my homework. (Choose the best option)

- (a) is doing
- (b) will doing
- (c) am doing
- (d) are doing

8. Rita to the radio. (Choose the correct option)

- (a) is listening
- (b) has listening
- (c) am listening
- (d) had listening

9. The cat is eating the fish. (Choose the correct Passive voice)

- (a) The fish is being eaten by the cat
- (b) The fish was eat by the cat
- (c) The cat is ate by the fish
- (d) The cat had eaten the fish

10. Choose the correctly spelt word

- (a) Vitamin
- (b) Vitimin

- (c) Vitamin
- (d) Vitamin

11. He.....classical music for four hours everyday. (Choose the correct option)

- (a) practises
- (b) practise
- (c) is practise
- (d) was practice

12. The mother sat in a corner.....her son take his baby steps. (Choose the best option)

- (a) watched
- (b) watching
- (c) watch
- (d) to watch

13. Choose the correct sentence

- (a) Either of three men can do it.
- (b) Any of the three men can do it.
- (c) Either of the three men can do it.
- (d) Any of three men can do it.

14. The windows have been cleaned. (Choose the correct Active voice)

- (a) Someone may clean the windows
- (b) Someone had cleaned the sindows
- (c) Someone has cleaned the windows
- (d) Someone will clean the windows

15. You the piano. (Choose the correct option)

- (a) am playing
- (b) is playing
- (c) are playing
- (d) was playing.

16. We him yesterday. (Choose the correct option)

- (a) were visiting
- (b) visited
- (c) have visited
- (d) will be visiting

17. We..... that you would succeed. (Choose the correct option)

- (a) hoping
- (b) hoped
- (c) had hoped
- (d) will hope

18. There is a bridge.....the river. (Choose the correct preposition)

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

19. Arti made me..... my shoes before I went into her house. (Choose the correct option)

- (a) to take off
- (b) took off
- (c) take off
- (d) taken off

20. He said to me, "will you post this letter for me?" (Choose the correct indirect narration)

- (a) He asked me if I would post that letter for him
- (b) He asked me if I would post this letter to him
- (c) He asked me if I will post that letter to him
- (d) He said to me if I would post that letter to him

21. He is going.....leave next week. (Choose the correct preposition)

- (a) at
- (b) on

- (c) over
- (d) of

22. Choose the correct sentence:

- (a) She want three egg.
- (b) She wants three egg
- (c) She wanting three eggs
- (d) She wants three eggs

23.he drive to work? (Choose the best option)

- (a) Has
- (b) Don't
- (c) Do
- (d) Does

24. Yesterday, I..... to buy bread. (Choose the correct option)

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

25. The teacherabout the weather. (Choose the correct option)

- (a) said
- (b) spoke
- (c) talked
- (d) told.

26. Choose the correct sentence:

- (a) He will never speak lie
- (b) He will never tell lie
- (c) He will never say a lie
- (d) He will never tell a lie

27. She is pleased.....me. (Choose the correct option)

- (a) at
- (b) on
- (c) with
- (d) from

28. You.....get a new dress tomorrow. (Choose the correct option)

- (a) will
- (b) do
- (c) didn't
- (d) hadn't

29. He has broken his leg, so he..... play football. (Choose the correct auxiliary verb)

- (a) can't
- (b) should
- (c) must
- (d) needs not

30. Choose the correctly spelt word

- (a) Intilligent
- (b) Inteligent
- (c) Intelligent
- (d) Intiligint

31. Let me.....the classroom please. (Choose the correct verb)

- (a) To leave
- (b) leaving
- (c) leave
- (d) have left

32. Choose the correct sentence

- (a) I am going now
- (b) I going now

- (c) I gone now
- (d) I will going now

33. Shyam asked her if she was ill. (Choose the correct direct narration)

- (a) Shyam asked her. "You are ill."
- (b) Shyam told her. "Was she ill?"
- (c) Shyam said to her, "Are you ill?"
- (d) Shyam said to her, "Is she ill?"

34. 'Are you coming with us?' He asked me. (Choose the correct indirect speech)

- (a) He asked me if I was coming with them
- (b) He asks if I was coming with them
- (c) He had asked if I was coming with them
- (d) He will ask if I am coming with them

35. Learning.....isn't easy. (Choose the correct option)

- (a) the French
- (b) French
- (c) of French
- (d) in French.

36. A written statement or oath is (Choose the correct option)

- (a) a deed
- (b) an alimony
- (c) a letter
- (d) an affidavit

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

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

38. Standard British English speech came to be known as (Choose the correct option)

- (a) Second language.
- (b) New English
- (c) American English
- (d) Received Pronunciation

39. "And the nightingale is dumb" is from (Choose the correct option)

- (a) Fire-Hymn
- (b) Ode to Autumn
- (c) Now the Leaves are Falling Fast
- (d) Seetest Love I Do Not Goe

40. Rupert Brooke praises (Choose the correct option)

- (a) England
- (b) Germany
- (c) Russia
- (d) America.

