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Class X

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General Instructions—

- (i) The Question Paper contains THREE sections - READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR and LITERATURE.
- (ii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION-A : READING

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1. Read the passage given below :

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- (1) Technology is making advancements at a rapid rate but at the cost of a valued tradition-the crafts industry. The traditional crafts industry is losing a lot of its trained and skilled craftsmen. With that, the art of embellishing brass and copper utensils with fine engravings is also disappearing. The government has identified around 35 crafts as languishing craft.
- (2) The specialty of handcrafted items is its design, an association with long traditions belonging to a specific region. The word 'handcrafted' does not imply the involvement of dexterous human fingers or an agile mind with a moving spirit anymore. Lessening drudgery, increasing production and promoting efficiency have taken precedence. The labour-saving devices are taking the place of handcrafted tools and this has jeopardized the skills of these artisans.
- (3) Mechanisation has made its way into everything - cutting, polishing, edging, designing etc. Ideally, the use of machinery should be negligible and the handicrafts should be made purely by hand with a distinguishable artistic appeal. However, with the exception of small-scale industries, the export units are mostly operated by machines. The heavily computerized designs contribute to a faster production at lower costs.

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- (4) Although mechanization of crafts poses a challenge to safeguarding traditional crafts, the artisans are lured with incentives in order to impart handicrafts training. Some makers do see machines as a time-saving blessing since they are now able to accomplish difficult and demanding tasks with relative ease. These machines might give a better finesse to these products but they don't stand out as handcrafted. Quantity has overtaken quality in this industry.
- (5) A need to highlight the importance of the handmade aspect is required by both the government and private sectors, in order to amplify awareness and also support the culture of making handicrafts. A few artisans are still trying their best to rejuvenate and revive their culture and heritage but it's an uphill task competing with the machine-made goods. A multitude of artisans have changed their professions and are encouraging their progeny to follow suit. There are others who have stayed their ground but are clearly inclined towards buying machines.
- (6) Nearly two decades ago, there were around 65 lakh artisans in the country. Three years ago, when the government started the process of granting a unique number to the artisans based on the Aadhaar card, 25 lakhs were identified. Loss of traditional crafts is clearly a worrying issue, but it stands to reason that forcing any artisan to follow old ways when concerns of livelihood overrule other considerations is unfair.

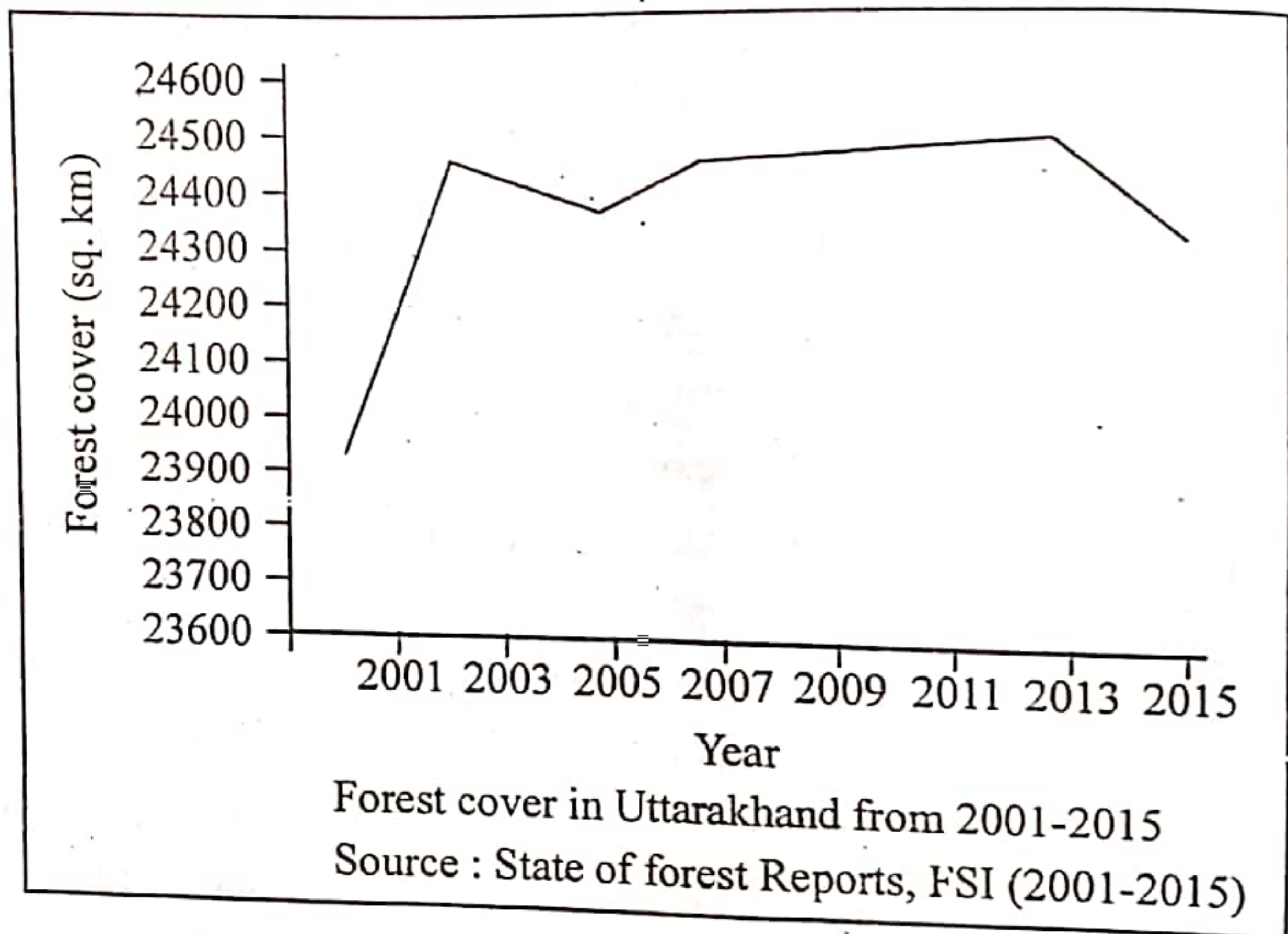
Answer the following questions, based on the passage above:

