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Instructions: 1) Figures to the right indicate full marks. 2) All questions are compulsory.

SECTION A (READING COMPREHENSION)

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

(10)

Over the centuries, communication has evolved significantly, with new technologies revolutionizing how people interact, share information, and connect with one another. From the invention of the first written language to the rise of the internet, technology has continuously changed the ways we communicate, making the world more connected than ever before.

One of the earliest breakthroughs in communication technology was the creation of written language. The earliest known form of writing, cuneiform, was developed by the Sumerians in Mesopotamia around 3500 BCE. The invention of the printing press in the 15th century by Johannes Gutenberg was another major milestone. It made books and other printed materials more widely accessible, spreading knowledge and information to a broader population.

In the 19th century, communication took another giant leap forward with the invention of the telegraph. This device allowed messages to be sent across long distances almost instantly using electrical signals. The telegraph revolutionized business, journalism, and personal communication by enabling people to send information quickly over vast distances.

The 20th century saw even more dramatic changes with the advent of the telephone, radio, and television. In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone, allowing people to speak to one another over long distances. The radio, invented in the 1920s, brought news, music, and entertainment directly into people's homes, while television, which became popular in the 1950s, revolutionized how people consumed information and entertainment by combining audio and visual content.

However, the most transformative communication technology of the late 20th and early 21st centuries is the internet. The internet has connected billions of people worldwide, making it possible to send messages, share information, and communicate instantly across vast distances. It has created new opportunities for businesses and individuals, while also presenting new challenges, such as concerns about privacy and cybersecurity. Recent developments like virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) allow people to interact in 3D environments and enhance their understanding of the world around them. As technology continues to evolve, it is likely that the future of communication will bring even more innovations.

1. Which technologies are mentioned as shaping the future of communication? (1)

- a) Virtual reality and augmented reality
- b) Radio and television
- c) The printing press
- d) The telegraph and telephone

2. Which technology allowed people to speak to each other over long distances for the first time? (1)

- a) Radio
- b) Telephone
- c) Television
- d) Telegraph

3. What is the main way that the internet has transformed communication? (1)
 a) It has made communication faster and allowed people to connect across the globe
 b) It has replaced all previous forms of communication
 c) It has reduced the number of people using phones
 d) It has made people more isolated
4. Mention one advantage and one disadvantage of the internet from the passage. (2)
5. Pick out the word from the extract which is opposite in meaning to 'fall'. (1)
6. Give a word that is similar in meaning to the words: a) new b) famous (2)
7. How has technology changed your life? (2)

SECTION B (LANGUAGE SKILLS/STRUCTURES/COMPOSITION)

Q. 2 A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions: (10)

- 1) I was looking forward _____ meeting her again after all these years.
- 2) The artist was known _____ his unique blend of colours and techniques.
- 3) They were divided _____ their opinions on the new policy.
- 4) I had to work _____ the clock to meet the tight deadline.
- 5) She was angry _____ the team's lack of effort during the match.
- 6) I'm sorry, but I am not familiar _____ the details of that meeting.
- 7) She was fascinated _____ the way ancient civilizations developed their technologies.
- 8) The new policy will have a significant impact _____ the environment.
- 9) He gets _____ well with his new coworkers.
- 10) She had to turn _____ the job offer because it didn't match her career goals.

(B) Complete the following table: (20)

NOUN	VERB	ADJECTIVE
violence		
position		
success		
capability		
movement		
knowledge		
pressure		
admiration		
democracy		
trust		

Q. 3 (A) Choose the correct option: (10)

- 1) The criminal was _____ (hung/hanged) for his crimes.
- 2) The sun _____ (raises/rises) in the east.
- 3) This is the boy _____ (who/whom) had left his bag in the library.
- 4) Eight bits make one _____ (byte/bite).
- 5) It is _____ (too/to) sunny for us to go out.
- 6) She seldom talks and is mostly _____ (quite/quiet) in class.
- 7) Mammals do not _____ (lie/lay) eggs.
- 8) Immobile objects are also known as _____ (stationary/stationery) objects.
- 9) She narrated a few memorable _____ (incidents/incidence) from her childhood.
- 10) _____ (There/their) is only one correct answer to this question.

(B) Fill in the gaps with appropriate tense of the verbs given in brackets:**(10)**

- a) By the end of this year, she _____ (live) in New Delhi for five years.
- b) She _____ (work) at this company for five years before she left.
- c) By the time we reach the airport, the flight _____ (take off).
- d) I _____ (visit) my grandma every Saturday.
- e) When they _____ (reach) the beach, it was already time.
- f) He usually _____ (have) dinner by 8 p.m.
- g) I _____ (never/meet) someone so friendly.
- h) We _____ (wait) for the bus when it started to rain.
- i) They _____ (travel) to Shimla next summer.
- j) He _____ (sing) a song right now.

Q. 4 A) : Complete the following table:**(20)**

BASE VERB	PAST TENSE	PAST PARTICIPLE
let		
spell		
empower		
set		
drive		
lend		
sew		
make		
circulate		
energize		

B) Make sentences of your own using the phrases given below (Choose any five):**(10)**

out of the blue, time and again, in other words, on the spot, by means of, in accordance with, at odds with

C) Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 300 words:**(10)**

- 1) The advantages of online learning
- 2) Global warming and its effects
- 3) Knowledge is power
