

**SET-II**  
**MATRIC**  
**ENGLISH**

- *Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*
- *Figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks.*
- *All questions are compulsory.*
- *While answering, the candidate should adhere to the word limit as far as practicable.*

**GROUP-A**

- *There are 50 objective type Questions to be answered on OMR sheet.*  
*Question numbers 1 to 50 carry 1 mark each.*
  - *Follow the instructions carefully :*
  - **Choose the correct options from the choices given : [50 × 1 = 50 marks]**
1. He said to me, "Where is the school?" (Choose the correct indirect narration)
    - (a) He told to me that where is the school.
    - (b) He asked me where is the school.
    - (c) He asked me where the school was.
    - (d) He asked me where the school is.
  2. **She requested me to give her my pen. (Choose the correct direct narration)**
    - (a) She said to me, "Please give her my pen."
    - (b) She said to me, "Please give me your pen."
    - (c) She said to me, "Give me my pen."
    - (d) She said to me, "Please give me her pen."
  3. **The teacher said to me, "Man is mortal." (Choose the correct indirect narration)**
    - (a) The teacher told to me man was mortal.
    - (b) The teacher tells me that man is mortal.
    - (c) The teacher told me that man was mortal.
    - (d) The teacher told me that man is mortal.

4. They listen ..... the music. (Choose the suitable preposition)  
 (a) to (b) at (c) in (d) of
5. I will come ..... sunday. (Choose the suitable preposition)  
 (a) in (b) to (c) on (d) at
6. Radha is good ..... English. (Choose the suitable preposition)  
 (a) from (b) of (c) in (d) at
7. My mother has cooked food. (Choose the correct passive form)  
 (a) Food has cooked by my mother.  
 (b) Food has been cooked by my mother.  
 (c) Food has being cooked by my mother.  
 (d) Food had cooked by my mother.
8. This poem was written by Sana. (Choose the correct active form)  
 (a) Sana has written this poem. (b) Sana was writing this poem.  
 (c) Sana wrote this poem. (d) Sana writes this poem.
9. Switch on the fan. (Choose the correct passive form)  
 (a) Switch the fan on. (b) Let the fan switch on.  
 (c) Let the fan be switched on. (d) Let the fan being switch on.
10. Choose the correct sentence :  
 (a) I have come late. (b) I have came late.  
 (c) I has come late. (d) I has came late.
11. Choose the correct sentence :  
 (a) Do you liking mango ? (b) Do you likes mango ?  
 (c) Do you liked mango ? (d) Do you like mango ?
12. Choose the correct sentence.  
 (a) She was playing chess. (b) She was play chess.  
 (c) She is play chess. (d) She has play chess.
13. Hurrah we have won the match (Choose the sentence wth correct punctua-  
 tion marks)  
 (a) Hurrah! We have won the match.  
 (b) Hurrah, We have won: the match.  
 (c) Hurrah ? We have won the match.  
 (d) Hurrah; We have won the match ?

14. **How beautiful the sunrise is (Choose the sentence with correct punctuation marks)**  
(a) How beautiful the sunrise is.  
(b) How beautiful, the sunrise is.  
(c) How beautiful the sunrise is !  
(d) How beautiful, the sunrise is ?
15. **Children like to ..... . (Choose the correct verb form)**  
(a) played (b) playing  
(c) plays (d) play
16. **..... is injurious to health. (Choose the correct verb form)**  
(a) Smoking (b) Smokes  
(c) Smoked (d) Smoke
17. **Each boy ..... an idea. (Choose the correct verb form)**  
(a) have (b) has  
(c) were (d) are
18. **The poor ..... happy. (Choose the correct verb form)**  
(a) is (b) was (c) are (d) has
19. **She finished her dinner. She went for a walk. (Choose the correct combination)**  
(a) She finished her dinner that went for a walk.  
(b) She finished her dinner so to went for a walk.  
(c) She finished her dinner as for a walk.  
(d) She finished her dinner and went for a walk.
20. **He speaks Bhojpuri. He speaks English. (Choose the correct combination)**  
(a) He speaks Bhojpuri because he speaks English.  
(b) He speaks both Bhojpuri and English.  
(c) He speaks Bhojpuri but English.  
(d) He speaks Bhojpuri to English.
21. **In fact. (Choose the correct meaning)**  
(a) allegedly (b) actually  
(c) doubtfully (d) seemingly
22. **At times (Choose the correct meaning)**  
(a) occasionally (b) basically  
(c) immediately (d) luckily

