

Teenagers and technology

A) Answer the following questions.

1. How important is technology for you?

- 1) Very important
- 2) Fairly important
- 3) Important
- 4) Important
- 5) Slightly important
- 6) Not at all important

2. Which technological device is essential in your life?

- 1) Printer
- 2) Netbook
- 3) Digital camera
- 4) Webcam
- 5) USB stick/ Pen drive
- 6) Router
- 7) Headphones
- 8) Mouse
- 9) Memory card
- 10) Mobile phone/ Cell phone

B) Read the text and choose the correct option.

genM: The Multitasking Generation

They're e-mailing, IMing and downloading while writing the history essay. What is all that digital juggling doing to kids' brains and their family life?

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It's 9:30 p.m., and Stephen and Georgina Cox know exactly where their children are. Well, their bodies, at least. Piers, 14, is holed up in his bedroom--eyes fixed on his computer screen--where he has been logged onto a MySpace chat room and AOL Instant Messenger (IM) for the past three hours.



2) How many people does the author mention in the text?

- a) She mentions 4 family members.
- b) She mentions 5 family members.
- c) She mentions 4 friends.
- d) She mentions 5 brothers and sisters.



3) Do Bronte's parents agree with multitasking while studying or doing homework?

- a) Yes, they do.
- b) No, they don't.
- c) It isn't mentioned.

4) What is the meaning of -chip away- in "She, too, is busily IMing, while chatting on her cell phone and chipping away at homework".

- a) To gradually make something less strong or effective.
- b) To stop resisting to something or somebody.
- c) To do something again from the beginning.

5) What does Stephen do for a living?

- a) He is a squash coach and a fitness trainer.
- b) He is an event planner and head of a cancer charity.
- c) A and B are correct.

6) What is the meaning of "multitasking"?

- a) A behaviour characterized by hyperactivity, short attention span and poor powers of concentration.
- b) A service that enables users of iOS-powered devices to send text messages over Wi-Fi from mobile devices.
- c) The performance of more than one task at the same time.
- d) A piece of work to be done or undertaken.

7) What is Piers doing?



- a) Piers is watching a Tv show.
- b) Piers is writing an essay for English class.
- c) Piers is tidying up the living room.



8) Who is Eloy?

- a) Eloy is Piers' best friend.
- b) Eloy is Bronte's best friend.
- c) Eloy is Georgina's best friend.

9) Where are they?

- a) They are in the living room, in the bedroom, in the kitchen and in the bathroom.
- b) They are in the living room, in the bedroom and in the kitchen.
- c) They are in the living room and in the bedroom.

10) Which of these sentences is false?

- a) Piers and Bronte are twins.
- b) The children also multitask when hanging with friends.
- c) Keira Knightley's bad pictures are added to a Windows Media Player slide show.

