

# READING SAMPLE

## PAPER - 4



# Fill In The Blanks (Reading And Writing)

## Passage 1:

Public transportation plays a vital role in the sustainability of modern cities. It reduces traffic congestion, lowers pollution levels, and offers an affordable alternative to private vehicle ownership. As urban populations grow, city planners must prioritize the development of efficient and reliable public transport systems. Buses, subways, and light rail services need to be well-integrated, with frequent schedules and \_\_\_\_\_ (1) accessibility. Governments are also investing in electric buses and other eco-friendly solutions to \_\_\_\_\_ (2) their carbon footprint. However, underfunding and aging infrastructure pose challenges to system reliability and passenger satisfaction. Public perception often influences usage, as people may avoid public transit if it is seen as unsafe or \_\_\_\_\_ (3). To address these issues, cities are adopting smart technologies, including real-time tracking apps and automated fare collection. These innovations \_\_\_\_\_ (4) convenience and help attract new users. In the future, sustainable transportation will depend on both policy and public cooperation. Encouraging citizens to use public transit not only benefits the environment but also \_\_\_\_\_ (5) social inclusion and economic opportunity.

## Options:

- ensure, discourage, frequent, limit, improve
- increase, reduce, transfer, affect, erase
- unreliable, convenient, efficient, modern, frequent
- increase, maximize, block, reduce, neglect
- promotes, prevents, divides, discourages, simplifies

## Passage 2:

The gig economy is redefining the traditional workforce by emphasizing short-term contracts and freelance work. Enabled by digital platforms, gig workers can choose their projects, set their schedules, and often work from anywhere. This flexibility appeals to many, especially younger generations seeking work-life balance. However, the gig economy also raises concerns about job security and worker protections. Unlike full-time employees, freelancers typically lack health insurance, retirement plans, and paid leave. This lack of benefits can lead to financial instability and make workers \_\_\_\_\_ (1) to economic downturns. Additionally, gig platforms can sometimes implement unfair rating systems or \_\_\_\_\_ (2) commissions that reduce earnings. Labor advocates argue that new legislation is needed to establish fair wages, transparent practices, and access to benefits. Despite its challenges, the gig economy is expected to grow as more people seek autonomy and businesses aim to reduce costs. Governments must find ways to \_\_\_\_\_ (3) innovation while protecting workers. Some countries have begun experimenting with hybrid models that \_\_\_\_\_ (4) gig flexibility with social security systems. In the future, the definition of employment may continue to evolve, driven by technology and changing worker preferences. Balancing freedom with fairness will be the \_\_\_\_\_ (5) to building a more inclusive and sustainable gig economy.

**Options:**

- susceptible, isolated, adaptable, independent, flexible
- excessive, low, fair, fixed, random
- balance, support, promote, regulate, challenge
- replace, combine, reject, separate, delay
- obstacle, key, cause, issue, solution

**Passage 3:**

Astronomy has fascinated humans for centuries, offering insight into the universe's vast and mysterious nature. Ancient civilizations observed the stars to create calendars, navigate seas, and develop religious beliefs. In modern times, advances in telescope technology and space missions have dramatically \_\_\_\_\_ (1) our understanding of the cosmos. Scientists have discovered thousands of exoplanets, mapped distant galaxies, and even captured the image of a black hole. These achievements raise new questions about the origins of the universe and the possibility of extraterrestrial life. Space exploration also drives technological innovation on Earth, from medical imaging to satellite communications. Despite its benefits, astronomy faces challenges such as funding limitations and the growing problem of space debris. Satellites and other objects in orbit can \_\_\_\_\_ (2) collisions and hinder future missions. International cooperation and regulation are essential to managing space traffic and ensuring sustainable exploration. Education and public outreach also play a crucial role in building support for astronomical research. Programs that engage students in stargazing and science projects can \_\_\_\_\_ (3) interest in STEM careers. As we continue to peer deeper into space, astronomy reminds us of our small place in the universe and our shared responsibility to explore it wisely. It is a discipline that \_\_\_\_\_ (4) curiosity, unites cultures, and drives the \_\_\_\_\_ (5) for knowledge.

**Options:**

- expanded, limited, reversed, improved, slowed
- cause, avoid, survive, ignore, clean
- spark, decline, compete, demand, hinder
- fuels, blocks, replaces, reduces, delays
- quest, boredom, skill, technology, trend

**Passage 4:**

Nutrition plays a critical role in maintaining overall health and well-being. A balanced diet provides the body with essential nutrients, including carbohydrates, proteins, fats, vitamins, and minerals. Poor nutrition can lead to a range of health problems, from obesity to heart disease and diabetes.



