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## Bihar Board 12<sup>th</sup> English Solved Paper

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### **SECTION-A: Objective Type Questions**

Q1. Divya brought \_\_\_\_\_ information with her.

- (B) several
- (C) any
- (A) some
- (D) many

Q2. Children often have their way \_\_\_\_\_ throwing tantrums.

- (A) from
- (B) with
- (C) by
- (D) for

Q3. A suspension bridge was built \_\_\_\_\_ the river.

- (A) under
- (B) in
- (C) over

- (D) by

**Q4. The students decided to go to school \_\_\_\_\_ foot.**

- (A) by
- **(B) on**
- (C) at
- (D) through

**Q5. I \_\_\_\_\_ return before sunset to avoid dark alleys.**

- (A) used
- **(B) shall**
- (C) can
- (D) might

**Q6. Shabnam has \_\_\_\_\_ MBA from Harvard.**

- (A) a
- (B) the
- **(C) an**
- (D) no article

**Q7. He exclaimed with relief that his father had returned safe from the battlefield.**

- (A) He said, "I am relieved my father had returned safe from the battlefield."
- **(B) He exclaimed, "My father returned safe from the battlefield."**

- (C) He sighed with relief, "My father has returned safe from the battlefield."
- (D) He said with relief, "My father had returned safe from the battlefield."

Q8. By the next year, I \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) French for five years.

- (A) will learn
- **(B) will have learned**
- (C) have learned
- (D) would learn

Q9. She \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the market tomorrow.

- (A) went
- (B) goes
- **(C) will go**
- (D) have gone

Q10. The jury \_\_\_\_\_ divided in their opinion.

- (A) was
- **(B) were**
- (C) is
- (D) has been

Q11. They say that they \_\_\_\_\_ going to travel abroad the following month.

- **(A) are**

- (B) is
- (C) have been
- (D) had been

Q12. The vines were \_\_\_\_\_ the garden through the broken fence.

- (A) creeping down
- (B) creeping under
- (C) creeping into
- (D) creeping off

Q13. The dog stuck out \_\_\_\_\_ tongue.

- (A) his
- (B) her
- (C) its
- (D) hers

Q14. Rachna has been living in New York \_\_\_\_\_ 2005.

- (A) from
- (B) by
- (C) since
- (D) for

Q15. Harshita looks exhausted. She \_\_\_\_\_ be sick.

- (A) must
- (B) Shall
- (C) Can

- (D) might

**Q16. Ranjit \_\_\_\_\_ apologize for his mistake.**

- (A) need
- **(B) ought to**
- (C) can
- (D) shall

**Q17. Choose the correctly spelled word:**

- **(A) Insoluble**
- (B) Insolubel
- (C) Insolable
- (D) Insolebel

**Q18. The police caught the thief. (Passive Voice)**

- (A) The thief has been caught by the police
- (B) The thief was to be caught by the police
- **(C) The thief was caught by the police**
- (D) The sentence cannot be changed into passive voice.

**Q19. "Don't touch the hot stove", warned my mother.**

- (A) My mother warned me that I should touch the hot stove.
- (B) My mother warned me to not touch the hot stove.
- **(C) My mother warned me not to touch the hot stove.**
- (D) My mother warned me to touch the hot stove.

**Q20. She studied well. She failed the exam. (Combination)**

- (A) She studied well because she failed the exam.
- (B) She studied well so she failed the exam.
- **(C) She studied well but she failed the exam.**
- (D) She studied well and she failed the exam.

**Q21. The word 'bow' in the sentence "Take a bow after your performance" means:**

- (A) The front of a ship
- (B) A ribbon tied around a package
- **(C) A gesture of respect**
- (D) A medieval weapon

**Q22. She said that she \_\_\_\_\_ speak French when she was young.**

- (A) may
- **(B) could**
- (C) Can
- (D) might

**Q23. If he \_\_\_\_\_ more careful, he wouldn't have met with an accident.**

- (A) was
- **(B) had been**
- (C) were
- (D) has been

**Q24. Choose the correctly ordered sentence.**

- (A) They on the weekends often play football.
- (B) Often they play football on the weekends.
- **(C) They often play football on the weekends.**
- (D) They play football often on the weekends.

