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	<u>SECTION A – READING SKILLS</u>	11
Q.1)	<p>Read the following passage and answer the question given below it.</p> <p>1.The pervasive nature of digital technology has profoundly altered our daily existence. For many, the constant barrage of notifications and the endless scroll have become a source of anxiety, leading to a phenomenon known as "digital fatigue." In response, a growing number of people are attempting a digital detox—a period of time during which an individual reduces or eliminates the use of digital devices like smartphones, computers, and social media.</p> <p>2. Advocates of the detox cite several benefits. Primary among these is the improvement in mental well-being. Disconnecting allows the brain to escape the continuous state of 'partial attention' fostered by multitasking and digital interruptions, leading to better focus and reduced stress. Furthermore, a detox encourages a return to real-world engagement. Time previously spent online is often redirected to physical activities, reading books, face-to-face social interactions, and even simple contemplation. This shift can deepen personal relationships and foster a more reflective lifestyle.</p> <p>3. However, the efficacy and practicality of a complete digital detox are often debated. In the modern educational and professional world, digital tools are frequently essential for communication, research, and work management. A full disconnection can lead to significant social and professional isolation, potentially causing more anxiety about missed opportunities or urgent communication. Critics argue that instead of a drastic, temporary detox, what is needed is a sustainable approach—digital well-being—which involves setting healthy boundaries, curating digital content, and practicing mindful consumption, rather than a complete, impractical withdrawal. The goal, they contend, should not be to reject technology, but to master its use.</p> <p>i) Which of the following best represents the primary purpose of the paragraph discussing the 'Advocates' and their views?</p> <p>(a) To list synonyms for 'detox'.</p> <p>(b) To summarize the negative effects of technology.</p> <p>(c) To provide supporting evidence for the central argument of the passage.</p> <p>(d) To highlight the benefits of a digital detox in relation to mental health and social skills.</p> <p>ii) The phrase 'continuous state of 'partial attention'' suggests that using digital devices primarily hinders a user's ability to:</p> <p>(a) engage in deep conversation.</p> <p>(b) fully concentrate on a single task.</p> <p>(c) manage time effectively.</p> <p>(d) communicate with others.</p> <p>iii) Which of the following statements best describes the author's overall attitude</p>	

toward addressing digital fatigue?

(a) Finds the idea of a digital detox to be a frustrating and meaningless endeavour.

(b) Believes that the emotional rollercoaster of constantly checking notifications is not worth the effort.

(c) Recognizes the challenges of digital dependence but advocates for the rewards of a balanced, long-term solution.

(d) Feels that technology is too essential and powerful for the average person to master its use.

iv) What is the tone of the writer in the given lines from paragraph (3)?

"A full disconnection can lead to significant social and professional isolation, potentially causing more anxiety about missed opportunities or urgent communication."

(a) Dismissive

(b) Cautionary

(c) Sarcastic

(d) Indifferent

v) Identify the set of antonyms from the passage.

(a) pervasive and constant

(b) temporary and sustainable

(c) primary and significant

(d) distraction and isolation

vi) Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, how the debate over digital detox is like choosing between two modes of transportation for a long journey.

vii) What is the message conveyed by Rohan's experience, in the following case?

Rohan decides to delete all social media apps for a month and finds he misses important updates from his professional network, forcing him to reluctantly re-install them.

(a) Only those with low professional engagement should attempt a complete detox.

(b) Complete disconnection is impractical for those in essential, communication-heavy roles.

(c) The efforts of a digital detox are inversely proportional to the rewards gained.

(d) Persistence makes a digital detox a rewarding pursuit.

viii) A manager realizes her team's productivity is dropping due to constant interruptions from digital notifications. She decides to implement a rule. Which action best reflects the philosophy of 'digital well-being' rather than a complete 'digital detox'?

(a) Instructing all employees to switch off their phones and computers for a full week.

(b) Mandating that all communication be done only via email and forbidding instant messaging.