- (i) What does the narrator mean by calling handicraft a 'valued tradition' ?
- (ii) Rewrite the following sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with a word that means same from para 1.

If it continues, the workcation (work + vacation) trend will be a powerful boost to domestic tourism operators failing to make progress in the economic slump caused due to the pandemic.

In addition, using a mix of primary and secondary data and remote sensing assessments, we determine the costs of forest degradation in Dhanaulti and Devalsari from 2001-2015 and project this further to 2030. We then determine the costs of reclaiming these forests in 2030.

Uttarakhand is a treasure trove of forest wealth and biodiversity, apart from a rich heritage of cultural diversity, traditions and community management practices that are closely linked to the State's considerable forest reserves.



These forests provide important provisioning services like firewood fodder timber medicinal plants and other non timber forest products (NTFPS) But the forest ecosystems of Uttarakhand also provide several intangible services which help to sustain life including several regulating services like climate moderation, hydrological regulation, seed dispersal and pollination, supporting services such as nutrient cycling as well as cultural, recreational and aesthetic services (LEAD India, 2007).

Consequently a large proportion of the population of the state relies on forests

and biodiversity either directly for subsistence or livelihood needs or indirectly through various industries including tourism. Forests account for 46.73% of the state's geographical area (FSI, 2015).

Although, forest cover had stabilised from 2001 to 2013, the latest figures indicate a dip in forest cover by 268 km² (FSI 2015) (Figure). Forest degradation also continues to be a problem for the State given the enormous dependence on the forests for fuel wood, fodder and other NTFPS.

This is evident from the decrease in dense forests in 10 districts, the, almost 77% of the districts. Moreover, the overall decrease in dense forests for the State is a matter of concern.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above:

- (i) What is the purpose of the study? 1
- (ii) What are the implications of deforestation? 2
- (iii) How do forests help in seed dispersal? 2
- (iv) How do the locals depend on the Forest cover? 1

Use the given format to answer the question

Resources	Benefit
_____	_____

- (v) Why is the state losing its forest cover at such an alarming rate? 1
- (vi) Intangible services are those services : 1
- (a) which are payable
- (b) which have direct impact on lives
- (c) which cannot be felt at the surface level but are essential
- (d) which are not necessary
- (vii) Complete the sentence with one word only : 1
- Forest reserves play a major role in making the lives of the people _____
- (viii) Which of the following is an effective measure to control deforestation? 1

- (a) Population control
- (b) Physical activity in the lap of nature
- (c) Holistic approach towards life
- (d) Promotional activities about forest cover

SECTION-B : GRAMMAR AND WRITING SKILL

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3. Answer the following as directed :

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(i) Neither John nor Carmen _____ available.

