

BIHAR BOARD CLASS—XII

2021

SUBJECT - ENGLISH

Time: 3 Hours 15 Minutes]

[Full Marks: 100

SECTION-A

(Objective Type Questions)

Question No. 1 to 100 have four options out of which only one is correct. You have to mark your selected option on the OMR Sheet. You have to attempt only 50 questions.

1. He is attentive..... his duty.

- (a) to
- (b) by
- (c) for
- (d) of

2. When I finished my work, I asked..... teacher to check it.

- (a) I
- (b) her
- (c) my
- (d) their

3. Those are probably the.....furniture in the showroom.

- (a) fanciest
- (b) fanciest
- (c) fancy
- (d) most fanciest

4. They made her.....a new contract

- (a) sign
- (b) to sign
- (c) signing
- (d) signed

5. Catching the earlier train will give us the.....to so some shopping

- (a) chance

- (b) luck
- (c) possibility
- (d) occasion

6. Reshma bought what she wanted,.....?

- (a) won't she
- (b) can't she
- (c) can she
- (d) didn't she

7. He introduced me..... his relatives.

- (a) with
- (b) on
- (c) to
- (d) by

8. She met her mother. She was glad.

- (a) She was glaid to meet her mother
- (b) She met her mother and was gland
- (c) She was glad and met her mother
- (d) She and her mother were glad

9. He told me, "Are you hungry?"

- (a) He was asking me if I am hungry
- (b) He asked me if I was hungry
- (c) He said to me if I was hungry
- (d) He questioned me about my hunger

10. You.....give up smoking,

- (a) must
- (b) used
- (c) had
- (d) have

11. Success depends..... hard labour.

- (a) by
- (b) of
- (c) in
- (d) on

12. He..... a thief last night

- (a) have seen
- (b) seeing
- (c) saw
- (d) seen

13. The synonym of 'show' is

- (a) Abrupt
- (b) Forbid
- (c) Silent
- (d) Exhibit

14. By whom was the bird killed?

- (a) Who killing the bird?
- (b) Who has killed the bird?
- (c) Who killed the bird?
- (d) Bird killing by whom?

15. The antonym of 'Natural' is

- (a) Golden
- (b) Beautiful
- (c) Bright
- (d) Artificial

16. Our path is beset..... difficulties.

- (a) to
- (b) from

- (c) With
- (d) in

17. I.....you to read the book carefully.

- (a) advise
- (b) tell
- (c) Advice
- (d) had advise

18.I could sing, I would have sung.

- (a) If
- (b) Until
- (c) Because
- (d) Till

19. I would have bought a new car for her, but it too expensive

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

20. The aeroplane flies faster than birds.

- (a) The aeroplane does not fly faster than birds
- (b) The aeroplane flies not fly faster than birds
- (c) The aeroplane many not fly faster than birds
- (d) The aeroplane cannot fly faster than birds

21. He was broughtby his aunt after his mother's death

- (a) in
- (b) off
- (c) up
- (d) by

22. Choose the incorrect sentence:

- (a) Holi falls in March.
- (b) Do you like cricket?
- (c) He speaks English.
- (d) We saw deers in the zoo.

23. Keep quiet, we..... to the radio

- (a) are listening
- (b) listen
- (c) will listen
- (d) listened

24. Choose the correctly spelt word:

- (a) Futher
- (b) Ferther
- (c) Further
- (d) Fruther

25. This nonsense will not be tolerated by me.

- (a) Will I never tolerate this nonsense
- (b) I will not tolerate this nonsense
- (c) I had not tolerated this nonsense
- (d) Nonsense will not be tolerated by I.

26. We.....keep our country free from racial prejudices.

- (a) have
- (b) could
- (c) are
- (d) should

27. Have you.....him?

- (a) saw
- (b) see

- (c) had seen
- (d) seen

28. He told the boy not to sit there

- (a) "Doesn't sit there, "he said to the boy
- (b) "Didn't sit there," he said to the boy
- (c) "Didn't sit here," he said to the boy
- (d) "Don't sit here, "he said to the boy

29. Do you.....your first teacher?

- (a) remembered
- (b) remembering
- (c) remember
- (d) will remember

30. After his death, the seat remained vacant.

- (a) empty
- (b) real
- (c) abusive
- (d) spirit

31. Choose the correct sentence:

- (a) She will return to India tomorrow
- (b) She returned to India tomorrow
- (c) She has already returned to India tomorrow
- (d) She had returned to India tomorrow for health

32. is bad for health

- (a) Smoke
- (b) To smoking
- (c) Smoked
- (d) Smoking

33. Holi is.....important festival.

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

34. Choose the correctly spelt word:

- (a) Acteul
- (b) Actuel
- (c) Actual
- (d) Akchual

35. I will never forget this experience.

- (a) This experience cannot be forgotten by me
- (b) This experience would never be forgotten by me
- (c) This experience will never been be forgotten by me
- (d) This experience had never been forgotten by me

36. One who dies for a noble cause is a

- (a) Martyr
- (b) Patriot
- (c) Mercenary
- (d) Robber

37. Choose the correct sentence:

- (a) Which came first, chicken or egg?
- (b) Which came first, a chicken or the eggs?
- (c) Which came first, the chicken or the eggs?
- (d) Which came first, an chicken or an eggs?

