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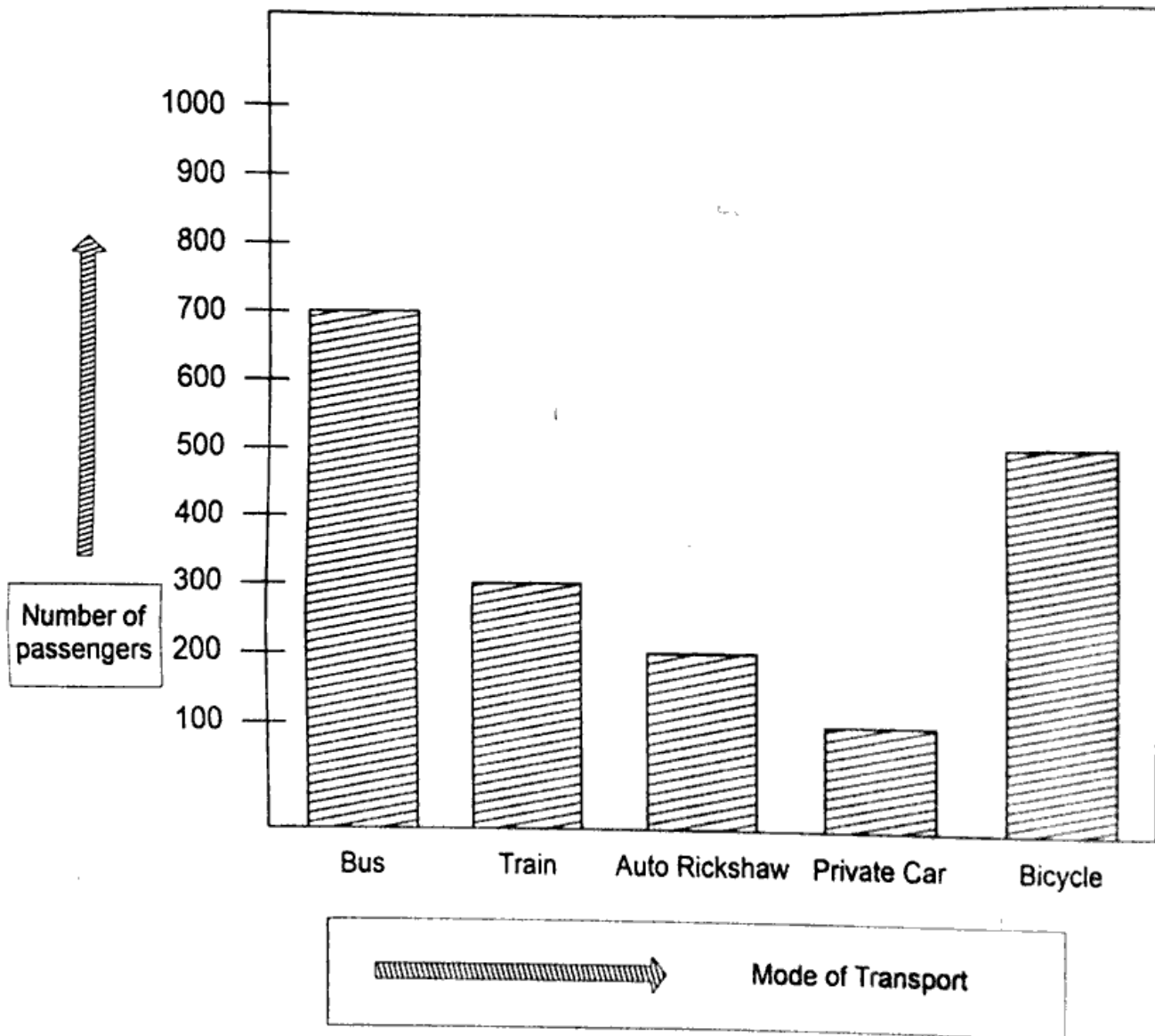
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SECTION-B

(Grammar)

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(Writing Skills)

