

Bihar Board 10 English Set B 2024 Question Paper

Time Allowed :3 Hours 15 mins

Maximum Marks :70

Total questions :96

General Instructions

Instructions to the candidates:

1. Candidate must enter his/her Question Booklet Serial No. (10 Digits) in the OMR Answer Sheet.
2. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.
3. Figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.
4. An extra time of 15 minutes has been allotted for the candidates to read the questions carefully.
5. This question booklet is divided into two sections — **Section-A** and **Section-B**.

1. 'There only minds like yours can do no harm.' — is from

- (A) God Made the Country
 - (B) Koel
 - (C) Martha
 - (D) The Sleeping Porter
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2. 'Sawarnai' and 'Rays' are prominent works of

- (A) Vidyapati
 - (B) Puran Singh
 - (C) Durga Prasad Panda
 - (D) Laxmi Prasad Devkota
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3. 'The roses are on fire which winds and waters catch !' is from

- (A) Koel
 - (B) Martha
 - (C) Ode on Solitude
 - (D) The Empty Heart
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4. 'Puvir Sirippu' is a collection of by Periasamy Thooran.

- (A) essays
 - (B) stories
 - (C) novels
 - (D) poems
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5. 'I am restless ! Where is my beloved ?' — is from

- (A) Koel
 - (B) Thinner than a Crescent
 - (C) The Empty Heart
 - (D) Ode on Solitude
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6. The scared and offended nightingale is

- (A) natural
 - (B) mute
 - (C) musical
 - (D) peaceful
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7. Films today are a significant part of creative

- (A) culture
 - (B) expression
 - (C) art
 - (D) science
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8. It is shameful to know that the Buddhist monks are

- (A) beaten up
 - (B) laughed at
 - (C) imprisoned
 - (D) driven away
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9. The old woman is never ashamed of being the daughter of black slaves.

- (A) American
- (B) British

- (C) African
 - (D) Brahmin
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10. The Greek invaders were followed by

- (A) Romans
 - (B) Sakas and Huns
 - (C) Sun and Moon
 - (D) French
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11. Joan Lexau is the writer of

- (A) Me and the Ecology Bit
 - (B) The Pace for Living
 - (C) Once Upon a Time
 - (D) Acceptance Speech
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12. Mahadevi Verma sometimes put Gillu in a / an

- (A) box
 - (B) bag
 - (C) envelope
 - (D) purse
-

13. The daughter had worked hard to

- (A) pass the examination
- (B) buy expensive clothes
- (C) save money
- (D) fulfil her dream

14. are capable of producing allergy.

- (A) Immunity
- (B) Medication
- (C) Allergens
- (D) Fever

15. Jabra gave a loud bark and ran towards the

- (A) field
- (B) house
- (C) river
- (D) well

16. Dr. Rana S. P. Singh has written a number of articles on

- (A) beauty care
- (B) skin care
- (C) healthcare
- (D) hair care

17. ‘The old banker had given the party years ago.’

- (A) 15
- (B) 16
- (C) 20
- (D) 25

18. Mr. Gessler was a shoemaker settled in London.

- (A) Italian
 - (B) Indian
 - (C) French
 - (D) German
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19. A spirit of underlying is a remarkable feature of Indian culture.

- (A) unity
 - (B) tradition
 - (C) culture
 - (D) feeling
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20. is something which people hardly pay any attention to.

- (A) Security
 - (B) Education
 - (C) Relation
 - (D) Ecology
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21. The corn-merchant was unable to handle the of life.

- (A) anxieties
 - (B) pleasures
 - (C) dramas
 - (D) pace
-

22. Jim drove his round and round the backyard all summer.

- (A) bicycle
- (B) motorbike

- (C) car
 - (D) truck
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23. Akoulya's grandmother wanted the people to instead of fighting.

