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b) Use the following transitional / connecting devices in sentences of your own : (5)

- i. Although
- ii. Not to forget
- iii. Notwithstanding
- iv. By all means
- v. For instance

Q3) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

In India, there is a continuing battle between scientific facts and age old superstitions. Science and technology are seen both as means of curing all existing evils and ailments of the society and as sources of new evils and ailments. Reality lies between the Utopian expectations and doomsday forecasts. Science fiction can focus on such issues and the more subtly the message is presented by the fictional component of the story, the greater is its success. Science fiction stories written with this motivation have a very constructive role to play in India today because our country has been pushed or carried headlong into the age of science and consequently many misconceptions, fears and antipathies of science exist at all levels of the society. Science fiction can help make society aware of the power and influence of science and soften many shocks brought about by science induced social changes. Even if there is no such message, even if it is a futuristic exercise, its setting can still be Indian. Another aspect of such stories is the intermixing of cultures brought about by some worldwide catastrophe wherein the Indianness stands out against the international backdrop.

- a) What can be the advantages of science fiction stories in India? (3)
- b) What is the state of science and technology in India? (2)
- c) On which issues should science fiction stories focus? (2)
- d) Use the following words from the passage in your own sentences : (3)
 - i. Ailments
 - ii. Futuristic
 - iii. Catastrophe

Q4) Write an essay in about 500 words on “Effect of cinema on personal lives” (15)

Q5) Being the Convener of a 2-day Conference on “Personality Development for Professionals”, draft your report on the Conference organized by your Institute, to be submitted to the Chairman of UGC. (15)