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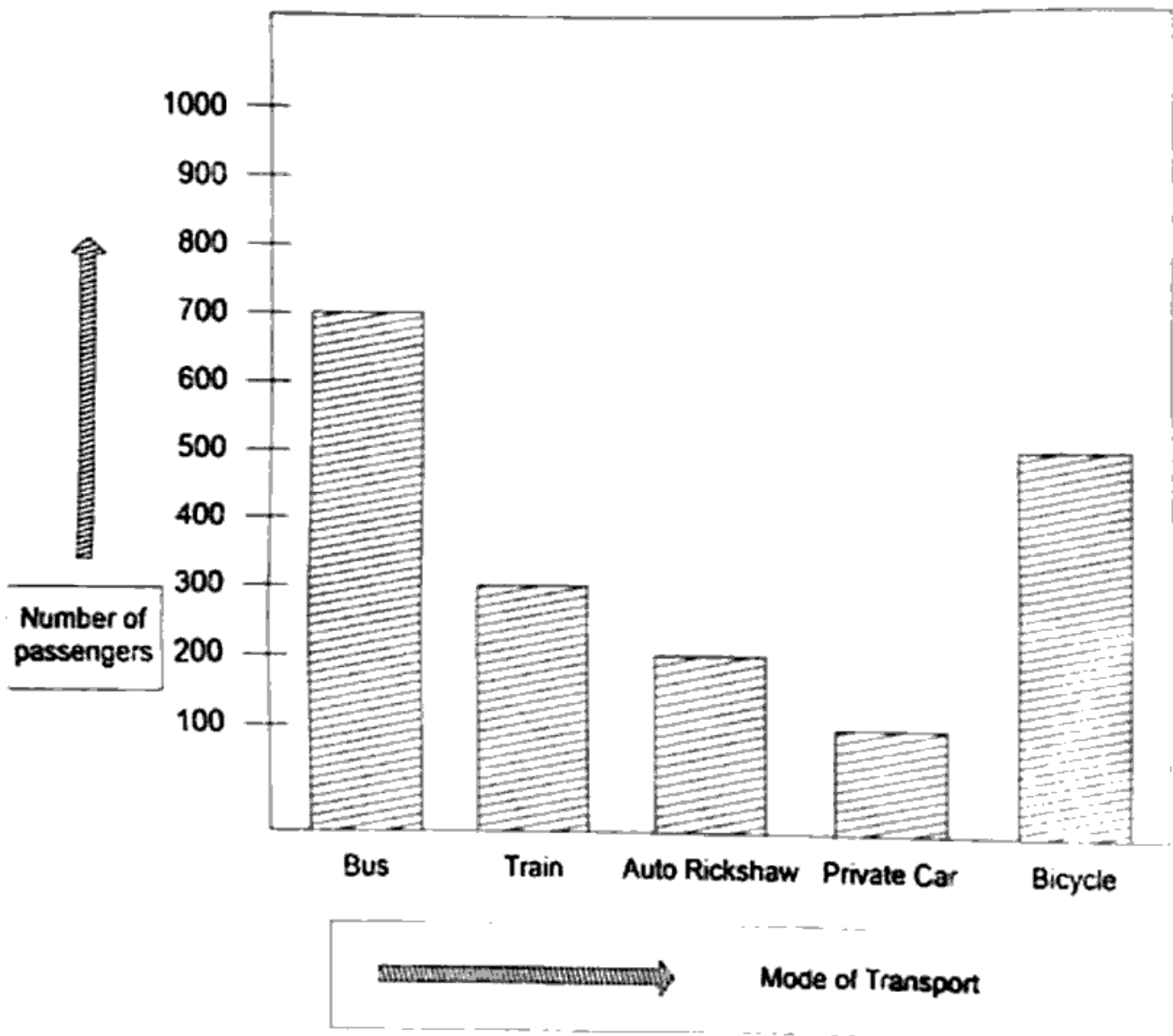
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As to me I know of nothing else but miracles,

Whether I walk the streets of Manhattan,

Or dart my sight over the roofs of houses toward the sky,

Or wade with naked feet along the beach just in the edge of the water,

Or stand under trees in the woods,

Or talk by day with anyone I love.

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Turn Over

Questions :

- (i) Who is the poet of the given stanza?
- (a) Robert Frost
 - (b) ✓ Walt Whitman
 - (c) William Wordsworth
 - (d) Emily Dickinson
- (ii) What does the poet consider as miracles?
- (a) Only Supernatural events
 - (b) • Ordinary experiences of life
 - (c) Religious rituals
 - (d) Scientific inventions
- (iii) Which place is mentioned in the stanza?
- (a) London
 - (b) Paris
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 - (d) Chicago

- (iv) What activity does the poet describe while being near the sea?
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 - (c) Collecting seashells
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2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : (1×5=5)

In recent years, online gaming has become one of the most popular activities among students. With the rise of smartphones, laptops, and easy access to the internet, games are now just a click away. While playing games can be a source of entertainment and relaxation, an increasing number of students are falling into the trap of online gaming addiction.

Online gaming addiction occurs when students spend excessive amounts of time playing games, often at the cost of their studies, health, and social life. Many young people feel an irresistible urge to log in and play, even when they know it is affecting their performance in school. As a result, homework remains incomplete, exam preparation is neglected, and classroom concentration declines. This not only lowers academic achievement but also damages self-confidence.

The addiction also affects physical and mental health. Long hours of sitting in front of a screen can lead to eye strain, headaches, and back pain. Lack of physical activity increases the risk of obesity and related health issues. Mentally, students may become anxious, irritable, or isolated from family and friends. In extreme cases, some even develop depression when they cannot balance their virtual and real lives.

