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Section-A

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(i) (D) fear of being left out of rewarding experience

(ii) (B) of constant edits and updates on social media platforms

(iii) 'Experience economy' has affected individuals by intensifying the pressure on them to participate in everything from music festivals to viral food craze.

(iv) FOMO - fear of missing out affects the decision making ability as most people hesitate to commit plans for a fear of being alternative choice. In addition to

this, it often leads to impulsive choices such as overspending on unnecessary products, overcommiting to events, and making hasty life decisions.

(v) FOMO leads to emotional consequences as it often causes anxiety and dissatisfaction and therefore, no experience feels complete.

(vi) The fear of missing out can be dealt by using intentional strategies. For instance, setting up specific timings for checking the apps and social media. Besides that, engaging oneself in mindful breathing or meditation is also useful to stay grounded to the present.

(vii) True

(viii) (B) withstand emotional anxiety of FOMO

(2)

(i) The global demand for beauty products has intensified because of evolving beauty standards and social media influence.

(ii) (B) the industry is growing and evolving by day

(iii) "projected to"

(iv) The key factors that shape the buying decisions of teenagers and young adults include the

increasing awareness of personal grooming, skin care routines and thus, seeking trendy and innovated solutions.

(v) (A) Both A and R are true, R is the correct explanation of A.

(vi) The rise of E-commerce platforms impacted the revenue of the Indian cosmetic industry by growing the demands and availability of cosmetics, especially colour cosmetics post-pandemic. Such platforms ensure an expanded access to cosmetics in Tier II and Tier III cities contributing to 25% of total cosmetics sale.

(vii) 35%

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(viii) It symbolizes an aspirational pursuit of personal refinement, where appearance augments confidence, dismantling archaic stereotypes associated with male cosmetics consumption.
→ It also depicts that men's grooming is emerging as a significant segment.

(ix) The challenges faced by the cosmetic industry at present day include managing tough competition, complying with regulations, ensuring product quality and addressing ethical sourcing concerns. In addition to this, it also struggles with copied products and changing consumer preferences.

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(ii) Several

(iii)

error	correction
forget	forgotten

(iv) that those were hard times.

(v)

Option	error	Correction
(C)	feel	feels

(vi) (A) Sahil asked Shekhar which his books were

(vii) (A) was registered

(viii) would

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(ix)

Error	Correction
disinfect	disinfected

(x) Suhani asked Sneha which books they were going to purchase that day from the Book Fest.

(xi) (c) has been studying

(xii)

Error	Correction
carries	carry

(i) walked

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(4.)

(a)

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The Editor
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SUBJECT : NEGATIVE IMPACT OF ELECTRONIC GADGETS

Sir / Ma'am

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Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of fellow citizens, especially the youth towards the negative impact of excessive use of electronic gadgets on health, studies and social life.

In this ever advancing world, electronic gadgets have become an integral and indispensable part of our lives. However, it poses a severe threat ~~to~~ the younger generations as they are increasingly getting distracted. The youth is the foundation of every nation but nowadays, it seems to have gotten off the track. It is spending more and more

time on social media, wasting crucial hours, distracted from studies, developing reclusive behaviour and at times facing physchological issues.

It has become a grave concern, thus needs to be addressed. Everyone needs to set their own social media and screen times, practice meditations and indulge in physical activities. Thus, I hope that your newspaper will help me in highlighting the issue.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Anvita

(A concerned parent)

(5.) (a) School activities and fests are considered to be one of the most significant way to inculcate goods habits in the children and aid in personality development. Such activities are the most crucial when it comes to holistic development of child. School organisations like student clubs and councils provide the young minds a platform to lead and express their own opinions. Participating in regular morning assemblies are actually helpful when it comes to social interaction and public speaking. In addition, the vast multitude of events and fests organised in school besides giving them the most cherishable memories, foster creativity and innovation.

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The various competitions including sports, extracurricular and academic quizes are seen as a great motivation for the enthusiastic minds and future of tomorrow to push their limits, learn new skills, interact with others and effeciently build teams. Therefore, school activities are best way for students to learn, plan and execute. Their contribution to a student's overall development can't be ignored. Therefore, it is essential to motivate children to participate, discern and grow via these activities.

Section – C

(6.) (b)

(i) Richard was an active competetor but he did not compete with others keeping the harsh feelings of jealousy and indifference. He didn't even win to win but because he did the best job. Thus, he was not competitive in a bad sense.

(ii) The necessary 'ingredients' which go in the making of a scientist include a first-rate mind; curiosity to learn and gather more knowledge and lastly the will or determination to do the best and win for right reasons.

(iii) persistent

(iv) (D) irrational

(7) (a)

(i) (c) false and deceptive

(ii) A newcomer would not be able to distinguish between a hyena and a crocodile. He might mislead a hyena to be a crocodile if it is not known that hyena smile / grin while eating its prey and crocodiles shed artificial tears while killing its prey.

(iii) A chameleon is small in size and resembles somewhat to a lizard. It has no ears or wings. It has a remarkable property of camouflaging as per the surroundings to hide from the predator.

