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Original Passage

In the heart of bustling cities, urban green spaces stand as oases of tranquility, providing respite from the hustle and bustle. Parks, adorned with vibrant flora, become havens for relaxation and recreation. The greenery offers a sanctuary for diverse wildlife, creating a delicate balance between urban development and environmental preservation. Beyond their aesthetic appeal, city parks play a crucial role in fostering community bonds. Families gather for picnics, friends engage in sports, and individuals find solace amidst nature's embrace. These communal spaces serve as venues for cultural events, open-air concerts, and art installations, enriching the urban experience. The benefits of urban green spaces extend beyond leisure. They contribute to improved air quality, mitigate the urban heat island effect, and promote overall well-being. Access to nature within city limits becomes a vital aspect of mental health, offering a refuge for introspection and rejuvenation. However, the challenge lies in balancing the increasing urbanization with the preservation of green spaces. Sustainable urban planning becomes imperative to ensure the coexistence of concrete jungles and natural havens. Efforts to create and maintain parks, tree-lined avenues, and green rooftops become integral components of shaping cities that prioritize both human and environmental health. As cities evolve, the preservation and enhancement of urban green spaces become a shared responsibility. The vision is to cultivate urban landscapes that seamlessly integrate nature into the tapestry of city life, fostering a sustainable and harmonious cohabitation between human progress and the environment.

Title: Sustainable urban planning: way to Promote wellbeing in cities

Urban green spaces like parks are peaceful areas for relaxing and recreation. These areas provide protection to wildlife also. Along with beautification, city-parks build communal relations through interaction of people gathered there for recreational activities. Moreover, it promotes well-being by cleaning air, reducing atmospheric temperature, and providing space for self-reflection. Sustainable urban planning balances the urbanization and environmental protection by including parks, green-lined avenues and rooftops in city plan. Everyone is responsible for preserving urban green spaces to ensure the human and environmental protection.

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Comprehension 2024

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end.

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"In the heart of innovation, where creativity dances with technology, a new era of possibilities emerges. The digital landscape, once a distant horizon, now envelops every facet of our lives. From communication to commerce, the symbiotic relationship between humanity and technology shapes the contours of our modern existence.

In this age of rapid change, the role of education becomes pivotal. The traditional classroom, with its four walls, expands into the boundless realms of the internet. E-learning platforms and virtual classrooms redefine the notion of education, offering a dynamic space for collaboration and knowledge exchange. The democratization of information, facilitated by digital platforms, challenges traditional hierarchies and empowers learners across the globe.

However, as we navigate the seas of technological progress, questions of ethics and inclusivity arise. The digital divide, a chasm separating those with access to technology from those without, underscores the need for inclusive policies. In this context, the role of educators extends beyond imparting knowledge to fostering a sense of responsibility and ethical conduct in the digital realm.

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into various aspects of our lives further blurs the boundaries between human and machine. As AI algorithms make decisions that impact society, the importance of ethical considerations and transparency grows exponentially. The intersection of technology and ethics becomes a defining point in the evolution of our digital landscape.

As we stand at the crossroads of innovation, the challenge is not merely to embrace technological advancements but to do so with a mindful and ethical approach. The synergy between humanity and technology holds immense promise, but it is our collective responsibility to navigate this path with wisdom, ensuring that progress aligns with the principles of equity, inclusivity, and ethical awareness."

Q1. What is the main theme of passage and how does it emphasize the evolving relationship between humanity and technology?

The main theme of the passage is that the benefits of rising technological advancement can be achieved through ethical and inclusive approach. The relation between humanity and technology has evolved into a symbiotic relationship increasing the use of technology in human life. It is evident from the fact that digitalization was hard to approach in the past while it has embedded in every aspect of human life now. This relation between humanity and technology defines the modern existence. Hence, this evolving relationship has increased human dependence on technology.

Q2. According to the passage, how does education adapt to the digital landscape, and what challenges and opportunities does this transformation present?