38. The flat caught fire. All the things were burnt.

- (a) The flat caught fire and all the things was burnt
- (b) The flat having caught fire, all the things were burnt

- (c) All the things was burnt when the flat caught fire
- (d) As all things burnt, the flat caught fire

39. He is a man of

- (a) script
- (b) letters
- (c) words
- (d) text

40. We met a lot of people.....our holidays.

- (a) on
- (b) in
- (c) during
- (d) at

41. Choose the correctly spelt word:

- (a) Acquatance
- (b) Acquaintance
- (c) Acqueintence
- (d) Acquaintance

42. Choose the correct synonym of 'Change':

- (a) Alter
- (b) Renew
- (c) Review
- (d) Repeat

43. He has..... the prize.

- (a) wins
- (b) win
- (c) will win
- (d) won

44. Choose the correct sentence:

- (a) You can vote only when you are eighteen
- (b) You vote simply when eighteen
- (c) You can vote till you are eighteen
- (d) You vote as you are eighteen

45.he went for a walk.

- (a) Along with
- (b) All in all
- (c) As usual
- (d) After all

46. I cannot give you money,..... I have none.

- (a) for
- (b) and
- (c) if
- (d) by

47. Rules..... be observed at all costs.

- (a) should
- (b) can
- (c) might
- (d) may

48. She has learned her lessons.

- (a) Her lessons has learned by her
- (b) Her lessons has been learned by her
- (c) Her lessons learnt by her
- (d) Her lessons have been learned by her

49. Is there..... money in your pocket?

- (a) much
- (b) more

- (c) any
- (d) many

50. Choose the odd one:

- (a) Fox
- (b) Leopard
- (c) Pigeon
- (d) lion

51. Bring.....inkpot for me.

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

52. He lives in a two..... house.

- (a) story
- (b) building
- (c) storeyed
- (d) block

53. John or Mary.....gone to Kolkata.

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

54. Pravin rode straight.....the arena.

- (a) into
- (b) in
- (c) with
- (d) at

55. Give one word substitution for:

‘A person who presents a radio/television programme’

- (a) Astronaut
- (b) Anthropologist
- (c) Anchor
- (d) Archer

56. His honesty and faithfulness.....unquestionable.

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

57. He is happy of being here. (Choose the correct antonym of the underlined word)

- (a) First
- (b) Sad
- (c) Jolly
- (d) Excited

58. Ram said to Shyam, "What are you reasing?"

- (a) Ram asked Shyam what he was reading
- (b) Ram told Shyam what he is reading
- (c) Ram is asking Shyam about his reading book
- (d) Ram said to Shyam about his reading book

59. Choose the correctly spelt word:

- (a) Exhebition
- (b) Exhibition
- (c) Exhibition
- (d) Exabition

60. You need to buy.....dictionary.

- (a) a
- (b) an

- (c) the
- (d) no article

Instruction: Questions from 61 to 100 are based on the prescribed texts.

61. Goldsmith and Sheridan made contributions to the

- (a) Novel
- (b) Non-fiction writing
- (c) Poetry
- (d) English stage

62. Wole Soyinka is a.....poet.

- (a) Nigerian
- (b) American
- (c) Indian
- (d) British

63. The Old English Period is characterized by

- (a) vocabulary
- (b) mood
- (c) inflections
- (d) gender

64. A major linguistic change in English is

- (a) The Great Vowel Shift
- (b) Received pronunciation
- (c) Language Change
- (d) Vocabulary Shift

65. 'Now the leaves are Falling Fast' talks about the.....of human life.

- (a) frustrations
- (b) happiness
- (c) confusions
- (d) knowledge

66. 'Thou watchest the last ooziings hours by hours.' is from

- (a) Song of Myself
- (b) An Epitaph
- (c) Ode to Autumn
- (d) Snake

67. "And when I crumble, who will remember." Who is 'I' in the line?

