

English (Compulsory) (X)
Set - 2

[Time : 3 Hours 15 minutes]

: 100]
[Full marks : 100]

Instructions to the candidate :

1. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.
2. Figures in the right hand margin indicates full marks.
3. Write group number and question number with every answer.
4. While answering the candidates should adhere to the word limit as far as practicable.
5. 15 minutes of extra time has been allotted for the candidate to read the questions.

Answer all Questions

Section - A

(Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below in your own words : 4×3=12

Marriage among Hindus is not a simple matter. The parents of the bride and bridegroom often bring themselves to reign over it. They waste their substance and their time. Months are taken up over the preparation in making clothes and ornaments and in preparing budget for dinners. Each tries to out-do the other in the number and variety of courses to be prepared. Some of the woman, whether they have a voice or no, sing themselves hoarse, even get ill and disturb the peace of their neighbours. Then is their turn quietly put up all the turmoil and bustle, all the dirt and filth, representing the remains of the feast, because they know that a time will come when they also will be behaving in the same matter.

Questions :

- (i) Why is marriage among the Hindus not a simple matter?
- (ii) What type of preparations are done for the marriage?

- (iii) Why do neighbour put up with all sorts of noise and filth?
(iv) The women sing songs on the marriage occasion. What is funny about it?
2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below in your own words : 4 × 2 = 8

Mass copying in the examination has reduced education to a joke. The lengthy courses of study, and the system of annual examinations are the root causes of it. How is it possible for any human being to express honestly within three hours all that he has learnt in full one year? Naturally, students are forced to cram certain things and copy others from some sources in the form of class tests at the end of a quarter should be held. The result of a student should be determined by his performance round the year. The class teacher should be entrusted with the difficult task. He will have to rise above petty worldly considerations and must be brave and impartial. His role in this connection is very significant.

Questions :

- (i) Why has education become a joke?
(ii) Why are students forced to cram and copy?
(iii) What qualities are required of an examiner?
(iv) Find a word in this passage which means 'what is done'?

Section-B

Writing

3. Write a letter to your father telling him about your preparation for the Board Examination. 8

Or

Write an application to your Headmaster requesting him to provide some books from library.

4. Write a paragraph on any one of the following in about 80 words : 4×1=4
- (a) Rickshaw Puller
(b) Your Aim in Life
(c) Hostel Life
(d) A Picnic.

5. You are Ankit/ Ankita, Head Boy/ Girl of the school. Write a notice to your school notice board to invite the students to participate as volunteer to a 'Blood Donation Camp' organised in your school by Red Cross Society. 8

Or

Narrate your experience of a badly polluted colony in your locality that you have recently visited.

Section-C

6. Transform the sentence as per direction in the bracket : 4×1=4
- (i) I am too busy to go out. (change into remove too)

- (ii) June is hotter than May. (change into positive degree)
(iii) Can I ever forget him? (change into assertive sentence)
(iv) This is possible. (change into negative)
7. Change the following sentences into indirect form of speech : 4×1=4
(i) He said, "Good morning!"
(ii) He said to his servant, "Go away at once."
(iii) He said to me, "Can you do this work?"
(iv) She said, "I can speak English."
8. Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of verbs given in the brackets : 3×1=3
(i) She talks as if she mad. (was / were)
(ii) The book you me yesterday is very useful. (give / gave)
(iii) The committee taken this decision. (has / have)
9. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions : 4×1=4
(i) The dog is the door. (at / on)
(ii) He deals me. (with / in)
(iii) He prevented me going there. (from / with)
(iii) I am amazed his ability. (at / on)
10. Translate any five into English : 5×1=5
(i)
(ii)
(iii)
(iv)
(v)
(vi)
(vii)
(viii)

Section-D

11. Read the extract carefully and answer the following questions : 5×1=5

One of the most significant phenomena of our time has been the development of the cinema from a turn of the century mechanical toy into the century's most potent and versatile art form.

Today, the cinema commands the respect accorded to any other form of creative expression. It combines in various measures the functions of poetry, music, painting, drama, architecture and a host of other arts, major and minor. It also combines the cold logic of science.

India took up film production surprisingly early. The first short film was produced in 1907 and first feature film in 1913. By the twenties it had reached the status of big business.

Questions :

- (i) What is the title of passage and name of its author?
- (ii) What is the most significant, phenomena of our time?
- (iii) When did cinema start in India?
- (iv) What do Indian cinema combines it?
- (v) When did first feature film produced in India?

12. Read the given extract carefully and answer the question : 5×1=5

"Once upon a time there was an old woman. Blind but wise." Or was it, and old man? A guru perhaps, soothing rustles children. I have heard this story, or one exactly like it, in the lore of several cultures.

"Once upon a time there was an old woman Blind wise."

In the version I know, the woman is the daughter of slaves, black American, and lives alone in a small house outside of town. Her reputation for wisdom is without peer and without question. Among her people, she is both the law and its transgression. The honour she is paid and the awe in which she is held reach beyond her neighbourhood to places far away; to the city where the intelligence of rural prophets is the source of much amusement.