(iv) playful and humorous

6. (i) The tone of poet 'Robert Frost' in the poem 'Fire and Ice' certainly reflects his pessimistic approach and hopelessness while answering the age old mystery of how the world shall come to an end.

Frost seems to have shown acceptance towards the fact that no matter how, the world will definitely end. The poet doesn't resolute to finding solutions but hopelessly accepts the bitter truth. He also address the fact that human behaviour is marked by fire and ice where fire symbolises desire while ice depicts hatred. He highlights the growing feelings of desire and indifference in the world which shall one day bring an end to the world. It depicts his critical and pessimistic approach.

(ii) When Mr. Keesing gave Anne the punishment to write an essay on the topic — 'A Chatterbox' - she simply accepts it and

decides to give some real arguments instead of just rambling on leaving big spaces. Anne wrote that talking is a student's trait, however, she would try to control it. Adding up, she justified her habit of talking by saying that she has inherited this from her mother as she talks a lot too and there is nothing that can alter the inherited characteristics

(iv) When transporting Mijbil to England, the author met an airhostess and was spontaneously impressed by her kindness and empathy. He regards the airhostess

as 'very queen of her kind' who helped the author by allowing him to keep the box upon his knees. Not only this, she even offers to help and very calmly addresses the situation when the otter causes amusement and chaos in the flight. Her magnanimous behaviour, compassion and care was what made her really special. Therefore, the author's portrayal of the air hostess unveils the theme of kindness and empathy.

(v) The conductor was a jolly sort of person, whose cheerful attitude and light-hearted teasing transformed Valli's bus journey

drastically. He helps in creating a humorous and playful atmosphere in the bus teasing 'Valli' by calling her 'madam'. He correctly takes Valli's every funny and mature conversation and addressing it with the same enthusiasm. Besides, this he also keeps an eye on Valli for her security and makes sure that she is not afraid. Therefore, his jovial and jubilant attitude was successful in making Valli's first bus journey remarkable.

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(ii) Matilda was an ambitious and uncontended person always desiring for lavish things and luxuries. Her this tendency compels

her to borrow a diamond necklace from her rich friend. However, losing the necklace and repayment of the ruinous debt completely changes her life. She became a woman of the common doing every odious and arduous household chore from washing and cleansing to bargaining with the butcher for every sou. They had to shift in the poorest apartments and Mme Loisel was then no more as gorgeous as o in former times. Thus, she faced a 'horrible life of necessity'.

(iii) Bholi's teacher was the agent for change in Bholi's life. On the first day at school, the teacher treats Bholi

with sympathy and compassion and understood that she was a child who needed special care. The teacher's love, sweetness and reassurance was unprecendent in Bholi's life. It helped her to muster up some courage and completely encouraged her to get educated and change her ill-treated life. The soothing and calming nature, thus eventually paves the way for Bholi to become confident and self-retiant in the near future.

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God → Robust → unwavering → Postmaster act of charity

Kisa → Insane → door to door → pleads → Sakyamuni → Buddha's lesson about

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→ wife.

(10) (a) In both the lessons 'A Letter to God' and 'The Sermon at Benares' sufferings and feeling of loss is depicted. In the first, 'Lencho' a hardworking farmer is distraught by destruction of his crops by hailstorms. Not losing hope and considering ~~ther~~ God's help, he decides to write a letter to God asking for monetary help of a hundred pesos to sow this field. The postmaster read his letter and moved by his robust belief, he decides to help the poor farmer by collecting money from others and giving a part of his own salary for an 'act of charity'. Thus, Lencho overcomes his loss.

In the second lesson, Kisa Gotami was deeply grieved upon losing her son and thus went door to door pleading for help and sympathy by giving medicine. Thereafter, she is directed to the Sakyamuni – the Buddha. The Buddha teaches her the significant lesson of inevitability of death. She learns the truth of life and understands that the wise never laments, thus overcomes her loss. Therefore in both the pieces of text, suffering and loss are highlighted along with the ways to overcome them.

