

# Bihar Board Class 12 English Book Solutions Chapter 5

## Ideas that have Helped Mankind

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A. Work in small groups and discuss the following :

Question 1.

Your idea of a happy future life.

Answer:

I think I can be happy by leading a simple life by curtailing my desires.

Question 2.

Man and development.

Answer:

Development is essential. But development should no harm our surroundings. We have destroyed the forest and wildlife in the name of development. It is not development. It is destruction.

Q. 3. Some of the valuable ideas which have inspired you.

Answer:

I was inspired by the ideas of Vivekananda, who said that young people should be not only morally strong but physical strong so. That is why I take regular exercise to keep fit and healthy, I am also inspired by the idea that work is its own reward. So I keep myself busy and help others. This keeps me happy and satisfied.

B. 1. Read the following sentences and write T for true and F for false statements

(i) Ideas help mankind.

(ii) Survival was never a problem for homo-sapiens.

(iii) Long infancy was a biological advantage to mankind.

(iv) Man's earliest technical skill was devoted to increasing their population.

(v) Congenital skills play a more important role than the acquired skills.

(vi) unlike birds, human beings can foresee a catastrophe.

(vii) Forethought can avert physical danger. ,

(viii) The intelligent qualities account for the glory of man.

(ix) In a secure future, there are neither worries nor lack of joy.

Answer:

(i) True (ii) False (iii) True (iv) False (v) True (vi) True (vii) True (viii) True (ix) True.

B. 2. 1. Read the following sentences and write T for True and F for false statements :

- (i) Utilization of fire was a milestone in human progress.
- (ii) The fire was used only for cooking.
- (iii) Domestication of animals had nothing to do with religion.
- (iv) Our earliest form of writing was pictorial.
- (v) The invention of agriculture was less important than the domestication of animals.
- (vi) In the course of time, we have progressed.

Answer:

(i) True (ii) False (iii) False (iv) True (v) False (vi) True.

B. 2. 2. Answer the following questions briefly

Question 1.

Has civilization taught us to be more friendly towards one another?

Answer:

Yes, civilization has taught us to be more friendly towards one another. Birds do not treat their elder as human beings do to their elders providing an old-age pension.

Question 2.

What is our attitude towards those 'out-side our herd'?

Answer:

Our attitude towards those outside our heard, in spite of all that has been done by moralists and religious teachers, our emotions are as ferocious as those of any animal, and our intelligence enables us to give them a scope which is denied to even the most savage beast.

Question 3.

What are the two broad categories of ideas that have helped mankind?

Answer:

Two broad categories of ideas that have helped mankind are those that contribute to knowledge and technique, and those that are concerned with moral and political.

Question 4.

Did language play a role in human development?

Answer:

Yes, language played a prominent role in human development. At what stage language began is not known, but we may be pretty certain that it began very gradually. Without it, it would have been very difficult to hand on from generation to generation the inventions and discoveries that were gradually made.

Question 5.

How many languages do you know apart from your mother tongue? Has it helped you in any way?

Answer:

I know some other languages apart from my mother language such as English, Sanskrit, Urdu etc. Yes, it has helped me in many ways such as to contact another person who does not know our mother tongue then we use English to express our feelings. English is widely spoken all over the world.

Q. 1. Discuss the ideas that have helped mankind.

Answer:

See Summary.

Question 2.

How are human being different from animals? Explain.

Answer:

Human beings are different from animals in such a manner that there are 21 (twenty-one) as his intellectual and moral qualities that separate human beings from animals. It is obvious that we know more than animals do, and it is common to consider. It is one of our advantages. Animals can not think like human beings, because of that human beings have extra-ordinary thinking power. It has highly sensitive power. Human beings are one of the most developed and advanced creatures of this world, So human beings are different from animals.

Question 3. How has civilization helped us? Discuss.

Answer:

Civilization has helped us in such a way that in ancient time we were just like animals. We hadn't the knowledge of the way of life. We were not more advanced like today. Civilization has taught us to be more friendly towards one another. Civilization has made us developed. Within the herd, we are more friendly to each other than many species of animals, but in our attitude towards those outside the herd, in spite of all that has been done by moralists and religious teachers, our emotions are as ferocious as those of any animal, and our intelligence enables us to give them a scope which is denied to even the most savage-best.

Question 4.

It is important for us to be civilized ? Give examples of the civilized behaviour that you practise in your everyday life.

