

A. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.
5 marks each

1. "Our television screen must have had a million books on it and it's good for plenty more. I wouldn't throw it away."
- a. Which of the following is the reason why Tommy preferred telebooks to real books?
- i. Books could not last as long as those stored on their mechanical screens.
 - ii. Their television screens had far more storage space than a book did.
 - iii. Books took up much more physical space and hence had to be thrown away.
 - iv. It was extremely tedious to read a real book but easier to read on a screen.
- b. Give one reason why Tommy thought paper books were strange.
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- c. Fill in the blank with one word only.

Tommy thought paper books were a waste because they had
..... usage.

- d. For what reason did Tommy prefer television screens for reading?
- i. Telebooks were easier to read on a big screen.
 - ii. It was easier to concentrate on reading a telebook.
 - iii. There was a large variety of telebooks available.
 - iv. One did not have to keep turning their head while reading.

- c. Select the option that does correctly captures the application of the word 'screen' as used in the extract.
- i. The visitors to the mall were asked to screen their bags.
 - ii. The large room was divided into two by a beautiful Chinese screen.
 - iii. The scientist stared at the screen of his computer with dismay.
 - iv. The airport security has to screen all the luggage of the passengers.

2. He was a round little man with a red face and a whole box of tools with dials and wires. He smiled at Margie.

- a. Why had the County Inspector come to Margie's house?
- i. To change the punch code process
 - ii. To fix the mechanical teacher
 - iii. To take the teacher altogether
 - iv. To remove the geography section
- b. For what reason had Margie's mother sent for the County Inspector?
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- c. Fill in the blank with one word only.

The County Inspector was actually an incharge of maintaining the mechanical teachers.

- d. What did the County Inspector say to the mother before he left?
- i. Margie's poor marks had not been her fault.
 - ii. Margie needed to learn her punch code better.
 - iii. Margie's progress in Geography was very good.
 - iv. Margie did not need to give any more tests.
- e. Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word 'box' as used in the extract.
- i. She ticked off the box at the bottom of the application.
 - ii. The soldiers decided to box in the enemy from all sides.
 - iii. The genie flew out of the magic box the minute it was opened.
 - iv. He told the boy that he would box his ears the next time he saw him.

Margie did so with a sigh. She was thinking about the old schools they had when her grandfather's grandfather was a little boy.

a. Which of the following did Margie do with a sigh?

- i. She began giving her geography test.
- ii. She punched in her student code.
- iii. She inserted her homework in its slot.
- iv. She started a new arithmetic lesson.

b. Mention one thing that Margie was thinking about the old schools.

c. Fill in the blank with one word only.
The one important thing that the schools of yesteryears had was the _____ intervention.

d. What would have appealed the most to Margie about the schools in the old days?

- i. Easy learning
- ii. Social interaction
- iii. School building
- iv. Paper books

e. Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word 'sigh' as used in the extract.

- i. She gave a sigh as she bit into the pastry with pleasure.
- ii. The boy gave a sigh of relief once the exam was over.
- iii. The woman gave a sigh when she saw her childhood picture.
- iv. He let out a long sigh when his tiring day at the office was over.