(c) Designating one 90-minute period each morning as a "Deep Work Slot" with all non-essential notifications muted.

(d) Hiring a consultant to run weekly sessions on the history of technology .

ix) Sarah, a high school student, finds that she spends three hours a day mindlessly scrolling through social media, causing her to lose sleep. Applying the core benefit of a digital detox, what would be the most immediate and positive consequence if she replaced that time with a non-digital activity like reading a physical book?

(a) She will immediately solve complex algebraic equations.

(b) Her classmates will praise her efforts.

- (c) Her brain will likely transition from a state of 'partial attention' to better focus, leading to improved mental well-being.
 (d) She will save money by reducing her mobile data usage.
- x) A local community center is planning an event to help people manage technology use. Based on the passage, which title for the event would most accurately convey the long-term, sustainable approach advocated by the critics?
 (a) "Total Disconnection: The Road to Freedom"
 (b) "Mastering the Screen: Strategies for Mindful Digital Consumption"
 (c) "Unplug and Live: A Week Without Wires"
 (d) "The Great Escape: Rejecting Technology Forever"
- xi) A journalist argues that a complete digital detox is impossible for modern professionals. Which piece of evidence from the passage best supports this claim by highlighting an essential practical dependency on digital tools?
 (a) The fact that digital technology has "profoundly altered our daily existence."
 (b) The observation that a detox allows for a "more reflective lifestyle."
 (c) The statement that digital tools are "essential for communication, research, and work management" in the professional world.
 (d) The rise of "digital fatigue" as a source of anxiety.

SECTION B – GRAMMAR

Q.2) Attempt the following questions given below.

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i) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line to complete a polite request. _____ you mind turning down the music, please?

- (a) Will (b) Shall (c) Would (d) Can

ii) Read the conversation between a Mother and her Son and complete the narration that follows: Mother: Please switch off the lights when you leave the room.

Son: I've already done that, Mom.

The mother requested her son to switch off the lights when he left the room, to which her son replied that _____

iii) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a book dedication: This book is the _____ (culminate) of ten years of research and personal interviews.

iv) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a blog post: We were quite surprising to see how quickly the project was completed despite the initial delays.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	surprising	surprised
(b)	to see	Seeing
(c)	quickly	Quick
(d)	despite	because of

v) Complete the instruction by filling in the blank with the correct option:

The new policy _____ into effect from the beginning of next month.

- (a) coming (b) come (c) will come (d) has come

vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket.

The committee is currently _____ (examine) the financial statements submitted by the departments.

vii) Report the dialogue between two colleagues, by completing the sentence:

Neha: Have you sent the email to the client?

Aarav: I will send it immediately after lunch.

When Neha asked Aarav if he had sent the email to the client, Aarav replied _____.

viii) Identify the error in the given sentence from an architectural magazine and supply the correction. Neither the exterior design or the internal layout meets the safety standards required.

Error	Correction

ix) The teacher noticed an unusual silence in the classroom.

Report the teacher's question. Teacher: Why is everyone so quiet today?

Reported speech: _____

x) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

Though the rain was pouring heavy, the cricket match continued without interruption.

Error	Correction

xi) Select the correct option to complete the instruction:

Everyone, except for Riya and _____, must submit their assignments by midnight.

(a) I (b) me (c) my (d) myself

xii) Report the question: My grandmother asked, "Where did you go on your vacation?" My grandmother asked _____

xiii) Identify the error and supply the correction for the following sentence.

The consensus among climate scientists, which includes Nobel laureates and leading meteorologists, are that human activity is the primary driver of global warming.

Error	Correction

xiv) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket.

After the intense workout, his muscles felt terribly _____ (sore).

xv) Select the correct option: The manager, along with his team, _____ for a new strategy to reduce costs.

(a) is looking (b) are looking (c) look (d) was look

xvi) Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction.

