

**XII ENGLISH ASSIGNMENT 2**

**Section A (Reading)**

**Q.1. Read the passage given below.**

The choices we make on a daily basis—wearing a seatbelt, lifting heavy objects correctly or purposely staying out of any dangerous situation—can either ensure our safety or bring about potentially harmful circumstances.

You and I need to make a decision that we are going to get our lives in order. Exercising self-control, self-discipline and establishing boundaries and borders in our lives are some of the most important things we can do. A life without discipline is one that's filled with carelessness. We can think it's kind of exciting to live life on the edge.

We like the image of “Yeah! That's me! Living on the edge! Woo-hoo!” It's become a popular way to look at life. But if you see, even highways have lines, which provide margins for our safety while we're driving. If we go over one side, we'll go into the ditch. If we cross over the line in the middle, we could get killed. And we like those lines because they help to keep us safe.

Sometimes we don't even realize how lines help to keep us safe. I'm not proud of this, but for the first 20 years of my life at work, I ignored my limits. I felt horrible, physically, most of the time. I used to tell myself “I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it.” I ran to doctors, trying to make myself feel better through pills, vitamins, natural stuff, and any- thing I could get my hands on. Some of the doctors would tell me, “It's just stress.” That just made me mad. I thought stress meant you don't like what you do or can't handle life, and I love what I do. But I kept pushing myself, traveling, doing speaking engagements and so on— simply exhausting myself.

Finally, I understood I was living an unsustainable life and needed to make some changes in my outlook and lifestyle. You and I don't have to be like everyone else or keep up with anyone else. Each of us needs to be exactly the way we are, and we don't have to apologize for it. We're not all alike and we need to find a comfort zone in which we can enjoy our lives instead of making ourselves sick with an overload of stress and pressure.

**On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer any ten of the following questions by choosing the most appropriate options:**

- i. The reason why living on the edge has become popular, is because of the
- ii. Which of the following will be the most appropriate title for the passage?
  - a) Much too soon
  - b) Enough is enough
  - c) How much is too much?
  - d) Have enough to do?
- iii. Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the given quotes.

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| It's all about quality of life and finding a happy balance between work and friends. — <b>Philip Green</b> | To go beyond is as wrong as to fall short. — <b>Confucius</b> | Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving. — <b>Albert Einstein</b> | Balance is not something you find, it's something you create. — <b>Jana Kingsford</b> |
| (1)  | (2)   | (3)  | (4)   |

- a) Option (1)                      b) Option (2)                      c) Option (3)                      d) Option (4)

iv. Which of the characteristics are apt about the writer in the following context: “I know I have limits and that I’ve reached them, but I’m going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it.” ?

1. negligent
2. indecisive
3. spontaneous
4. reckless
5. purposeless
6. patient

- a) 2 and 5                      b) 3 and 6                      c) 1 and 4                      d) 2 and 3

v. The phrase “potentially harmful circumstances” refers to circumstances that can

- (a) certainly be dangerous.                      (b) be fairly dangerous.  
(c) be possibly dangerous.                      (d) seldom be dangerous.

vi. Select the option that makes the correct use of “unsustainable”, as used in the passage, to fill in the blank space.

- a) In the long run, the \_\_\_\_\_ officials followed emergency procedures.  
b) Emergency procedures were \_\_\_\_\_ by the officials.  
c) Officials reported an \_\_\_\_\_ set of events during the emergency.  
d) Officials admit that the emergency system is \_\_\_\_\_ in the longer run.

vii. The author attempts to \_\_\_\_\_ the readers through this write-up.

- a) rebuke                      b) question                      c) offer aid to                      d) offer advice to

viii. The author uses colloquial words such as “yeah” and “Woo-hoo!”. Which of the following is NOT a colloquial word?

- a) hooked                      b) guy                      c) stuff                      d) stress

ix. What does the author mean when he says, “to get our lives in order”?

x. Choose the option that correctly states the two meanings of ‘outlook’, as used in the passage.

1. A person’s evaluation of life

2. A person's experiences in life
3. A person's point of view towards life
4. A person's regrets in life
5. A person's general attitude to life

a) (1) and (4)                      b) (2) and (3)                      c) (3) and (5)                      d) (4) and (5)

