

BIHAR BOARD CLASS—XII

2013

SUBJECT - ENGLISH

Time: 3 Hours 15 Minutes]

[Full Marks: 100

GROUP-A

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

Science has made the world a better place to live in. There is almost no end to the benefits that science has conferred on us. All the same, the work of science is unmixed blessing. It has created new problems that threaten man. Science has to attend to the problems threatening man. It has to take up the problems of social life too. It has to work for freedom from war and various social and economic evils Science can deal with these human affairs. There would be happiness and good feeling all round if we applied the scientific attitude to all our affairs, Properly using science and cultivating the scientific spirit man can control his destiny.

2. Translate the following sentences into English:

- (a) गाय उपयोगी जानवर होती है।
- (b) क्या तुम्हें तैरना आता है?
- (c) वे लोग दो दिनों से अनुपस्थित हैं।
- (d) जल्दी करो।
- (e) स्टेशन यहाँ से कितनी दूर है?

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

- (a) A Cricket Match
- (b) My Aim in Life
- (c) Importance of Sports
- (d) Evils of Dowry
- (e) A Visit to a Place of Historical Importance.

4. Read carefully the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

We had read a lot about Victoria Falls and had long dreamt of taking a close look at this awe-inspiring and magnificent spectacle of nature. At last the dream came true. I was standing on a huge rock on the edge of the Rain Forest. A vast panorama of magnificent shapes and colours stretched in front of me. Looking down I saw the grey mist rolling up from the abysmal depth. Hundreds of dragon flies were diving in and out of the falling rain like flying emeralds.

Right in front of me, on the other side of the abyss, I saw the Zambesi sliding over the mile-long edge of the precipice. The sight was frightening, but it was also beautiful, One loves to see the mass of water tumbling down. But the spectator is blinded by the spray and deafened by the roar.

Questions:

- (a) What are the two adjectives which best describe the Victoria Falls?
- (b) What is the forest near the Victoria Falls called?
- (c) What did the dragon flies look like?
- (d) Why does the author describe the Falls as 'frightening' and 'beautiful'?

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Q.No. 6 Missing

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GROUP-B

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

- (a) To Autumn
- (b) The Soldier
- (c) My Grand Mother's House
- (d) Now the Leaves are Falling Fast

13. 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) Fire-Hymn |
| (b) W. H. Auden | (ii) Song of Myself |
| (c) Walter de la Mare | (iii) The Soldier |
| (d) Keki N. Daruwala | (iv) Now the Leaves are Falling Fast |
| (e) Rupert Brooke | (v) An Epitaph |

14. Name the poets who wrote the following lines:

(a) Where are the songs of spring? Aye, where are they?

Think not of them, thou hast thy music too.

(b) O how feeble is man's power,

That if good fortune fall.

Cannot adde another houre,

Nor a lost houre recall!

(c) I celebrate myself, and sing myself,

And what I assume you shall assume.

For every atom belonging to me as good belongs to you.

(d) Dead in hundreds at the back

Follow wooden in our track,

Arms raised stiffly to reprove

In false attitudes of love.

(e) If I should die, think only this for me;

That there's some corner of a foreign field That is for ever England.

GROUP-C

15. Summarise any one of the following pieces:

(a) Indian Civilization and Culture

(b) Ideas that have Helped Mankind

(c) The Earth

16. Name the authors of the following prose pieces:

(a) Bharat is My Home

(b) A Pinch of Snuff

(c) How Free is the Press.

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

- (a) Civilization is that mode of conduct which points out to man.....
- (b) I shall be told it is neither numbers not multiplicity of pleasures that make.....

GROUP-D

18. Name the authors of the following works:

- (a) Pride and Prejudice
- (b) Paradise Lost
- (c) The Guide
- (d) The Merchant of Venice
- (e) The Gitanjali

19. Write a short note on Indian English novel.

OR

Write a short note on English as a world language.

20. Name any five Indian English poets.

OR

Name any five English dramatists.

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