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INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES: Note: All QUESTIONS are COMPULSORY.

I. As apple released the iPad across Europe and Asia this week, a key supplier in China continued this fortifying factory buildings with anti-suicide nets and bracing against a growing tide of public criticism about working conditions after ten apparent employee suicide this year, including one this week hours after the company chief visited the site. While tentative calls have emerged in China for boycott of apple products and other items made by electronics giant Foxconn, what remains entirely unclear is the impact this will have on the electronics manufacturing industry at large. The massive Foxconn plant, possibly the largest factory in the world, has been under the microscope for years over poor working conditions. In the past six months, renewed concerns have hit other electronics suppliers as well.

More than 60 workers making Apple touch screens at a Taiwanese-owned factory in Suzhou suffered nerve damage from on the job exposure to an illegally used chemical, but the story was not widely reported outside China. Investigation last fall, found wide spread abuse of workers' rights and labour laws across the heavily fragmented consumer electronics supply chain.

Yet there is no indication that the recent space of news about devastating working conditions for factory employees who make trendy gadgets has dampened consumer enthusiasm for those products. Labour groups have repeatedly called for reforms, but as yet the situation has not changed.

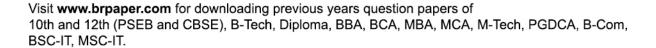
Now, with an apparent suicide cluster well underway at a key Apple Supplier, labour activists have begun to wonder if that tide might be about to turn, in the same way it did for international apparel and shoe companies in the 1980s and 1990s.

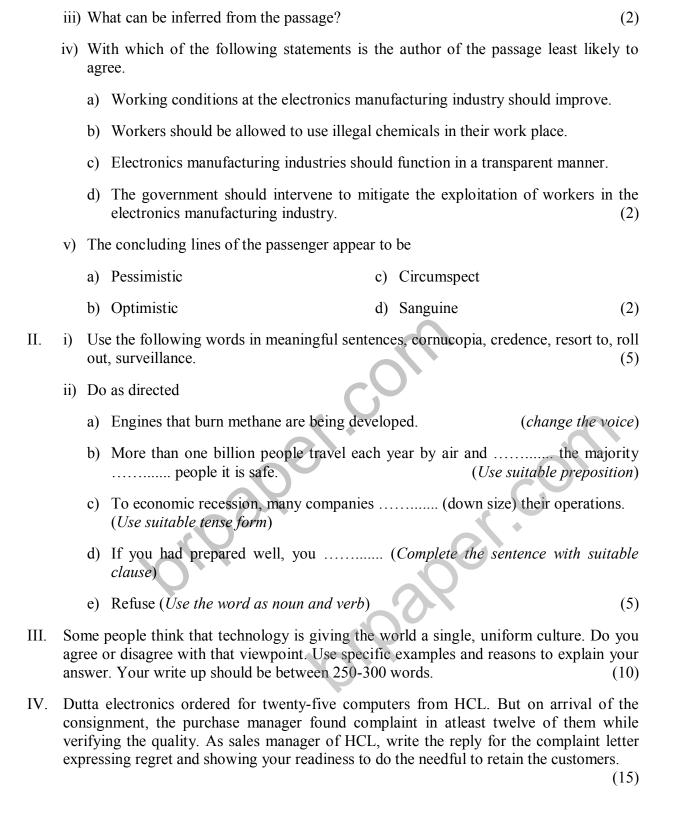
Read the above passage and answer the following questions.

i) About what does the passage raise concern about? (2)

ii) What did the investigation conducted in the last fall, suggest? (2)

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V. An educational institute experiences frequent network crashes. There are many factors responsible for this problem. An analyst observed the problems and listed down the reasons for network crashes in the past 3 months. The table below shows this list.

Reasons for network crash	Number of times network has crashed
1. Poor Physical Connectivity	10
2. Server Software	30
3. Server Hardware	35
4. Power failure	100
5. Problem generated by the facility provider	18

Now, write a report to be submitted to the Head of the institute. Your report should have the following components.

i) Introduction

ii) Discussion

iii) Conclusion

iv) Recommendation

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