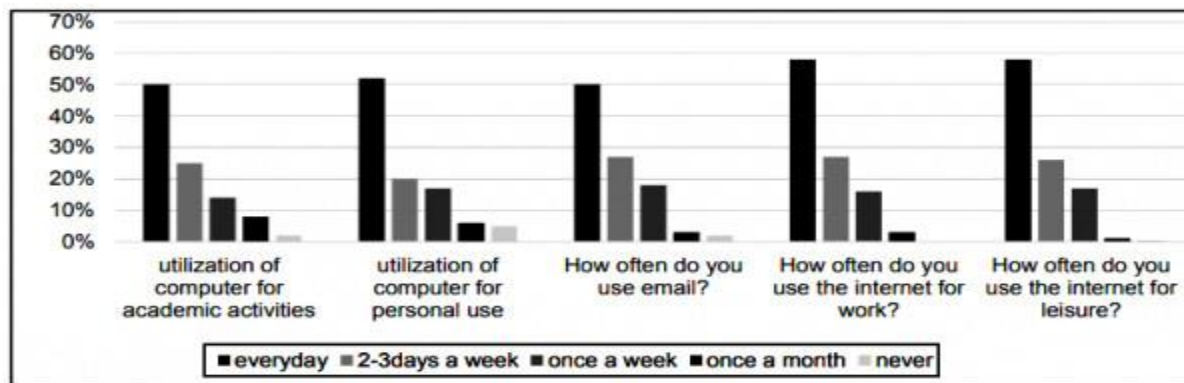
xi. The author explains the importance of discipline and boundaries in our lives using the example of \_\_\_\_\_

xii. What is the message conveyed in the last paragraph of the passage?

- a) Love what you do.                      b) Love yourself to love others.  
c) Be the best version of yourself.      d) Be yourself.

## Q.2 Read the passage given below:

1. The present generation is well updated in the use of internet and computers. The rapid development in computer technology and increase in accessibility of the internet for academic purposes has changed the face of education for everyone associated with it. Let's look at the data arising out of a recent survey that was done to ascertain the time spent on utilisation of the computer and internet:



2. At present, many schools and universities have been implementing internet-based learning, as it supplements the conventional teaching methods. The internet provides a wide variety of references and information to academics as well as scientific researchers. Students often turn to it to do their academic assignments and projects.

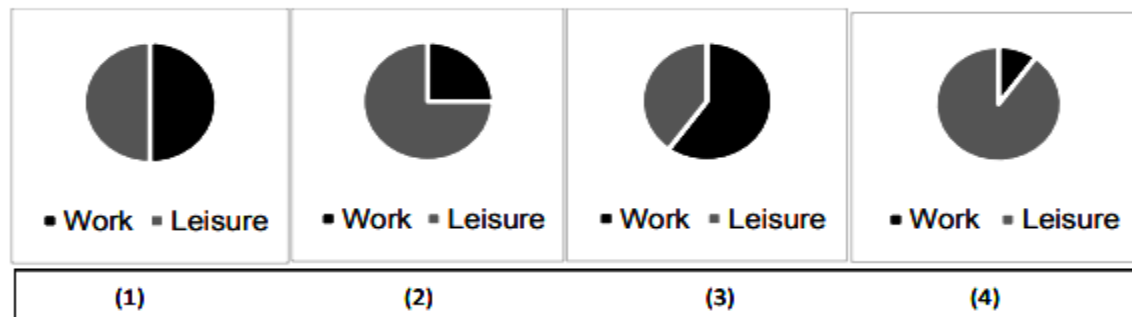
3. However, research on the Net is very different from traditional library research, and the differences can cause problems. The Net is a tremendous resource, but it must be used carefully and critically.

4. According to a 2018 Academic Student e-book Experience Survey, conducted by LJ's research department and sponsored by EBSCO, when reading for pleasure, almost 74% of respondents said they preferred print books for leisure whereas, 45 % of respondents chose e-books rather than the printed versions, for research or assignments.

5. When asked what e-book features make them a favourite for research, the respondents were clear. Having page numbers to use in citations, topped the list (75%); followed by the ability to resize text to fit a device's screen (67%); the ability to bookmark pages, highlight text, or take notes for later reference (60%); downloading the entire e-book (57%); and allowing content to be transferred between devices (43%) were the varied responses.

**On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer any ten questions given below by choosing the most appropriate option:**

- i. According to the passage, one of the reasons for the recent transformation of education is the:
  - a. techno-efficiency of the present generation.
  - b. expanse of courses on technology.
  - c. simplification of the teaching and learning- method.
  - d. easy availability of the internet.
- ii. Pick the option that lists statements that are NOT TRUE according to the passage.
  1. Internet-based education can only complement familiar methods of education.
  2. Net-based learning will replace face-to-face education.
  3. The resources that the net provides are a danger to the education system.
  4. The current times has seen a rise in the convenience of using the internet for academic purposes.
  - a. 1 & 2
  - b. 3 & 4
  - c. 2 & 3
  - d. 1 & 4
- iii. The word 'tremendous', as used in paragraph 3, means the same as
  - a. 'expensive'.
  - b. 'renowned'.
  - c. 'innovative'.
  - d. 'incredible'
- iv. Based on the graphical chart in the passage, choose the option that correctly states the depiction of internet usage for work and for leisure, for once a month.