- (a) Poet
- (b) Lady
- (c) Child
- (d) Mother

68. 'In hearts at peace, under an English heaven' is from

- (a) Ode to Autumn
- (b) Snake
- (c) An Epitaph
- (d) The Soldier

69. 'Some of the immediate and brilliant results of modern inventions are too maddening to resist' is from

- (a) Bharat is My Home
- (b) A Pinch of Snuff
- (c) Indian Civilization and Culture
- (d) Ideas That Have Helped Mankind

70. India was a part of the background of

- (a) the doctor's life
- (b) the wife's life
- (c) the Kashmiri man's life
- (d) Pearl S. Buck's life

71. Emancipation Proclamation gave the Negro

- (a) slavery
- (b) freedom from slavery
- (c) captivity

(d) despair

72. Bertrand Russell was also a

- (a) painter
- (b) dramatist
- (c) mathematician
- (d) geologist

73. "Civilization is that mode of conduct which points out to man the path of duty" is from

- (a) Indian Civilization and Culture
- (b) A Child is Born
- (c) A Marriage Proposal
- (d) Bharat is My Home

74. "The people have chosen to make me the head of this family for a certain time." Who says this?

- (a) Dr. Zakir Hussain
- (b) Kamala Das
- (c) Pearl S. Buck
- (d) Manohar Malgaonkar

75. Who travelled free with Nanukaka?

- (a) Dog
- (b) Rabbit
- (c) Hen
- (d) Kitten

76. Martin Luther King, Jr. asks the black to continue working with

- (a) love
- (b) hatred
- (c) faith
- (d) jealousy

77. English language is..... than Sanskrit and Persian

- (a) older
- (b) younger
- (c) elder
- (d) oldest

78. The word 'drama' comes from.....word.

- (a) Latin
- (b) Greek
- (c) Scandinavian
- (d) Pali

79. Who wrote, "The Scholar Gypsy"?

- (a) Mathew Arnold
- (b) W. B. Yeats
- (c) Robert Bridges
- (d) Thomas Hardy

80.is called the father of modern novel.

- (a) Richardson
- (b) Fielding
- (c) Johnson
- (d) Dryden

81. The Gujarati equivalent for civilization means

- (a) bad conduct
- (b) intelligent conduct
- (c) good conduct
- (d) delightful conduct

82. Nanukaka was coming to Delhi to

- (a) see some people
- (b) see some minister

- (c) see his sister
- (d) see some relatives

83.works include 'Leaves of Grass' and 'Drum Taps.'

- (a) Walt Whitman's
- (b) D. H. Lawrence's
- (c) T. S. Eliot's
- (d) Walter de la Mare's

84. Who 'run scolding for their food.' in 'Now the Leaves are Falling Fast'?

- (a) Trolls
- (b) Lions
- (c) Animals
- (d) Birds

85. When we speak of 'the freedom of the press', we usually mean freedom in asense.

- (a) broad
- (b) legal
- (c) technical
- (d) social

86. 'A Marriage Proposal' is a

- (a) tragedy
- (b) satire
- (c) tragi-comedy
- (d) comedy

87. Donne studied law and read"

- (a) theology
- (b) drama
- (c) philosophy
- (d) novels

88. I celebrate myself, and sing myself,is from

- (a) Snake
- (b) Ode to Autumn
- (c) Song of Myself
- (d) Now the leaves are Falling Fast

89. In which poem does the poet express his sad feeling for a beautiful lady?

- (a) To Autumn
- (b) The Soldier
- (c) An Epitaph
- (d) Fire-Hymn

90..... is remembered as a war poet.

- (a) Rupert Brooke
- (b) D. H. Lawrence
- (c) T. S Eliot
- (d) Walter de la Mare

91. Who finds Macavity lazy and half asleep?

- (a) Kamala Das
- (b) D. H. Lawrence
- (c) TS Eliot
- (d) William Blake

92. D. H. Lawrence exalts the values of primitive life in

- (a) Snake
- (b) Fire-Hymn
- (c) Song of Myself
- (d) My Grandmother's House

93. 'Macavity: The Mystery Cat' has been taken from

- (a) Old Alan's Book of Cats
- (b) Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats

- (c) Young Arthur's Cats
- (d) Young Mathew's Dogs and Cats

94. 'Crossing of Rivers' is an important volume of verse written by

- (a) Jayanta Mahapatra
- (b) Kamala Das
- (c) Keki N. Daruwala
- (d) Nissim Ezekiel