23. **Break out. (Choose the correct meaning)**  
 (a) require (b) suppress  
 (c) spread (d) reduce
24. **This is the school where I study. (Choose the main clause)**  
 (a) This is the school (b) where I study  
 (c) the school where (d) the school where I
25. **I always do whatever is right. (Choose the sub ordinate clause)**  
 (a) I always do (b) I always  
 (c) whatever is right (d) is right
26. **Gillu was an ..... . (Choose the correct option)**  
 (a) inclusion (b) exception  
 (c) allowance (d) admittal
27. **Mr. Williams is a character from ..... . (Choose the correct option)**  
 (a) Me and The Ecology Bit (b) Gillu  
 (c) The Pace For Living (d) Acceptance Speech
28. **R.C. Hutchinson is a ..... novelist. (Choose the correct option)**  
 (a) British (b) Chinese  
 (c) French (d) Nepali
29. **What was the favourite food of Gillu ? (Choose the correct option)**  
 (a) banana (b) Kaju  
 (c) apple (d) carrot
30. **Satyajit Ray was a well known ..... of India. (Choose the correct option)**  
 (a) doctor (b) cricket player  
 (c) football player (d) film director
31. **Alexander Aris accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of his ..... . (Choose the correct option)**  
 (a) sister (b) mother  
 (c) daughter (d) cousin
32. **Who was the first black woman to receive the Nobel Prize in Literature ? (Choose the correct option)**  
 (a) Aung San Suu kyi (b) Toni Morrison  
 (c) Mahadevi Verma (d) Arundhati Ray

33. Indian social custom is a ..... of many different strains and elements. (Choose the correct option)
- (a) blend (b) element  
(c) ingredient (d) trend
34. The old wise lady was ..... . (Choose the correct option)
- (a) lame (b) blind  
(c) deaf (d) dumb
35. Who has written 'Little Girls wiser than Man' ? (Choose the correct option)
- (a) Leo Tolstoy (b) ~~Joan~~ Lexau  
(c) Humayun Kabir (d) Satyajit Ray
36. Periasamy Thooran was a distinguished ..... writer. (Choose the correct option)
- (a) Bengali (b) Bhojpuri  
(c) Marathi (d) Tamil
37. The koel is called the black ..... . (Choose the correct option)
- (a) cuckoo (b) squirrel  
(c) dog (d) duck
38. How much load does the Porter have on his back ? (Choose the correct option)
- (a) twenty-six kilo (b) twenty-three kilo  
(c) twenty-five kilo (d) twenty-one kilo
39. What was the colour of Martha's eyes ? (Choose the correct option)
- (a) blue (b) white  
(c) yellow (d) gray
40. God made the country, and man made the ..... . (Choose the correct option)
- (a) stars (b) town  
(c) mountain (d) sea
41. Alexander Pope was one of the greatest satirists of the early ..... century. (Choose the correct option)
- (a) 18<sup>th</sup> (b) 19<sup>th</sup> (c) 20<sup>th</sup> (d) 16<sup>th</sup>
42. Who has composed the poem 'Thinner than a Crescent' ? (Choose the correct option)
- (a) Mahadevi verma (b) Vidyapati  
(c) Premchand (d) Joan Lexau