- (A) play
 - (B) eat
 - (C) drink
 - (D) rejoice
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24. Mahadevi Verma was injured in a

- (A) train accident
 - (B) plane accident
 - (C) car accident
 - (D) motorbike accident
-

25. The daughter always tries to follow her advice.

- (A) father's
 - (B) mother's
 - (C) sister's
 - (D) brother's
-

26. The girlfriend's had not rubbed off on the narrator in 'Love Defiled'.

- (A) goodness
- (B) selfish
- (C) generous
- (D) cunning

27. Munni blamed Halku for the destruction of the

- (A) hut
- (B) crop
- (C) clothes
- (D) utensils

28. The lawyer considered both capital punishment and life imprisonment

- (A) good
- (B) moral
- (C) correct
- (D) immoral

29. The flower pots looked like

- (A) hats
- (B) umbrellas
- (C) sandals
- (D) gloves

30. There was to look after Sun and Moon.

- (A) somebody
- (B) anybody
- (C) nobody
- (D) everybody

31. The porter's heart twitters like a

- (A) crow
 - (B) rabbit
 - (C) squirrel
 - (D) bird
-

32. The burns the Koel's heart.

- (A) dry garden
 - (B) wet garden
 - (C) green garden
 - (D) neighbouring garden
-

33. "He is challenging the mountain." — Who is 'he' in this line?

- (A) Porter
 - (B) Villager
 - (C) Porter's son
 - (D) Porter's father
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34. Who wrote the poem 'Koel'?

- (A) William Cowper
 - (B) Alexander Pope
 - (C) Laxmi Prasad Devkota
 - (D) Puran Singh
-

35. The trees owned by a gives him shade in summer.

- (A) contented man
- (B) builders

- (C) contractors
 - (D) destroyers of nature
-

36. The has burnt the wings of the Koel.

- (A) Fire of Anger
 - (B) Fire of Love
 - (C) Fire of Hatred
 - (D) Fire of Jealousy
-

37. Gillu had discovered a new method to tackle the

- (A) winter cold
 - (B) summer heat
 - (C) rainy season
 - (D) strong winds
-

38. Film production in India, according to Satyajit Ray, is

- (A) qualitative
 - (B) quantitative
 - (C) hardly recognizable
 - (D) of low quality
-

39. The Indian society has the capacity for

- (A) revive
- (B) readjustment
- (C) succumb to survive
- (D) be indifferent

40. The hero in the movie, as described in ‘The Pace For Living’, took off his when he came indoors.

- (A) shoes
- (B) tie
- (C) shirt
- (D) hat

41. A man, according to Alexander Pope, is said to be blessed when he has no

- (A) relationships
- (B) anxieties
- (C) properties
- (D) friends

42. Radha is growing thinner than a

- (A) thin stick
- (B) thin thread
- (C) crescent moon
- (D) eclipsed sun

43. The of the Burmese people was indeed pathetic.

- (A) condition
 - (B) death
 - (C) separation
 - (D) strength
-

44. The crows were engaged in poking their at the flowerpots.

- (A) noses
 - (B) beaks
 - (C) legs
 - (D) hands
-

45. are handicapped in finding a living for themselves.

- (A) Slow thinkers
 - (B) High thinkers
 - (C) Fast thinkers
 - (D) Middle-paced thinkers
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46. Instead of driving a car, Jim advises Mr. Johnson to to the post-office.

- (A) jog
 - (B) walk
 - (C) run
 - (D) drive
-

47. The University had conferred an honorary doctorate on Satyajit Ray.

- (A) Delhi
 - (B) Oxford
 - (C) Cambridge
 - (D) Harvard
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48. Aung San Suu Kyi got the Nobel Peace Prize on the

- (A) International Human Rights Day
 - (B) International Labour Day
 - (C) International Animal Day
 - (D) International Migrant Day
-

49. The rich man died before he could the eighth pot.

- (A) fill
 - (B) empty
 - (C) half-fill
 - (D) half-empty
-

50. Vidyapati's poems usually deal with

- (A) Krishna's love
 - (B) Mahadev's love
 - (C) Rukmani's love
 - (D) Radha's love
-

51. The porter is challenging the

- (A) people
 - (B) mountains
 - (C) nature
 - (D) houses
-

52. Durga Prasad Panda is primarily a

- (A) linguist
- (B) Buddhist

- (C) dentist
 - (D) lawyer
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53. Walter de la Mare creates an atmosphere of in his poems.

