

Model Test Paper (English): BSEB

English
Class : Xth
Time: 3 Hours
M. M. : 100

Section-A

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 6*2=12

With the state gearing up for eight phase panchayat polls in April 2011. The state election commission (SEC) has uploaded online formats for panchayat voters through which they can make addition, modification and deletion in the existing electoral roll. The format which will be available on the website, www.sec Bihar.org. will help the voters to apply for inclusion or deletion of their names from the electoral roll free of cost.

Urban voters can apply only also as for rule voters, for inclusion of their names in the electoral roll, they can either download the application format from the SEC website or apply to respective Block Development Officers (BDOs) or any other officer deputed for the job.

No application in these respects will be entertained by the SEC office, said its sources. While format needs to be filled up for deletion of wrong names entered in the voters' list, through format C any other information can be included.

To include a name in the roll, voters or electorates need to fill up the format D.

The SEC has also made it clear that under no circumstances any application or voters will be entertained after January 18. Meanwhile, the voters should either apply online or to respective BDOs and applications filled up both online and to the BDO will not be entertained, said SEC sources.

QUESTION

- How many possible phases are there for panchayat polls?
- Write down the website for the format?
- Who is the incharge officer for rural areas?
- Why is January 18 important in the given passage?
- What for are the formats B and C?
- Expand the given words:
a) SEC b) BDOs

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below in your own words: 4*2=8

Celebrated as the party destination in India, Goa appears to have lost its 'happening' tag to the humble Bihar. Data collected by the Union Tourism Ministry appear to indicate that Bihar attracted larger number of foreign tourists in 2009 than Goa.

The Government's India Tourism statistics report shows that while 4.2 lakh foreign tourists visited Bihar in 2009, Goa drew about 3.7 lakh losing its place in the top 10 designations in India. Industry hands say that the economic downturn was largely responsible for the sharp decline in the number of tourists. Increasing number of adverse reports on the safety of women and declining law and order situation may also have been responsible for the drops in number. In fact states like Kerala and Rajasthan that have been hot international favourites have suffered the most in 2009 thanks to the global economic situation. While the number of foreign tourists, arrivals dropped by 27% in Rajasthan from 14.7 lakh in 2008 to 10.7 lakh in 2009, Kerala saw 5.4 lakh tourists arriving in 2009. Andhra, that remains numero uno domestic tourists, also witnessed stagnation with tourist arrival increasing from 7.8 lakh to just 7.9 lakh between 2008 and 2009.

- Why is Bihar now attractive place for the tourists?
- Name the states that have suffered the most in 2009.
- What is the position of Andhra for tourist arrivals?
- Which is losing state?

SECTION-B

3. Write a letter to your mother in about 80 words to inform her that you are going to see your friend who has taken ill. 8

Or write an application to your head the institution for the help from Poor Boys Fund. 8

4. Write a paragraph in about 60 words of your own on any one of the following: 1*4=4

- The importance of trees
- The importance of labour
- Rewards of being kind hearted
- Television

5. Visualized yourself 'wedding ceremony' you have seen recently and write a short writing in about 80 words. 8

Or, write a notice in about 80 words for your school notice board inviting students to appear for trial in different items on 15th August. 8

6. Change the following from direct to indirect form of narration: 2*1=2

- Ramesh said to his friend, "is your father here?"
- They said to us, "good morning!"

7. Pick out sub ordinate clauses and state their functions: 2*1=2

- All that glitters is not gold.
- Do as you like.

8. Combine into simple sentences by using infinitives: 2*1=2

- I saw my friend. I was glad.
- He labours hard. He has to earn money.



9. Remove 'too' from the following sentences without altering their sense: 2*1=2

- You are too lazy to work.
- The news is too good to be true.

10. Change the following into negative sentences without altering the sense: 2*1=2

- This is possible.
- He won all the matches.

11. Match the words under column A with their meaning in column B: 5*1=5

Column-A
a) Threaten, b) Splendor, c) Element
d) Spare, e) Scared,

Column-B
a) brilliance, b) express a threat,
c) frighten, d) additional to what is required, e) a basic part of something

12. Translate the following sentences into English: 5*1=5

- डॉक्टर ने धूम्रपान मना किया.
- जॉन मिल्टन एक महान कवि थे.
- जो वो कहता है सही है.
- टहलना अच्छी कसरत है.
- सुभाष चंद्रबोस को कौन नहीं जानता है.

SECTION-C

13. Read the extract carefully and answer the following questions: 5*1=5

I speak with prejudice, because I belong to the tribe of slow thinkers, those who are cursed with 'l' esprit de l' escalier: people who light on the most devastating repartee about four hours after the party's over. I am one of those who are guaranteed to get the lowest marks in any intelligence test, because those tests or all the ones I have come across seem to be designed to measure the speed of your mind more than anything else. Obviously we slow thinkers are terribly handicapped in the business of getting a living. But what I am

thinking about just now is not so much the practical use of one's mind as its use for enjoyment.

Questions

- Name the essay and its author.
- To which tribe did the writer belong to?
- How are today's intelligence tests designed?
- What is the writer thinking of?
- What is the meaning of 'tribe'?

14. Read carefully the given extract and answer the following questions: 5*1=5

I tried to feed him by somehow putting a thin cotton wool wick, dipped in milk into his mouth, but he was unable to open his mouth and the drops of milk only slid down from both sides. Only after several hours of tending could I manage to pour one drop of water in his mouth. But, on the third day he became so much better and assured that he would use his two tiny claws to hold my finger and gaze all around with his blue, glass-beads-like eyes. And in three-four months, he astonished everyone with his smooth fur, bushy tail and naughty refulgent eyes. A transformation from comment to proper noun followed and we started calling him, Gillu! I hung a light weight flower basket lined with cotton wool on the window with the help of a wire. Four two years, this was Gillu's adobe. All were pleasantly astonished at his antics and intellect.

Questions

- Name the title and the writer of this passage.
- How did the writer try to feed the squirrel?
- When did she get succeed in feeding him?
- When did she call him with new name?

v. What the name was given to squirrel?

15. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words: 1*6=6

i. What was Gillu's favourite food? How would Gillu inform that he was hungry?

ii. Why had Alexander Aris accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of his mother?

16. Answer the following questions in about 50 words: 1*4=4

i. Why does the writer call the two little girls "dear little souls"?

Or, Who was Jabra?

17. Read carefully the given stanza and answer the following questions: 4*1=4

A twenty-five kilo load on his back
Spine double bent

A six mile climb up in the snows of winter
Naked bones, skeleton-like frail frame

Yet facing an uphill task
He is challenging the mountain.

Questions

i. How much load does the porter have on his back?

ii. Write down the name of the poem concerned.

iii. What distance does the porter cover in snows of winter?

iv. who is challenging the mountain?

18. Answer only four questions given below: 4*1.5=6

i. Why is the nightingale mute in the town?

ii. What fires the Koel?

iii. Who is blessed man?

iv. What is the colour of Martha's eyes?

v. How do the germs of diseases grow?

vi. Why did Radha's friend run to Lord Krishna?

19. Answer any two of the following questions given below in about 50 words: 2*3.5=7

i. Sketch the character of Halku.

ii. What did the mother feel after going through her daughter's letter?

iii. Mr Gessler was not successful in his trade. Why?

iv. Has the goodness of someone ever made you feel very mean? Explain.

20. Answer any two of the following questions in about 20 words: 2*1.5=3

i. What did the banker do to kill the lawyer?

ii. How did Moon's shoes look like?

iii. Why did Munni suggested Halku to give up tenant farming?

iv. Suggest a possible way to avoid allergy.

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