

BIHAR BOARD CLASS—XII

2017

SUBJECT - ENGLISH

Time: 3 Hours 15 Minutes]

[Full Marks: 100

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

My belief is that if the Nazi won, culture would be destroyed England. In the earlier war, Germany was just a hostile country. Germany and England were enemies, but they both belonged to the same civilization. In the Nazi war, Germany is not merely a hostile country, she is a bad ideology. She stands for evil ideas. Germany is not against culture. She does believe in art and literature. But she has made a blunder as she has allowed her culture to become governmental. All evils proceed from this blunder. In England our culture is not governmental. It is national; it springs naturally out of our way of life. It has developed slowly, easily, lazily.

Questions:

- (a) What is the author's 'belief'?
- (b) Which country does the word 'she' refer to?
- (c) Whose culture is not 'governmental'?
- (d) How has culture in England developed?

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

Abraham Lincoln, who became the 16th president of the USA, was an extraordinary man. His remarkable achievement was his astute leadership in the American civil war. He succeeded in preserving the Union, abolished slavery, strengthened the federal government, and modernized the economy. Largely self-educated, Lincoln became a lawyer. As president, he was responsible for many enactments of far-reaching political and social consequences. He explored the true nature of democracy and, therefore, fought valiantly for the suppressed people. Conscientious and sensitive, Lincoln opposed slavery. His liberal politics, however, did not find favour with the racist people. He was unfortunately assassinated in 1865.

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10. Translate the following sentences into English:

- (a) हमलोग सामाजिक प्राणी है।
- (b) साहित्य समाज का दर्पण है।
- (c) हमें समाज सुधारना है।
- (d) दयानन्द महान सुधारक थे।
- (e) हमें उनपर गर्व है।

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

- (a) The game of cricket
- (b) Pollution
- (c) Democracy
- (d) Science and its advantages
- (e) A visit to historical place

#### GROUP-B

12. Name the poets who wrote the following lines:

- (a) When thou weep'st, unkindly kind.

My life's blood doth decay.

- (b) And when the foreign office find a treaty's gone astray, or the Admiralty lose some plans and drawings by the way.

- (c) Here lies a most beautiful lady,

Light of step and heart was she.

- (d) Where are the songs of spring? Ay, where are they?

Think not of them, thou hast thy music too.

- (e) Whose white waterfall could bliss.

Travellers in their last distress.

13. Match the poets given in List-A with appropriate titles from List-B:

List-A

- (a) Rupert Brooke
- (b) Keki N. Daruwalla
- (c) D.H. Lawrence
- (d) Kamala Das
- (e) W.H Auden

List-B

- (i) Snake
- (ii) Now the leaves
- (iii) Fire-Hymn
- (iv) The Soldier
- (v) My Grand Mother's House

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

- (a) Macavity: The Mystery Cat
- (b) The Autumn
- (c) Song of Myself
- (d) An Epitaph

#### GROUP-C

15. Read the following sentences and state whether they are true or false:

- (a) There must have been a time when homosapiens was a very rare species.
- (b) The ways of managing childbirth in traditional societies are not many and varied.

16. Name the authors of the following prose pieces:

- (a) I have a Dream
- (b) The Earth
- (c) A Pinch of Snuff

17. Write the summary of any one of the following pieces:

- (a) How Free is the Press
- (b) Ideas that have Helped Mankind
- (c) A marriage Proposal

#### GROUP-D

18. Name any five English dramatists.

OR

Name any five Indian English novelists.

19. Discuss the importance of English in India.

OR

Write a short note on English as a world language.

20. Name the authors of the following words:

(a) Othello

(b) The Canterbury Tales

(c) The Paradise Lost

(d) The Waste Land

(e) The Rivals