While much needs to be done to transform our education system to meet the needs of all types of students, it is equally important to teach our children the art of take stress in their strides. Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

xvii) Fill in the blank with the correct option: We have been living in this town _____ten years.

a) since b) for c) in d) from

Q.3) Answer the following questions.

i) What is the most crucial practical lesson for adopting an exotic pet, based on the author's experience with Mijbil the otter?

- (a) The need to spend a lot of money on toys for the pet.
- (b) The need to thoroughly research and plan all legal, travel, and appropriate housing requirements before adoption.
- (c) The need to find a pet that will attract attention on a boat.
- (d) The need to ensure the pet gets along with other dogs and pets immediately.

ii) A group of children are planning a small, independent excursion on a fixed budget. Based on Valli's planning, which of the following is the single most critical competency they must adopt to ensure the trip's success?

- (a) Diligently saving and exercising self-denial to precisely meet the required fixed fare.
- (b) Thoroughly observing and gathering detailed logistical information from regular travellers.
- (c) Asserting their independence with authority figures, like the conductor, to ensure smooth service.
- (d) Maintaining absolute secrecy about the travel time to avoid any potential adult interference.

iii) Valli's determined focus on her goal mirrors a quality essential for modern achievement. Which of the following psychological concepts does her transition from a "tiny wish" to an "overwhelming desire" and subsequent action best illustrate?

- (a) Confirmation bias: seeking information that supports a pre-existing belief.
- (b) Goal Congruence: aligning one's actions and resources perfectly with a desired outcome.
- (c) Locus of Control: the belief that one can control external events and outcomes.
- (d) Cognitive Dissonance: holding conflicting thoughts, beliefs, or attitudes.

iv) A friend is experiencing intense grief after a personal loss. Based on the Buddha's philosophy presented, what is the single most important piece of advice you could offer to help them find lasting peace?

v) The Buddha says, "The wise do not mourn, for they know the terms of the world." This counsel is most closely aligned with which modern-day mental health competency?

- (a) Emotional suppression
- (b) Acceptance and mindfulness
- (c) Blaming fate
- (d) Avoiding painful memories

vi) "All night the roots work / to disengage themselves from the cracks / in the veranda floor."

Based on this imagery, what single word best describes the nature of the trees' effort to achieve their goal?

vii) The description of Custard, the dragon, as "cowardly" throughout most of the poem, arguing that it is essential to the poem's central message. Justify.

viii) Choose the option that correctly groups the human activity/space with its corresponding action of the trees attempting to break free.

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| i) Veranda floor: | (a) Straining towards the glass |
| ii) Glass window: | (b) Stumbling forward into the night |
| iii) Roof: | (c) Working hard to disengage from cracks |
| iv) Doors: | (d) Twigs grown stiff with exertion to move out. |

(a) (i)-(c), (ii)-(a), (iii)-(d), (iv)-(b) (b) (i)-(a), (ii)-(c), (iii)-(b), (iv)-(d)

(c) (i)-(d), (ii)-(b), (iii)-(a), (iv)-(c) (d) (i)-(c), (ii)-(d), (iii)-(a), (iv)-(b)

ix) "The fog comes / on little cat feet. / It sits looking / over harbour and city / on silent haunches / and then moves on."

The fog is compared to a cat. If a new manager at a company is described as having "arrived on little cat feet, observed silently on haunches, and then moved on," what trait is the manager most likely displaying?

- (a) Loudness and an aggressive approach to taking charge.
- (b) Swift, chaotic, and disorganized action.
- (c) Stealth, quiet observation, and a temporary, non-committal presence.
- (d) Openness, direct communication, and a long-term strategy.

x) State TRUE or FALSE. The phrase "and then moves on" primarily suggests a permanent, visible change in the city's structure.

xi) Do you agree that Mme Loisel was the primary architect of her own suffering? Justify your answer by explaining how her choice led to a decade of inevitable poverty.

xii) Discuss how Griffin's misuse of his revolutionary invention supports the argument that moral character is more crucial than scientific brilliance. Justify this by citing two specific instances where he used his power criminally.