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SET A



INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
SECOND PRE - BOARD EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)

CLASS: X	TERM 2	Time Allotted: 2 hrs
24.02.2022		Max. Marks: 40

- GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**
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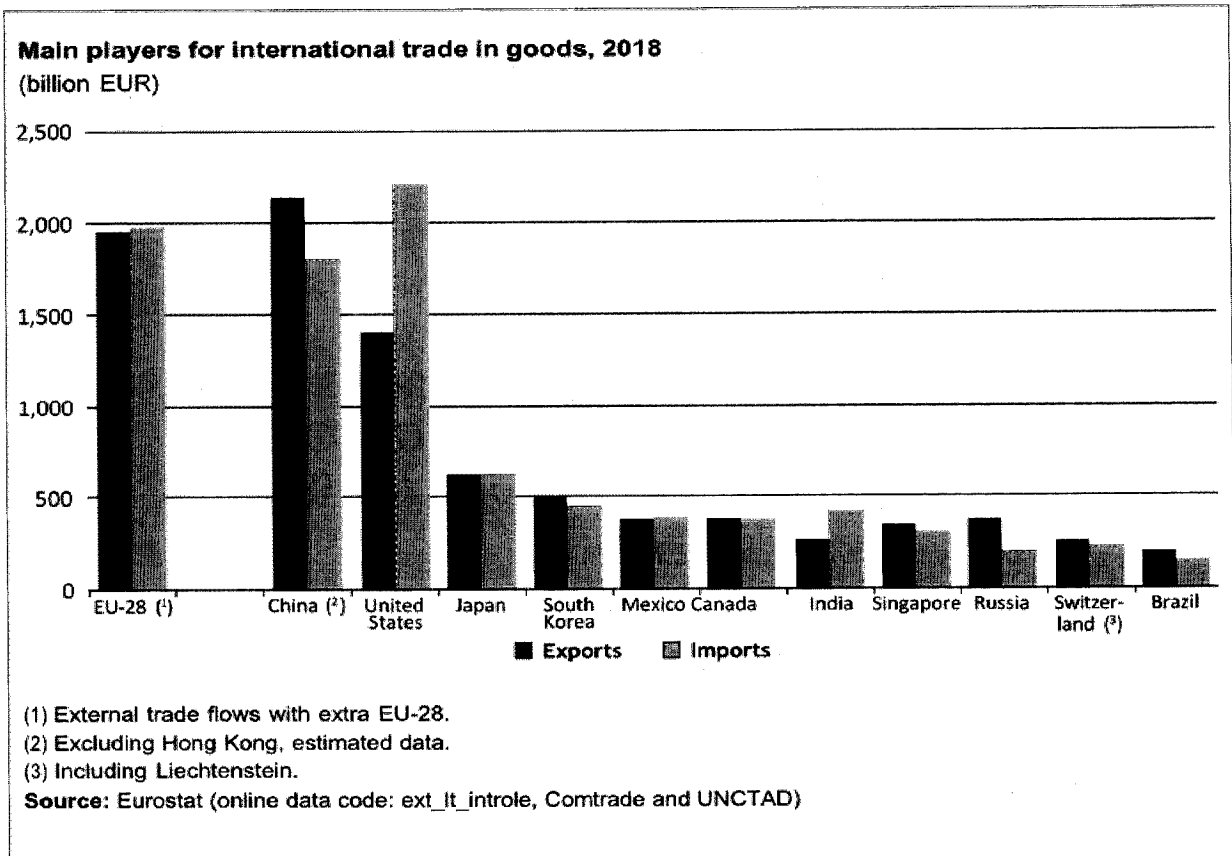
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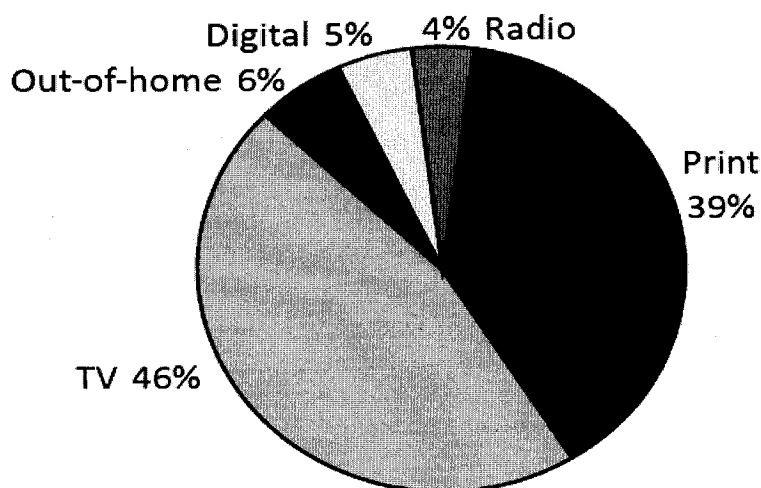
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- (i) "Put the fear out of your heart, and you will be able to speak like anyone else." These words of encouragement from the teacher highlight that a change of