



ENGLISH

BOOKS - BIHAR BOARD- PREVIOUS YEAR PAPER

ENGLISH (2009)

English 100 Marks Group A

1. Change the following sentences into passive voice :

(a) They never helped me.

(b) They will punish you for your misdeed.

(c) I have always helped Hari.



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2. Fill in the blanks with suitable modal auxiliary verbs :

(a) Welove our country.

(b) I.....hire taxi.

(c) Hecome today.



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3. Turn the following sentences into Indirect speech:

(a) The teacher said "The earth moves round the sun ."

(b) She said, "I have bought a beautiful pen."

(c) Hari said to me ,"Can you sing this song?"



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

Most of the people who appear most often in history books are great conquerors and generals strangely enough the people who really helped civilization forward are often never mentioned at all . We do not know who made the first boat or calculated the length of the year but we know all about killers and destroyers. We raise statues to them simply because they fought bravely. But even animals fight . So do savages. To fight is not civilized . Moreover, there are other ways of setting quarrels among men and nations . So really civilized people have been those who have

brought peace and happiness to mankind .They have been prophets, saint,doctors,inventors and discovers.They have bee really great since instead of inflicting pain and hardship upon humanity ,they have healed their wounds. instead of killing , they have saved human lives.They are really civilized and deserve our admiration and respect.

Questions

- (a) Who are the people that generally appear in history books ?
- (b) Is fighting a mark of civilization ?
- (c) Who are truly civilized ?

(d) Why do they deserve our admiration and respect ?



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5. Write an essay in about 100 – 150 words on any one of the following topic : 10

(a) Your Hobby

(b) A Village Fair

(c) An Indian Festival

(d) The post office.



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6. Transform the following sentences without changing the meaning : 3

(a) He is too poor to buy this book. (Remove 'too')

(b) Hari is taller than all other boys. (Into Positive degree)

(c) Can you climb up this tree ? (Into Assertive)



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7. Use the following idioms and phrases in sentences of your own so as to bring out their meaning clearly :

(a) ups and down

(b) rainy day

(c) nook and corner.



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8. Pick out the Principal Clauses in the following sentences :

(a) That he will come today is certain.

(b) I Know who he is.

(c) Walk carefully lest you should fall.



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9. Translate the following sentences into

English :

(a) मैं गाँव में रहता हूँ।

(b) मेरे गाँव पटना से नजदीक है।

(c) मुझे ग्रामीण जीवन बहुत पसंद है।

(d) मेरे घर के पीछे जंगल है।

(e) मैं प्रतिदिन वहाँ टहलने जाता हूँ।



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10. Make a precis of following passage giving a suitable title :

When we speak of 'the freedom of press'. We usually mean freedom in a very technical and restricted sense - namely, freedom from direction or censorship by the Government. In this respect, the British press is under

ordinary conditions, singularly free. It can attack policy and political character or ministers, interfere in the delicate machinery of foreign diplomacy, conduct campaigns to subvert the Constitution, incite citizens to discontent and rebellion, expose scandals and foment grievances, and generally harry and belabour the servants of the state, with almost perfect liberty. On occasions, it can become a weapon to coerce the Government of conform to what it asserts to be the will of the people.



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11. Put the verbs in the following sentences

into correct tense forms :

(a) Honesty (be) the best policy.

(b) He (leave) Patna a month ago.

(c) He always (come) late.



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English 100 Marks Group B

1. Match the names given in List - A with appropriate titles from List - B : 5

List - A

- (a) John Keats
- (b) Walter de la Mare
- (c) Kamala Das
- (d) Keki N. Daruwalla
- (e) W.H. Auden

List - B

- (i) Fire Hymn
- (ii) Epitaph
- (iii) Now the leaves are Falling Fast.

(iv) My Grandmother's House

(v) To Autumn.



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2. Name the poet who wrote the following lines :

(a) When thou sigh'st, thou sigh'st not winde,
But sigh'st my soule away.

(b) I celebrate myself, and sing myself.

(c) Where are the songs of spring ?

Ay, where are they ?

(d) And when you think he's half asleep, he's always wide awake.

(e) I swore to save fire

From the sin of forgetfulness.



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3. Give, in short, the summary of any one of the following poems :

(a) Song of Myself

(b) To Autumn

(c) The Soldier

(d) My Grandmother's House.



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English 100 Marks Group C

1. Give, in short, the summary of any one of the following pieces :

(a) The Artist

(b) A child is Born

(c) India Through a Traveller's Eye

(d) I Have a Dream.

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

(a) Seibei was passionately interested in

(b) Seibei was..... Old.

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3. Name the authors of the following pieces :

(a) Indian Civilization and Culture

(b) A Pinch of Snuff

(c) The Earth.



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English 100 Marks Group D

1. Write a brief not on Global English.



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2. Write a note on the future of English in India.



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3. Match the given in List - A with List - B :

List - A

(a) Arms and the Man

(b) Macbeth

(c) Untouchable

(d) The Guide

(e) A Passage of India

List - B

(i) E.M. Forster

(ii) Mulk Raj Anand

(iii) William Shakespeare

(iv) G.B. Shaw

(v) R.K. Narayan.



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4. Write the names of five Indians writing in English and also mention one poem or literary

work of each of them.



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5. Write a note on the importance of English in India with special reference to globalisation of economy.



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English 50 Marks Question Papers

1. Answer any two of the following questions :

(a) How, according to C.E.M. Joad, is modern civilization different from old ones ?

(b) What should be the rule about conversation ?

(c) Why was letter - writing done more meticulously in the past ?

(d) Why is the author Stephen Leacock not pleased with the photographer ?



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2. Give, in short, a critical appreciation of any one of the following :

(a) Everyone Sang

(b) The Lake Isle of Innisfree

(c) The Daffodils

(d) If.



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3. What role does Betsy Trotwood play in the life of David Copperfield ?



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4. Give, in short, a character - sketch of Uriah Heep.



5. Do you like David Copperfield ? Give reasons.



6. Rewrite the followingg sentences as illustrated through Examples I and II:

Exp. I : Perhaps he will be severely injured.

II : He may be severely injured.

(a) Perhaps he will be promoted next year.

(b) Perhaps the corn will be cut next week.

(c) Perhaps the result will be announced on Tuesday.

(d) Perhaps the theatre will be closed to -
morrow.

(e) Perhaps he will come to - day.



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7. Use the following prepositions once only in the following sentences : (of, to, with, over, by, for, at)

(a) He gets up Six 'O' clock in the morning.

(b) Our house stands exactly opposite The hospital.

(c) They escaped from the prison and made the nearest road.

(d) How many ways cooking an egg do you know ?

(e) I ran after him and caught him the

arm.

(f) She has no control at all her Children.

(g) How are we going to deal this new situation ?



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8. Use the following words once only in the sentences below :

(achieve, citizen, anticipate, circumstances, reluctant)

(a) What did he ? Nothing. He came away

empty - handed.

(b) She was To talk about Of her brother's death.

(c) I..... a rise in wheat prices in the next few days.

(d) On his passport it says he is a of India.

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9. What is the difference between simile and metaphor ? Illustrate it with suitable examples.



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