- (a) are
- (b) were
- (c) is
- (d) have been

(ii) My father always keeps _____ handy money with him for emergencies.

- (a) Any
- (b) every
- (c) some
- (d) all

(iii) Read the conversation between a customer and the shopkeeper and complete the passage that follows—

An angry customer: "I pay you good money for premium channels so, is it too much to ask for uninterrupted service."

Customer care officer: "Sir, I can understand how frustrating such a situation can be. Let me see what I can do about it."

An angry customer care called up a customer care centre and asked _____ too much to get under services in spite of being good money for premium channels. The customer care officer answered politely that he could understand his frustration and assured him to look into it.

(iv) Roshni _____ chocolate cake when someone knocked at the door.

- (a) baked
- (b) had been baking
- (c) had baked
- (d) was baking

(v) The teacher told the students that they _____ do the assignment as the topic is not included in the term.

- (a) Must not
 (c) ought not
 (b) need not
 (d) dare not

(vi) The weather report of a metropolitan city said, "It ought to rain today."

The report has an error. Follow the given format to report the error and supply its correction.

Error	Correction
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(vii) Tina's grandparents expect that she _____ call them at least once a week.

- (a) shall
 (b) should
 (c) would
 (d) might

(viii) Although I am an avid reader since childhood, yet I get _____ time to read now.

- (a) much
 (b) few
 (c) little
 (d) enough

(ix) The coach shouted, "_____ the ball!" Later, he _____ onto the ball in order to dictate the game's pace.

- (a) Pass; commanded them to hold
 (b) Passed; command them to held
 (c) Passed; commands them to hold
 (d) Passing; commanded them to held

(x) Select the option that identify the error and supply the correction for the given line, from a survey:

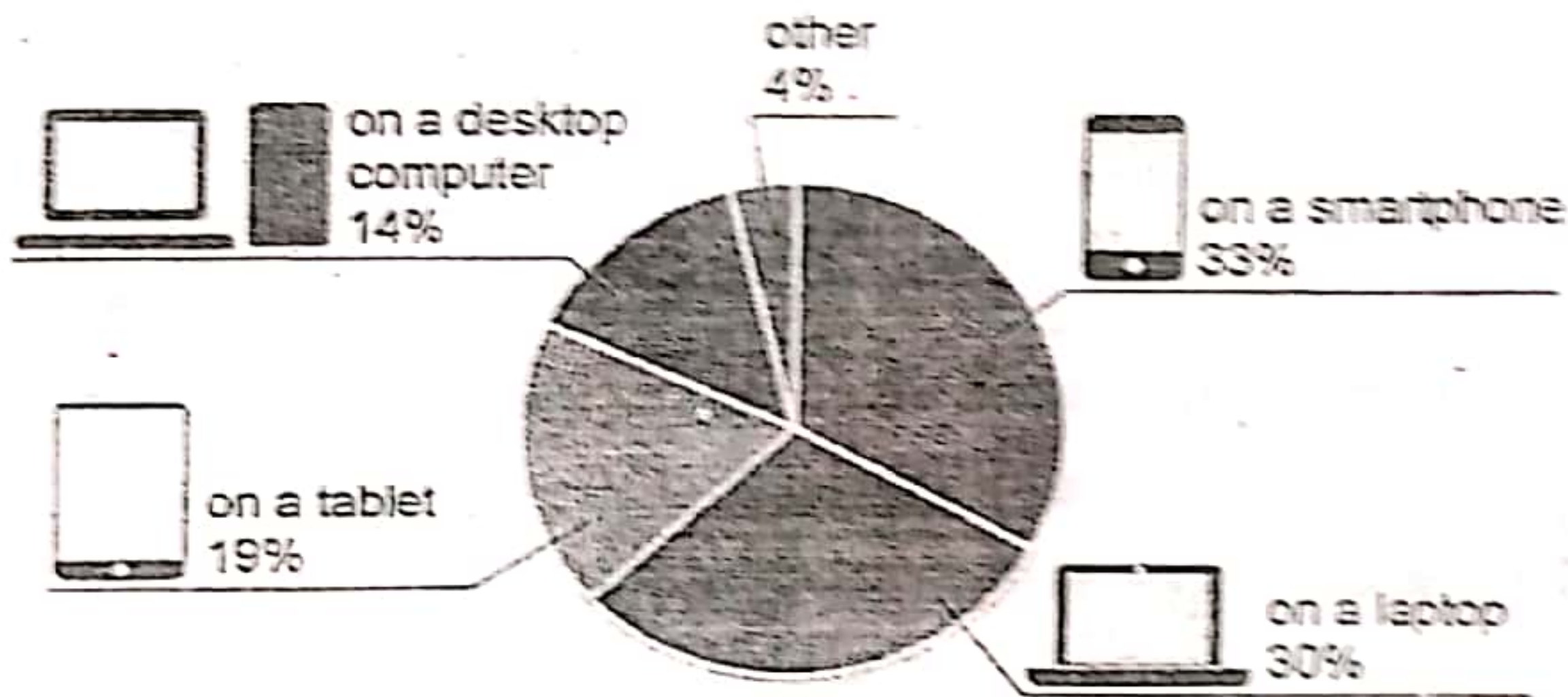
Everyone are expected to submit their feedback to our customer care representative at the event.