- (A) joy
 - (B) suspense
 - (C) fear
 - (D) mystery
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54. “When touched it makes a squeaky noise” — is from

- (A) Polythene Bag
 - (B) Martha
 - (C) The Empty Heart
 - (D) Ode on Solitude
-

55. While Martha told her stories, the children used to stare at her with

- (A) ease
 - (B) joy
 - (C) tension
 - (D) sadness
-

56. Jim’s dog had dug up Ms. Greene’s

- (A) courtyard
- (B) backyard
- (C) garden
- (D) field

57. is the main character in ‘January Night’.

- (A) Hanku
- (B) Halku
- (C) Jabra
- (D) Munni

58. Allergy causes a reaction against normally harmless substances in our environment.

- (A) fast
- (B) mild
- (C) violent
- (D) quick

59. Chekhov wrote plays.

- (A) 12
- (B) 17
- (C) 19
- (D) 20

60. Mr. Gessler’s shop was like entering a

- (A) museum
 - (B) palace
 - (C) temple
 - (D) church
-

61. Choose the correct spelt word:

- (A) Concert
 - (B) Koncirt
 - (C) Cauncert
 - (D) Councert
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62. Choose the correct spelt word:

- (A) Suspeceun
 - (B) Suspicion
 - (C) Seuspicion
 - (D) Saspicion
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63. Choose the correct spelt word:

- (A) Norishmant
 - (B) Noeurishment
 - (C) Nourishment
 - (D) Nuerishmant
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64. Choose the correct spelt word:

- (A) Abindant
 - (B) Abeandent
 - (C) Abandante
 - (D) Abundant
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65. Choose the correct spelt word:

- (A) Dispuse
 - (B) Dispise
 - (C) Despise
 - (D) Duspuse
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66. Choose the correct spelt word:

- (A) Hoerse
 - (B) Hæarse
 - (C) Hairuse
 - (D) Hoarse
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67. Choose the correct spelt word:

- (A) Immortaltiye
 - (B) Emmortality
 - (C) Ummutorlity
 - (D) Immortality
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68. Direct speech of: She exclaimed with delight that it was a very beautiful voice. is

- (A) She said, "What a beautiful voice!"
 - (B) She shouted, "A beautiful voice for sure!"
 - (C) She says, "A very beautiful voice!"
 - (D) She will say, "Indeed a beautiful voice!"
-

69. Direct speech of: Suresh asked me if I had seen his keys. is

- (A) Suresh says to me, "Will you see my keys?"
- (B) Suresh said to me, "Have you seen my keys?"

- (C) Suresh enquired, "Can you see my keys?"
(D) Suresh will say, "May you find my keys?"
-

70. Direct speech of: Smita asked Kavita what she was doing there. is

- (A) Smita can say to Kavita, "What are you doing here?"
(B) Smita said to Kavita, "What are you doing here?"
(C) Smita said to Kavita, "What are you doing there?"
(D) Smita said, "What is Kavita doing here?"
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71. Indirect speech of: Ramesh said to me, "Thank you!" is

- (A) Ramesh thanked me
(B) Ramesh can thank me
(C) Ramesh may thank me
(D) Ramesh has to thank me
-

72. Indirect speech of: Chotu said to Vishal, "Work hard." is

- (A) Chotu ordered Vishal to work hard
(B) Chotu requested Vishal to work hard
(C) Chotu will ask Vishal to work hard
(D) Chotu advised Vishal to work hard
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73. Indirect speech of: He said to Veenu, "Are you tired?" is

- (A) He asks Veenu if she was tired
(B) He asked Veenu whether she was tired
(C) He enquired Veenu if she is tired
(D) He said to Veenu if she is tired