Another concern is the effect on social relationships. Many addicted students prefer interacting with online players rather than spending time with family or classmates. This weakens real-world bonds and makes students dependent on a virtual world where victories are temporary and often meaningless.

However, it is important to note that not all gaming is harmful. In moderation, games can improve problem-solving skills, sharpen reflexes, and even encourage teamwork. The real problem arises when students lose control and cannot set limits for themselves.

To tackle this issue, students should learn time management skills and create a healthy routine that balances study, play, and rest. Parents and teachers also play a vital role by guiding children, setting screen-time rules, and encouraging outdoor activities. Awareness programs in schools can help students understand the dangers of addiction and develop self-control.

In conclusion, online gaming is not entirely negative, but addiction to it can ruin a student's academic, physical, and emotional well-being. The key lies in moderation, discipline, and responsible use of technology.

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- (ii) Which of the following is not a negative effect of gaming addiction?
 - (a) Eye strain
 - (b) Better teamwork
 - (c) Headaches
 - (d) Neglected studies

- (iii) According to the passage, excessive gaming can damage:
- (a) Only physical health
 - (b) Only academic performance
 - (c) Both academic and personal life
 - (d) Neither health nor studies
- (iv) What role should parents and teachers play?
- (a) Ignore children's gaming habits
 - (b) Encourage only online activities
 - (c) Guide students and set rules
 - (d) Stop students from playing any games
- (v) The passage suggests that gaming in moderation can:
- (a) Destroy friendships
 - (b) Improve problem-solving skills
 - (c) Increase obesity
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3. Read the following advertisement and answer the questions that follow: (1×5=5)

BOOST YOUR LEARNING, SMARTLY!

- Looking for the best books, stationery, and learning resources?

EduMart Stationers is your one-stop shop for all academic and office needs.

Why choose us?

- Affordable Prices
- Wide Collection
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Ready to Shop?

Visit us today for customized supplies and exciting offers!

EduMart Stationers

(City Plaza Complex, Srinagar J & K)

Ph. No. : 979800XXXX

Website : www.edumart.com

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- (a) ' EduMart Stationers
 - (b) Raina Computers
 - (c) Dreamland Stores
 - (d) Knowledge Mart
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- (a) Affordable Prices
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 - (c) Timely Delivery
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- (iii) Where is EduMart located?
- (a) Lal Chowk, Srinagar
 - (b) Dreamland Lane, Falni
 - (c) City Plaza Complex, Srinagar
 - (d) Residency Road, Jammu
- (iv) EduMart mainly provides-
- (a) Computers and laptops
 - (b) Books and stationery
 - (c) Clothes and accessories
 - (d) Mobile phones
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- (a) www.learnfast.com
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Hints :

A quiet evening in her room ---- A notebook and pen in hand
---- Dreams of becoming a poet ---- Inspired by nature's beauty
---- Writing about flowers and rivers ---- Faces challenges and
self ---- doubt ---- Finds encouragement from a teacher ---- Wins
a school poetry competition ---- Gets appreciation from family
and friends.

SECTION-D

(Literature)

13. Answer **three** of the following questions : (3×3=9)

- (i) Why was the arrival of the stranger in a village inn an unusual event? Give two reasons.
- (ii) Why does Mrs. Bennet insist her husband to meet Mr. Bingley ?
- (iii) What conditions does Shylock put forth if the debt is not paid in time?
- (iv) Why does Anne need to give a brief sketch of her family? Does she treat 'Kitty' as an insider or outsider?
- (v) How does Mandela draw a parallel between the oppressor and the oppressed? <https://www.jkboseonline.com>

14. Answer **three** of the following questions : (3×3=9)

- (i) 'But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you'. Explain.
- (ii) Why does the poet look outside? What activities does the poet see outside the car window?
- (iii) My feet are cold with water seeping through my shoes
My eyes are heavy with sleep, or is it fever?
The ground is very slippery; there is no place to stand
The mind is exhausted, looks for some spot to rest.

Give the meaning of the word exhausted as used in the stanza, And explain why the poet's mind is described as exhausted in the stanza.

- (iv) What sufferings do the animals undergo in winter as portrayed in the poem Snowdrop?
- (v) "Subject me not to trials, shame not my human form". Explain.

15. Answer **one** of the following questions : (1×6=6)

- (i) The course of the Loisel's life changed due to the necklace. Comment.
- (ii) How does the story 'The Servant' reflect the humility of Gerasim?
- (iii) What are the major themes of the short story 'Abhiley'?

16. Answer **one** of the following questions : (1×6=6)

- (i) Write the character sketch of Chubukov.
- (ii) Describe the first quarrel between Lomov and Natalya in your own words.