Q25. Arun saw \_\_\_\_\_ artifacts in the museum.

- **(A) many**
- (B) much
- (C) any
- (D) a little

Q26. The couple stayed in Kerala \_\_\_\_\_ two weeks.

- (A) since
- **(B) for**
- (C) by
- (D) through

Q27. The synonym of Interesting is:

- (A) crucial
- **(B) fascinating**
- (C) boring
- (D) puny

Q28. The synonym of Conflict is:

- (A) accord
- **(B) strife**

- (C) harmony
- (D) consensus

**Q29. The antonym of Ascend is:**

- (A) defence
- (B) advance
- (C) ancient
- (D) **descend**

**Q30. The antonym of Rapid is:**

- (A) **sluggish**
- (B) foolish
- (C) humble
- (D) swift

**Q31. The antonym of Frank is:**

- (A) greedy
- (B) timid
- (C) **reserved**
- (D) miserable

**Q32. "Break the ice" means:**

- (A) To smash something
- (B) To make a mistake
- (C) **To start a conversation**
- (D) To indulge in a fight

Q33. Alina is \_\_\_\_\_ university Student.

- (A) an
- (B) a
- (C) the
- (D) no article

Q34. Shikha asked me if I had seen her book.

- (A) Shikha said, "Have you seen the book"?
- (B) Shikha asked me. "Did you see my book "?
- (C) Shikha asked me, "Have you seen my book?"
- (D) Shikha asked, "Had you seen the book"?

Q35. The passengers \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) in the lounge for hours.

- (A) are waiting
- (B) waits
- (C) have been waiting
- (D) had waited

Q36. He said that he \_\_\_\_\_ to the park the previous day.

- (A) had gone
- (B) has gone
- (C) goes
- (D) is going

Q37. I will call you \_\_\_\_\_ I reach home.

- (A) while

- (B) when
- (C) since
- (D) then

**Q38. Choose the correct sentence:**

- (A) The lion are roaring loudly in the forest
- (B) The lion roared loudly in the forest
- (C) The lion is roared loudly in the forest
- (D) The lion roar loudly in the forest.

**Q39. Garima is interested \_\_\_\_\_ buying a new laptop.**

- (A) to
- (B) for
- (C) in
- (D) at

**Q40. Abhishek ran fast \_\_\_\_\_ the pavement.**

- (A) is
- (B) on
- (C) at
- (D) for

**Q41. You \_\_\_\_\_ not add extra spices to the soup.**

- (A) might
- (B) need
- (C) shall

- (D) ought

**Q42. We \_\_\_\_\_ help those in need.**

- **(A) should**
- (B) may
- (C) can
- (D) might

**Q43. The synonym of Small is:**

- (A) gross
- (B) enormous
- **(C) trivial**
- (D) vital

**Q44. The antonym of Captivity is:**

- (A) humility
- **(B) liberty**
- (C) timidity
- (D) compassion

**Q45. "Once in a blue moon" means:**

- (A) frequently
- (B) never
- **(C) rarely**
- (D) daily

**Q46. The book Crime and Punishment was written by Dostoevsky.  
(Active Voice)**

- (A) Dostoevsky has written the book Crime and Punishment.
- (B) Dostoevsky writes the book Crime and Punishment.
- **(C) Dostoevsky wrote the book Crime and Punishment.**
- (D) Dostoevsky had written the book Crime and Punishment.

**Q47. The Board will announce the results tomorrow. (Passive Voice)**

- (A) The results are announced by the Board tomorrow
- **(B) The results will be announced by the Board tomorrow.**
- (C) The results have been announced by the Board tomorrow.
- (D) The results were announced tomorrow by the Board.

**Q48. "Alas! Our team has lost the match", they said. (Indirect Speech)**

- (A) They said with sorrow that their team lost the match.
- **(B) They exclaimed with sorrow that their team had lost the match.**
- (C) They exclaimed sadly that their team lost the match.
- (D) They said with grief that their team has lost the match.