The education has adapted to the digital landscape by reducing the dependence on traditional classrooms. Modern education offers alternatives such as E-Learning Platforms and Virtual Classrooms. This transformation presents many opportunities such as it offers wide arena for exchanging knowledge and facilitates the public access to information which empowers the learners globally. However, it presents a challenge to traditional hierarchies by democratizing the information. Hence, digital transformation of education has made knowledge accessible beyond the traditional classrooms.

Q3. Discuss the concept of digital divide as presented in the passage, why is inclusivity crucial in the context of technological advancements, and what role do educators play in addressing this divide?

Digital divide is the divide created on the basis of access to technology. It separates the people having access to technology from those not having access to it. In order to leverage the technological advancements, it is necessary to make the technology accessible to all by implementing inclusive policies. The educators can play a crucial role, in this context, by promoting sense of responsibility and ethics in

the digital landscape. It is how the education sector can address the issue of digital divide to promote inclusivity.

Q4. Explore the role of ethics in the digital realm, especially concerning Artificial Intelligence. How does the passage highlight the intersection between technology and ethical considerations?

The ethics help to navigate the technological advancement in the right direction. Especially, the importance of ethical conduct has increased after the integration of artificial intelligence in various aspects of life. Artificial intelligence has made it difficult to differentiate between human and machine. Moreover, the decision-making ability of AI algorithms can affects the society. Therefore, there is a dire need to bring an ethical code of conduct in technological landscape. Hence, intersection between technology and ethical consideration becomes a dire step in digital evolution.

Q5. What is the message regarding the responsibility of individuals and society as a whole in navigating the intersection of humanity and technology? How can progress align with the principles of equity, inclusivity, and ethical awareness?

In this era of rapid innovation, it is important to merge the humanity with technology because it is the only way to leverage the immense potential of technology for human progress. It is the responsibility of individuals and society to embrace the technology with wisdom and ethical approach. The mindful and ethical approach will align the technological progress with principles of equity, inclusivity, and ethical awareness. Hence, it is everyone's responsibility to utilize one's wisdom and ethics while using technology.

Translation 2024

Q. 7. Translate the following into English by keeping in view figurative/idiomatic expressions. (10)

جب فلسطین کا خود ساختہ تنازعہ تصنیف کیلئے اقوام متحدہ کے دبیر وقتوں ہو تو اس کا تصور قابل اور سے فلسطینی قوم کے حق خود ارادیت کو تسلیم کرتے ہوئے بین الاقوامی سطح پر کامیاب ہو گا۔ فلسطین کا دورہ ہوا تو اس میں جرح کیا گیا کہ اس کیلئے حضور ہو گیا اور فلسطینی قوم کو خود ارادیت پر گزشتہ سات دہائیوں میں غلطیوں کی نوبت ہی نہیں آنے دی گئی۔ اس کے برعکس اسرائیل کی ایما پر اسرائیلی فوجیں آٹھ کے دن تک بیچے اور بے گناہ فلسطینیوں کے خون سے ہولی کیلری ہیں اور فز کا طائر گزشتہ اڑھائی لاکھ سے ہلاک ہو چکا ہے۔ اس جنگ میں اسرائیلی فوجوں نے 20 ہزار سے زائد فلسطینیوں کو ہلاک کیا اور انہیں گولہ بارود سے شہید کیا ہے اور زخمی ہونے والے انسانوں کیلئے کوئی مکانہ مملو نہیں رہے۔ دیا جواب غرامک اور اور بات کی کیلپی کے باعث بھی لڑائی سے ہاتھ دھو رہے ہیں۔

When made-up conflict of Palestine presented in front of United Nations for reconciliation, then this representative international institution, by accepting the right of self-determination of Palestinian people, decided itself the formula for solution of these issues. The two-state solution of Palestine conflict was suggested, but the turn of implementation on the accepted resolutions of United Nations for this has not been allowed to come for previous seven decades. On the contrary, Israeli forces on America's will have been playing Holi with the blood of armless and innocent Palestinians till today, and the region of Gaza in the war continue for two and a half month has been completely destroyed. In this war, Israeli forces with an American assistance has mercilessly killed more than twenty thousand Palestinians including women and children, and has not left any abode safe for survived humans who are now losing the lives due to scarcity of food and medicines also.