Option	Error	Correction
(a)	are	is
(b)	their	your
(c)	feedback	feedback
(d)	the	a

4. You are Isha/Ayush, of Starlight Apartments, Trivandrum. You recently read an article that stated that an average Indian wastes approximately fifty kilograms of food per year.

Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily, in about 100-120 words, expressing your concerns about the alarming amount of food waste in the country. Share practical ideas and suggestions for reducing food waste at home and encourage readers to distribute surplus food to those in need. 5

5. Write an Analytical paragraph in about 100-120 words on the basis of the pie-chart illustrating information on smart devices used by students of private school in the metropolitan. 5



SECTION-C: LITERATURE

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6. Read the given extract and answer the questions— 5

How foolish people are when they own valuable things, Horace thought. A magazine article had described this house, giving a plan of all the rooms and a picture of this room. The writer had even mentioned that the painting hid a safe! But Horace found that the flowers were hindering him in his work. He buried his face in his handkerchief. Then he heard a voice say from the doorway, "What is it? A cold or hay fever?" Before he could think, Horace said, "Hay fever," and found himself sneezing again. The voice went on, "You can cure it with a special treatment, you know if you find out just what plant gives you the disease. I think you'd better see

a doctor if you're serious about your work. I heard you from the top of the house just now."

- (i) According to the extract, Horace was sneezing due to a _____. 1
 (a) sudden allergy (b) prior infection
 (c) long-standing disease (d) nasal pain
- (ii) Which magazine could have published the article mentioned in the given extract? 1
 (a) Paws & Claws (b) Outdoors & Landscaping
 (c) Interiors (d) The Investor
- (iii) What advice did the lady give Horace Danby about his Hay fever? 2
- (iv) The line from the extract that can be considered an example of sarcasm is 1

- (a) How foolish people are when they own valuable things.
 (b) Horace found that the flowers were hindering him in his work.
 (c) You can cure it with special treatment.
 (d) I think you'd better see a doctor if you're serious about your work. 5

7. Read the given extract and answer the questions— 5

Belinda paled, and she cried Help! Help!
 But Mustard fled with a terrified yelp,
 Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household,
 And little mouse Blink strategically mousehole.

- (i) Why did Belinda pale? 1
 (a) Because all her pets ran away.
 (b) Because she saw the pirate.
 (c) Because of the darkness all around.
 (d) Because she was around.
- (ii) Why has the poet used 'trickle' for Ink? 2

(iii) The word 'yelp' does not mean _____.

(a) Shrill

(b) Cry

(c) Squeal

(d) Howl

(iv) Write the poetic device used in the first line.

8. Answer the following questions in 40-50 words—

4×3=12

(i) What made the speaker term it as "an easy flight"? Did his prediction come true? (His First flight)

(ii) Do you think Natalya was keen to marry Lomov? Why/Why not? (The Proposal)

(iii) What gave Valli the confidence to be treated at par with the other passengers? (Madam rides the Bus)

(iv) The poem 'The Trees' presents a conflict between Man and Nature. Discuss the statement. (The tree)

9. Answer the following questions in 40-50 words—

2×3=6

(i) Why did Ebright write to Dr. Urquhart? (The Making of Scientist)

(ii) Why did Matilda not want to see her rich friend? (The Necklace)

10. Answer any one of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words— 6

What message do you get from the poem 'For Anne Gregory'? Is it relevant in today's world?

OR

The narrator shares, "Baking was indeed a profitable profession in the old days."

What do you feel has changed now? Why?

11. Answer any one of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words— 6

Did Griffin from Footprints without Feet follow the saying 'with great power comes great responsibility'? Justify your answer.

OR

Comment on the austerity and intelligence of Think-Tank as perceived by Noodle. (The Book that saved the Earth)