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Ans 1 a) i) Bedlam let loose : Meaning - An utterly chaotic situation  
Sentence : The seconds passed, with dead silence in the cane, and  
that bedlam let loose outside.

ii) Star-crossed : Meaning - Not able to be happy because of  
bad luck.

Sentence : If star-crossed Romeo think of their moon-faced Juliet  
every time they look skywards, why not the man on the street.

- b) i) eminent  
ii) comprehensible

Ans 1 a) The sinking of the ferry, Estonia, an improbable accident  
because of the fact that it was well designed and carefully  
maintained. It carried the proper number of lifeboats. It had  
been inspected carefully at the day of its fatal voyage.

b) The Estonia rolled over and sank in a cold, stormy night.  
It went down so quickly that most of those on board, caught  
in their dark, flooding cabins, had no chance to save themselves.

c) The Estonia went down so quickly that most of those on  
board, caught in their dark, flooding cabins, had no chance  
to save themselves. Of those who managed to scramble overboard,  
only 139 survived. The rest died of hypothermia before the  
rescuers could pluck them from the cold sea. The final death  
toll amounted to 912 souls.

d) The unusual thing about the survivors of Estonia was that  
most of the survivors were men in the prime of life, while  
most of the dead were women, children and the elderly.

Ans3) Technology has certainly changed the way we live especially after this ongoing pandemic. Undoubtedly, technology plays an important role in every sphere of life. Technology has revolutionized the field of education. In fact, with the onset of computers in education, it has become easier for teachers to impart knowledge and for students to acquire it. It has connected the slums to the skyscrapers and can bridge the difference of rich and poor with knowledge and wisdom. By contrast to the bright side of technology in education has given access to the anti-social to reach out the ingenuo minds of the youth with ghastly memories of wars and of inhuman savagery. By the misuse of modern technology, education standards get reduced by to heavy toll that the companies charge to provide internet connections. The question which may be a satire is that - "Whether Modern Technology is a bane or a boon?".

#### Ans4) Ordeals of Democracy

Democracy depends on various factors. Dictatorial regimes have posed challenges to democracy by using propaganda as a tool to justify dictatorship through manipulation of media as also by suppressing all counter propaganda thereby destroying rational judgement of the people based on constant access to facts. Material well being, economic security and welfare of the population also affect the success of democracy because starving and unemployed people can hardly contribute to democracy. The horrors and passions associated with war are also detrimental to democracy as these produce war mentality among people.