

urban landscapes that seamlessly integrate nature into the tapestry of city life, reflecting a sustainable and harmonious cohabitation between human progress and the environment.

Q. 3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end. (20)

"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."

Questions:

(4 marks each)

1. What is the main theme of the passage, and how does it emphasize the evolving relationship between humanity and technology?
2. According to the passage, how does education adapt to the digital landscape, and what challenges and opportunities does this transformation present?
3. Discuss the concept of the 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?
4. 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?
5. 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 principles of equity, inclusivity, and ethical awareness?

Question -1:

Answer : The main theme of the passage is intermingling of technology in every aspect of human life and its benefits. According to author, in the realm of education technology has challenged traditional dimensions of learning. The passage further emphasizes the relationship between technology and humanity that the boundaries between both are erased and humans are taking assistance from artificial intelligence in decision making and social developments.

Question -2:

Answer : According to the passage digitalization has revolutionized educational patterns. E-learning platforms and digital classrooms are now pivotal for the transformation of information. It also pose resistance to old ways of learning and strengthen the learning abilities of students globally. But it also presents ethical and reliability challenges. Moreover, it provides opportunities in the field of communication and commerce.

Question-3:

Answer: The passage presents the concept of 'digital divide' which is a distinguishing point between the people who have access to modern technology and those who are deprived of it. To counter this, the policy of inclusivity is needed. So, everyone equally can get benefits of this. In this regard, educators are responsible to diminish digital gap between people. Their job is not just to transfer knowledge but, following the principles of equality, inclusivity and bringing ethical awareness.

Q4:

Answer: According to the passage, ethics and technology work together and bring digital growth. The decisions taken by AI algorithms enhance the importance of ethical considerations. And, the intersection between ethics and technology define the domain of digital landscape.

Question-5:

Ans : It is the responsibility of individuals and society to foster the sense of duty and ethical conduct to spread the positive use of technology. Further, when the access is achieved it is to be dealt with ethics.

The progress aligns with the principles of equality, inclusivity and ethical awareness, because when all the members of society are given equal access then the digital divide will be removed and all the members of society, as a nation will collaborate in the development of society. However, this equality can be brought by ethical awareness and inclusivity. As more people will be introduced with technology, equality will be prevalent.

PRECIS & COMPOSITION

(10)

Select only FIVE of the following:

- (i) Chewing slowly, the pepperoni pizza tasted delicious.
- (ii) Kicking and screaming, the exasperated father dragged his toddler out of the grocery store.
- (iii) A young girl in the corner, holding a red balloon.
- (iv) Whom do you like more?
- (v) He ordered a meal from the restaurant that was high in protein.
- (vi) My favorite pizza topping is mushrooms they are really tasty I also like pizza with olives.
- (vii) The group asked to hear the report that Shirley and me prepared.
- (viii) I managed finishing the painting.

Correct the following

- 1) While chewing slowly, -the pepperoni pizza tasted delicious
- 2) The exasperated father dragged his toddler out of the store, by kick kicking and screaming.

- (3) A young girl was holding a red ballon in the corner.
- 4) Whom of them do you like more?
- 5) He ordered a high protein meal from the restaurant.
- 6) My favourite pizza topping is of mushrooms because they are really tasty. But I also like pizza with olives.
- 7) The group asked to hear the report that Shirley and I prepared.
- 8) I managed to finish the painting.