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Half-Yearly Exam(2024-25)
Class :X
Subject : English

SET- B

M.M. : 80

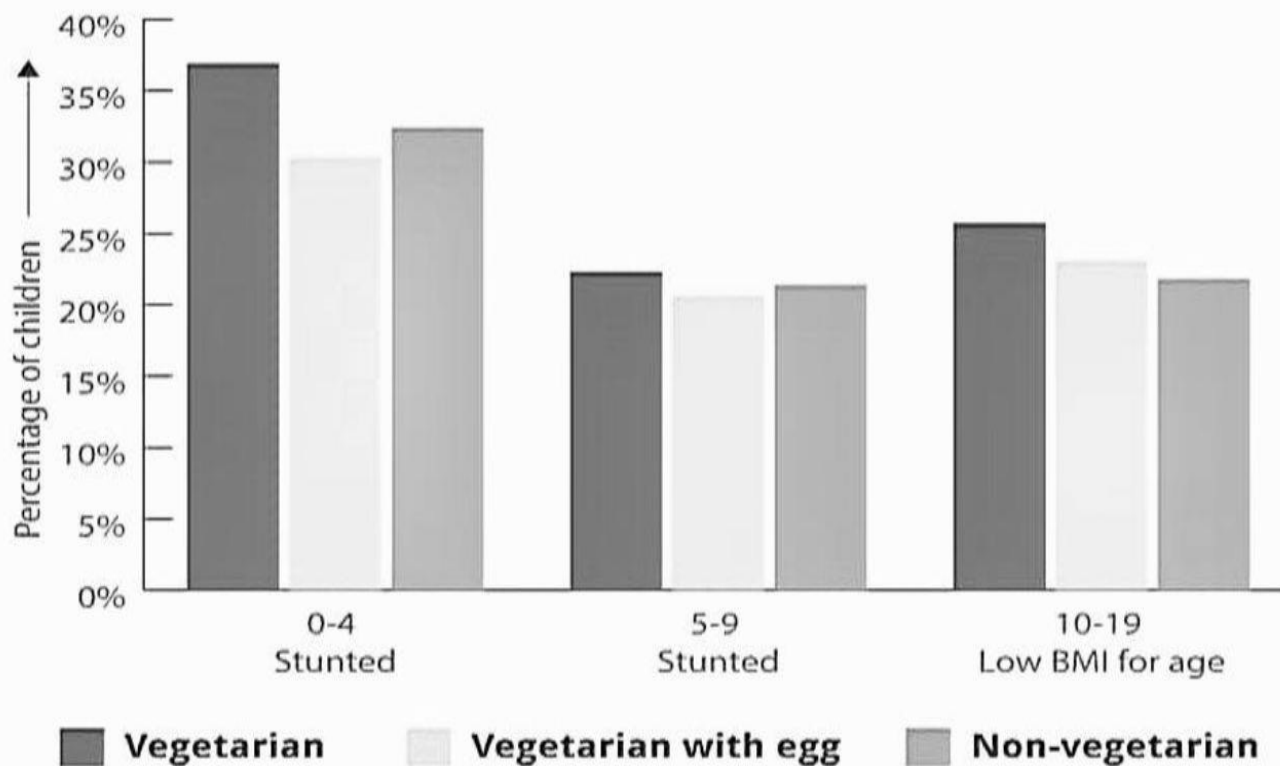
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General Instruction:-

Attempt all the questions according to the given instructions for each question.

Q.1	Read the following passage carefully and attempt the questions that follow.	10
	<p>Despite plenty of nay-sayers, the textbook is dead. It just doesn't know it yet and continues on walking about as though alive. I even have one, A Text-Book of Physics, on my bookshelf beside me that was printed in 1891. It has some line drawings and no colour. Today, textbooks have lots of colourful images and engaging questions sprinkled about them. They also have tons of advice for teachers on how to use them effectively.</p> <p>II. The word "textbook" originated in the 1720s, almost 300 years ago. It's had a good run and is ready to retire. Those who argue that you cannot learn well without a textbook ignore the centuries prior to 1720 when lots of people learned and learned well with no textbooks anywhere. You can learn without textbooks. That's certain. But why should we bother to change something that's worked for 300 years? Many deliver the verdict in a single word: technology. That's way too simplistic.</p> <p>III. We've seen film loops, overhead projectors, motion picture projectors, machine scoring of tests and a myriad of other technological innovations in classrooms, but the textbook remains. No, technology alone will not end the reign of the textbook. It takes something more, and that became available in the 1940s — the programmable electronic computer. But here we are, 70 years later, with plenty of textbooks visible. The computer was not sufficient by itself.</p> <p>IV. The next big change began with ARPANET in the 1960s. This foundation led to the Internet, and its growth has been phenomenal. But a widespread communication medium alone is not sufficient to dislocate textbooks either. Inexpensive computers, easy-to-use interfaces (GUIs) and ready access to the Internet all contribute.</p> <p>V. "Fine," say many. "But the textbook publishers are putting their books online. They are creating e-textbooks. So, textbooks live!"</p> <p>VI. This argument misses the essential difference between education technology in the earlier times and education technology in the present, other than mere cost. Computer software can be interactive. Previous education technology was, like textbooks, rather passive. Active learning is far superior to passive learning, so much so that it's not a step, not a leap, but a rocket-propelled launch past old-fashioned learning.</p> <p>VII. It's the mental engagement with something that determines whether you learn and how well. The really big change will come when students can jump into online situations that are more like real life, and are able to use a variety of devices to reach the web and become part of the learning community. They will be guided by a combination of human mentors and machines. Furthermore, diagnostic analysis of their work will tell mentors when students are ready for certain learning and, more importantly, when they're not.</p> <p>VIII. Textbooks do not tap into our brains to realise this learning potential. Hence, today, the textbook is a zombie. It's just waiting for that wooden stake or silver bullet to put it to a well deserved rest.</p>	
I	<p>In the passage, the author talks about a well-deserved rest for the textbooks. Which of these describes the author's attitude towards textbooks?</p> <p>A. He criticises the value added by textbooks in society. B. He recommends that textbooks are the sole medium for effective learning. C. He thinks that textbooks are far more superior than other mediums of knowledge. D. He is concerned about the continued use of textbooks as a primary source of learning.</p>	1
II	<p>Based on the passage, the following developments took place in the education field.</p> <p>I. The process of learning took place without the use of textbooks. II. The invention of computers and digital books reduced the dependency on physical books. III. The creation of adaptive and interactive learning tools contributed to the way learning took place.</p>	1