- a. Option (1)
  - b. Option (2)
  - c. Option (3)
  - d. Option (4)
- v. "... but it must be used carefully and critically." The idea of being careful and critical while using the internet, is mainly a reference to
    - a. hardware malfunction.
    - b. plagiarism.
    - c. troubleshooting.
    - d. virus threats.
  - vi. Based on the given graphical representation of data in the passage, choose the option that lists the statements that are TRUE with respect to the usage of email.
    1. The everyday usage of email is more than the everyday usage of computer for personal use.

2. About 18% people use email once a week.  
 3. There are a smaller number of email users using it 2-3 times a week than the ones using it once a month.  
 4. Less than 5% of people never use the email.
- a. 1 and 3                                      b. 2 and 4                                      c. 1 and 2                                      d. 3 and 4

vii. Based on the given graphical chart, pick the option that lists the area of zero response from respondents.

- a. Never using the internet for work and leisure  
 b. Daily use of the computer for academic activities  
 c. Writing and receiving emails once a week  
 d. Using the internet for personal tasks once a month

viii. In the cartoon, the student's reaction reveals that he is \_\_\_\_\_.

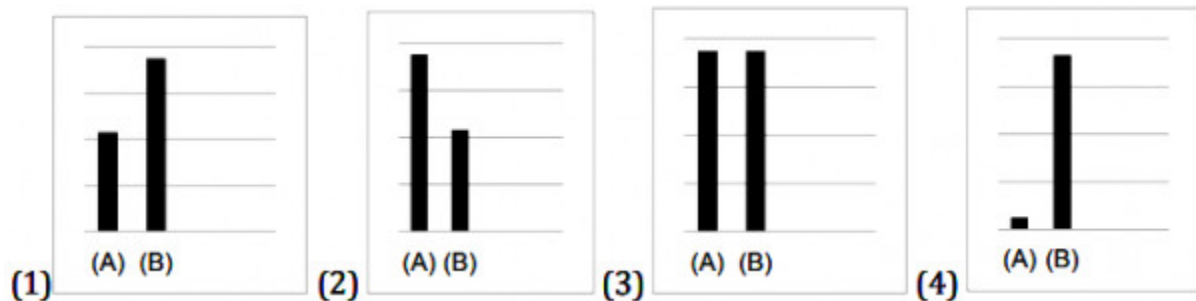
- a) indignant                                      b) apologetic                                      c) obedient                                      d) inquisitive



ix. Which of the following statements is NOT substantiated by information in paragraph 4?

- a. About three-quarters of the respondents preferred print books for recreational reading.  
 b. A little less than a 50% of the respondents voted for e-books for research or assignments.  
 c. More than 50% respondents stated enjoying both versions of books for leisure reading.  
 d. The survey was intended for understanding the e-book experience among students.

x. According to the 2018 survey, which is the option that correctly displays the features of – (A) page numbers for use in citation and (B) content transfer between devices respectively.



- a. Option (1)                                      b. Option (2)                                      c. Option (3)                                      d. Option (4)

xi. Arrange the given e-book features preferred for research from the least favourite to the most favourite, from the following –

1. downloading the entire e-book.

2. choosing page numbers in citations.
3. highlighting text.
4. resizing text to fit screen.

a. 1, 3, 4, 2

b. 3, 2, 1, 4

c. 2, 4, 3, 1

d. 4, 1, 2, 3

### Section B-WRITING

**Q.3 You are Asma/Ashish, the head girl/boy of XYZ international school. Your school is soon going to publish the annual magazine next month. Write a notice for the notice board of your school inviting students to submit write-ups. (50 Words)**

OR

As Principal of Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, Lucknow, draft notice in not more than 50 words informing students of the change in school timings with effect from the 1st of October. State valid reasons for the change.

**Q 4.** You are Dr. Avinash Bhalla. You have received an invitation from the Director, Health Services, Haryana who has invited leading medical practitioners of the state to attend a workshop on 'Child Care' on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 10 a.m. in Civil Hospital, Ambala. Respond to the invitation.

OR

You are Rajat Jain, Admin officer of Gayatri Devi Sr. Secondary School, Delhi. Write a formal invitation (printed) to invite parents and other official acquaintances to the 40<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day celebration. Invent all necessary details.

**Q5.** Draft an application for the post of an accountant in Pioneers (Pvt.) Ltd. Co., Hyderabad in response to their advertisement that appeared in The Time of India dated 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Prepare a bio data to be enclosed. You are Nipun/Nupur.

OR

You have noticed many stray animals on the road during the busy hours of the day. These animals have caused traffic jam as well as accidents. You have already written to the concerned authorities, but no action has been taken so far. So, write a letter to the Editor of a leading newspaper telling him about the nuisance created by the stray animals. Sign your name as Preeti/Krishnan, C/5, Assam.

**Q6.** Owning a car has become a status symbol these days. However, the increase in number of cars has added to various types of pollution and other problems. Write an article in not more than 150-200 words highlighting the urgent need for reducing these man-made problems, giving suitable suggestions. You are Vinod/Vidhi.