

## ANSWER KEY

**COMPREHENSION****Q1** (a)

From Text	Answer
<i>But at times like ours, the tendency is to tilt too far toward our instincts, since the conventions are changing fast and there is no consensus about them anyway.</i>	Cindy likely feels this way because <b>social conventions are changing rapidly [1] and there is no agreement on what are the accepted social conventions.</b> [1]

**Teaching point:** Though students may use content from the text to support their answer, they may have to explain in their own words to justify why Cindy feels the way she does. It is not sufficient to simply lift entirely.

(b)

From Text	Answer
<i>There is a risk in that. You don't know whom you might be offending or how you might be sabotaging your own success.</i>	When you depend on instincts, <b>you do not know whom you might be offending and might also jeopardise your own success.</b> [1]

**Teaching point:** The word "risk" indicates that there are dangers when relying too much on instincts.

**Q2**

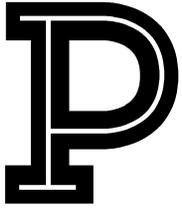
From Text	Answer
<i>The original etiquette manuals of Western civilisation were in fact success manuals. As author Steven Pinker notes, they taught knights and nobles how to conduct themselves in the court of the king</i>	The evidence is that there were <b>etiquette manuals that taught knights and nobles how to conduct themselves in the court.</b> [1]

**Teaching point:** The fact that etiquette has to be taught indicates that they are not instinctive.

**Q3**

From Text	Answer
<i>You will notice a common denominator in all of them: <b>Think about other people's feelings first</b> because <b>it's not all about maximizing your personal convenience.</b></i>	<b>Consider other people's emotions first.</b> [1]  Not everything is about <b>boosting one's personal benefit/ease/comfort.</b> [1]

**Teaching point:** Students have to identify the two parts of the feature and paraphrase the key words.



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**COMPREHENSION****Q4**

From Text	Answer
<i>Do not lend someone a book or item unless they specifically ask for it. <b>They are probably too busy to ever get around to it.</b> They will feel guilty about that, and you will be annoyed that they did not appreciate it or even get around to returning it.</i>	The recipient would likely not have time to read the book. [1]  The recipient would feel guilty about not reading the book. [1]  The owner will be upset that the book is not appreciated/not returned because the recipient has no time to read it. [1]  <b>Any 2 reasons</b>

**Q5**

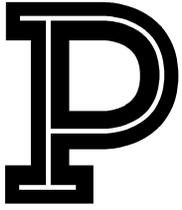
From Text	Answer
<i>Do not make your dietary requirements everyone else's dilemma</i>	The writer uses a <b>critical/disapproving tone</b> to show how imposing one's dietary requirements can put others in a difficult situation.

**Teaching point:** Students have to infer the answer from the word "dilemma".

**Q6**

From Text	Answer
<i>That may seem like a lot, and to some it may seem like an <b>uptight way to live.</b></i>	The phrase "uptight way of life" refers to <b>an anxious/tense/overly controlled way of living</b> , suggesting that other people may disapprove of these rules.

**Teaching point:** Students will need to know the meaning of "uptight" in order to make this inference.



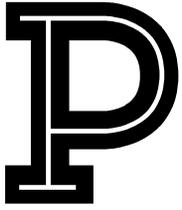
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**COMPREHENSION****Q6****Teaching point:**

Students need not lift specific examples. The focus should be on providing details on the right etiquette when using technology rather than stating the specific examples. For example in point 10, students do not need to give examples about announcing a death or break up.

	<b>From Text</b>	<b>Paraphrase</b>
1	<b>Do not bellow</b> on your cell phone.	not speaking loudly on the cell phone.
2	<b>Turn off the phone</b> at a dinner party, and <b>be in the moment</b> .	We should turn off the phone during a dinner party and show engagement.
3	At bare minimum, <b>turn off the ringer</b> so you can text and <b>conspire in relative stealth</b> .	At the very least, we can put our phones on silent mode and text quietly.
4	<b>Keep personal conversations and arguments off social networking sites</b>	We should also not publicise private conversations and arguments on social networking sites.
5	The dramatic <b>airing of grievances is best done through SMS</b> .	Instead, they should be done through SMS.
6	<b>Moderate your use of cameras and video at events</b> .	Do not use cameras and video excessively at events.
7	<b>Enjoy your time</b> with colleagues, friends and family in the present and preserve only a memento for the future,	Spend time with other people instead.
8	Remember how easily <b>e-gossip can be forwarded along to the wrong person</b> .	Be very careful whom you send an e-gossip to.
9	Just because you are wearing headphones <b>does not mean you can tune out from social courtesies</b> .	Exercise socially right behaviour even if you have headphones on.
10	Do not break up with someone by text. And do not announce a death in the family by text.	Do not text if you need to pass on important messages
11	There are still times when <b>phones or face-to-face are the best way to go</b> .	which should be done through phone calls or face-to-face.
12	<b>Do not discuss sensitive personal issues on Facebook</b> .	Avoid discussing sensitive and private matters on Facebook