	IV. The introduction and circulation of textbooks turned them into a commonly used medium of learning. A. i-ii-iii-iv B. i-iv-ii-iii C. ii-i-iii-iv D. iii-i-ii-iv	
III	Select the option that can weaken the author's case for a complete shift to computer learning in paragraph VI. A. a sharp increase in the creation of e-textbooks B. a rising dependency on using technology as a medium of learning C. scholarly articles comparing the effectiveness of online learning with that of textbooks D. the development of e-textbooks with activities that require active participation from readers.	1
IV	Which of these best conveys the meaning of 'diagnostic analysis' as used in paragraph VII? A. a depiction of the learners' interests B. a display of the learners' achievements C. an evaluation of the learners' capabilities D. an appreciation of the learners' initiatives.	1
V	Which of these sentences CORRECTLY uses the phrase 'rocket-propelled' as used in paragraph VI? A. Sean is lucky to have a friend who talks to him in a rocket-propelled way. B. Anika screamed out of fear and ran out of her house in a rocket-propelled manner. C. Regular practice and a good coach gave the batsman a rocket-propelled rise in his career. D. The TV was buzzing with the news of severe damage caused by a rocket-propelled explosion.	1
VI	Select the option that BEST describes the passage. A. Harry Keller's piece gives an account of the origin of textbooks. B. Harry Keller's essay provides a boost to the field of education technology. C. Harry Keller's commentary on the popularity of computers is a must-read. D. Harry Keller's observations on the changes in learning patterns are brilliant.	1
VII	Select the option from the passage that does NOT qualify as a fact. A. Today, textbooks have lots of colorful images and engaging questions sprinkled about. (paragraph I) B. The word "textbook" originated in the 1720s, almost 300 years ago. (paragraph II) C. But here we are, 70 years later, with plenty of textbooks visible. (paragraph III) D. The really big change will come when students can jump into online situations that are more like real life... (paragraph VII).	1
VIII	Suppose the students have to learn about the water cycle. According to the author, a student will BEST learn about the water cycle while _____.	1
IX	Based on the text given, we can say that the author is _____. A. documenting the history of learning tools B. suggesting ways to limit the use of technology C. proposing an argument and making a case for it D. highlighting the cause of a problem and its effects.	1
X	We've seen film loops, overhead projectors...and a myriad of other technological innovations in classrooms... In other words, we can say that the author has seen film loops, projectors and _____ technological innovations in classrooms. A. various B. definite C. distinct D. complex	1
Q.2	Read the passage given below carefully. A new survey by the Ministry of Health has found distressingly high levels of malnutrition among Indian children and adolescents. Only 6.4% of children surveyed under the age of 2 had received a minimum acceptable diet. One in five children between the ages of 5 and 9 was stunted, which means that they were at a low height for their age. One in four adolescents between the ages of 10 and 19 was thin for their age. Conducted between 2016 and 2018, the Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey collected data on the nutritional status of a representative sample of 1.1 lakh children and adolescents from the ages of 0 to 19 years from 29 states and Delhi. The study measures the nutritional status of children in three age groups: 0-4, 5-9 and 10-19 using different techniques. For children under two years of age, the parameter measured was "minimum acceptable diet", a WHO standard that is a composite of two indicators: Dietary diversity or whether the child ate foods from four of seven food groups in the past day and Meal frequency or how often the child was fed in a day. While for adolescents, Body Mass Index was used.	



Correlating both sets of data, it found better nutritional outcomes among those consuming non-vegetarian diets. More significantly, there is a strong correlation between the consumption of eggs and better nutritional status in most states, particularly among younger children. These findings are significant in light of the debate over whether eggs should be served in lunches in government schools and anganwadis. Several studies have shown consumption of eggs turns children healthier. Children whose mothers were vegetarian were more likely to be stunted than children whose mothers consumed eggs or meat, in all three age groups. It must be noted, however, that there are several other factors at play in determining rates of stunting, including the child's area or residence, sanitation practices, the mother's education, and the wealth of the child's family. Taken together, malnutrition appears highly correlated with lack of consumption of eggs and meat across age groups. There are several anomalies, as would be expected, given that this is state-level data and nutrition and dietary habits vary from district to district, these merit closer study.

Answer the following questions on the basis of your reading.

I	Complete the sentence appropriately.showed better nutritional outcomes.....	1
II	Fill in the blanks appropriately. From Paragraph 5, We can infer that the consumption of.....makes the children.....	1
III	What is the most effective conclusion of the passage?	1
IV	According to the passage, what are the anomalies of the study?	2
V	How can we define Dietary diversity?	2
VI	Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the factors that affect stunting.. 1. Diet 2. Sanitation. 3. Residence (4) Education. (5) Financial status (6) meal frequency (a)1 and 2. (b) 3 and 6 (c) 4 and 5 (D) All of the above	1
VII	What does the given passage highlight?	1
VIII	Find a word from the passage to substitute/replace the underlined word. He said that American military power should never again be <u>vitiating</u> by the political concerns.	1

