



ENGLISH

BOOKS - BIHAR BOARD- PREVIOUS YEAR PAPER

ENGLISH QUESTION PAPER (2013)

Group A

**1. Change the following sentences into indirect
speech :**

(a) Hari said, "Two and two makes four."

They said, "Let us play football."

(c) We will say, "We all are children of God."



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2. Transform the following sentences as directed without changing the meaning :

(a) He is too honest to accept a bribe. (Remove 'too')

(b) What a beautiful flower it is (Into Assertive)

(c) He is one of the cleverest boys. (Into Comparative)



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3. Choose the correct tense forms of the verbs given in brackets and fill in the blanks with them :

(a) I often(Spend) my holidays with my parents.

(b) They(live) here since 2005,

(c) When he(arrive), I was reading a book.



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4. Change the following sentences into passive

voice :

(a) I know him.

(b) She was writing a letter.

(c) Someone has stolen my watch,



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5. Translate the following sentences into

English:

(a) गाय उपयोगी जानवर होती है।

(b) क्या तुम्हे तैराना आता है ?

(c) वे लोग दो दिनों से अनुपस्थित है।

(d) जल्दी करो।

(e) स्टेशन यहाँ से कितनी दूर है ?



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

(a) A Cricket Match

(b) My Aim in Life

(c) Importance of Sports

(d) Evils of Dowry

(e) A Visit to a place of Historical Importance ?



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7. Read Carefully the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

We had read a lot about Victoria Falls and had long dreamt of taking a close look at this awe-inspiring and magnificent spectacle of nature.

At last the dream came true. I was standing on

a huge rock on the edge of the Rain Forest. A vast panorama of magnificent shapes and colours stretched in front of me. Looking down I saw the grey mist rolling up from the abysmal depth. Hundreds of dragon flies were diving in and out of the falling rain like flying emeralds. Right in front of me, on the other side of the abyss, I saw the Zambesi sliding over the milelong edge of the precipice. The sight was frightening, but it was also beautiful. One loves to see the mass of water tumbling down. But the spectator is blinded by the spray and deafened by the roar.

Question :

(a) What are two adjectives which best describe the Victorial Falls ?

(b) What is the forest near the Victoria Falls called ?

(c) What did the dragon flies look like ?

(d) Why does the author describe the Falls as frightening and beautiful ?



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

(a) Fall flat

(b) take after

(c) bring up



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9. Combine the following sentences into one sentence each :

(a) He finished his work. He left for home.

(b) The boy got a prize He was very glad.

(c) The captain was killed. The soldies were seized with panic.



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

(a) One.....do one's duty sincerely.

(b)you drive a car ?

(c)I open the window ?



11. Make a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title : 7

Science has made the world a better place to live in. There is almost no end to the benefits that science has conferred on us. All the same, the work of end to the benefits that science has conferred on us. All the same, the work of science is no unmixed blessing It has created new problems that threaten man. Science has to attend to the problems threatening man. It

has to take up the problems of social life too. It has to work for freedom from war and various social and economic evils. Science can deal with these human affairs. There would be happiness and good feeling all round if we applied the scientific attitude to all our affairs. Properly using science and cultivating the scientific spirit man can control his destiny.



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Group B

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

(a) To Autumn

(b) The soldier

(c) My Grand mother's House

(d) Now the leaves are falling Fast.



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2. Name the poets who wrote the following lines :

(a) Where are the songs of spring ? Aye, where

are they ? Think not of them, thou hast thy
music too.

(b) O how feeble is man's power, That if good
fortune fall, Cannot adde another houre, Nor a
lost houre recall

I celebrate myself, and sing myself, And what I
assume you shall assume, For every atom
belonging to me as good belongs to you

(d) Dead in hundreds at the back Follow
wooden in our track. Arms raised stiffly to
reprove In false attitudes of love.

(e) If I should die, think only this for me, That

there's some corner of a foreign field That is
for ever England.



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3. Match the poet given in List - A with
appropriate title from List - B : 5

List -A (a) Walt Whitman (b) W. H. Auden (c)

Walter de la Mare (d) Keki N. Daruwals (e)

Rupert Brooke

List-B (i) Fire - Hymn (ii) Song of myself (iii) The

solider (iv) Now the Leaves are Falling Fast (v)

An Epitaph.



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Group C

1. Summarise any one of the following pieces :

(a) Indian Civilization and Culture

(b) Ideas That Helped mankind

(c) The Earth.



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

(a) Civilization is that mode of conduct which points out of man

(b) I shall be told that it is neither numbers nor multiplicity of pleasures that make.....



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3. Name the authors of the following prose pieces :

(a) Bharat is my Home

(b) A pinch of Snuff

(c) How Free is the press.



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Group D

1. Write a short notes on Indian English novel.



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2. Write a short note on English as a world Language.



3. Name any five Indian English poets.



4. Name any five English dramatists.



5. Name the authors of the following works :

(a) Pride and Prejudice

(b) Paradise Lost

(c) The Guide

(d) The Merchant of Venice

(e) The Gitanjali.



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