43. Laxmi Prasad Devkota was born in ..... . (Choose the correct option)  
(a) Kathmandu (b) Tamilnadu  
(c) Mumbai (d) Kolkata
44. Martha's stories have a ..... effect. (Choose the correct option)  
(a) noisy (b) tranquil  
(c) rowdy (d) crazy
45. 'Polythene Bag' is a ..... . (Choose the correct option)  
(a) story (b) novel  
(c) drama (d) poem
46. Who has written 'Love Defiled' ? (Choose the correct option)  
(a) Giriraj Jha (b) Giridhar Jha  
(c) Subodh Jha (d) Sambhu Jha
47. The Bet was stuck between the banker and the ..... . (Choose the correct option)  
(a) teacher (b) engineer  
(c) cricketer (d) lawyer
48. Who has written 'Allergy' ? (Choose the correct option)  
(a) Dr. Rana S.P. Singh (b) Dr. Shiv Singh  
(c) Dr. Arjun Singh (d) Dr. Mohan Singh
49. 'Munni' is a character of the story ..... . (Choose the correct option)  
(a) January Night (b) Allergy  
(c) The Bet (d) Love Defiled
50. Whatever Mr Gessler earned was spent in rent and ..... . (Choose the correct option)  
(a) books (b) leather  
(c) clothes (d) furniture

## **GROUP - B**

1. **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :**

People and whales have shared a long history, with a relationship that has changed dramatically over time. Whales have been hunted professionally by whalers for their meat and blubber (that is, oil) from about a thousand years ago. Whale oil was precious and widely used to light lamps until 1860 when kerosene became the primary fuel for lamps. The scale of whale hunting that went on until then can be guessed from the fact that in the mid-1800s more than nine hundred whaling ships were sent out to sea, mainly from American ports, with an average voyage length of three or four years.

As everyone knows, whales are very large creatures. Sperm whales, once described as leviathans, are truly gigantic in size. They possess the largest teeth among whales and live to be more than sixty years old. They can dive deeper than any other animal (about three kilometers) in order to catch deep-sea squid, their favourite food.

### **Questions :**

- (a) **For what have been whales hunted by the whalers ?** **2 Marks**
- (b) **Why was whale oil considered precious until 1860 ?** **2 Marks**
- (c) **Why were sperm whales once described as leviathans ?** **2 Marks**
- (d) **Write the opposite of the word—largest.** **1 Mark**

2. **Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below :**

It was an early Easter. Sledging was only just over; snow still lay in the yards; and water ran in streams down the village street.

Two little girls from different houses happened to meet in a lane between two homesteads, where the dirty water after running through the farm-yards had formed a large puddle. One girl was very small, the other a little bigger. Their mothers had dressed them both in new frocks. The little one wore a blue frock, the other a yellow print, and both had red kerchiefs on their heads. They had just come from church when they met, and first they showed each other their finery, and then they began to play. Soon the fancy took them to splash about in the water, and the small one was going to step into the puddle, shoes and all, when the elder checked her :

‘Don't go in so, Malasha’, said she, ‘your mother will scold you. I will take off my shoes and stockings, and you take off yours.’

**Questions :**

- (a) Where do the two little girls meet ? **2 Marks**  
(b) How were the two little girls dressed ? **2 Marks**  
(c) What did the two little girls do when they met ? **2 Marks**  
(d) Find the word from the passage which means 'a narrow moving mass of liquid.' **1 Mark**

**3. Read carefully the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:**

Her tears carved a river

And she broods on its bank

Hurt and confused.

You ask her one thing,  
She speaks of another.  
Her friends believe  
That joy may come again  
At times they banish hope  
and cease to care.

O Madhava,

I have run to call you :

Radha each day

grows thinner

Thinner than the crescent in the sky.

**Questions :**

**3 × 2 = 6 Marks**

- (a) What are the two feelings of Radha that have been referred to by her friend ?  
(b) Which lines of the poem reflect Radha's confusion ?  
(c) Why did Radha's friend run to Lord Krishna ?

**GROUP-C**

- 4. You are Sanjay Kumar, the sports secretary of your school. Your school is going to organise it's Annual sports day. Write a notice in about 60 - 100 words inviting the students to take part in the different competitions to be held on the day.**

**5 Marks**

Or,

You are Soumya Roy of Class X. Write a report in about 60 - 100 words on the activities of the school science club.

5. Write a letter to the principal in about 60 - 100 words requesting him to make a book available in the school library. **5 Marks**

Or,

Write a letter to your friend in about 60 - 100 words inviting him to spend a vacation with you.