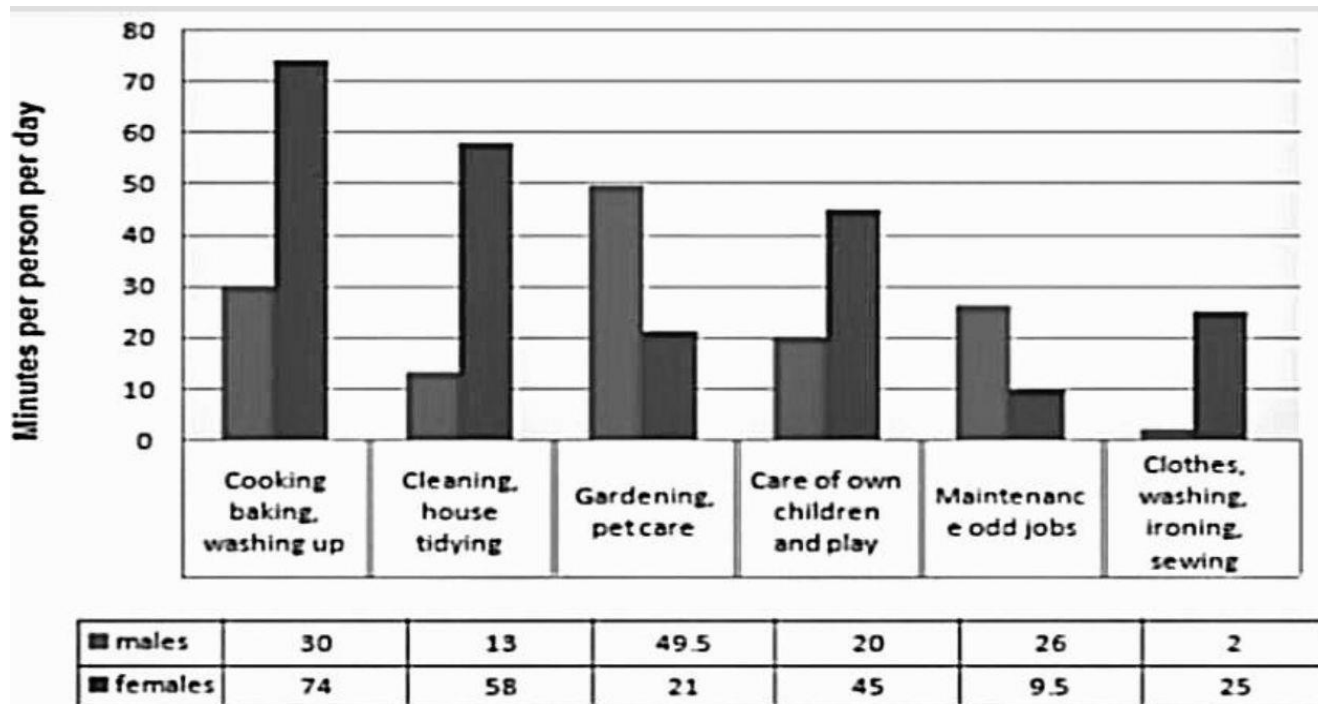
Writing and Grammar

Q.3 Highlight the importance of proper garbage disposal with an aim to create awareness among the city residents. Write a letter regarding the same to the editor of The Hindustan Times. You are Rubal of Shakti Nagar, Delhi

OR

You are Geetu a resident of Giani Nagar, Amritsar. You have just shifted to this new city and require a few furniture items and kitchen appliances for your house. Write a letter of order to Home and More, Mall road, Amritsar placing an order for the same.

Q.4 The bar graph given below depicts division of household tasks by gender in Great Britain. Summarise and write an analytical paragraph highlighting the general features and necessary details.



Attempt any 10 sentences out of 12

Q.5 **Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words.** 4

I We.....at the entrance of the mall before going shopping yesterday. (Meet)

II Like many people, I also learned to play.....Piano when I was a child but gave it up in my teens.
(a) A. (b) An. (c) The. (d) No Article

III Sanjay, my friend and colleague, always.....on time in the office.
(a) Come (b) Comes (c) Coming (d) are coming

IV Last month was a good month for the company. We found..... new customers and also increased our profit.
(a) A few (b) the few (c) a little (d) little

Q.6 **Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words.** 4

I The teacher called all the students but two third of the students.....absent.
(a) Is (b) are (c) was (d) were

II My close friend encouraged by his wife and many of his bosom friends.....four gold medals before he played for India.
(a) Won (b) has won (c) have won (d) had won

III Politics is considered the worst thing by the people but Modi poltics.....the thinking of the people recently.
(a) Changed (b) have changed (c) has changed (d) is changing

IVHindi is spoken in most of the countries but the Hindi spoken by Indian is pure.
(a) An (b) A (c) The (d) No Article

Q.7	The following lines have not been edited, find the error and correct them.	2								
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Q.8	Direct the given sentences given below.	2								
I	<p>Jack: Did you buy any gift for our friend's birthday? Mackey: I didn't buy anything. Jack asks Mackey if..... Mackey replies that he didn't buy anything.</p>									
II	<p>Mr. Gupta asked his friend something about business. Direct the statement given below. "Do you think that the price of gold will go down this month?"</p>									
Literature										
Q.9	Read the following extract and stanza and answer the following questions.	5								
	<p>Anil was watching a wrestling match when I approached him. He was about 25– a tall, lean fellow – and he looked easy-going, kind and simple enough for my purpose. I hadn't had much luck of late and thought I might be able to get into the young man's confidence. 'You look a bit of a wrestler yourself,' I said. A little flattery helps in making friends.</p>									
I	<p>According to the extract, the narrator was talking to the young boy watching the wrestling match because he.....</p> <p>A. had been invited there by the wrestlers. B. was supposed to meet someone there. C. was looking for simple people to dupe. D. loved wrestling and followed it very closely</p>									
II	<p>. 'I hadn't had much luck of late' means that the boy hadn't</p> <p>A. ever conned people successfully. B. been successful in duping people lately. C. understood the consequences of thievery till date. D. considered the role of fate in deceiving others</p>									
III	<p>.'I might be able to get into the young man's confidence.' Choose the option that DOES NOT display what the statement means.</p> <p>A. He wanted to win his trust. B. He wanted him to share his thoughts without caution. C. He wanted him to feel comfortable revealing more details about himself. D. He wanted to be able to spend quality time with him.</p>									
IV	<p>Anil looked easy-going, kind and simple to the narrator. Which of the given characteristics would NOT fit in with this description?</p> <p>A. Compassionate B. Suave C. Uncomplicated D. carefree</p>									
V	<p>Based on the line, "A little flattery helps in making friends.", choose the option that displays the quote closest in meaning.</p> <p>A. Imitation is the best form of flattery; people generally understand that my comedy is not intended to hurt anybody B. I know imitation is the highest form of flattery, but stealing one's identity is totally different. C. Nothing is as great an example of bad manners as flattery. If you flatter all the company, you please none; If you flatter only one or two, you offend the rest. D. One may define flattery as a base companionship which is most advantageous to the flatterer.</p>									

