

BCM SCHOOL, BASANT AVENUE, DUGRI ROAD, LUDHIANA
CLASS – IX
ENGLISH ASSIGNMENT (OCTOBER, 23)

I. Read the following passage carefully-

(10)

1. It is an indisputable fact that the world has gone too far with the innovation of new technologies such as mobile phones, the internet and so on, due to which people are able to tour the cosmos virtually sitting at one place using their smart devices or other technological gadgets. Though mobile Internet access is oftentimes hurried and short, it can still provide common internet features like alerts, weather data, emails, search engines, instant messages, and game and music downloading.

2. Due to the easy access to smartphones, communication has been very effective and instant. People are able to convey their message all around the globe to their loved ones without spending hefty sums of money. Adults are always fond of such gadgets and they always welcome and adopt such new technology readily. Further, young people have been able to broaden their minds and improve their skills by doing research on the Internet. For instance, they use smartphones to look up any new word they come across. As we know that most of the universities have online teaching provision and smartphones assist the students to complete their assignments on time.

3. The mobile phone has been a lifesaver for a lot of people in case of an emergency. Likewise, the use of smartphones can be of vital importance in preventing crimes in the society by providing information to the security forces in time.

4. Nonetheless, for the young, the use of a mobile phone can be like an addiction and they can misuse it. Young people are also prone to getting involved in undesirable activities on the Internet. This might have an adverse effect on their academic performance. Therefore, young people should always be monitored and made aware of their bad outcomes.

5. Also, a major contributor to its popularity is the availability of prepaid or pay as you go services from a phone shop or an online store. This allows subscribers to load text or airtime credits to their handsets by the use of their credit cards, debit cards or by buying a prepaid card from the network they subscribe to. This plan also doesn't commit a particular customer to a contract. If prepaid card is not that appealing to you, then you can opt to subscribe using the pay by month plan.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions.

(a) Why does the writer say that 'the world has gone too far with the innovation of new technologies such as mobile phones'?

- i) Mobile internet access is oftentimes hurried and short.
- ii) People can tour the cosmos sitting at a place.
- iii) One can access common internet features at a click.
- iv) It can help prevent crimes in society.

(b) What is the connection the writer wishes to establish between a cell phone and its being a life-saver in case of an emergency? (Paragraph 2) Rationalize your response in about 40 words.

(c) Based on your reading of the text, complete the sentence appropriately.

The reason why the writer says that gadgets like cell phones have helped broaden the minds of young people is because.....

(d) The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets 1 - 5 below, identify two sets of antonyms.

1. effective and instant

2. tough and delayed

3. hurried and short

4. Prepaid or pay-as-you-go

5. deciphering and interpreting

i) 1 and 2

ii) 3 and 4

iii) 1 and 4

iv) 2 and 3

(e) Complete the sentence appropriately.

A major contributor to the popularity of cell phones is not only the availability of prepaid or pay-as-you-go services from a phone shop or an online store but also.....

(Paragraph 5)

f) Based on the reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words, how has the world gone 'too far' with the innovation of new technologies?

g) Select the option that displays what the writer projects, with reference to the following.

Cell phones are remarkable because of 'the availability of prepaid or pay-as-you-go services from a phone shop or an online store.'

i) convenience

ii) prodigality

iii) excessiveness

iv) dependence

h) Choose the correct option for the following.

The writer says, "Though mobile internet access is oftentimes hurried and short, it can still provide common internet features like alerts, weather data, emails, search engines, instant messages, and games and music downloading." (Paragraph 1)

The author wishes to emphasize these features of mobile technology that have made it omnipresent- its.....and.....

1. ease

2. might

3. tradition

4. affordability

5. Range

i) 2 and 3

ii) 1 and 4

iii) 4 and 5

iv) 2 and 5

II. Your teacher has assigned you a project on Child Labour. You interviewed a child of a slum near your locality and were greatly moved to see her/ his interest to study in spite of his / her poor plight. Write a diary entry sharing your thoughts, emotions about the child in about 120 words. (5)

OR

Write a short story in 100 – 120 words, with the help of the cues given below. Give a suitable title to the story.

It was Mohini's first day at the new school. She was feeling very nervous. She stood in a corner and watched the students who were laughing and talking excitedly. When she saw four senior students advancing towards her, she