In recent years, there has been growing awareness about the importance of eating whole, minimally processed foods. Experts recommend increasing the intake of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins while limiting added sugar, saturated fats, and sodium. Despite this guidance, many people continue to rely on convenience foods that are high in calories and low in nutrients. Socioeconomic factors such as income, education, and food availability often \_\_\_\_\_ (1) people's dietary choices. Food deserts—areas with limited access to affordable, healthy food—can \_\_\_\_\_ (2) nutritious eating. In response, community programs are promoting urban gardening, farmer's markets, and nutrition education to support healthier lifestyles. Governments also play a role by regulating food labelling, advertising, and school lunch programs. Making informed food choices requires not only knowledge but also the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ (3) habits and resist marketing pressures. Long-term health outcomes depend on daily decisions and access to resources. As awareness grows, the push for healthier diets continues to \_\_\_\_\_ (4) across cultures and age groups. Ultimately, nutrition is not just about individual choices; it reflects societal values and \_\_\_\_\_ (5) priorities.

**Options:**

- influence, damage, hide, change, measure
- support, improve, hinder, promote, enable
- develop, reject, modify, limit, forget
- spread, fade, isolate, debate, delay
- policy, dietary, economic, ethical, community

**Passage 5:**

Libraries have long been considered pillars of knowledge and community development. Traditionally known for housing books and providing quiet spaces for reading, libraries today offer a wide array of services including computer access, literacy programs, job training, and community events. With the rise of digital technology, many libraries have adapted by offering e-books, online databases, and remote access to educational tools. These innovations allow them to remain \_\_\_\_\_ (1) in an increasingly digital world. However, libraries still face funding cuts and competition from commercial information providers. To stay relevant, libraries are reimagining their roles, shifting toward community engagement and inclusivity. Some have added maker spaces, language classes, and even social services like housing assistance. These evolving services \_\_\_\_\_ (2) diverse community needs and promote lifelong learning. In rural and underserved areas, libraries often act as technology hubs, providing free internet and digital literacy training. Despite challenges, public trust in libraries remains high. They are seen as safe, inclusive spaces where people from all backgrounds can gather, learn, and share. As society continues to evolve, libraries must balance tradition with innovation to serve their communities effectively. The future of libraries will depend on public support, strategic leadership, and a continued \_\_\_\_\_ (3) to equity and access. By remaining flexible and forward-thinking, libraries will continue to \_\_\_\_\_ (4) as centers of learning and community connection. They are not just buildings with books—they \_\_\_\_\_ (5) the values of knowledge, accessibility, and civic responsibility.

**Options:**

- relevant, optional, outdated, forgotten, mobile
- reflect, ignore, divide, avoid, complicate
- commitment, detour, return, plan, removal
- thrive, decline, drift, slow, reject
- embody, confuse, mimic, neglect, delay

**2. Multiple Choice, Multiple Answers****Question 1:**

Digital transformation has reshaped the way businesses operate, communicate, and deliver services. From cloud computing to data analytics, technology has allowed companies to optimize processes, reach new markets, and personalize customer experiences. Remote work, made possible through collaboration platforms, has expanded talent pools and increased flexibility. However, this transformation also raises concerns about cyber security, digital inequality, and job displacement due to automation. To address these challenges, businesses must invest in up skilling their workforce and implementing ethical technology policies.

**Which of the following statements are true based on the passage?**

- A) Digital transformation only benefits large corporations.
- B) Automation can lead to job displacement.
- C) Technology improves customer experience.
- D) Ethical concerns are irrelevant in digital transformation.
- E) Up skilling employee helps manage the changes.

**Question 2:**

Biodiversity is essential for maintaining healthy ecosystems and supporting human life. Species interact in complex food webs, contribute to soil fertility, and regulate the climate. Yet, human activity—such as deforestation, pollution, and climate change—is accelerating species extinction at an alarming rate. Conservation efforts focus on protecting habitats, enforcing wildlife laws, and raising awareness. However, challenges include funding limitations and conflicting land-use demands. Collaboration between governments, scientists, and communities is vital to halting biodiversity loss.



**Which of the following statements are true based on the passage?**

- A) Biodiversity has little effect on climate regulation.
- B) Habitat protection is a part of conservation efforts.
- C) Funding for conservation is always sufficient.
- D) Human activity contributes to species extinction.
- E) Cooperation is essential to preserve biodiversity.

**1. Reorder Paragraphs**

**Question 1:**

- A. As climate change threatens food security, such innovations are becoming increasingly important.
- B. Technologies like precision farming, drone monitoring, and AI-based irrigation have made farming more efficient.
- C. Despite initial costs, the long-term benefits of adopting agricultural technology are substantial.
- D. These tools allow farmers to conserve water, reduce pesticide use, and improve crop health.
- E. Innovations in agriculture have transformed how we grow food, increasing yields and reducing environmental impacts.