**Q49. Which of the following sentences has the correct word order?**

- (A) I went yesterday to the store.
- (B) To the store I went yesterday.
- (C) Went I to the store yesterday.

- (D) Yesterday I went to the store.

Q50. Politicians seldom talk sense \_\_\_\_\_ television.

- (A) at
- (B) on
- (C) in
- (D) of

Q51. Ananya hid her toys \_\_\_\_\_ the table.

- (A) along
- (B) at
- (C) under
- (D) across

Q52. The online English class was scheduled \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 AM.

- (A) at
- (B) in
- (C) by
- (D) on

Q53. One \_\_\_\_\_ not spit in public spaces.

- (A) can
- (B) must
- (C) would
- (D) may

Q54. The synonym of Abundance is:

- (A) scarcity
- (B) poverty
- **(C) plenty**
- (D) courtesy

**Q55. Choose the correctly spelled word:**

- (A) ocassion
- (B) occassion
- **(C) occasion**
- (D) ocasion

**Q56. Was the movie watched by Akshara? (Active Voice)**

- **(A) Did Akshara watch the movie?**
- (B) Had Akshara watched the movie?
- (C) Is Akshara watching the movie?
- (D) Did Akshara watched the movie?

**Q57. The company \_\_\_\_\_ (expand) its operations to several countries by 2020.**

- (A) expands
- (B) has expanded
- (C) is expanding
- **(D) had expanded**

**Q58. My brother, along with his friends, \_\_\_\_\_ going to the concert.**

- **(A) is**

- (B) were
- (C) have been
- (D) are

**Q59. Politics \_\_\_\_\_ a tricky subject.**

- (A) is
- (B) have been
- (C) were
- (D) are

**Q60. She went to work \_\_\_\_\_ she was feeling unwell.**

- (A) because
- (B) although
- (C) so
- (D) and

**Q61. In 'Sweetest Love, I Do Not Goe', to which natural event does the poet compare his return?**

- (A) The rising of the moon
- (B) The return of spring.
- (C) **The sun rising after setting yesternight**
- (D) The flowing of a river.

**Q62. What, according to Mahatma Gandhi, is the true test of a civilization?**

- (A) Its military strength.

- (B) Its economic prowess
- **(C) Its moral and spiritual progress**
- (D) Absolute freedom and liberty

**Q63. In 'Bharat is My Home', Dr Zakir Hussain compares the nation to:**

- (A) a garden
- (B) a temple
- **(C) a home**
- (D) a school

**Q64. What central idea does Walt Whitman express in the poem "Song of Myself"?**

- (A) The importance of wealth
- **(B) The unity of all human beings and nature**
- (C) The need for personal achievements
- (D) The rejection of society

**Q65. Who is Nanukaka in the story 'A Pinch of Snuff'?**

- **(A) The narrator's uncle**
- (B) An astrologer
- (C) The narrator's father
- (D) A politician

**Q66. The Lines, "Nurses to their graves are gone,/ But the prams go rolling on" are taken from.:**

- (A) An Epitaph
- (B) Snake
- (C) **Now the Leaves are Falling Fast**
- (D) Fire-Hymn

**Q67. Where was 'I Have A Dream' speech delivered?**

- (A) **Lincoln Memorial, Washington D.C.**
- (B) The Red Fort, New Delhi
- (C) Capitol Hill, Washington D.C.
- (D) Buckingham Palace, England

**Q68. Which of the following ideas is not mentioned by Bertrand Russell in the essay 'Ideas That Have Helped Mankind'?**

- (A) The taming of domestic animals
- (B) The invention of agriculture
- (C) The art of writing
- (D) **The art of war**

**Q69. Which of the following is not an image of autumn described in the poem 'Ode to Autumn'?**

- (A) Ripened fruits and flowers
- (B) The bleating of the full-grown lambs
- (C) Swallows twittering in the sky
- (D) **Snow-laden mountain peaks**

**Q70. 'The Soldier' by Rupert Brooke is:**

- (A) an ode
- **(B) a sonnet**
- (C) a ballad
- (D) a dramatic monologue

**Q71. Where did Seimei live?**

- (A) In a bustling city
- (B) In a village by the forest
- **(C) In a harbour town one could cross in twenty minutes**
- (D) In a mountain hamlet

**Q72. What, according to Pearl S Buck, was the most important thing for understanding India?**

- (A) Reading Indian Literature.
- (B) Learning Indian languages.
- **(C) Meeting common Indian people.**
- (D) Studying Indian history.

