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Special Question – English Language

English

**Q:1 The passage given below is followed by four alternate summaries. Choose the correct option that best captures the essence of the passage.**

More and more pedagogy experts have found that empathy is a skill just like any other ability, such as language or math—young people need to be taught empathy. The limited research studies conducted on this issue show that when young people read novels, it passively encourages them to develop empathic skills. This is largely because novels force the reader to live in the imagined circumstances of the protagonists, naturally causing them to empathize with these fictional situations and consequences. Thus, reading novels does more than increase literacy skills, it makes readers better people.

1. The feelings elicited by fiction go beyond the words on a page or the images on a screen.
2. Readers can feel the sorrow and grief whenever anybody in the book faces any adversity.
3. Reading novels and other sources of fiction help individuals develop empathy.
4. Children's literature is an appropriate vehicle to support the development of emotional competence in middle childhood.

**Q:2 The passage given below is followed by four alternate summaries. Choose the correct option that best captures the essence of the passage.**

Video games have been an integral part of childhood and adolescence for a few decades now, but the effects on aggression levels and exposure to violence may make us take pause on how much exposure parents should let their kids have to these games. The video game industry is growing exponentially, and as the technology and video quality increase so does the ability to separate virtual reality from reality. Games with violent content are known to cause aggressive and sometimes even violent behavior in teens. Many video games, first-person shooter games in particular, have violent content. When the player is rewarded for violent behavior in the game, it reinforces the subtle idea that violence is acceptable and can be used in real life. With busy schedules and easy access to so much media, it's difficult for parents to be able to oversee everything that their children are exposed to. Video game designers should be held accountable for the violent content in their games, and a push should be made for more parental oversight and

rules on video game usage.

1. Children borrow behavior, and abusive languages from characters. Abusive words are common among children who play video games compared to those who do not.
2. This affects their lives because without education, there are no good jobs for them.
3. Excessive sitting while playing games with minimal movement may possess physical health problems such as obesity, back pains, insomnia.
4. All over the world, children and adolescents play video games nearly every day. This seemingly harmless hobby can be harmful.

**Q:3 The passage given below is followed by four alternate summaries. Choose the correct option that best captures the essence of the passage.**

Although it's easy to see why allowing an elementary school child to have a cell phone would be convenient for after-school pickups or arranging playdates with friends, there is too much evidence to show that it's generally not a good idea. Children already have a lot of access to media (on average over seven hours per day) and it is the parent's responsibility to monitor their media access, which is more difficult if the child has exclusive cell phone access. Cyber bullying, which is increasingly becoming a problem, is also going to be a risk when your child has unlimited access to a smart phone. Clearly, elementary school-aged children are not emotionally mature enough to handle the responsibility of a smart phone, and the borrowing of a parent's cell phone should be highly monitored to ensure safe and healthful usage.

1. The way teens communicate has been shifting over time. Daily communication by teens online is increasing.
2. Children are making connections virtually with like-minded people that they might not encounter in everyday life.
3. Cellphones are convenient as much as they pose risk of cyber bullying with the unlimited access. Children are not matured to handle smartphones hence usage of cellphones should be monitored.
4. We can teach students to use rhetoric to positively appeal to their audience and encourage the use of social media as effective "equipment for living."



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**Q:4 The passage given below is followed by four alternate summaries. Choose the correct option that best captures the essence of the passage.**

One of the greatest strengths of the LGBTQ community has always been our vast diversity and our open embrace of each feather and each spangle, but the leadership within our community has far too often not reflected the depth of that diversity. I think it becomes an imperative that we make more intentional efforts to foster leadership within individuals who are marginalized across multiple axes of identity. We should be doing all that is in our power to uplift and amplify these voices and consistently showing up in support of each other. With these efforts I think we as a community, especially those of us with greater access and privilege, should be engaged in the perpetual work of examining our own level of privilege and working to break down these harmful systems of power. This is a task that is difficult and is something many of us who have the best intentions often fall short in. I am most certainly guilty of this, and have undoubtedly prioritized my own comfort at the expense of someone from less access or opportunity than myself. Confronting our self interested complicity with oppression will always be difficult, but because it is difficult it should not deter us from doing what we must.

1. Despite many differences among the populations that make up the LGBTQ community, there are important commonalities as well.
2. It is important to note that, despite the common experience of stigma among members of sexual- and gender-minority groups, LGBTQ people have not been passive victims of discrimination and prejudice.
3. The greatest strengths of the LGBTQ community has always been our vast diversity and our open embrace of each other. People undoubtedly prioritized their own comfort at the expense of someone else.
4. Members of racial and ethnic minority groups may have profoundly different experiences.

**Q:5 The passage given below is followed by four alternate summaries. Choose the correct option that best captures the essence of the passage.**

Natural resources are mostly limited and it is our responsibility to use them wisely and conserve them for our future generations. Natural resources are vital for the survival of the human beings as

well as other living beings. While some natural resources make life possible on earth others make it comfortable. Natural resources such as water, air and sunlight are abundantly available in the atmosphere. These are renewable natural resources and man does not have to worry much about their availability. However, there are many renewable resources such as wood, soil, etc that take years to renew. These must thus be used cautiously. While people must behave responsibly and ensure they don't waste the valuable natural resources the government must also step in and take measures to conserve the natural resources. Strict laws must be made to ensure we only use as much as we need and avoid wastage of any kind. The government must keep a check on the cutting of trees, over consumption of petroleum, wastage of minerals and even the usage of water. Innovative methods must be used to limit their consumption. Anyone found exploiting these must be punished.

1. If we continue to use our natural resources at the same rate we are using them currently, we wouldn't be left with much of them and will create a problem for the future generations. We must use the natural resources cautiously so that our future generations do not suffer.
2. Over the years humans have learned to use our natural resources in ways that they are originally not intended for.
3. Depletion is the reduction of the quantity of something. Natural resource depletion is that the consumption of the resource is faster than it produces.
4. We must conserve them for our future generations so that they get a fair share of our resources as well.





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Answer Key

1. (3) 2. (4) 3. (3) 4. (3) 5. (1)

Answers and Solutions

**Q:1** The correct answer is **Option 3 i.e. Reading novels and other sources of fiction help individuals develop empathy.**

After going through the paragraph, we can say only option 3 can be inferred from the given passage.

Hence, option 3 is the correct answer.

**Q:2** The correct answer is **Option 4 i.e. All over the world, children and adolescents play video games nearly every day. This seemingly harmless hobby can be harmful.**

After going through the paragraph, we can say only option 4 can be inferred from the given passage.

Hence, option 4 is the correct answer.

**Q:3** The correct answer is **Option 3 i.e. Cellphones are convenient as much as they pose risk of cyber bullying with the unlimited access. Children are not matured to handle smartphones hence usage of cellphones should be monitored.**

After going through the paragraph, we can say only option 3 can be inferred from the given passage.

Hence, option 3 is the correct answer.

**Q:4** The correct answer is **Option 3 i.e. The greatest strengths of the LGBTQ community has always been our vast diversity and our open embrace of each other. People undoubtedly prioritized their own comfort at the expense of someone else.**

After going through the paragraph, we can say only option 3 can be inferred from the given passage.

Hence, option 3 is the correct answer.

**Q:5** The correct answer is **Option 1 i.e. If we continue to use our natural resources at the same rate we are using them currently, we wouldn't be left with much of them and will create a problem for the future generations. We must use the natural resources cautiously so that our future generations**

**do not suffer.**

After going through the paragraph, we can say only option 1 can be inferred from the given passage.

Hence, option 1 is the correct answer.