social attitude and encouragement can help a child like Bholi to become confident and face the world bravely. Elucidate with reference to the lesson. **4**
- (ii) The Buddha said, 'The world is afflicted with death and decay; therefore, the wise do not grieve, knowing the terms of the world.' Write your views in the context of the above statement. **4**
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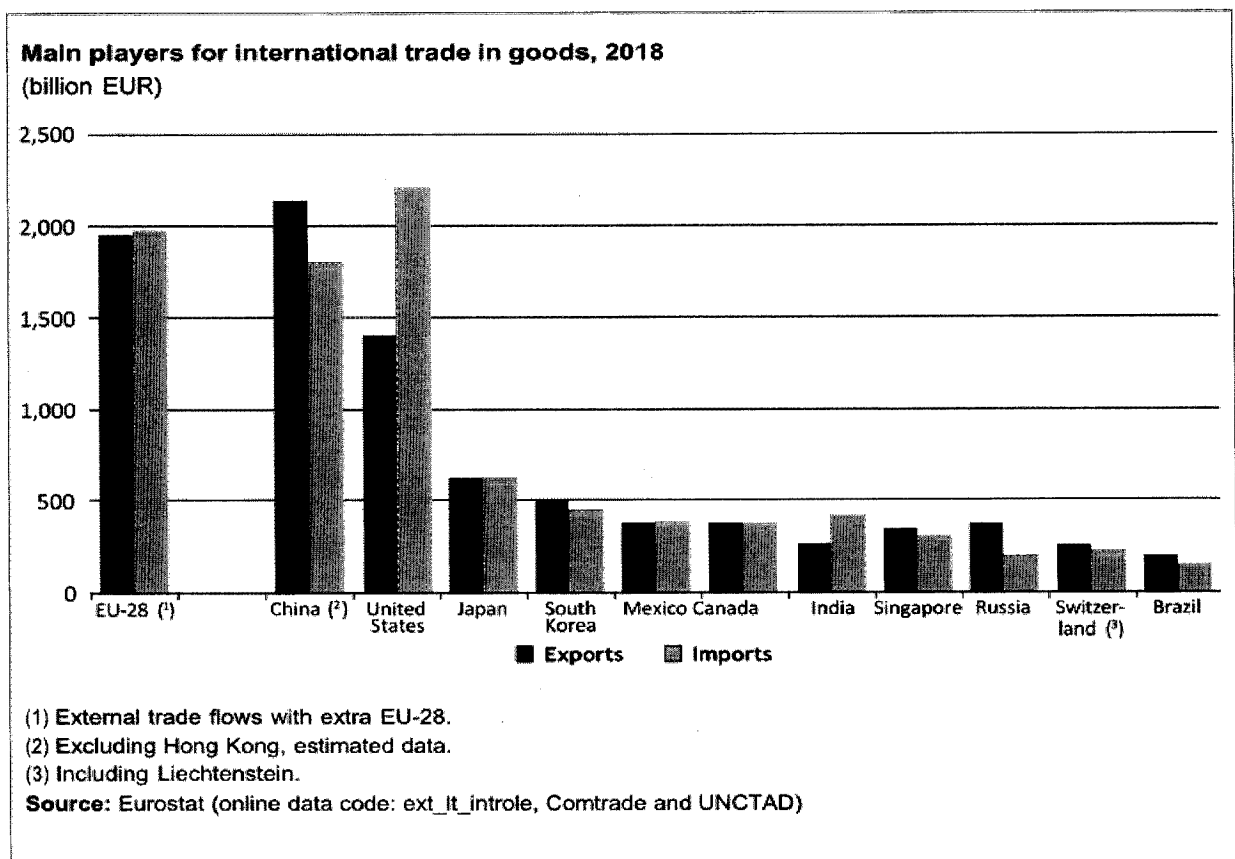
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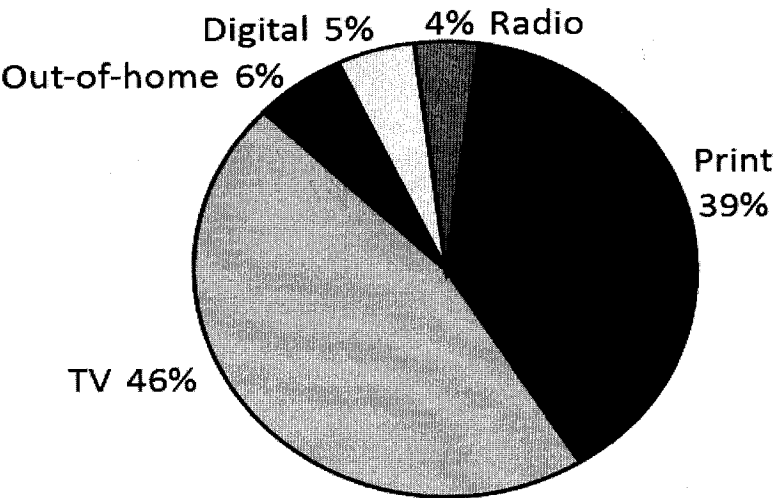
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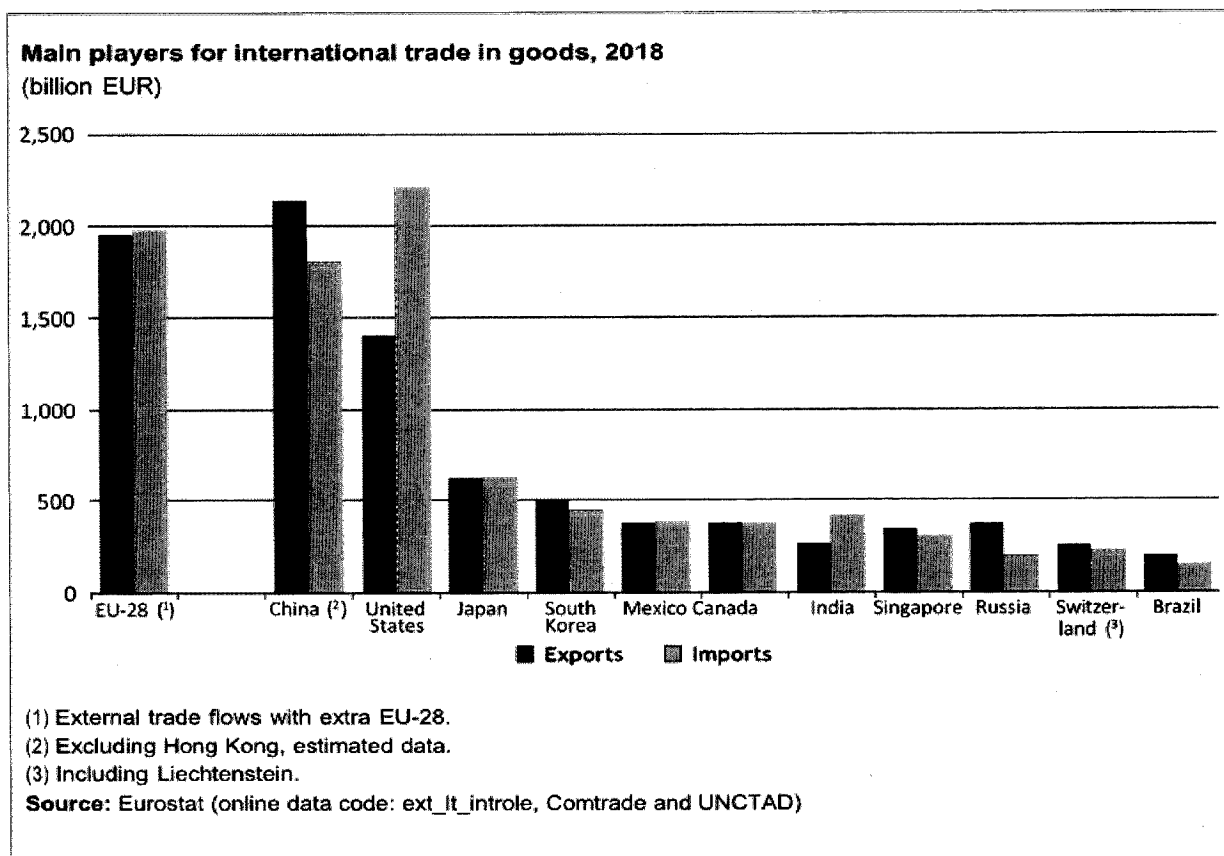
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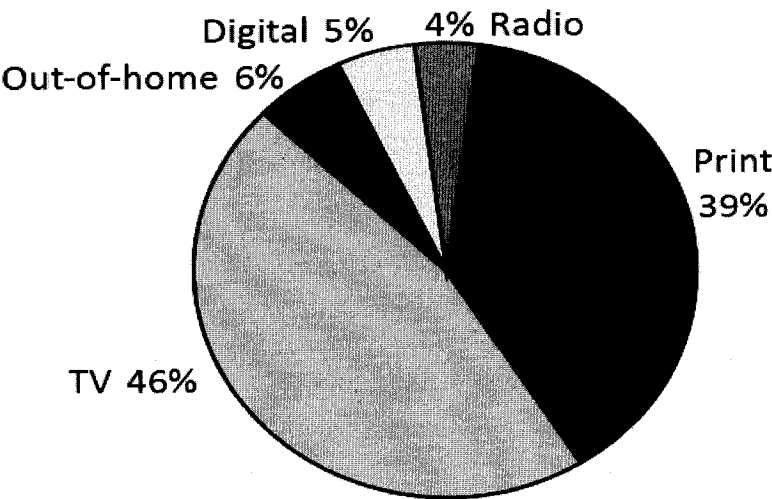
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- (i) Neighbours must have a cordial relationship which Lomov and Natalya do not have. Describe the first fight between them. 4
- (ii) Life is full of trials and tribulations. Kisa Gotami also passes through a period of grief in her life. How does she behave in those circumstances? 4
- (iii) "Put the fear out of your heart, and you will be able to speak like anyone else." These words of encouragement from the teacher highlight that a change of social attitude and encouragement can help a child like Bholi to become confident and face the world bravely. Elucidate with reference to the lesson. 4

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