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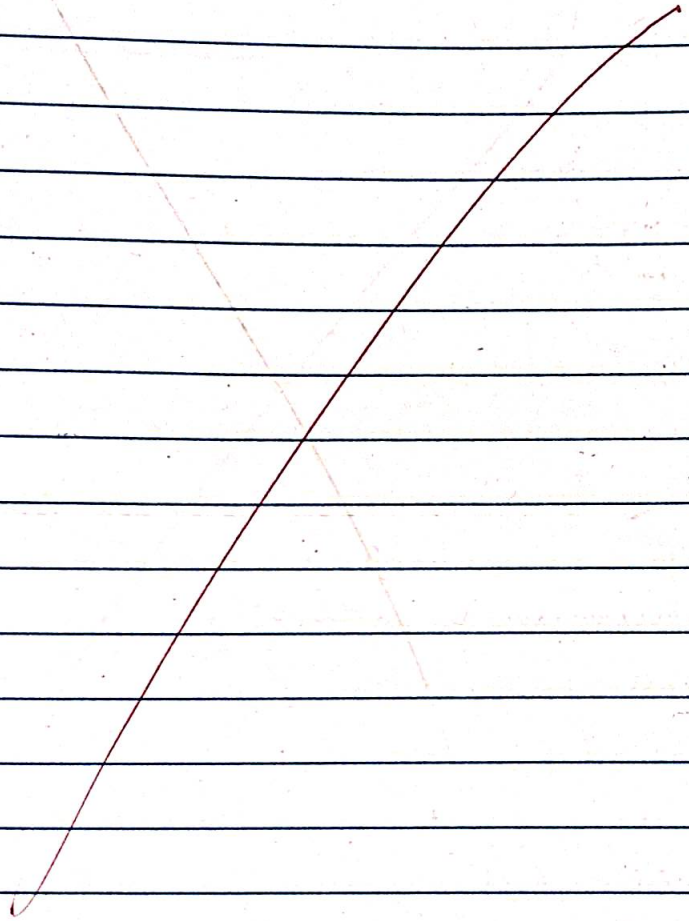
(11.) (a) Mr. Herriot is a wise and capable veteran ~~veterinarian~~ who shows a practicle and out of box approach to treat a pet dog. He understood that what 'Tricky' needed to get back into shape isn't any operation but a strict and keen monitoring over his physical health and dietary habits. He admits the plump and sick dog but doesn't operate upon him unnecessarily. On contrary, Mrs. Pumphery approach was totally impractical and irrational. Loving her pet dog unconditionally, she incessantly overfeeds him and overpampers him without giving the required physical excercise.

She keeps on giving Tricki extra food like cakes, malt, horlicks, etc. considering him to be suffering from malnutrition. His conditions even deteriorates and he needs immediate medical attention. This approach is clearly contradicting to Mr. James' approach who indulges Tricki in the adventures of canine life, avoids giving him what the owner has sent and putting the pet on a strict diet. Therefore, he proves to be both a skilled veteran and a perceptive human being.



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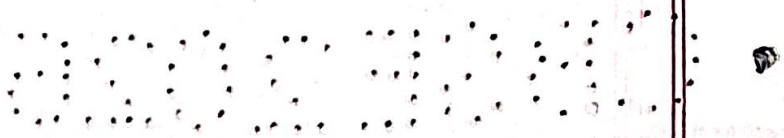

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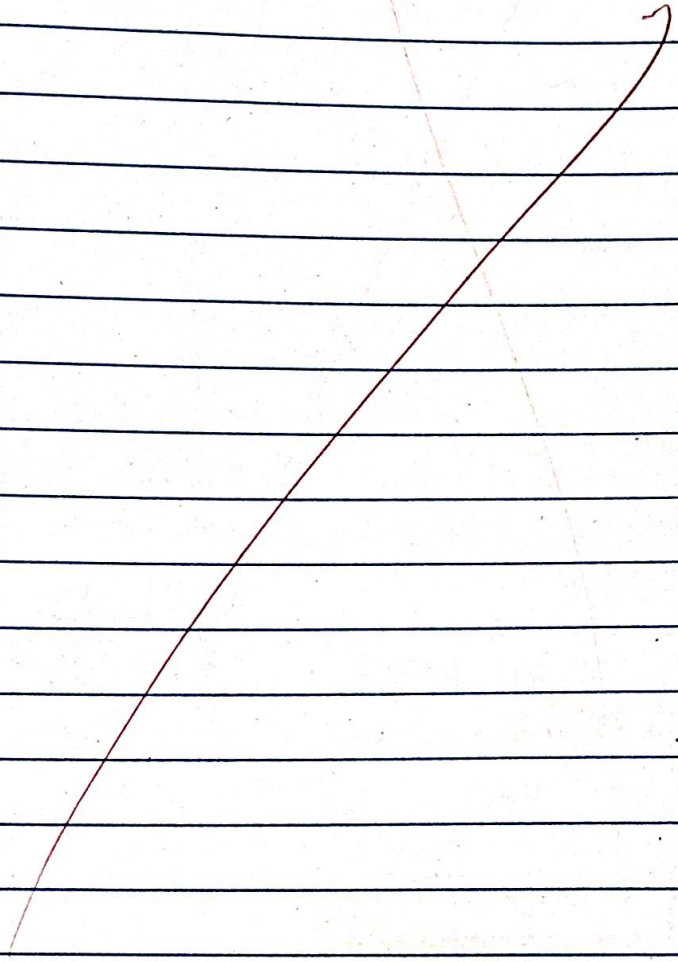

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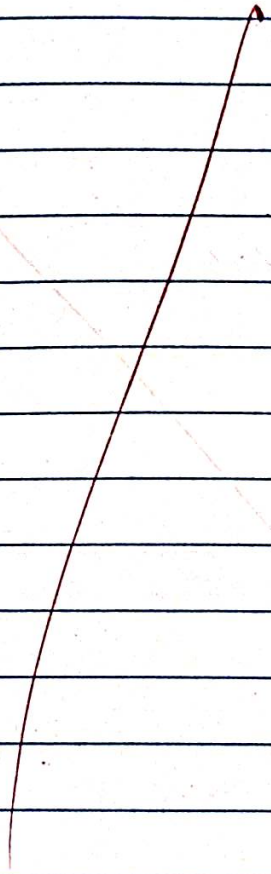

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