

## Discursive Passage

1. It is an indisputable fact that the world has gone too far with the innovation of new technologies such as mobile phones, the internet and so on, due to which people are able to tour the cosmos virtually sitting at one place using their smart devices or other technological gadgets. Though mobile internet access is oftentimes hurried and short, it can still provide common internet features like alerts, weather data, emails, search engines, instant messages, and game and music downloading.

2. Due to the easy access of smartphones, communication has been very effective and instant. People are able to convey their message all around the globe to their loved ones without spending hefty sums of money. Adults are always fond of such gadgets and they always welcome and adopt such new technology readily. Further, young people have been able to broaden their minds and improve their skills by doing research on the Internet. For instance, they use smart phones to look up any new word they come across. As we know that most of the universities have online teaching provision and smartphones assist the students to complete their assignments on time.

3. The mobile phone has been a lifesaver for a lot of people in case of an emergency. Likewise, use of smartphones can be of vital importance in preventing crimes in the society by providing information to the security forces in time.

4. Nonetheless, for the young the use of mobile phone can be like an addiction and they can misuse it. Young people are also prone to getting involved in undesirable activities on the Internet. This might have adverse effect on their academic performance. Therefore, young people should always be monitored and made aware of its bad outcomes.

5. Also a major contributor to its popularity is the availability of prepaid or pay as you go services from a phone shop or an online store. This allows subscribers to load text or airtime credits to their handsets by the use of their credit cards, debit cards or by buying a prepaid card from the network they subscribe to. This plan also doesn't commit a particular customer to a contract. If prepaid card is not that appealing to you, then you can opt to subscribe using the pay by month plan.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions.**

**(i). The reason why communication today has become very effective and instant, is because of the**

(a) improved mobility system

(b) easy access of smartphones

(c) growing organization

(d) increasing number of vehicles

**(ii) Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the given sentences.**

Mobile phones are beneficial for the young generations.	Smartphones have enabled us to research on the internet.
(1)	(2)
Crimes can be prevented by the use of smartphones.	Mobile phones are a boon to modern people but their addiction should be avoided.
(3)	(4)

**(a) Option(1)**

**(b) Option(2)**

**(c) Option(3)**

**(d) Option(4)**

**(iii) Young people with smartphones in their hands are needed to be monitored because they can**

1. waste time
2. be negligent
3. misuse the gadget
4. be indulged in undesirable activities on Internet
5. disobey their parents

**(a) 1 and 3**

**(b) 2 and 4**

**(c) 3 and 4**

**(d) 1 and 5**

**(iv) Choose the option that correctly states the two meanings of ‘virtually’, as used in para 1.**

1. correctly
2. almost
3. more or less
4. similarly
5. Online

**(a) 1 and 4**

**(b) 2 and 5**

**(c) 3 and 4**

**(d) 4 and 5**

**(v) The world has gone too far in terms of:**

**(a) computers**

**(b) mobile phones**

**(c) security**

**(d) television**

**(vi) What does the phrase ‘hefty sums of money’ mean in the passage?**

**(a) little money**

**(b) large amount of money**

**(c) penniless**

**(d) treasury**

**(vii) The mobile phone is considered a lifesaver in case of..... .**

**(viii) Write the most appropriate title for the passage.**

**(ix) The passage suggests grown-ups that they should encourage the use of new technology by the young people. (True/False)**

**(x) Find a phrase in para 2 which means ‘search for information using book, computer, etc’.**