**Q73. Which of the following is not one of the four dialects of Old English?**

- (A) Kentish.
- (B) West Saxon
- **(C) West Midland**
- (D) Mercian

**Q74. Which of the following is a famous work from the Middle English period?**

- (A) Paradise Lost
- **(B) The Canterbury Tales**
- (C) Beowulf
- (D) Utopia

**Q75. Which event in 1476 helped standardize Modern English spelling and grammar?**

- (A) The Norman Conquest
- (B) The Renaissance
- **(C) Introduction of Printing Press by Caxton**
- (D) The Industrial Revolution

**Q76. The word 'bazaar' was borrowed by English from which of the following languages?**

- (A) Hindi
- (B) Arabic
- **(C) Persian**
- (D) Turkish

**Q77. Who among the following was a University wit?**

- (A) William Congreve
- **(B) Christopher Marlowe**
- (C) T.S. Eliot

- (D) William Shakespeare

**Q78. The origin of English novel is traced back to the:**

- (A) 14th-Century
- (B) 16th-Century
- **(C) 18th-Century**
- (D) 20th-Century

**Q79. In the poem 'Snake', the voice of the poet's education on spotting a snake told him to:**

- (A) admire the snake
- **(B) kill the snake**
- (C) feed the snake
- (D) avoid the snake

**Q80. Dorothy L. Sayers suggests that the press often:**

- (A) Reports with perfect objectivity
- **(B) Shapes public opinion through selective reporting**
- (C) Avoids influencing readers
- (D) Focuses only on financial news

**Q81. What does the poet say about 'Death' in the poem 'Sweetest Love, I Do Not Goe'?**

- **(A) It is inevitable and destined**
- (B) It is far away
- (C) It is only for the old

- (D) It cannot be avoided by love

**Q82. How does Gandhi view the Western idea of progress?**

- (A) As dangerous and materialistic
- (B) As necessary to bring about equality
- (C) As an advantage to the cultural harmony of India
- (D) As a goal of civilization

**Q83. What does Dr. Zakir Hussain emphasize as essential for national progress?**

- (A) Political debate
- (B) Hard work and cooperation
- (C) Foreign Aid
- (D) Material prosperity

**Q84. Who among the following is known as the "people's poet"?**

- (A) Keki N. Daruwalla
- (B) Walt Whitman
- (C) Kamala Das
- (D) John Keats

**Q85. What does the speaker in "Fire-Hymn" see while passing by the cremation ghat?**

- (A) A lush green forest
- (B) A serene lake
- (C) An old mountain

- (D) half-burnt bodies

**Q86. 'Now the Leaves are Falling Fast' is a poem of:**

- (A) Five stanzas of four lines each
- (B) Five stanzas of five lines each
- (C) Three stanzas of four lines each
- (D) Three stanzas of five lines each

**Q87. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in:**

- (A) Georgia
- (B) Colorado
- (C) Tennessee
- (D) Mississippi

**Q88. The line "The tribes that worshipped lions and crocodiles died out..." appears in:**

- (A) I Have a Dream
- (B) Ideas that Have Helped Mankind
- (C) How Free is the Press
- (D) Indian Civilization and Culture

**Q89. How many stanzas are there in the poem 'Ode to Autumn'?**

- (A) Four
- (B) Five
- (C) Three
- (D) Six

**Q90. The phrase "her sights and sounds" in the poem 'The Soldier' refers to:**

- (A) a foreign battlefield
- (B) A graveyard
- **(C) Memories of England**
- (D) Palaces and Castles