Q.10	(I am Rapunzel, I have not a care; life in a tower is tranquil and rare; I'll certainly never let down my bright hair!) Stop that sulking at once, Amanda! You're always so moody, Amanda! Anyone would think that I nagged at you, Amanda!	5
I	Which of these reflects the speaker's tone in the second stanza of the extract? 1 Critical 2. Worried 3. Concerned 4 Sympathetic 5 Commanding A. 1, 5 B. 2, 3 C. 2, 4 D. 4, 5	
II	Identify the reason Amanda says she will never let down her hair. A. She has very short hair B. She likes her hair a lot C. She wishes to be left alone D. She awaits her Prince Charming	
III	Why has line 6 of the extract been referred to as ironical?	
IV	Complete the analogy with a word from the extract. life: death:: grinning:	
V	Select the sentence in which the word 'bright' is used in a similar manner as line 3 of the extract. A. Sekhar is a very bright child. B. Rama looked bright and chirpy today. C. Bobby's shirt was so bright and cheerful. D. Hemant has such bright prospects for the future.	
Q.11	Answer any four questions in 40-50 words. 4*3=12	
I	Anne wrote in her diary to get things off her chest. List any two reasons why getting things off one's chest is recommended by counsellors as therapeutic.	
II	Lencho waited eagerly for a reply to his letter to God. Do you think the postmaster was also very keen to know Lencho's reaction upon receiving the 'reply'?	
III	"The young seagull was alone on his ledge." How far do you think this condition was by his choice?	
IV	Why does the author in 'Coorg' say that the visitors' search for the heart and soul of India would be found in Coorg?	
V	Rajvir learnt many things from his visit to Dhekiabari tea estate. Write at least two things with example?	
Q.12	Answer any two questions in 40-50 words. 2*3=6	
I	The woman posing as house owner's wife had laid out a careful plan to dupe Horace Danby. Cite any two instances from the text that suggest the same.	
II	Do you think Max fits in the description of a secret agent if yes or no give reasons?	
III	What according to you brought Hari Singh back to Anil.	
Q.13	The tiger in the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo' presents a contrasting image with the tiger in the poem 'How to Tell Wild Animals'. Compare and contrast the two tigers with reference to the manner in which they have been presented in both poems. OR What message do you learn from your reading 'The Ball Poem'?	6
Q.14	No crime always pays. Discuss it in the relation to the story 'A Question Of Trust'. OR Based on 'A Triumph of Surgery', state how Mrs. Pumphrey did more harm than good to Tricki.	6



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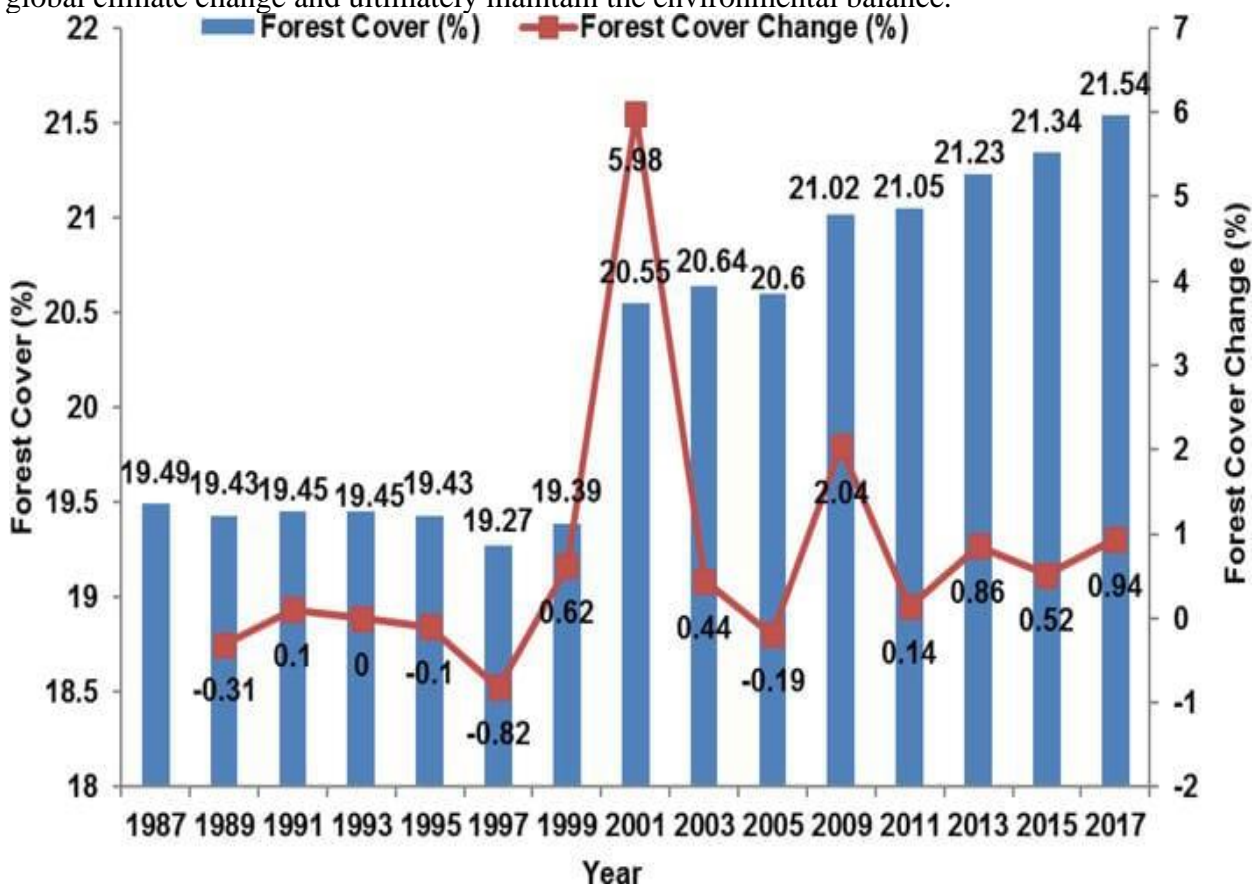
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	<p>The Centre is methodical. The recently tabled press and registration of periodicals bill, 2023 appeared to many to be a methodical step in destroying freedoms. The government, however, declared that the bill would simplify the process of registration presented in the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867, which the new law will replace. It will aid transparency and ease of business and help small and medium publishers. But these uplifting goals have not prevented the government from opening up multiple centers of power that can decide the fate of journals.</p> <p>The alarm expressed by the Editors Guild of India over the bill's 'draconian provisions' indicates how the bill threatens press freedom. The EGI has written about its areas of worry to the prime minister and highly-placed leaders and suggested that the bill be sent to a parliamentary select committee for discussion. 'Registration', not 'regulation', is what a free press requires.</p> <p>The 1867 law empowered only the district magistrate to suspend or cancel the certificate of registration for a publication. The new law gives this power not only to the press registrar but also to other 'specific authorities', suggesting that law enforcement agencies, too, could butt in.</p> <p>The EGI fears the possibilities of arbitrariness and intrusiveness because any of these authorities can enter publishing premises to question people and seize documents. The bill seems to have built-in guarantees of compliance. Anyone accused of terrorist activity and of actions detrimental to the security of the State would be barred from publishing.</p> <p>The ceaseless use of laws against terror and sedition is a constant threat to journalists, who are occasionally jailed. But criticism of the government was so far being suppressed by arresting individuals; the new law would ensure silence even before a line is published. Since the Centre will evolve guidelines for news publication, it could mean a full-blown shift from news to fairy-tale. Lightening the penal provisions of the 1867 Act is intriguing too.</p> <p>An improper declaration of publishers and printers before the district magistrate will not matter. And the law will tread lightly when there is publication without registration, making it punishable if publishing continues for six months after warning. Who are the intended beneficiaries? A free press is one of the most precious freedoms the country enjoys. This is now at grave risk</p>	
I	Select the option that best captures the central theme of the passage. A. The evolution of press and registration laws in India B. The challenges to press freedom posed by new legislation C. The benefits of the Press and Registration of Periodicals Bill, 2023 D. The role of the Editors Guild of India in shaping press regulations	1
II	What is the primary goal of the Press and Registration of Periodicals Bill, 2023, according to the government? A. To enhance transparency in press operations B. To simplify the process of press registration C. To promote ease of business for publishers D. To aid small and medium publishers financially	1
III	Share evidence from the passage that supports the concern expressed by the Editors Guild of India (EGI) about the new bill.	1
IV	Complete the sentence appropriately with a characteristic or its description. Based on the information in the passage, the Editors Guild of India is portrayed as ____	1
V	What aspect of the new law raises concerns about potential abuse of power? A. The empowerment of district magistrates B. The inclusion of 'specific authorities' C. The provision for simplifying registration D. The focus on ease of business for publishers	1
VI	Explain, in about 40 words, the potential implications of the new law on press freedom, as highlighted in the passage.	2

