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Attempt All questions.

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Most of us nowadays carry the world in our pocket! It is amazing but true. A mobile phone keeps us connected to the rest of the world all of the time. Today, parents do not have to remain in tension if their sons or daughters are late. Businessmen do not have to queue up before a telephone booth to make an important call. Apart from making calls and sending messages, the mobile phone is used as a multipurpose gadget. It is a calculator, a timepiece, a calendar, a voice

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recorder, a media player, a camera a gaming device, a net browser, and so much more. The invention of mobile phones is a great achievement and plays an important part in our daily lives. Its many aspects are beneficial but it has some negative effects as well.

The development of the mobile phone has made our lives very convenient.

Communication between people has become quite easy and very fast. We can keep in contact with others from any place—on the bus, in a street or while in a meeting, by sending a message that costs us much less than the price of a call.

The Internet can be accessed through it and it is also used to take photos and shoot videos. Business deals can be done

on a single call through a cell phone outside the office, in

a park, or in any shopping centre. This invention gets the

world closer and makes it easily accessible.

Though the mobile phone is a giant step of technological advancement, its abuses cannot at all be overlooked. Talking or texting while driving may lead to accidents. The radiations of mobile may be dangerous to health and may cause headaches, earaches, and blurring vision. These invisible radiations destroy the cells located in the ear which cause damage to the brain and to the nephrons in the head region. Its use in certain places causes disturbance sometimes, such as in a classroom, a movie theatre, or a hospital, etc. Mobile phones with camera are causing serious privacy problems with people using them as a hidden camera to take pictures and make videos. And although the mobile phone brings the world in our pockets by keeping us connected all of the time, it also unfortunately disconnects us from our loved ones.

Questions :

- (i) Write short answers to the following questions : $5 \times 2 = 10$
- (a) How is a mobile phone like a world in our pockets ?
- (b) Why do the parents not have to remain in tension if their sons and daughters are late ?

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- (c) List *two* negative effects of the use of a mobile phone.
- (d) What, according to you, is 'the' most useful purpose of a mobile phone and why ?
- (e) How has the mobile phone disconnected us from our loved ones ?
- (ii) Find words in the passage that mean the same as the following : 5
- (a) astonishing
- (b) mental or emotional strain
- (c) advantageous
- (d) obtainable, reachable
- (e) development.

2. On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations whenever necessary (minimum *two*). 5

3. Write a review of a horror film that you recently watched. 15

Or

Write a review of a book that you recently enjoyed reading.

4. You witnessed a case of road rage while coming home from college. Write an FIR sharing all the relevant information about the incident. 10

Or

You are dissatisfied with the marks you scored in the previous semester. Write an RTI asking for the marking criteria that was used for evaluating your answer script.

5. You are the President of the students' union of your college. Write a Facebook post inviting the Alumni Association of your college to attend the Annual Day celebrations. 5

Or

Write a tweet sharing your recent achievement with your followers on Twitter.

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6. Write a diary entry about your first day at a new job. 10

Or

Write a blog about a vacation you recently took with your family.

7. Rohit calls up Ravi to make a plan for the coming weekend. Write the dialogue between them in at least *ten* turns. 10

Or

You are the editor of your college magazine. Interview the Indian economist who won the Nobel Prize in Economics. Write at least *ten* turns.

Rewrite the given passage after editing and proofreading it for punctuation, spelling and grammar (10 errors) : 5

the train was approaching he got up and walked towards it. the crowds thronged towards the door. he quickened his pace and rushed in grabbing the rod as the train started moving he glanced towards the bench where he had been sitting.