**We can learn to display etiquette when using technology by** not speaking loudly on the cell phone. We should turn off the phone during a dinner party and show engagement. At the very least, we can put our phones on silent mode and text quietly. We should also not publicise private conversations and arguments on social networking sites. Instead, they should be done through SMS. Avoid using cameras and video excessively at events. Spend time with other people instead. Lastly, be very careful whom you send an e-gossip to. (80 words)



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# VISUAL TEXT

**Q1**

To increase the credibility of the project/ movement in the eyes of the reader. [1]

**Q2**

They can get involved by

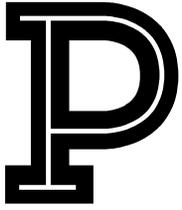
- Joining the climate reality project.
  - Asking their employer to sign the climate declaration
  - Support companies that are doing good to stop climate change
  - Learn about one's own carbon footprint
  - Make small changes to one's lifestyle to make an impact
- [any one for 1m]

**Q3**

Combatting climate change is not an easy task which involves many challenges. [2]

**Q4**

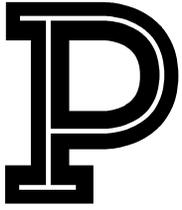
To get readers/viewers to amplify the message by sharing it within their own networks. [1]



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**TALK**

<b>P</b>	Ideally, we should try to help others as much as possible during times of disasters as we have a moral obligation to help those in need. However, realistically, we cannot consistently put others before ourselves. Thus, whether we should put others first or not during times of disaster depends on our abilities to help others in such situations.
<b>E</b>	On the one hand, if we are well aware that someone is in need, we should extend a helping hand to that person. However, if we are incapable of helping others, even if someone is in need, we should focus on helping ourselves first. Thus, we should do only what is within our power to help others.
<b>E</b>	For instance, if a building is on fire, it is pointless for us to run in and save trapped people if we ourselves are in no position to do so. However, in that same situation we can always think of others first by helping to comfort those who are traumatised by the incident, or calling the ambulance or fire station. We can display compassion and courage in small ways as much as we can in big ways.
<b>L</b>	In tense situations that involve high stakes, there are many grey areas in terms of whether we should or should not put others before ourselves. Ultimately, it boils down to the impact of our decision. If we weigh that our decision to help others will be more beneficial than not, we should place others before ourselves. However, if we see that we are realistically unable to make a significant impact by "being a hero", then we should not prioritise others over ourselves lest we bring more harm to both ourselves and the person we are trying to help.



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**MAKEOVER**

The world **do** not have a “Harry Potter”-like invisibility cloak yet, but scientists around the world **has** been trying to figure out how to build one. Scientists in the United Kingdom have taken one step **farther** in the real-world quest for invisibility. Their research demonstrates how a “surface wave cloak” can make curved surfaces appear flat when they come in contact **to** electromagnetic waves. In other words, the study suggests a way to make such surfaces invisible. For **a** study, scientists coated a curved metal plate surface, about the size **in** a tennis ball, with their cloak. The cloak was made out of a gradient-index material with seven superthin **layer** that each had different electric properties. The research found that these layers can hide whatever object they **cloaks** from interacting with electromagnetic waves.

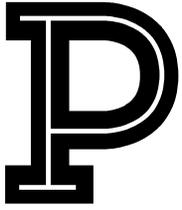
1. **does**2. **have**3. **further**

4. ✓

5. **with**6. **the**7. **of**8. **layers**

9. ✓

10. **cloak**



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**SKILLS**

Being invisible definitely has its perks. Firstly, it will be better to be invisible because we can do embarrassing things in public without being caught. **[1] For example,** we can dance and do silly things in front of people whenever we want to. That would be most liberating as we can finally be ourselves without being judged by others. **[2] Thus,** it is better to be invisible.

**[3] Moreover,** being invisible would be great because we can hide from people we dislike or are fearful of. **[4] To illustrate this,** I can slip by my fuming brother whenever I play a prank on him. I will be able to get out of trouble whenever I want to. **[5] Therefore,** being invisible is certainly an advantage.

**[6] However,** being invisible all the time would make life quite lonely. If we were invisible all the time, we would not be able to hang out with our friends. My peers would walk by me without saying “hello” and I would have to do things alone. **[7] For this reason,** it is better not to be invisible.

**[8] Furthermore,** being invisible means that I would not be able to live a normal life.

**[9] For instance,** I would have to watch out for people bumping into me on the streets. People might even sit on me in movie theatres! **[10] Hence,** there are several downsides to being invisible.