6. Write a speech in about 60 - 100 words on the 'Importance of Trees'. **[5 Marks]**

Or,

You are Dhiraj. Your school is organising an Annual day function. It has been announced that all the participants of the dance programme for the Annual day function have to stay back after school to practise. Your friend Vikas was absent on the day it was announced. Write a message to Vikas to inform him about the practice.

7. Write a paragraph on any one of the following in about 60-100 words.

(a) The Village Market

**5 Marks**

(b) Discipline

### GROUP-D

8. Answer any five of the following questions in about 30-50 words :

$5 \times 2 = 10$

- (i) What does the author think about the strength of Indian culture ?  
(ii) Why does the writer call the two little girls "Dear little souls" ?  
(iii) In 'The Pace For Living', what enlightenment does the writer seek from his wife ?  
(iv) In the poem, 'Ode on Solitude', how do trees help the poet ?  
(v) In the poem, 'Thinner Than a Crescent', what do Radha's friends believe in ?  
(vi) Why does the poet compare 'hurt' with a polythene bag ?  
(vii) Why was Halku pleased even after his crops were destroyed ?  
(viii) What is 'allergy march' ? Explain.

### Answers :

1. (a) Whales have been hunted by the whalers for their meat and blubber.  
(b) Whale oil was considered precious because it was widely used to light lamps until 1860.

- (c) Sperm whales were once described as leviathans because they are truly gigantic in size and possess the largest teeth among whales.
- (d) Smallest
2. (a) The two little girls happened to meet in a lane between two homesteads.
- (b) Both the girls were dressed in new frocks. The little one wore a blue frock, the other a yellow print, and both had red kerchiefs on their heads.
- (c) The two little girls first showed their finery, and then they began to play.
- (d) Stream.
3. (a) The two feelings of Radha that have been referred to by her friend are hurt and confusion.
- (b) The lines which reflect Radha's confusion are : 'you ask her one thing, She speaks of another.'
- (c) Radha's friend ran to Lord Krishna to call him as Radha was becoming very thin day by day.

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P.N.Anglo +2 School, Patna

Notice : 30 November, 2017

### Annual Sports Day

This notice is for the students of all the sections of class IX and X that the Annual sports day is going to be celebrated on 10th of December 2017. There are various events like running, long jump, high jump, hurdle race, short put etc in which the students can participate. All those who are interested to take part are requested to contact their respective class teachers and enroll themselves before 7th December.

**Sanjay Kumar**

Sports Secretary

Or,

R.K.K Vidya Mandir, Dharhara

### Report on Science Club Activities

The Science club has worked hard through out the year to rouse the scientific temperament of the students and the teachers of our school A Science Exhibition was organised by the club in the school premises last week. 3D and working

models, charts, computer programmes made by our students were exhibited. Our school won the inter-school Science Quiz contest. Science week was celebrated by the club during 10th to 16th of July. Many events such as debates, essays, quiz, poster-making etc were held. Students were taken to Sri Krishna Science Centre, Patna. All the activities of the science club have increased the interest of the students in science and technology which is the need of the time.

5. To,  
**The Principal,**  
S.R.R.S. Sr. Sec. School,  
Punpun.  
25<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2017

**Subject :** Request for making a book available in the library.

**Respected Sir,**

I beg to state that I am a student of class X of your school. The English text book 'Panorama-2' is not available in the library. Many students need to borrow the book as they are unable to buy it. It will be a great help to the students if some copies of 'Panorama-2' are provided in the school library.

Therefore, I request you to make available sufficient copies of the text-book in the library.

**Yours sincerely,**  
XYZ

**Or,**

**Ashok Nagar,**  
Kankarbagh, Patna  
March 8, 2017

**Dear Ratan,**

It is a great pleasure to know that you have stood first in your class in the final exam. You really deserve a great holiday after all the hard labour. Mother and I would like to invite you to spend at least one week of your holidays with us at Patna. We would go to see the Sri Krishna Science Centre, Sanjay Gandhi Jaivik Udyan, Bihar Museum etc. We would have a lot of fun together. We hope you get permission from your

parents to come. Please inform me the date and time of your arrival. I will receive you at Patna railway station.