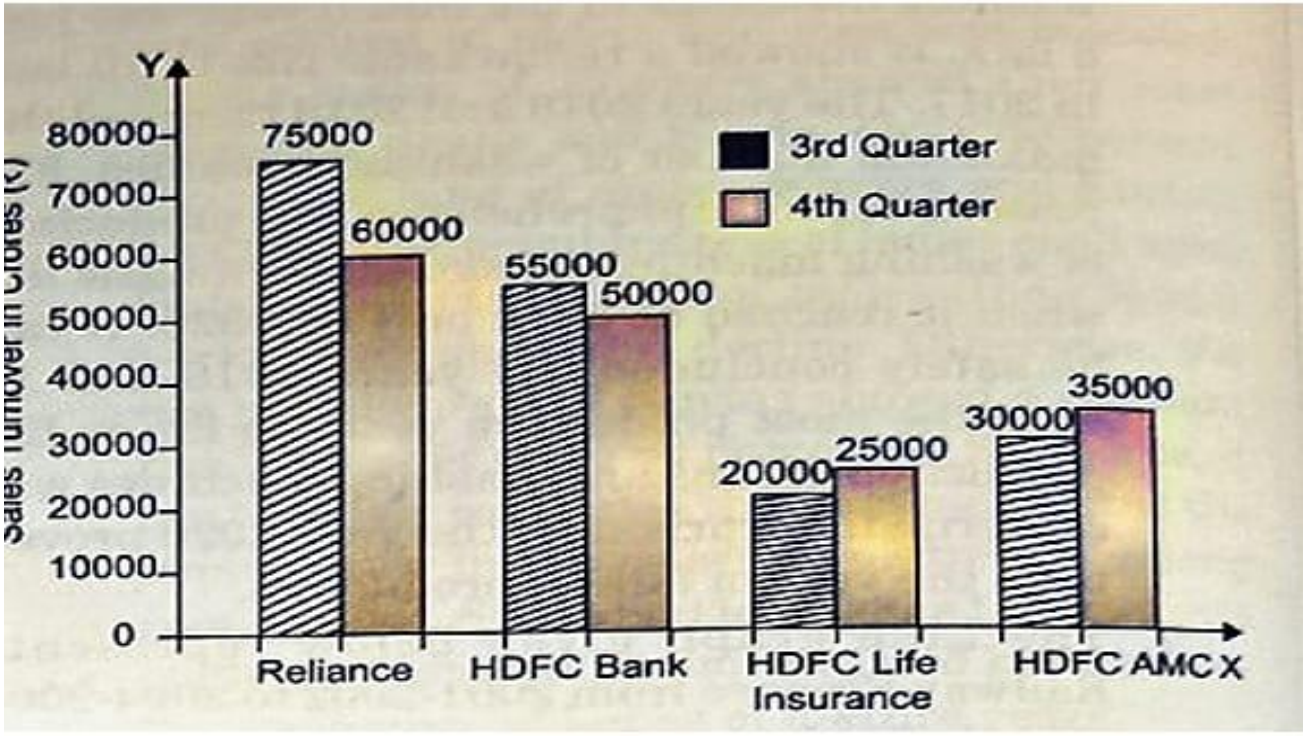
VII	In the context of the passage, how does the new laws' focus on "registration" rather than "regulation" impact the concept of a free press?	2
VIII	State TRUE or FALSE. The new law is designed to lighten the penal provisions of the 1867 Act, making it easier for publishers to operate without strict oversight.	1

Q.2 **Read the following passage carefully and attempt the questions that follow.**