**Q91. The Old English period lasted from:**

- **(A) 449-1066 AD**
- (B) 1150-1500 AD
- (C) 1500-1660 AD
- (D) 400-1000 AD

**Q92. Who wrote 'Piers the Plowman'?**

- (A) Gower
- (B) Chaucer
- **(C) Langland**
- (D) Wycliffe

**Q93. A Dictionary of English Language was published by Dr. Samuel Johnson in:**

- (A) 1664
- **(B) 1755**
- (C) 1813
- (D) 1066

**Q94. What reaction did Seibei's ethics teacher have when he saw him polishing the gourd in class?**

- (A) He praised him
- (B) He laughed it off
- **(C) He was furious**
- (D) He ignored it

**Q95. What had always been part of Pearl S. Buck's background?**

- (A) India
- **(B) China**
- (C) U.S.
- (D) England

**Q96. In morality plays the characters were often:**

- (A) Kings and Queens
- **(B) Virtues personified**
- (C) Famous poets
- (D) Roman deities

**Q97. The Restoration Age is especially known for:**

- (A) Miracle Plays
- (B) Absurd Drama
- **(C) Comedy of Manners**
- (D) Poetic plays

**Q98. Who wrote the novel 'Robinson Crusoe'?**

- (A) Daniel Defoe
- (B) Samuel Richardson
- (C) Jonathan Swift
- (D) Henry Fielding

**Q99. 'A Child is Born' explores the cultural peculiarities of:**

- (A) Indian and Chinese
- (B) Swedish and African
- (C) **The East and the West**
- (D) American and Indian

**Q100. In 'A Marriage Proposal' what is the main cause of quarrel between Lomov and Natalia?**

- (A) Marriage expenses
- (B) **Land ownership disputes**
- (C) Dowry amount
- (D) Political differences

### **SECTION-B: Descriptive Type Questions**

**Q1. Write an essay on any one of the following in about 150-200 words: (i) The Future of Artificial Intelligence (ii) The Importance of Discipline in life (iii) Role of Renewable Energy in Combating Climate Change (iv) Deforestation (v) Floods: Causes and Impacts**

**(i) The Future of Artificial Intelligence**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is one of the most transformative technologies of the 21st century, reshaping how we live, work, and

interact. Its future holds immense potential to revolutionize sectors like healthcare, education, and transportation. In healthcare, AI-driven diagnostics can detect diseases earlier and more accurately than ever before. In education, personalized learning algorithms can tailor lessons to individual student needs, making learning more effective.

However, the future of AI also brings challenges. Automation may displace jobs, requiring a shift in workforce skills. There are also ethical concerns regarding privacy, surveillance, and decision-making by machines. Despite these risks, if regulated and developed responsibly, AI can solve complex global problems, such as climate change, by optimizing energy consumption and resource management. Ultimately, the future of AI will depend on how humanity balances innovation with ethical responsibility, ensuring it serves as a tool for empowerment rather than a source of division.

**Q2. Explain any one of the following:**

**(i) Civilization is that mode of conduct which points out to men the path of duty.**

This line is taken from Mahatma Gandhi's essay "Indian Civilization and Culture." Here, Gandhi defines the true essence of civilization not as the accumulation of material wealth or the pursuit of luxury, but as a moral pathway. He argues that true civilization guides human beings toward performing their duties and adhering to moral principles. For Gandhi, the mastery over one's mind and passions is the real mark of a civilized society, contrasting the Indian focus on morality with the Western focus on materialism.

**Q3. Explain any one of the following lines:**

**(i) How often I think of going There, to peer through the blind eyes of windows...**

These lines are from the poem "My Grandmother's House" by Kamala Das. The poet expresses a deep sense of nostalgia and longing for her childhood home, where she lived with her grandmother. The "blind eyes of windows" metaphorically describes the now-empty and dusty windows of the house, which has lost its life and warmth since her grandmother's death. She wishes to return there not just to see the physical structure, but to reconnect with the memories of a time when she was loved and secure, contrasting it with her current loveless life.

**Q4. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner of your city complaining about the problem of water-logging in your area.**

To, The Municipal Commissioner, Patna Municipal Corporation,  
Patna, Bihar.

Date: January 8, 2026

Subject: Complaint regarding severe water-logging in Kankarbagh area.

