

A-1. Read the following text : THE STORY OF GOOGLE

Google was the brilliant idea of Larry Page and Sergey Brin. They met in 1995 at Stanford University, USA, while they were studying Computer Science. You could say that Google started with an argument as, at first, Sergey and Larry didn't get on well with each other. In fact, they argued and disagreed on just about everything. However, there was one thing they did share: a decision to make the internet more user-friendly.

At that time, Internet search engines were slow and complicated. They listed search results according to the number of times the search term appeared on a page. Larry and Sergey found it frustrating. An idea came to them: why not list search results according to a website's popularity?

So, they set about creating a search engine that could calculate how important a particular webpage was. At first, their research was strongly criticized by experts, but the two friends didn't give up and managed to get money from investors, family and friends to help them.

While they were developing the search engine, Larry and Sergey realised it needed an attractive name. They were inspired by a mathematical word, "googol" which means "one followed by a hundred zeros". They thought it was a really good name, considering the unlimited amount of information available on the Net, and so "googol" became "Google".

In 1998, Larry and Sergey set up their office in a friend's garage and Google went online. Soon, they were answering thousands of search requests per day. People really liked Google's simple, tidy design and, of course, its speed! Before long, Sergey and Larry moved their operations to a new location they called Googleplex.

In 2000, Google introduced ten foreign language versions and officially became the world's most popular search engine. Google now replies to about a billion search requests per day and its success shows no signs of disappearing. For most people, whenever you need information, Google is the place to go!

A-2. Are these sentences TRUE or FALSE? Type in T or F only.

- 1- Larry and Sergey usually shared the same opinions.
- 2- Google was the first search engine on the Net.
- 3- Larry and Sergey wanted to make the internet easy to use.
- 4- From the very beginning, experts thought Google was a good idea.
- 5- The company's plans received lots of negative comments but they went ahead.
- 6- It took a long time for Google to become successful with Internet users.
- 7- People appreciated Google's tidiness, simplicity and speed.
- 8- Googleplex was their first location.
- 9- When people need to look up information, their first option is Google.
- 10- Unfortunately, Google's popularity is at risk of disappearing.