The forest cover was found to be increased by 1% for the year 2017 which is 21.54% of the total geographic area when compared to that of forest cover status in 2015 which is a positive sign towards the constant efforts that are being put in to protect the forest. This positive change in the forest cover is mainly attributed to the conservation and management practices that include afforestation activities, participation of local peoples for better protection measures in plantation areas and traditional forest areas, expansion of trees outside forest, etc. Also, with this increase in the forest cover, the country has procured 6th position among the top 10 countries reporting the greatest annual forest area gain. Although there has been an increase in the total forest cover in india, stil there are certain regions within the country that has sought a reduction in the same. The main reasons attributed for this reduction are shifting cultivation, rotational felling, other biotic pressures, diversion of forest lands for developmental activitios, etc. A transition in the various forest cover A classes has also occurred over the past. It has been found that there is a reduction in the moderately dense forest and an increment in the open forest depicting degradation of forest cover to some extent. Changes within the forest cover classes result in decrease in the production capacity, thereby leading to forest degradation. Control and regular check of these activities can help in strengthening the conservatory efforts of forest protection. This is the necessity of the present time to conserve the forests in order to sustain the vital ecosystems and the major carbon sink to combat the effects of global climate change and ultimately maintain the environmental balance.



I	Which are the points responsible for the increase in geographical area in 2017?	2
II	According to the passage, what are the main reasons for the reduction of forest?	2
III	What is the difference between the geographical areas in the year 2013-2015 of forest cover? (a) 21.23%. (b) 21.34% (c) 0.11%. (d) 21.36%	1
IV	Which number has India got among the top 10 countries reporting the greatest annual forest area?	1

	(a) 10.	(b) 6	(c) 8	(d) 3																
V	Which of the following years has rapidly changed the forest cover? (a) 1997 (b) 2001 (c) 2017 (d) 2009				1															
VI	Find the synonym of the word 'preservation' used in the passage. (a) Reduction. (b) Attributed (c) Conservation (d) none of these				1															
VII	Which of the following year had the lowest forest cover percentage in? (a) 1997. (b) 2005 (c) 1989. (d) 1999				1															
VIII	Find the opposite of the word 'lose' used in the passage. (a) Although. (b) Land (c) Procured. (d) Change				1															
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Q.3	<p>There is a big market near your colony, there is a parking area near the market yet many people park their vehicles in front of the shops and on roads which create traffic jam and make it difficult for the people of the colony to walk through alone let alone go with private vehicles. Write a letter to the Editor of The Hindustan Times about the illegal parking by the people also suggest some disciplinary measures to be implemented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>The Computer Hub, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi has advertised a discount of 20% on all types of computers and related hardware. You are Rahul, owner of Softpoint Innovations, 110- 111, Nehru Place, New Delhi. Place an order for suitable items for your company</p>				5															
Q.4	<p>Given below is the bar graph that represents the Total Sales Turnover of four major corporate giants of India. The figures shown record the total sales turnover in 3rd Quarter (September to December) and 4th Quarter (January to March). Summarise and write an analytical paragraph highlighting the general features and necessary details. Compare where you feel relevant.</p>  <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Company</th> <th>3rd Quarter (₹ Crores)</th> <th>4th Quarter (₹ Crores)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Reliance</td> <td>75000</td> <td>60000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HDFC Bank</td> <td>55000</td> <td>50000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HDFC Life Insurance</td> <td>20000</td> <td>25000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HDFC AMC X</td> <td>30000</td> <td>35000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Company	3rd Quarter (₹ Crores)	4th Quarter (₹ Crores)	Reliance	75000	60000	HDFC Bank	55000	50000	HDFC Life Insurance	20000	25000	HDFC AMC X	30000	35000	5
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II	<p>The candidate whom we.....before we spoke to any other is still my favourite. (a) Interviewed (b) has interviewed (c) had interviewed (d) Interviews</p>																			
III	<p>The thief would have been caught if the police.....on time.(Come)</p>																			
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I	Jack: Your watch is exclusive. Please tell me where you bought from. Mackey: I didn't buy it; my younger brother has sent it from Australia on birthday. Jack asks Mackey that his watch is exclusive and requests Mackey replies that he didn't buy it; his younger brother has sent it from Australia.									
II	Mr. Gupta asked his friend something about business. Direct the statement given below. "Are you sure that the price of gold will go down this month?"									
Literature										
Q.9	Read the following extract and stanza and answer the following questions.	5								
	Ausable did not fit any description of a secret agent Fowler had ever read. Following him down the musty corridor of the gloomy French hotel where Ausable had a room, Fowler felt let down. It was a small room, on the sixth and top floor, and scarcely a setting for a romantic adventure. Ausable was, for one thing, fat. Very fat. And then there was his accent. Though he spoke French and German passably, he had never altogether lost the American accent he had brought to Paris from Boston twenty years ago. "You are disappointed," Ausable said wheezily over his shoulder									
I	"Following him down the <u>musty</u> corridor of the <u>gloomy</u> French hotel where Ausable had a room..." Choose the correct option to replace the underlined words. (a) expansive, abnormal (b) lighted; formal (c) damp; dingy (d) uncanny; smart									
II	Amy is an American woman who teaches French and German in a primary school. This means that Amy is.... (a) an empathetic teacher. (b) a rational human being. (c) an experienced guide. (d) a multilingual instructor.									
III	It can be inferred from the extract that a secret agent is expected to be. (1) Fit. (2) Compassionate. (3) Apologetic. (4) Suave. (5) Violent. (a) Option 1, 3 & 5 (b) Option 1 & 4 (c) Option 2, 4 & 5 (d) Option 2 & 3									
IV	The reason Fowler was disappointed by Ausable when he met him was because Ausable.. (a) Lived in a shady French hotel. (b) Was related to the cops. (c) Didn't have the personality of a spy. (d) had a very strange accent									
V	Choose the option that lists the INCORRECT statements about the given passage. 1. Fowler had no expectations at all from Ausable. 2. Fowler was elated when he met Ausable. 3. Ausable was living in France as a spy.									

