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Class – X

English Assignment

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

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 games and music downloading.

2. Due to the easy access of smart phones, 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 smart phones to look up any new word they come across. As we know that most of the universities have online teaching provision and smart phones 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, use of smart phones 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 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 adverse effect on their academic performance. Therefore, young people should always be monitored and made aware of its 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 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?

(1) 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 lifesaver in case of an emergency? (Paragraph 3) Rationalise 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. Online and offline
3. hurried and short 4. prepaid and pay by month

(1) 1 and 2 (ii) 3 and 4

(iii) 2 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.'

(1) 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 emphasise 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) 1 and 5

II. You are Amanpreet residing at House No. 78, Rajpura Road, Patiala. You are interested in joining a summer course in spoken English. Write a letter to the Manager of Bright Future Language Institute, Patiala enquiring about course details, fee structure, duration, and timings.

III. You are Simran/ Sameer living at House No. 102, Urban Estate Phase II, Patiala. You have noticed that stray animals are creating problems in your locality. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper complaining about the issue and suggesting solutions.

IV. Do as Directed.

1. Neither of the two proposals (was/were) accepted by the committee. (Choose the correct option)

2. Only _____ students understood the difficult concept. (Fill in the blank with suitable determiner)

3. The principal along with the teachers (was/were) present in the function. (Choose the correct option)

4. Each student _____ (has/have) to submit their assignment on time. (Choose the correct option)

5. By the end of the day, we _____ (feel) very satisfied as we _____ (learn) many new things. (Fill in the blanks with suitable form of verbs)