74. Atul agreed my suggestion.

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

75. The Principal is known me.

- (A) with
- (B) of
- (C) to
- (D) from

76. My house is the road.

- (A) across
- (B) among
- (C) without
- (D) at

77. The teacher shouted the top of her voice.

- (A) before
- (B) from
- (C) for
- (D) at

78. She saved him falling down.

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

79. The guests were invited lunch.

- (A) in
 - (B) of
 - (C) by
 - (D) to
-

80. Most people are afraid ghosts.

- (A) by
 - (B) at
 - (C) of
 - (D) for
-

81. She her knitting before I reached her house.

- (A) has complete
 - (B) will complete
 - (C) had completed
 - (D) can complete
-

82. Ramesh and Radha good friends.

- (A) is
- (B) was

- (C) are
 - (D) where
-

83. Suman know the answer.

- (A) can
 - (B) has
 - (C) could
 - (D) ought to
-

84. Lots of fruits needed for the function.

- (A) are
 - (B) is
 - (C) have
 - (D) has
-

85. Each of the poor students given a dress.

- (A) is been
 - (B) has been
 - (C) were being
 - (D) are been
-

86. Oil and water not mix.

- (A) do
- (B) could
- (C) does
- (D) should

87. The rest of the students absent.

- (A) is
- (B) are
- (C) has
- (D) have

88. Choose the correct antonym of 'Notorious'.

- (A) Famous
- (B) Innocent
- (C) Senior
- (D) Stupid

89. Choose the correct antonym of 'Modern'.

- (A) Golden
- (B) Ancient
- (C) End
- (D) Timid

90. Choose the correct synonym of 'Ask'.

- (A) Duty
- (B) Answer
- (C) Query
- (D) Reality

91. Choose the correct synonym of 'Possibility'.

- (A) Ask
 - (B) Chance
 - (C) Luck
 - (D) Desire
-

92. Active voice of: I was given this gift by Uma. is

- (A) Gift from Uma is for me
 - (B) Uma is being gifted to me
 - (C) The gift given to me by Uma
 - (D) Uma gave me this gift
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93. Active voice of: The environment has to be saved by people. is

- (A) The environment needs to be saved
 - (B) People have to save the environment
 - (C) Environment saving must be done
 - (D) People can save the environment
-

94. Passive voice of: A surgeon should see him. is

- (A) He should be seen by a surgeon
 - (B) Seen by a surgeon should he
 - (C) Should he see a surgeon
 - (D) See a surgeon should he
-

95. Passive voice of: When do you drink coffee? is

- (A) Coffee is drunk by you when?
- (B) When is coffee drunk by you?

- (C) Drinking coffee is done by you when?
(D) When was coffee drank by you?
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96. Active voice of: Chicken is to be eaten by Suchi. is

- (A) Suchi must eat chicken
(B) Eat chicken Suchi must
(C) Suchi is to eat chicken
(D) Chicken eating by Suchi
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97. Passive voice of: Sinha likes his subordinates to flatter him. is

- (A) His subordinates flattered Sinha
(B) His subordinates like to flatter him
(C) Sinha likes to be flattered by his subordinates
(D) Sinha likes to be flatter by his subordinates
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98.

- (A) I know how to run
(B) Know I how to run
(C) Run I know how to
(D) How to run I know
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99.

- (A) Jagdish and Ramesh has brothers
(B) Jagdish was brother of Ramesh
(C) Ramesh has brother Jagdish
(D) Ramesh is Jagdish's brother

100.

- (A) There is democracy in India
 - (B) India is democracy
 - (C) Democracy is India
 - (D) In India is democratic country
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1.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Children must be brought up without pressure and then should enter adulthood free from the damaging effects of tradition and fear. Children must be given freedom of expression of thought. A boy once asked Krishnamurthy, “Is it your hobby to give lectures? Don’t you get tired of talking? Why are you doing this?” Krishnamurthy answered: “I’m glad you asked the question. You know, if you love something, you never get tired of it. I mean, love in which there is no desire to want something from it. You are talking and you are getting something like money, reward, sense of your importance, then there is tiredness, then there is no meaning because it is only self-realization, but if there is love in your heart, it is like a spring that always gives fresh water.”

(i) How should children be educated?

(ii) What kind of freedom children must have?

(iii) What did the boy ask Krishnamurthy?

(iv) What was Krishnamurthy’s answer?