	4. Ausable had acquired the French accent over twenty years ago. (a) 1, 2 (b) 3, 4 (c) 1, 3 (d) 2, 4	
Q.10	Don't bite your nails, Amanda! Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda! Stop that slouching and sit up straight, Amanda!	5
I	The purpose of the speaker's words in the given extract is to (a) Show the speaker's power over the listener. b) Make the listener a better human being. (c) Advise the listener as an elder. d) Improve the listener's posture and habits	
II	Pick the option that lists the image which correctly corresponds to the speaker's mood in the extract  a) Image (i) b) Image (ii) c) Image (iii) d) Image (iv)	
III	Alliteration is a literary device used in the extract. Which of the following options DOES NOT include examples of this literary device? a) The moon and the shimmering stars watched over us b) Dee dee was driving down day after day c) With that charming chat, Catherine chose comfort d) Away ran the pathetic pooch pouting like a princess	
IV	What does the repetition of "Amanda!" at the end of each line reflect? a) It describes who the speaker is talking to. b) It represents the absent-mindedness of the listener. c) It shows the frustration of the speaker. d) It helps create a rhyme scheme	
V	Select the option that fits with the following: slouching : straight:: _____ : _____ (a) transparent: translucent (b) lazy: agile (c) forgetful: lively (d) generous: liberal	
Q. 11	Answer any four questions in 40-50 words. 3*4 =12	
I	Anne wrote in her diary to get things off her chest. List any two reasons why getting things off one's chest is recommended by counsellors as therapeutic.	
II	Lencho waited eagerly for a reply to his letter to God. Do you think the postmaster was also very keen to know Lencho's reaction upon receiving the 'reply'?	
III	"The young seagull was alone on his ledge." How far do you think this condition was by his choice?	
IV	Why does the author in 'Coorg' say that the visitors' search for the heart and soul of India would be found in Coorg?	
V	Rajvir learnt many things from his visit to Dhekiabari tea estate. Write at least two things with example?	
Q.12	Answer any two questions in 40-50 words. 3*2=6	
I	The woman posing as house owner's wife had laid out a careful plan to dupe Horace Danby. Cite any two instances from the text that suggest the same.	
II	What according to you brought Hari Singh back to Anil.	
III	Do you think Max fits in the description of a secret agent if yes or no give reasons?	
Q.13	The tiger in the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo' presents a contrasting image with the tiger in the poem 'How to Tell Wild Animals'. Compare and contrast the two tigers with reference to the manner in which they have been presented in both poems. OR What message do you learn from your reading 'The Ball Poem'?	6
Q.14	No crime always pays. Discuss it in the relation to the story 'A Question Of Trust'. OR Based on 'A Triumph of Surgery', state how Mrs. Pumphrey did more harm than good to Tricky.	6

September Answer Key(Set-A)
Class-X (English)

Q.1	Reading section	
I	Ans. (B)	
II	Ans. (B)	
III	Ans. The passage mentions that the EGI has expressed alarm over the bill's 'draconian provisions' and suggested that it be sent to a parliamentary select committee for discussion.	
IV	Ans. vigilant, protective of press freedom, and willing to engage with authorities to safeguard the rights of journalists.	
V	Ans. B	
VI	Ans. The new law, by granting additional power to various authorities to suspend registrations and seize documents, may lead to arbitrary actions against the press. It could enable pre-publication censorship, hindering open criticism of the government.	
VII	Ans. The emphasis on "registration" implies a bureaucratic process, potentially restricting the scope of a free press by creating barriers to entry and allowing authorities to exert control before publication.	
VIII	Ans. FALSE. The passage suggests that the new law may actually increase potential risks and barriers for publishers, including the possibility of arbitrary actions and pre-publication censorship.	
Q.2		
I	Ans. afforestation activities, participation of local peoples, expansion of trees outside the forest.	
II	Ans. Cultivation, rotational felling, other biotic pressures etc.	
III	Ans. C	
IV	Ans. B	
V	Ans. C	
VI	Ans. C	
VII	Ans. A	
VIII	Ans. C	
	Writing and Grammar	
Q.3	<p>Ans. Sender's Address Date Receiver's Address Subject: <u>Complaint regarding the issue of bad parking habits in the locality</u> Salutation: -Sir/Ma'am?</p> <p>Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authorities to the bad parking habits of the people in the market near our locality. It is resulting in a lot of chaos and no place for parking for those who come back late. Despite defining the area assigned to each vehicle, cars are parked amidst two parking spots. One vehicle occupies the space for 2-3 vehicles leading to mismanagement. Two-wheelers are placed nowhere near the allotted zone. This creates problems for other people as they have to then spend a lot of time finding parking spots in other localities. It induces frustration and tension for the safety of vehicles. Various notices and warnings have been given to the rule-violators, but to our dismay, no betterment can be seen.</p> <p>I request you to take strict action as this is leading to fights between the residents. Effective</p>	

	<p>and speedy action is expected considering the depth of the situation. Yours Sincerely</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Sender's Address Date Receiver's Address Subject:-An order for the supply of computer hardware. Salutation:-Sir/Ma'am</p> <p>This is with reference to the advertisement in(name of the newspaper) dated..... we hereby wish to place an order for the supply of computer hardware items. *Make a table of the items. * Give proper and accurate details according to the advertisement. * Proper complimentary close.</p>	
Q.4	<p>The bar graph demonstrates that all four corporate giants didn't demonstrate a consistent pattern. Reliance had witnessed a steep decline in their 4th Quarter sales turnover, going from 75000 crores to 60000 crores. HDFC Bank's sales fell slightly by 5000 crores in the fourth quarter, whilst the trend reversed with HDFC Life Insurance and HDFC AMC both recording a growth of 5000 crores each during the same period. In line with this, HDFC's third-quarter sales turnover of 20000 crores rose to 25000 crores in the 4th Quarter and HDFC AMC's 30000 crores in the third quarter rose by 5000 crores to 35000 crores in the 4th Quarter. Nevertheless, the sharpest decrease occurred for Reliance where it went from 75000 to 60000 crore.</p>	
Q.5		
I	Ans. (A)	
II	Ans. C	
III	Ans. Had come	
IV	Ans. (B)	
Q 6		
I	Ans.(D)	
II	Ans.(B)	
III	Ans. Was	
IV	Ans.C	
Q.7		
I	Ans.(B)	
II	Ans.(A)	
Q.8		
I	Ans. To tell him where he bought from.	
II	Ans. If he/she was sure the price of gold would go down that month.	
Q.9		
I	Ans.C	
II	Ans. D	
III	Ans.B	
IV	Ans.C	

