APPENDIX 6

1. The passage you are about to read is titled Improving Road Safety. Can you guess what the passage is about?

2. Predict ten problems of road safety. Give the possible solutions to it.

3. Predict ten words that might appear in the passage.

4. Read the first sentence of paragraphs no: 1, 4, 6, 11, 14, 17 and pick out the key words that summarise that paragraph.

5. Given below is an extract from the passage.

"Old buses emitting black smoke, passengers clinging precariously to the running boards, two-wheelers carrying an entire family of five, buses whizzing past red traffic lights with total unconcern, lorries carrying loads three-storeys high. Laws alone will not ensure road safety".

Now predict whether the sentences listed below appear before or after the extract given above.

i. Speakers at the seminar noted the lack of enforcement of the laws

   Ans: after
ii. a Bombay survey had revealed that pain in the chest, cough, burning eyes and other ailments are caused by pollutants such as sulphur-dioxide, oxides of nitrogen, carbon monoxide and harmful elements emitted by vehicles on the road.
Ans: after

iii. more than public concern and law enforcement, the answer to the traffic problems plaguing the country and state lay with the political leaders.
Ans: after

iv. With just one percent of the world's vehicle population, India accounts for six percent of the accidents.
Ans: before

v. it was time to assess the existing laws and regulations on road safety, pinpoint the loopholes to remedy the situation, and effectively implement them.
Ans: after

vi. It has been estimated that 17 percent of the deaths in the country every year are in road accidents.
Ans: before

6. Scan the report and locate the paragraph, or paragraphs which

i. tell(s) readers that the seminar was organised by the IIPA

ii. give(s) an overview of road safety problems and say(s) what action the Highways and Road Works Department has taken.
iii. explain(s) the involvement of the service agencies (telephones, electricity, etc).
iv. at the problems and solutions from a legal standpoint.

7. After scanning the text, list ten problems of road safety that appear in the passage.