OR

1.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The Civil Rights Movement was a social and political movement that took place in the United States in the 1950s and 1960s. The movement sought to end racial segregation and discrimination against African Americans and to achieve equal rights and opportunities for all people. The Civil Rights Movement was led by prominent figures such as Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and Malcolm X. It involved protests, boycotts, and civil disobedience. The movement was successful in achieving many important victories including the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which ended segregation and ensured voting rights for African Americans.

(i) What was the Civil Rights Movement?

(ii) When did the Civil Rights Movement take place?

(iii) What were the goals of the Civil Rights Movement?

(iv) What were some of the important victories of the Civil Rights Movement?

2.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Neeraj and his family planned a trip to the mountains. They packed their bags and set off early in the morning. The scenic beauty of the hills amazed Neeraj. During their trek, they encountered a waterfall that formed a small pool at the bottom. Neeraj couldn't resist taking a dip in it. The water was cold but refreshing. As he swam, Neeraj noticed colourful fish swimming alongside him. He felt grateful to be surrounded by nature's wonders.

(i) Where did Neeraj and his family plan to go?

2(ii).

What amazed Neeraj during their trip?

Solution:

Step 1: Reading the passage carefully.

The passage states that Neeraj and his family planned a trip to the mountains. It is clearly mentioned that the scenic beauty of the hills amazed Neeraj.

Step 2: Analyzing the key point.

The word “amazed” in the passage is directly linked to the beauty of the hills that Neeraj saw during his journey.

Step 3: Conclusion.

Thus, it was the scenic beauty of the hills that amazed Neeraj during their trip.

Final Answer:

The scenic beauty of the hills amazed Neeraj during their trip.

Quick Tip

When answering comprehension questions, always look for exact words or phrases from the passage that directly connect to the question.

2(iii).

What did Neeraj find at the bottom of the waterfall?

Solution:

Step 1: Identifying the relevant line in the passage.

The passage mentions that during the trek, Neeraj and his family encountered a waterfall. At the bottom of the waterfall, there was a small pool.

Step 2: Key observation.

The specific thing that Neeraj found was the pool formed at the base of the waterfall.

Step 3: Conclusion.

Neeraj found a small pool at the bottom of the waterfall.

Final Answer:

Neeraj found a small pool at the bottom of the waterfall.

Quick Tip

While writing answers, use simple and precise sentences that directly reflect the passage content.

2(iv).

How did Neeraj feel while swimming in the pool?

Solution:**Step 1: Referring to the passage.**

The passage mentions that Neeraj took a dip in the pool at the bottom of the waterfall. The water was cold but refreshing. While swimming, Neeraj noticed colourful fish swimming alongside him.

Step 2: Identifying Neeraj's feelings.

It is clearly written that Neeraj felt grateful to be surrounded by nature's wonders while swimming.

Step 3: Conclusion.

Neeraj felt refreshed and grateful while swimming in the pool.

Final Answer:

Neeraj felt refreshed and grateful while swimming in the pool.

Quick Tip

When answering comprehension questions, focus on the emotions or feelings directly mentioned in the passage.

OR

2.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The Golden Gate Bridge is a famous bridge located in San Francisco, California. It is a suspension bridge that spans the Golden Gate Strait, connecting the city of San Francisco with Marin County. The Golden Gate Bridge was completed in 1937 and was the longest suspension bridge in the world at the time. It is an iconic symbol of San Francisco and a popular tourist attraction, with millions of people coming each year to walk or cycle across the bridge or enjoy the views of the city and the bay.

i) Where is the Golden Gate Bridge located?

ii. What type of bridge is the Golden Gate Bridge?

iii. What is the Golden Gate Bridge spanning?

iv. Why is the Golden Gate Bridge a popular tourist attraction?

3. Read the poem carefully and answer the following question:

Poem:

I have a rabbit habit,
I like to crunch and chew
On celery logs and carrot sticks,
And apple wedges, too.
I have a rabbit habit,
I like to chomp and munch
On crispy green and juicy grapes,

Mmmm ... rabbit food for lunch!

i: What does the poet like to crunch and chew?