V	Ans.A	
10		
I	Ans.D	
II	Ans.C	
III	Ans.A	
IV	Ans.C/B	
V	Ans.B	
11		
I	Answer: Getting things off one's chest unburdens the person so he or she feels relieved. If one is feeling worried, guilty or victimized, the person feels relaxed.	
II	Ans.Yes, after Lencho left the post office he immediately opened the letter; this shows the postmaster is very keen to know the reply of the letter he had sent. Also, he was eager to know whether Lencho would be surprised seeing the letter.	
III	Ans. He didn't try, didn't muster up courage, had fear etc.	
IV	Ans.The author says that search for the heart and soul of India would be found in Coorg because different Indian cultures can be seen in Coorg. Coorg represents different cultures, traditions and ethnicities of India.	
V	Any two ..like hardwork, about nature, value of greenery etc.	
12		
I	Ans.The woman posing as house owner's wife was a young and smart thief. She spoke to Horace in an authoritative tone and carried herself with confidence. She had laid out a careful plan to dupe. Horace is evident from the fact that she stayed calm even after seeing a thief in the house.	
II	Ans. His conscience chided, felt guilty, Anil's sympathetic approach, value of education etc.	
III	Ans.No, lack of intelligence, practical approach etc.	
13	<p>Ans. Description of both the tigers according to their circumstances. Like freedom, restrictions, cages, natural habitat, importance of freedom etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>The ball is a symbol for the loss of childhood innocence and the harsh realities of life that we all must face at some point. Through the poem, the poet conveys the message that life is full of losses, and we must learn to accept them and move on. Any other relevant points.</p>	
14	<p>Ans.In "A Question of Trust," the theme "no crime always pays" is explored through the consequences of betrayal and deception. Characters who engage in dishonest actions ultimately face repercussions, highlighting that short-term gains from crime often lead to long-term fallout. This reflects the idea that trust is foundational in relationships, and when it is broken, the damage can be irreparable. The narrative emphasizes that integrity and honesty, though sometimes challenging, are ultimately more rewarding than deceit.Any general points related to it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Mrs Pumphrey was quite a rich and resourceful lady with a large number of servants and maids. She was passionately attached to her little pet dog, Tricki. She was much worried about Tricki.s miserable condition. Tricki had become hugely fat and listless. She thought he was suffering from malnutrition. So, she started giving Tricki malt, cod-liver oil and a bowl of Horlicks at night. Being overindulgent, Mrs Pumphrey even ignored Dr Herriot.s advice. The doctor knew that Tricki.s only fault was his greed for food. He had advised Mrs Pumphrey to cut down food and sweets for Tricki. He also advised her to give him</p>	

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September Answer Key(Set-B)
Class-X (English)

Q.1	Reading section	
I	Ans. (D)	
II	Ans. (B)	
III	ANS.(D)	
IV	Ans.(C)	
V	Ans.(C)	
VI	Ans.(B)	
VII	Ans.(D)	
VIII		
IX	Ans.(C)	
X	Ans.(A)	
Q.2		
I	Ans. Consumption of eggs.....among younger children.	
II	Ans.Eggs healthier	
III	Ans.The stunning of the children depends upon the nutritional status of the mother.	
IV	Ans.Nutrition and dietary habits vary from district to district.	
V	Ans. Dietary diversity or whether the child are foods form four of seven food groups in the past day.	
VI	Ans.D	
VII	The need of inclusion of eggs / benefits of eggs	
VIII		
	Writing and Grammar	
Q.3	<p>Shakti Nagar Delhi Date</p> <p>The Editor Hindustan Times Delhi</p> <p>Subject:- Importance of Proper Garbage Disposal</p> <p>Sir/Madam Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper I would like to draw your attention towards the problem of improper garbage disposal in the area. Our neighborhood is largely plagued with filthy and messy conditions. The streets are unswept and the roads are wet. Garbage cans are frequently overloaded, and many people appear to be lacking in civic awareness. It causes a slew of illnesses. Despite posters and placards reminding people of their social duties, they continue to pollute the area. It is our responsibility to address the issue of garbage disposal in a sensible manner. Because cleanliness is a fundamental requirement, we shall make this appeal to the general population. Citizens in our community have started a campaign to raise awareness about safe waste disposal. Everyone is welcome to join in on our effort to make it a tremendous success. Thanking you</p>	

	<p>Yours faithfully Rubal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Gaini Nagar Amritsar Date.....</p> <p>The Sales manager Home and More Mall Road , Amritsar</p> <p>Subject:- An order for the supply of electronics.</p> <p>Sir/Ma'am This is with the reference to the advertisement in the Hindustan Times dated... We hereby wish to place an order for the supply of some electronics. You are requested to dispatch all the items in a proper condition.The details are as follow. *Make a table of the items..* We also wish to avail 20% discount that you offer on all bulk orders.Attached find a bank check of 10000/Rs .. Rest of the payment will be done at time of delivery. Yours sincerely ...</p>	
Q.4	<p>The chart delineates the gender-specific allocation of household duties in Great Britain, revealing a traditional division of labor. Women dedicate significantly more time to household chores, averaging around four hours daily, which is notably higher than the less than two and a half hours contributed by men. Women lead in activities such as cooking, cleaning, childcare, and laundry, devoting roughly 200 minutes daily—triple the time men allocate to these tasks. Conversely, men exhibit a preference for outdoor and maintenance work, investing double the time compared to women in activities like gardening and various house repairs. Interestingly, men’s highest time investment peaks at nearly 50 minutes on gardening and pet care, while women allocate about 30 minutes to these tasks. A stark contrast appears in clothing care: men spend a mere 2 minutes per day on washing, ironing, and sewing, whereas women spend about 25 minutes. In essence, the chart illustrates a pronounced disparity in the distribution of household responsibilities by gender, with women shouldering the bulk of indoor chores and men tending towards outdoor and maintenance-related tasks.</p>	
Q.5		
I	Ans. Met	
II	Ans. C	
III	Ans. B	
IV	Ans.A	
Q.6		
I	Ans.D	

II	Ans. B	
III	Ans.B	
IV	Ans.D	
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II	Ans.B	
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10		
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II	Ans. C	
III	Ans.Line 6 of the extract is ironical because the speaker is doing what she says she is not doing, that is, nagging Amanda.	
IV	Ans.Sulking	
V	Ans.C	
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