Answer:

Yes, it is important for us to be civilized. Civilization is defined as the way of life is called civilization. We wear neat and clean clothes that are civilization. Daily we greet everyone and say, thank you, please. This shows us -as a civilized person. If we wear neat and clean clothes and talk with manners then we are known as a respected person and honoured by all. If haven't, these types of qualities we are ignored by all. So it is important for us to be civilized.

### C. 3. Composition:

#### Question 1.

Write a letter to your friend in Delhi about the culture of Bihar.

Answer:

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Hope this letter will find you in your pink health. Today I would like to aware you of the cultures of Bihar. The culture of Bihar is old and rich and its richness is still in existence. The culture of Bihar is like a tree whose shade gives shelter to all those who come under it. The culture tells you what this world is all about and what are its motives. The result that it gives is that the entire universe is one. The culture of Bihar is such that it cannot be ignored. It is the culture of Bihar which makes its people friendly, co-operative and helpful to others. Its culture is to respect everybody and every religion. There are many politicians who are trying to bring a bad name to Bihar but it is the culture which makes it going on and stand firm like a pillar.

Give my regards to elders & love to youngers.

Yours lovingly

Kavita

#### Question 2.

Write a paragraph in about 100 words on the 'significance of original thinking'

Answer:

There is a great importance of original thinking in life. People with original thoughts are always moving ahead. We can say that original thinking is the key to success. We have noticed that all those people who have achieved greatness in life are the original thinkers. They dared to think something different and new for the first time. People who just follow the wrong and unhealthy traditions are the losers in life. They just think something which has already been thought by others. They are scared of thinking something new, and this is the reason they lag behind. We can make our life honourable by thinking something new for the first time.

## D. Word Study

### D. 1. Dictionary Use

Ex. Correct the spelling of the following words  
numerus, preliminary, continually, vareity, tekhnique, acquaintence.

Answer:

numerus — numerous, preliminary — preliminary, continually — continually, vareity — variety, tekhnique — technique, acquaintence — acquaintance.

### D. 2. Word-formation

Read the following sentence carefully

Given below is a list of words from the lesson. Write theironyms by adding prefixes like 'in-', 'un-', 'dis-', 'im-'.

advantage, certain, definite, friendly, moral, agreeable, sure, forseen, pleasure.

Answer:

disadvantage, uncertain, indefinite, unfriendly, immoral disagreeable, unsure, unforeseen, displeasure.

### D. 3. Word meaning

Ex. 1. Match the words given in Column 'A' with their meanings in Column 'B',

<b>Column 'A'</b>	<b>Column 'B'</b>
(1) <b>hirsute</b>	(a) <b>nod off</b>
(2) <b>catastrophe</b>	(b) <b>auspicious</b>
(3) <b>erudite</b>	(c) <b>cultured</b>
(4) <b>snooze</b>	(d) <b>barbarism</b>
(5) <b>humane</b>	(e) <b>sudden great disaster</b>
(6) <b>propitious</b>	(f) <b>compassionate</b>
(7) <b>canniblsim</b>	(g) <b>covered with hair, furry</b>

Ans. (1) -(g), (2) -(e), (3) -(c), (4)-

### D. 4. Phrases

Ex. 1. Read the lesson carefully and find out the sentences in which the following phrases have been used. Then use these phrases in sentences of your own

at any rate, have to do with,

<b>Ans. at any rate</b>	—	<b>At any rate</b> we can buy this house.
<b>have to do with</b>	—	A lawyer <b>has to do with</b> all sorts of people.
<b>hand on</b>	—	Will you <b>hand on</b> this letter to my friend ?
<b>last for</b>	—	Fresh fruits <b>lasts for</b> many days.
<b>lend to</b>	—	People <b>lend to</b> follow fashion.

#### E. Grammar

Ex. 1. Read the following sentences taken from the lesson, carefully :

(a) I will say a preliminary word about them.

(b) Birds die of hunger in large numbers during the winter.

You see that the word 'about' in the first sentence is used before a pronoun 'them'. Similarly, 'of, 'in' and 'during' in the second sentence are used before a noun 'hunger', a noun phrase 'large number', and a noun 'winter' respectively. Such a word or group of words used before a noun or pronoun to show relation in terms of place, position, time or method is known as preposition.

Fill in the blanks with correct prepositions

(a) Please read..... line 5..... page 10.

(b) Birds die..... hunger..... the winter.

(c) Mamta prefers coffee..... tea.

(d) Mahatma Gandhi was born..... Porbandar..... Gujarat.

(e) Chhabi swan..... the river.

(f) We have become..... certain respects less like animals.

Answer:

(a) in, on, (b) of, during, (c) to, (d) at, in, (e) across, (f) in'