Convey my regards to your parents.

**Yours affectionately,**

ABC

**6. Respected Principal, Teachers and Dear Friends!**

Trees are beautiful and useful gifts of nature. They release oxygen which is essential for life. They clean the air by absorbing carbon dioxide. Trees form the natural habitat of many animals, birds and insects. They make the land fertile and prevent soil erosion. They are a source of fruits, nuts, flowers, fire-wood etc. They protect us from sun, rain and wind. They also provide us with many life saving medicines. So, let's all come and join hands to plant new trees and preserve them to make the earth green.

Thank you.

**Or,**

**MESSAGE**

18 November, 2017

5 p.m.

**Vikas,**

You have to stay back after school to practise for the dance programme of the Annual day function from tomorrow. Bring some extra lunch with you. Also bring a pair of comfortable shoes for the practice. The dismissal will be at 6 p.m. Inform your parents about it so that they make necessary arrangements for you to get home.

Dhiraj

**7. (a) Village Market**

A village market is a place where villagers meet to buy and sell things. There are two kinds of village markets. Many of them sit once or twice a week. These are called hats. Big and rich villages have daily bazars. A village market saves the villagers from the troubles of going to towns for buying and selling things. Moreover, it helps them carry on businesses and make money. It is a good meeting place for the villagers where they come and enjoy.

**(b) Discipline**

Discipline means behaving in an orderly manner, obedience to certain rules and regulations. Discipline in a school means that the students should reach there on time, greet the teachers, maintain silence whenever required, come in proper uniform etc. Students must obey their teachers, should be sincere, dedicated, firm and be focussed on their goals. Discipline is essential for students as they are the future of our country. They need to be punctual, hard working, healthy and fit. Discipline demands self-control and dedication. It leads to the formation of a good society and nation as well.

8. (i) According to Humayun Kabir, the strength of Indian culture is very amazing. Even after going through many ups and downs, it is flourishing till this day. It is the sense of Indianness which has made it possible for Indian culture to exist till today.
- (ii) The two little girls realised their mistake and corrected it. They showed more maturity and intelligence than their elders. They soon forgot their anger and became friends again while their elders continued to fight. That's why the writer calls them 'Dear little souls'.
- (iii) Today, films are full of fast changes of scene and action. While watching movies, the writer gets confused regarding the movement of characters on the screen. He is unable to distinguish among the different characters. So, he seeks enlightenment from his wife in this regard.
- (iv) Trees are very useful. They help the poet by giving him shade in summer. In winter, woods of the trees are burnt by him to get warmth and protect himself from the chilling cold.
- (v) Radha's friends believe that the joy of Radha may come again and she may be alright. But sometimes, they are not sure of her recovery because Radha was getting thinner day by day.
- (vi) The poet compares 'hurt' with a 'Polythene bag' because just as a polythene bag does not decay, hurt does not die out soon. The hurt of a person who is treated with a little warm feeling or love, melts down like a polythene bag.
- (vii) Halku was pleased even after his crops were destroyed because he would not have to spend his nights out in the cold. Now he was free from the burden of guarding his crops at night.
- (viii) Many allergies start as eczema or problems related to stomach or the intestines. They sometimes develop into asthma and often involve breathing problems. This direct process of allergic development is commonly known as 'allergy march'.

Set- ii

Answer of objective questions :

1.	c	2.	b	3.	d	4.	a
5.	c	6.	d	7.	b	8.	c
9.	c	10.	a	11.	d	12.	a
13.	a	14.	c	15.	d	16.	a
17.	b	18.	c	19.	d	20.	b
21.	b	22.	a	23.	c	24.	a
25.	c	26.	b	27.	a	28.	a
29.	b	30.	d	31.	b	32.	b
33.	a	34.	b	35.	a	36.	d
37.	a	38.	c	39.	d	40.	b
41.	a	42.	b	43.	a	44.	b
45.	d	46.	b	47.	d	48.	a
49.	a	50.	b				

*Pranav Kojari*