(ii): What does he like to chomp and munch?

(iii): What does the poet like for his lunch?

OR

3. Read the poem carefully and answer the following question:

Poem:

Some people are like caterpillars,

Some people are like butterflies.

People who are insecure,

People who think they are fat.

People who think they are ugly.

People who are scared of their flaws

Are the caterpillars.

People who have accepted that no matter how hard you try,

You will never be perfect.

People who are dreamers,

People who believe anything can happen as long as you try,

Are the butterflies.

(i): What is the good thing about caterpillars?

(ii): What do the people who are butterflies believe?

(iii): What do the people who are caterpillars believe?

4.a. What is, according to Humayun Kabir, preferable to fanatic devotion?

b. Why are the young visitors in 'Once Upon A Time' reprimanded?

c. How would Gillu indicate that he was hungry?

d. What form of electricity does Jim use?

e. What do you mean by 'slide soft away'?

f. Why is the nightingale, according to William Cowper, mute in a town?

g. What wakes thousand memories in heart?

h. How do the children sit to listen to Martha's story?

i. Suggest a few possible ways to avoid allergy.

j. What was the author's opinion about Mr. Gessler as a shoemaker?

5. Write a paragraph on any one of the following in about 60–70 words:

(i) Education of Girl Child

Answer: Educating the girl child transforms families and communities. When girls learn, they marry later, earn more, and ensure healthier children. Schooling builds confidence, digital and life skills, and protects against exploitation. Equal access to classrooms, scholarships, safe transport, and sanitary facilities helps keep girls in school. Investment in girls' education is not charity—it is smart development that multiplies returns across generations.

Quick Tip

Aim for 60–70 words: one focused idea, clear benefits, and 2–3 supporting points.

5. (ii) The Role of Social Media

Answer: Social media plays a vital role in today's society. It connects people across the globe, allows instant sharing of information, and helps in spreading awareness on social, political, and cultural issues. It provides a platform for businesses to grow and for individuals to express their views. However, misuse can lead to misinformation and addiction. Therefore, social media should be used responsibly for constructive purposes.

Quick Tip

Always balance advantages and disadvantages while writing on social media topics.

5. (iii) Use of Mobile Phones

Answer: Mobile phones have become an inseparable part of modern life. They allow communication, online learning, banking, and entertainment at our fingertips. Students use them for educational purposes, while professionals use them for work efficiency. Yet,

excessive use can cause health problems, distraction, and addiction. Hence, mobile phones should be used wisely as tools of progress and not as instruments of wastage.

Quick Tip

Show both benefits and drawbacks when writing about technology.

5. (iv) Importance of Yoga in Modern Age

Answer: In today's stressful world, yoga has become more important than ever. Yoga not only improves physical health but also relaxes the mind and soul. It helps in maintaining body flexibility, curing stress, and boosting concentration. In modern times, where lifestyle diseases are common, yoga acts as a natural therapy. Thus, yoga is a bridge between physical fitness and mental peace, making life healthier and more balanced.

Quick Tip

When writing on yoga, always link it to both physical and mental well-being.

5. (v) Work is Worship

Answer: The phrase "Work is Worship" means that sincere work is as holy as prayer. Hard work builds character, discipline, and success. Those who perform their duties honestly not only progress in life but also contribute to society. Idleness, on the other hand, leads to failure and disappointment. Just as worship brings spiritual satisfaction, dedicated work brings self-respect and happiness. Hence, work should always be done with sincerity and devotion.

Quick Tip

Moral-based topics should emphasize values like honesty, discipline, and sincerity.

6. You are Aman, the President of the Cultural Club in your school. Write a notice in about 60–70 words inviting entry for inter-class music competition.

7. Write a report on noise pollution during Dussehra Puja.

8. Write an application to your Headmaster requesting him to let the students use the library for one hour after school.

9. Write a letter to your friend asking him to visit your native place during Diwali holidays.

10. You are Umesh. Write a speech in about 60–70 words on ‘Population Control’.

11. You are Tribhuvan. Write a message in about 30–40 words to your friend inviting him to your place for combined study.
