

English Language & Literature
SECTION - A READING

Read the passage given below.

(10×1 = 10)

1. Books are companions for people of all age groups. E-books vs printed books is like comparing joint and nuclear family systems. Both have their advantages and disadvantages. E-books are cost effective and books of all genres can be easily accessed from the internet. Font flexibility makes reading easier. Uncountable books can be stored in a single device and most importantly, it can help save trees. Packing for trips is hard enough, but it becomes doubly so when faced with the task of choosing which book to carry. The device takes a whole lot of weight off from shoulders literally. With the E-book, a reader can take hundreds of books with them on the journey, and only take up a few square inches in their carry bag.
2. Reading a printed book can save you from the health hazards of using hi-tech gadgets. For people who consider reading a book as worship, scent of its pages intoxicate their senses. The pleasure of reading a printed book and scribbling comments on the sides of the pages are unmatched. Printed books are not merely about reading, they are an experience. The joy of flipping pages and keeping bookmarks cannot be experienced in an E-book. Constantly reading on the computer screen or a mobile phone can damage the eyes. Apart from physical considerations, studies have shown that when it comes to reading comprehension, printed books are still a better choice. Literacy building in children is more effective with printed books than with an E-book because of the opportunities for interaction between the child and the parent, reading the book with the child. In fact, in E-books there is no conversation and nothing to encourage the child to verbalise or explore using language. The research concluded that 'click through' added features can actually detract from the reading experience because of all the interruption.
3. This is not to say E-books do not have advantages. It can effectively serve the purpose of convenience and portability. The excitement generated around technologies such as Amazon's Kindle has played its part in changing from page to screen. Both versions complement each other based on why and where each is being used.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, attempt questions that follow :

- (i) **The advantage of E-books are :**
- (ii) **Trees can be saved if more and more people start reading**
- (iii) **Which of the following is NOT TRUE?**
 - (a) Books should be read only by youngsters
 - (b) Books are companions for all age groups
 - (c) Books increase the knowledge of its reader
 - (d) Books increase the vocabulary
- (iv) **A printed book has the following advantages :**
 - (a) It is cost effective
 - (b) It is free from any health hazard
 - (c) It can be more easily packed than E-book
 - (d) It does not need book marks

- (v) **Font flexibility is possible in** .
- (a) printed books (b) magazines
(c) E-books (d) all of these
- (vi) **Printed books can save from the health hazards of using** .
- (a) paper (b) hi-tech gadgets
(c) electronic device (d) book-marks
- (vii) **A word used for a family where parents, grand parents and children live together is** . (para 1)
- (viii) **The synonym of 'enjoyment' used in para 2 is** .
- (ix) **..... causes a distraction while reading an E-book.**
- (x) **Which of the following is false?**
- (a) E-books and printed books complement each other
(b) E-books are more convenient than printed books
(c) E-books cause strain on the eyes.
(d) E-books can not be accessed from internet.

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You are Rajesh/Rajni Roy of 105 C, Chatterjee Lane, Kolkata. You have received a letter from your brother who is staying in the hostel of Shakti Mandir Public School, Darjeeling, stating that he is being bullied by some senior students who threatened him with dire consequences, if he complained. Write a letter to the Hostel Warden requesting him to take urgent action.