Sir,

I am writing to bring to your immediate attention the severe problem of water-logging in the Kankarbagh area of Patna. Even after a brief spell of rain, the streets become flooded, making it extremely difficult for residents to commute. The drainage system seems to be completely choked, and the accumulated water has become a

breeding ground for mosquitoes, posing a serious health risk to the community.

Children are unable to go to school, and the elderly find it hazardous to step out. Despite repeated requests to local ward officials, no concrete action has been taken. I earnestly request you to send a maintenance team to inspect the area and clear the drains immediately to provide relief to the residents.

Yours faithfully, Amit Kumar Resident, Kankarbagh, Patna

**Q5. Answer any five of the following questions in about 40-50 words each:**

**a) What, according to Dr. Zakir Hussain, is the role of education in building a nation?**

According to Dr. Zakir Hussain, education is the "prime instrument of national purpose." He believes that the quality of education determines the quality of the nation. Without constant renewal and improvement of education, national growth and reconstruction are impossible.

**b) Why did the narrator initially hesitate to meet Nanukaka?**

The narrator hesitated because he knew Nanukaka was a difficult guest who often told lies and made tall claims to get his way. He also feared that Nanukaka would disrupt his daily routine and stay for a long time, causing inconvenience.

**c) How does Bertrand Russell explain the role of cooperation in human progress?**

Bertrand Russell explains that while animals cooperate instinctively, human cooperation is more complex and must be learned. It

contributes to progress by allowing humans to work together for common goals, ensuring survival and the development of civilization, though it is often limited to one's own group.

**d) Why is the birth of a child considered a social event in traditional societies?**

In traditional societies, childbirth is not just a family affair but a community celebration. Pregnant women are cared for by their parents and the community. The birth involves rituals, feasts, and gatherings, reinforcing social bonds and making it a shared joyful event.

**e) How does the sighing and weeping of the beloved affect the speaker in 'Sweetest Love, I Do Not Goe'?**

The speaker says that when his beloved sighs, she "sighs not wind, but sighs my soul away," and when she weeps, his "life's blood doth decay." Her grief physically hurts him because they are spiritually one; her pain is his pain.

**Q6. Answer any three of the following in about 100-120 words each.**

**a) Write the summary of any one of the following poems (The Soldier):**

"The Soldier" is a patriotic sonnet by Rupert Brooke. The poem expresses the poet's immense love for his motherland, England. The speaker, a soldier, declares that if he dies in a foreign land, that piece of earth will forever become England because he is buried there. He recounts how England gave him life, air to breathe, and flowers to love. He envisions death not as an end, but as a peaceful state where his soul, purified of evil, will give back the thoughts and

gentleness given to him by England. It is a glorification of war and patriotism.

**d) Match the titles of the poems given in List-A with their poets in List-B:**

- (i) Ode to Autumn – (c) John Keats
- (ii) The Soldier – (d) Rupert Brooke
- (iii) Fire-Hymn – (a) Keki N. Daruwalla
- (iv) An Epitaph – (e) Walter de la Mare
- (v) Sweetest Love, I Do Not Goe – (b) John Donne

**f) Match the titles of the prose-pieces in List-A with their authors in List-B:**

- (i) How Free is the Press – (c) Dorothy L. Sayers
- (ii) I Have a Dream – (e) Martin Luther King Jr.
- (iii) India Through a Traveller's Eye – (b) Pearl S. Buck
- (iv) Ideas that Have Helped Mankind – (d) Bertrand Russell
- (v) A Pinch of Snuff – (a) Manohar Malgaonkar

**Q7. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

**(i) How does social media help people stay connected?** Social media helps people stay connected by allowing them to share ideas, interact with friends, and build communities across the world regardless of distance.

**(ii) What are the positive uses of social media?** The positive uses include bringing friends closer, inspiring creativity, spreading awareness, and building global communities.

(iii) **What problems can social media cause?** Social media can encourage unhealthy comparisons, cause distraction, and lead to the spread of misinformation and negativity.

(iv) **Which word in the passage means 'imagination'?** The word in the passage that is closest in meaning to 'imagination' is "creativity".



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