Questions :

- (i) Name the title and the author of the passage?
- (ii) Who lived once upon a time?
- (iii) Why was she famous for?
- (iv) Who was that old woman?
- (v) Where did the woman live?

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

- (i) What enlightenment does the writer seek from his wife? What does it suggest about the plight of the modern men?
- (ii) What is ecology?
- (iii) Do you have any pet animal? How does it show concern for you?

14. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words : 2×2=4

- (i) What was Gillu's favorite food? How would Gillu inform that he was hungry.
- (ii) Why had Alexander Aris accepted the nobel Peace Prize on behalf of his mother?
- (iii) What does the old woman know about those people?
- (iv) How does the writer classify himself as a thinker?

15. Read carefully the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow: 4×1=4

"Our groves were planted to console at noon.

The pensive wanderer in the shades.
At eve the moon, beam, sliding softly in between.
The sleeping leaves, is all the light they wish.
Birds warbling all the music."

Questions :

- (i) From which poem have these lines been taken?
 - (ii) Why were groves planted?
 - (iii) What for 'our' stands in the first line?
 - (iv) What is the source of light in the village at evening?.
16. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words : 2×3=6
- (i) What did Radha's friend believe in?
 - (ii) What is your opinion about a greedy man?
 - (iii) Have you read opinion about a greedy man?
 - (iv) What is the secret of a happy life?
17. Answer any of the following questions : 1×6=6
- (i) Who was Jabra?
 - (ii) How can we avoid allergy?
18. Answer any two of the following questions : 2×2=4
- (i) What do you think about terms and condition of the bet?
 - (ii) What were the special qualities of Mr. Gessler's shoes?
 - (iii) Why were Sun and Moon not allowed the party at their house?
 - (iv) Why did the narrator give up the ambition to become an IAS Officer?

Answer
Section-A

1.
 - (i) Marriage among the Hindus is not a simple matter because parents of the bride and bridegroom often bring themselves to reign over it. They waste substance and time also.
 - (ii) Preparations are done for making clothes and ornaments and budget for dinners for the marriage.
 - (iii) Neighbours put up with all sorts of noise and filth because they know that a time will come when they also will be behaving in the same matter.
 - (iv) The women sing songs on the marriage occasion. The funny thing is whether they have a voice or not, they sing, even get ill and disturb the peace of their neighbours.
2.
 - (i) Mass copying in the examination has made the education to a joke.
 - (ii) Lengthy courses of study and the system of annual examination forced the students to cram and copy.

- (iii) An examination should be entrusted with the difficult task. He will have to rise above petty worldly consideration and must be brave and impartial.
- (iv) The word is 'Cram'..

Section-B

3.

13 December, 2016
Patna

Respected father,

I hope you will receive this letter in the best of your mood and spirits. Father I received your letter yesterday. You have asked about my preparation for board examination.

I am doing all my preparations for the board examination. I have completed all subjects especially Maths and Science. Now my revisions are going on. Now I need only your bless for my future.

My best regard to my elders and love to my youngers.

Your's loving son
Saroj

Or

To,

The Headmaster
Patna High School
Patna

Sub. :- Application to provide some book from library.

R/Sir,

I am a student of class X/A of your school. This year I will appear in Board Examination. I have completed my all course books and also done revision. Sir I want to do best preparation, so I need some more books of Maths and Science.

Sir this is my highly request to you to please allow me to provide some books of Maths and Science from library. I will be thankful to you for this concern.

Thanks.

Yours obedient pupil
Rajesh
X/A

4. (a) **Rickshaw Pullar**

The life of rickshaw pullar is very hard. His life is, infact, very miserable. He lives by the sweat of his brow. He has to work like a beast of burden. He pulls heavy loads, men, women and children. He perspires from head to foot. It is very painful to look at him. A rickshaw pullar hardly gets as much as he deserves. People try to

give him as little as possible. He has to work from morning to night but he gets very little to eat. It is sad that in the age of science, a man has to work like beast to earn his bread.

(b) Your Aim in Life

My Aim in life is to become a doctor. A doctor can earn money as well as honour. He can serve the sick. He can serve his nation in a big way. India needs a large number of doctors. Our villagers suffer from many diseases. But there are few doctors in villages. I want to be a doctor and serve in the villages. My aim will be not to earn money but bring hope to the poor and the suffering people. Thus by serving people, I will be serving God also.

(c) Hostel Life

Hostel are places which provide board and lodging to school and college students who need it. Here a student comes leaving behind his home; sweet home, the tender love and care of his parents, brothers and sisters. But he soon makes new friends and gradually gets used to the new way of life. Hostel life is the surest way of eliciting the best in young man.

(d) A Picnic

There is a beautiful canal outside our town. Last Sunday, my friends and I decided to go there for a Picnic. We bought some sweets and fruits, cake and chocolates etc. We reached the canal and camped under a tree on its bank. We enjoyed there by playing badminton and cricket. Then we played Antakshari. After that we ate fruits and sweets with cold drinks. There were many people who came there for holiday. In evening we came back to our home. It was a lovely picnic.