**Question 2:**

- A. They cover a wide range of topics, from science and history to comedy and true crime.
- B. Podcasts have emerged as a popular medium for education, entertainment, and storytelling.
- C. Many educators now use podcasts to supplement classroom instruction.
- D. This flexibility and diversity have contributed to their rapid growth in global audiences.
- E. Unlike traditional radio, podcasts are on-demand and can be accessed through mobile apps.

**1. Fill in the Blanks (Drag and Drop)**

**Question 1:**

Sleep is vital for physical and mental \_\_\_\_\_. It allows the body to repair itself and the brain to consolidate memories. Poor sleep has been linked to a range of health issues, including obesity, depression, and cardiovascular disease. Experts \_\_\_\_\_. maintaining a consistent sleep schedule and limiting screen time before bed. Lifestyle changes such as reducing caffeine intake and increasing physical activity can also \_\_\_\_\_. sleep quality. Creating a comfortable sleep environment; cool, dark, and quiet—helps signal the body that it is time to rest. Chronic sleep deprivation can\_\_\_\_\_. cognitive performance and increase the risk of accidents.

**Options: improve, harm, limit, recommended, distract, alter, health**

**Question 2:**

Art has long been a powerful form of \_\_\_\_\_, capable of evoking emotions and communicating complex ideas. Whether through painting, sculpture, music, or dance, artists respond to the world around them. In times of crisis, art often becomes a tool for reflection and \_\_\_\_\_. Public murals and protest songs can \_\_\_\_\_ collective voices and inspire social change. In classrooms, exposure to the art helps children develop creativity, empathy, and problem-solving skills. Investment in art education can \_\_\_\_\_ innovation and preserve cultural heritage for future generations.

**Options:** amplify, expression, spark, erase, limit, prevent, resistance

**Question 3:**

The rise of social media has significantly \_\_\_\_\_ how people communicate, access information, and form opinions. While it fosters global connectivity, it also presents challenges. Misinformation can \_\_\_\_\_ rapidly, and algorithms may create echo chambers that reinforce existing beliefs. To promote healthier digital environments, platforms must \_\_\_\_\_ transparency and accountability. Users are encouraged to verify sources and engage in respectful dialogue. Digital literacy programs in schools aim to \_\_\_\_\_ critical thinking and responsible online behavior.

**Options:** promote, discourage, restrict, limit, changed, cultivate, spread

**Question 4:**

Recycling helps conserve \_\_\_\_\_, reduce land fill waste, and lower greenhouse gas emissions. Effective recycling requires public\_\_\_\_\_, convenient collection systems, and proper waste sorting. Contamination—when non-recyclable items are placed in recycling bins—can disrupt the process. Governments and organizations\_\_\_\_\_campaigns to encourage recycling habits and clarify what can be recycled. Businesses are also adopting circular\_\_\_\_\_principles by designing products that are easier to recycle or reuse.

**Options:** economy, confuse, resources, delay, awareness, run

**Multiple Choice, Single Answer**

**Question 1:**

The internet has transformed access to knowledge, making it possible for people to learn new skills from anywhere in the world. Online courses, tutorials, and open-access resources allow learners to study at their own pace. This democratization of education benefits people in remote areas and those with limited financial means. However, it also requires self-discipline and reliable internet access.

**What is one major benefit of online learning according to the passage?**

- A) It is only effective in developed countries.
- B) It limits access to educational content.
- C) It allows flexible, self-paced learning.
- D) It guarantees better academic results.
- E) It removes the need for discipline.

**Question 2:**

Rain forests are vital to Earth's ecological balance. They produce oxygen, absorb carbon dioxide, and support an immense variety of plant and animal life. Despite their importance, rain forests are disappearing due to deforestation driven by logging, agriculture, and mining. This destruction contributes to climate change and the loss of biodiversity. Conservation efforts focus on sustainable land use and protecting indigenous communities who depend on the forests.

**Why are rain forests important, according to the passage?**

- A) They increase greenhouse gases.
- B) They provide oxygen and support biodiversity.
- C) They grow faster when deforested.
- D) They are primarily used for mining.
- E) They only benefit local economies.

**Correct Answers:****Fill in the Blanks (Reading and Writing)**

1. ensure, reduce, unreliable, increase, promotes
2. susceptible, excessive, regulate, combine, key
3. expanded, cause, spark, fuels, quest
4. influence, hinder, modify, spread, policy
5. relevant, reflect, commitment, thrive, embody

**Multiple Choice, Multiple Answers**

1. B, C, E
2. B, D, E

**Reorder Paragraphs**

1. E-B-D-C-A
2. B-E-A-C-D



**Fill in the Blanks (Drag and Drop)**

1. health, improve, harm, recommended
2. expression, resistance, amplify, spark
3. changed, spread, promote, cultivate
4. resources, awareness, run, economy

**Multiple Choice, Single Answer**

1. B
2. C

