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CENTRAL IDEA OF THE POEM

The poet wants to convey the fact that the spread of education and growing technology gadgets like iPads, iPhones, laptops etc. have reached the heart and minds of people. This surely has adversely affected their social relation with their family and friends. The relationship between parents and children has been affected the most, as parents are either working and children are really busy with school work. It is true that nowadays technology rules the world. Undoubtedly, human interaction has been influenced through introduction of new technological devices. There are positive and negative impacts on everything! Technology makes the world move faster. But using too much of technology is surely damaging the relations.



A1. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTIONS TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS.

1. According to the speaker, what do we not look at?
 - a. **each other**
 - b. emails
 - c. telephones
 - d. world
2. What could we do instead of running?
 - a. jump
 - b. **walk**
 - c. look
 - d. write text messages
3. What is hard to get?
 - a. time
 - b. trust
 - c. **a clear message**
 - d. a smile
4. What does 'communication' mean?
 - a. exchanging ideas
 - b. talking
 - c. sharing
 - d. **all of these**

A2. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Q.1. According to the speaker, what is happening today?

A.1 According to the speaker, there is a breakdown in communication these days.

Q.2. What does the speaker feel about 'speaking'?

A.2. The speaker feels that instead of us, our computers and phones speak for us.

Q.3. What are we all so busy with these days?

A.3. We are all busy with our work these days.

Q.4. What is important these days and why?

A.4 It is important that we connect with people around, talk to them, listen to them and share our ideas and opinions with them.



A3. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS WITH REFERENCE TO THE CONTEXT:

1. *We use our text messages,*

Our computers, to speak for us.

a. What do these two lines reflect about our lifestyle?

A.a. These lines reflect our busy lifestyles.

b. How do our computers speak for us?

A. b. Our computers speak through emails, messages on social media, etc.

c. Is the speaker happy about it?

A. c. The speaker isn't happy about it.

2. *World peace depends on these things,*

So let's not be so behind.

a. What does the world peace depend on?

A.a. World peace depends on clear communication.

b. What does the speaker mean by 'not be so behind'?

A b. The speaker means not letting this time pass by.

c. What does the speaker suggest we should do in this situation?

A.c. The speaker suggests we should make efforts and realise the need to communicate.

A4. THINK AND ANSWER:

1. Communication breakdown is a huge challenge as expressed by the speaker. What do you think we can do as a society to heal this breakdown? Give instances.

A. Some initiatives can be taken such as-creating awareness about the need to communicate, practising gadget free time at home, having at least one meal together as a family, bedtime sharing and talking, organising events around where people can meet new people and exchange ideas and listen and talk, etc.

HOME ASSIGNMENT:

- What are some ways in which you communicated during the lockdown? Do you think they were sufficient?