**5. Patna High School
NOTICE**

21st December, 2016

All the students are being informed that 'Blood Donation Camp' is going to be organised in your school campus on 28th December 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

Students who are willing to work as volunteer are requested to give their name to undersigned.

Head Boy/ Girl
Ankit/ Anikta

Or

Last week I went to a very polluted colony in my locality. There was plenty of garbages everywhere. Dirty water was flowing on the roads and street. It was impossible to spend a single minute without closing nose with hand or handkerchief. People living in this colony were becoming sick. Small children were suffering from many diseases. The life of the people of this colony was worse. The local authority should do to clean the colony and improve the lives of the resident.

Section-C

6. (i) May is not as hot as June.
(ii) I am so busy that I can not go out.
(iii) I can never forget him.
(iv) This is not impossible.
7. (i) He bade good morning.
(ii) He ordered his servant to go away at once.
(iii) He asked me if I could do that work.
(iv) She said that she could speak English.
8. (i) were
(ii) gave
(iii) has
9. (i) at
(ii) with
(iii) from
(iv) at
10. (i) Will you help me?
(ii) India is our country.
(iii) The people of Bihar are intelligent and laborious.
(iv) Dr. Rajendra Prasad was the first President of India.
(v) Nalanda is a historical place.
(vi) India is a democratic country.
(vii) I am an Indian.
(viii) Mahatma Gandhi believed in non-violence.

Section-D

11. (i) The title of the passage is 'What is wrong with Indian films'. And the name of the author is Satyajit Ray.
(ii) The most significant phenomena of our time has been the development of the cinema.
(iii) The cinema started in 1907 in India.
(iv) The Indian cinema combines in various measures the function of poetry, music, painting, drama, architecture and a host of other arts, major and minor. It also combines the cold logic of science.
(v) The first features film produced in 1913 in India.
12. (i) Name of the passage is 'Once upon a time' and the author is 'Toni Morrison'.
(ii) Once upon a time an old woman lived.
(iii) She was famous for her wisdom.
(iv) That old woman was daughter of slave, black American.

- (v) The woman lived in a small house outside of town.
13. (i) The writer found himself in a hopeless fog. He asked his wife sitting beside him about a certain girl in the scene his wife told him clearly. So finds that there someone has a mind which has trained itself to work in high gear-though as a matter of fact it can work in other gears just as well.
- For the modern man it suggests to think in fast enough to keep up comfortably.
- (ii) Ecology is the science that deals with the relationship between living things and the environment. It should be preserved for the sake of human beings. Plantation is essential everywhere for fresh environment.
- (iii) I have a pet dog. I call it Sheru. It accompanies me when I go out for a walk. It begins to wag its tail when it sees me. It also licks my feet. It likes to play with me. At night it guards my house. A cat never comes to my home due to its presence. It is devoted to me.
14. (i) Kaju was the favourite food of Gillu. By twittering and producing a sound of chick-chick. Gillu informed the narrator for his hunger.
- (ii) His mother was not present there due to some circumstances. That is why Alexander Aris accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of his mother.
- (iii) The old woman knows only that there are some young people and they have a bird in hand with one of them.
- (iv) The writer belongs to the tribe of slow thinkers. So, the writer classifies himself as a slow thinker.
15. (i) These lines have been taken from the poem—"God made the country".
- (ii) Groves were planted to console at noon.
- (iii) In the first line of the stanza 'our' stands for the people living in the village.
- (iv) In the evening, the moon is the source of light in the village.
16. (i) Radha's friend believes that the joy may come again. She must get happiness in her life in future.
- (ii) A greedy man is shameless man. He always does even wrong deed to fulfil his desires. So, we should hate such man.
- (iii) Yes, I have read so many fairy tales. I have read 'Alice in the wonder land.' This tale is very interesting.
- (iv) The secret of a happy life is peace and contentment. Peace and contentment always produce happiness in life.
17. (i) 'Jabra' is the name of a dog in the story—"January Night". Jabra is a dog who feels all the problems of Halku. When Halku could not bear the cold he picked Jabra up and put his hand in his lap. Jabra could not oppose. Jabara was with Halku when he was gathering the leaves to fire wagging his tail. Jabra was a true pet of Halku because he was always ready to understand Halku's feelings.

- (ii) Actually allergy is a malfunction of human immune system causing a violent reaction against normally harmless substance in our natural environment. The reaction creates an inflammation which in turn as a hay fever, eczema, asthma and other diseases. So, we should stay indoors in the morning. Read and understand food labels. Don't allow danger-producing animals in the house.
18. (i) The terms and conditions of the bet decided by the lawyer and the banker were not proper.
- (ii) There were two special qualities of Mr. Gessler's shoes. They lasted very long and fitted perfectly.
- (iii) Sun and Moon were not allowed to attend the party at their house because their parents thought that they should not see the behaviour of adults at the party.
- (iv) The narrator gave up the ambition to become an IAS officer because he realised that he did not have extraordinary intelligence and ability to study seriously.
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