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Note : Attempt **all** questions. Follow the instructions regarding the word limit. Marks for each question are indicated alongside the question.

- 1 Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow, using your own words as far as possible :

The Internet is a social technology, but the effect it has on face to face relationships can potentially be very detrimental. Like any activity, the Internet takes up a person's time; the amount of time varies depending on the person's level of addiction. Often this time could easily be spent bettering face to face relationships.

It is not uncommon for Internet users to begin to replace their face to face relationships with those formed on the Internet. By doing this they often negatively affect their lives.

The Internet has become one of the most universal methods for communication with over 100 million users worldwide. From e-mail to the possibly billions of web pages, there is an infinite amount of information flowing. And another attractive aspect of the Internet is the opportunity to interact with other people. Chat Rooms and multi-user games offer the person the ability to talk and mingle with others online.

But with this new-found freedom also comes the possibility of abuse and addiction. This new menace is also known in developed countries as Internet addiction. An estimated 6 per cent of the 100 million web users are thought to be online addicts and that number is growing every day. The lone, bored, depressed, introverted people who lack self-esteem or have a history of addictions are most vulnerable. These people need to fill the void that has been created by not having any real-life relationships, so they turn to the Internet.

This clearly shows that Internet addiction is not a thing to just laugh about or pass away as a ridiculous joke. It has to be combated worldwide. This can be done by making more friends in your active life or by hooking onto an active sport. Proper parental guidance and having some good friends are some of the ways of beating this menace. So, let us leave the monitor screens and lead a more healthy life and make a healthy society.

- (a) Attempt a precis of the above passage. (Word limit : 100 words)

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(b) What has made the Internet quite popular ?

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(c) What type of people are prone to Internet addiction and why ?

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(d) Why is it important to persuade people to keep away from excessive use of the Internet ?

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(e) Use the following words in your own sentences to bring out their meanings clearly :

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(i) detrimental

(ii) addiction

(iii) ridiculous

(iv) vulnerable



लोग साधारणतया सोचते हैं कि देश को सभ्य कहलाने के लिये प्रचुर मात्रा में भौतिक वस्तुओं की आवश्यकता होती है, जैसे कि बहुत सी मशीनें, आलीशान भवन, बहुत सी गाड़ियाँ। मेरे विचार से अधिकतर आधुनिक मनुष्य इन भौतिक वस्तुओं को बहुत अधिक महत्व देते हैं। वास्तव में सभ्यता मस्तिष्क की सोच है, न कि भौतिक साधनों की देन। सभ्यता कुछ ज्ञान की बात है और कुछ भावना की। जहाँ तक ज्ञान का संबंध है, मनुष्य को अपने स्वयं के बारे में और अपने पर्यावरण के बारे में यथासंभव ज्ञान होना चाहिये। वास्तविक रूप में सभ्य होने के लिये भावनाओं के क्षेत्र में भी मनुष्य को स्वयं से बाहर निकलने व अपने आप को बाहर की दुनिया से जोड़ने की आवश्यकता है।



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3 Rewrite the following sentences into indirect speech : 3

(a) He said, "My parents gave the highest importance to good education".

(b) She said to Ram, "If you meet Sita, tell her to take care of her health."

(c) He said to her, "Who would you like to invite to dinner tonight ?

4 Change the voice of the following sentences :

(a) Rains have delayed the arrival of the Shatabdi Express. 3

(b) Somebody opened the box and removed all valuables from it.

(c) Whereas foreign critics praised Tagore's Gitanjali, Indians ignored it in the beginning.



5 Supply the correct tense form of the verb given in brackets :

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(a) The taxi (arrive). It is time to leave.

(b) Banks (lend) more money these days to encourage businesses to expand.

(c) She (shake) with anger as she left the office

(d) It's high time we (go) to bed.

(e) He suddenly realised that he (make) a mistake in his calculation.

6 Fill in the correct modals :

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(a) He _____ (ability) speak several languages by the time he was fifteen.

(b) It _____ (guess) be the servant knocking at the door.

(c) You _____ not tease the girls again. (warning)

(d) My son _____ (prediction) have the best education.

(e) "_____ I ask you a personal question ?" the teacher asked the student. (permission)

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- 7 Complete the following sentences choosing an appropriate word from the words listed below :

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earnest; exquisite; environment; contribute; constant

- (a) Her family regularly _____ a lot of money to the fund.
(b) For providing a stimulating working _____, I would like to thank my former colleagues.
(c) I am grateful to my father for his _____ support and encouragement.
(d) The writing of the book began in _____ only six months ago.
(e) This store is known for its _____ jewellery.

- 8 Use each of the following phrases/idioms in a sentence of your own so that the meaning of each is clearly brought out :

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- (a) shed crocodile tears

- (b) close down

- (c) turn up

- (d) throw light on

- (e) read between the lines



9 Do as directed :

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- (a) I do the cooking. I look after the garden.
(Combine the two sentences using "besides")

- (b) We decided to celebrate his 75th birthday.
(Rewrite the sentence starting with "it")

- (c) My neighbour has been arrested. The rumour has turned out to be true.
(Combine these two sentences into a single sentence)

- (d) He got the job. He had no qualifications.
(Combine the two sentences using "although")



PART - C

Marks - 40

- 10** Write an essay on any **one** of the following topics : (in not more than **300** words) **20**
- (a) Ethics and Politics
 - (b) Environmental pollution
 - (c) Cultural impact of globalization
 -(d) Real India still lives in villages
 - (e) Can a computer replace the teacher in a classroom ?
 - (f) Family values in Indian society.





- 11 You ordered a few computers for your office staff. When the supply arrived, you found two computers in a damaged condition. Write a letter to the supplier giving details of the damage and say what you want the supplier to do now. 10

OR

- 12 Draft a report on the quality and supply of drinking water in your area and also suggest what improvements are possible.





- 12 Write a letter to the Collector of your district requesting him for permission to organize an exhibition in a public place. Give relevant details of the exhibition you plan to organize. 10

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