95. 'He lifted his head from his drinking' is from

- (a) Snake
- (b) Song of Myself
- (c) Ode to Autumn
- (d) An Epitaph

96. Who wrote 'Huckleberry Finn'?

- (a) Herman Melville
- (b) Henry James
- (c) Earnest Hemingway
- (d) Mark Twain

97. Who wrote the piece, 'Why I am Not a Christian'?

- (a) Bertrand Russell
- (b) Shiga Naoya
- (c) Dorothy L Sayers
- (d) Pearl S Buck

98. Seibi was passionately interested in

- (a) baskets
- (b) carrots
- (c) Gourds
- (d) potatoes

99. All technological changes cause.....problems.

- (a) social
- (b) behavioural
- (c) industrial
- (d) personal

100. Benji understood about the business of

- (a) education
- (b) hens
- (c) homes
- (d) fruits

SECTION-B

(Descriptive Type Questions)

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

- (a) Elections
- (b) Child is the father of Man
- (c) Impact of Covid 19 on society
- (d) Importance of sports
- (e) A Picnic Party

2. Explain any one of the following:

- (a) It is obvious that we know more than animals do, and it is common to consider this one of our advantages.
- (b) I called the dhobi, and uncle gave him the coat and took him outside and had a talk with him.
- (c) The past is not dead and static, it is alive and dynamic....
- (d) "There's absolutely no future for a boy like you."

3. Explain any one of the following:

- (a) And what I assume you shall assume,
for every atom belonging to me as good belongs to you
- (b) Cold, impossible, ahead

Lists the mountain's lovely head
Whose white waterfall could bless
Travellers in their last distress.

(c) If I should die, think only this of me:
That there's some corner in a foreign field
That is forever England.

(d) There is a house now far away where once
I received love.

4. Write a letter to your friend asking him to visit your village in the winter vacation.

OR

Write a letter to your Headmaster, asking him to let you use the reading room of the library after the school is over.

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

- (a) Was the Snake conscious of the poet's presence?
- (b) How are autumn and summer related to spring?
- (c) In what sense does the fire forget its dead?
- (d) How did Seibi's father react to the teacher's complaint?
- (e) How does Mahatma Gandhi want his countrymen to deal with modern civilization?
- (f) What is the reward of pregnancy for a young Sylheti woman?
- (g) What was the role of fire in our development?
- (h) When did the Great Vowel Shift take place?
- (i) What was the impact of the Norman Conquest on the vocabulary of English?
- (j) Write a note on English as a Global language.

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

- (a) Write a summary of any one of the following poems:
 - (i) An Epitaph
 - (ii) Ode to Autumn
 - (iii) Song of Myself.

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

- (i) Bharat is My Home
- (ii) A Pinch of Snuff
- (iii) The Earth.

(c) Write a notes on Indian English

OR

What are the difficulties faced by an Indian student in learning English?

OR

Briefly discuss the difference between a short story and a novel.

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

List-A

List-B

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| (i) T. S. Eliot | (a) My Grandmother's House |
| (ii) Rupert Brooke | (b) An Epitaph |
| (iii) Walt Whitman | (c) Macavity: The Mystery Cat |
| (iv) Kamala Das | (d) Song of Myself |
| (v) Walter de la Mare | (e) The Soldier |

(e) Translate any five into English:

- (i) तुम कहाँ जा रहे हो?
- (ii) सुमिता गा चुकी है।
- (iii) हमें बड़ों का आदर करना चाहिए।
- (iv) मेरी कक्षा में सौ विद्यार्थी हैं।
- (v) वह घर पहुँच चुका होगा।
- (vi) शाम में तुम्हें बाजार जाना होगा।
- (vii) मुझे वह किताब चाहिए।
- (viii) गुरु-शिष्य का संबंध पवित्र होता।

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

List-A

- (i) Pearl S. Buck
- (ii) Dorothy L. Sayers
- (iii) Martin Luther King, Jr.
- (iv) Anton Chekov
- (v) Shiga Naoya

List-B

- (a) The Artist
- (b) A Marriage Proposal
- (c) How Free is the Press
- (d) India Through a Traveller's Eyes
- (e) I Have A Dream

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

Trees protect the environment and provide oxygen. They prevent soil erosion. Excessive cutting of trees have aggravated many ecological problems. Despite many awareness campaigns, people have not put an end to the practice of cutting trees. We do not realise that by disturbing the ecological balance in nature, we are ourselves paving the way for breakdown of the life-support system.

Questions:

- (a) What do trees do?
- (b) What has aggravated the ecological problems?
- (c) Which practice have we still not stopped?
- (d) Make sentences with: Environment, Protect.

OR

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

Health is the most valuable thing in human life. Life without good health is no life at all. An unhealthy man leads a miserable life. Good health is the key to success in life. The real wealth of man is his health. We must pay proper attention to it and keep ourselves fit and healthy.