41. Walter de la Mare makes us aware of the (Choose the correct option)

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

42. What, according to Zakir Hussain, which is the prime instrument of national purpose?

- (a) Business
- (b) Service
- (c) Politics
- (d) Education

43. "In hearts at peace, under an English heaven" is from (Choose the correct option)

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

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

44. And the active hands must..... . Lonely on the separate knees. (Choose the correct option)

- (a) die
- (b) pluck
- (c) freeze
- (d) snatch

45. "Ideas That Have Helped Mankind" is written by (Choose the correct option)

- (A) Germaine Green
- (B) Pearl S. Buck
- (C) Shiga Naoya
- (D) Bertrand Russell

46. Walter de la Mare was born in (choose the correct option)

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

47. Bertrand Russell was awarded Nobel Prize in literature in (Choose the correct option)

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

48. English used from the 15th century is called (Choose the correct option)

- (a) Old English
- (b) Modern English
- (c) Middle English
- (d) Post-modern English

49. "The Wasteland" is written by (Choose the correct option)

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

50. English language is.....than Sanskrit. (Choose the correct option)

- (a) older
- (b) ancient
- (c) younger
- (d) classical.

51. 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.

52. "And stooped and drank a little more" is from (Choose the correct option)

- (A) Fire-Hymn
- (B) Song of Myself
- (C) Snake
- (D) Ode to Autumn.

53. Dr. Zakir Hussain is the author of the piece '.....' (Choose the correct option)

- (a) The Artist
- (b) Bharat is My Home
- (c) A Child is Born
- (d) How Free is the Press

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

- (a) Goldsmith
- (b) Ben Jonson

- (c) Shakespeare
- (d) Sheridan

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

- (a) Aurobindo Ghosh
- (b) Sarojini Naidu
- (c) R.N. Tagore
- (d) Toru Dutt

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

- (a) The Earth
- (b) Indian Civilization and Culture
- (c) Bharat is My Home
- (d) I Have a Dream

57. 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

58. were satisfied with small villages. (Choose the correct option)

- (A) Old people
- (B) Our ancestors
- (C) Youth
- (D) Adults

59. The Great Vowel Shift took place during (Choose the correct option)

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

60. "And as we walk, we make the pledge that we shall (Choose the correct option)

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

SECTION-B (Subjective)

1. Write an essay on any one of the following in about 150-200 words:

- (a) Village Life
- (b) Discipline
- (c) Work is worship
- (d) A film you have recently watched
- (e) Your college library.

2. Explain any one of the following:

- (a) The common people lived independently and followed their agricultural occupation.
- (b) Even more important than the domestication of animals was the invention of agriculture.
- (c) Scibeis is now engrossed in his pictures. He no longer feels any bitterness towards the teachers....
- (d) he knew nothing about the stock-markets. But he knew everything about a hen.

3. Explain any one of the following:

- (a) Macavity, Macavity, there's no one like Macavity For he's fiend in feline shape, a monster of depravity.

- (b) We saw embers losing their cruel redness
To the grey ash that swallows all, half-cooked limbs.

- (c) He lifted his head from his drinking, as cattle do,
And looked at me vaguely, as drinking cattle do,

- (d) I think she was the most beautiful lady
That ever was in the West country.

4. Write a letter to your cousin, asking him about the preparation of his upcoming examination.

OR

Write an application to your Principal, requesting him to give permission to organize a cultural event in your school.

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

- (a) Why did the poet feel honoured?
- (b) What conditions prevail in the woods?
- (c) What is civilization in the real sense of the term?
- (d) What are the 'trials and tribulations' Martin Luther King, Jr. talks about?
- (e) What is the impact of poverty in medical field?
- (f) What is Dr. Zakir Hussain's concept of education?
- (g) Which event does the expression 'the burning ghat' refer to?
- (h) What are the features of drama?
- (i) Name the areas where English is used as a second language.
- (j) What led English to borrowings?

6. Answer any three of the following in about 100-120 words:

(a) Write a summary of any one of the following poems:

- (i) Snake
- (ii) Sweetest Love, I Do Not Goe
- (iii) Fire-Hymn

(b) Write a summary of any one of the following prose pieces:

- (i) How Free is the Press
 - (ii) India Through a Traveller's Eyes
 - (iii) The Artist.
- (c) Write a note on English as a global language.

OR

Write a note on the dialects of middle English.

OR

What do you understand by 'Received Pronunciation'? Discuss.

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

List-A

List-B

(i) John Donne

(a) The Soldier

(ii) W.H. Auden

(b) Sweetest Love, I Do Not Goe

(iii) Rupert Brooke

(c) Now the Leaves Are Falling Fast

(iv) Kamla Das

(d) Song of Myself

(v) Walt Whitman

(e) My Grandmother's House

OR

(g) Translate any five into English:

(i) आज मैं श्याम से मिलने जाऊँगा।

(ii) वह बहुत बीमार था।

(iii) मेरे पिताजी भागलपुर गए हैं।

(iv) मैं चाय पी रहा हूँ।

(v) आपकी घड़ी में कितना बजा है?

(vi) शिक्षकों का आदर करना चाहिए।

(vii) मेरी परीक्षा चल रही थी।

(viii) क्या तुम्हें अंग्रेजी बोलना आता है?

7. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

My toothbrush is a thing that haunts me when I'm travelling, and makes

my life a misery. I dream that I haven't packed it, and wake up in cold perspiration. I get out of bed and hunt for it. And, in the morning, I pack it before I have used it, and have to unpack it again. Then I forget it and have to rush upstairs at the last moment carry it to the railway station, wrapped up in my pocket handkerchief.

Questions:

(a) How does the writer's toothbrush make his life a misery?

(b) What happens in the morning?

(c) What happens at the last moment?

(d) Frame sentences with: Misery, Toothbrush.

OR

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

The test of a great book is whether we want to read it only once or more than once. Any book, which we want to read the second time even more than we wanted to read it the first time, is really a good book. Every additional reading will help understand it better. A book that a person of good education does not care to read more than once is probably not worth much.