

6TH ADOL

FINAL EXAM

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Section 1 - Reading

- A. You are going to read an article about problems with modern methods of communication. Five sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A–F the one which fits each gap (1–5). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.**

- A** Some of my friends say it's the same with mobile phones, but I don't agree.
B No more games and no more useless surfing!
C They said that there was a big drop in my marks and that they were worried about me.
D I would eat in front of it and do my homework in front of it.
E That feeling didn't last long, though.
F and maybe even watch a third, or turn over and watch music videos until three or four in the morning.

MODERN COMMUNICATIONS – ONE BOY'S STORY

Philip is just like any other 16-year-old boy – except you won't find him playing computer games, or even watching television, in the near future. He tells us why ...

Two or three years ago, I was a normal kid – I was getting good marks at school, I did sport and I was healthy. All that seemed to change very quickly, though. I started having problems at home, at school, and with my friends. It took a while to realise what was causing all these problems.

I noticed that I was watching a lot of television. It started normally, and I used to watch a film in the evenings, or a comedy programme, or music videos. But then it became a habit – a bad habit! I would get home from school and immediately turn on the TV. **1**_____ Even that wasn't so bad – I still didn't think there was a problem. I started getting some low marks at school, but I didn't believe they were anything to worry about.

It started to get serious when the school called my parents in. **2**_____ My teachers asked my mum if there was anything wrong at home, but Mum couldn't think of anything. What Mum didn't know was that by then I was watching television in my room for half the night, and then struggling to get up for school in the morning, spending most of the day half asleep.

What I used to do was start watching a film at about ten, intending to go to sleep afterwards. But when the film finished, I just switched channels. If there was another film starting, I'd watch that **3**_____. Sometimes, I'd wake up and the TV would still be on – I'd fallen asleep watching it. Eventually, I had to do something drastic, so I gave it to my cousin! There was still one in the living room, but I just never turned it on.

Life without television was hard for about the first week, but then I started to feel better. **4**_____ Within a month or two, I noticed that I had the same problem with the computer! It used to be the first thing I did when I came home – turn on the computer and check my emails. Then surf the internet or play games. For hours and hours! One day I realised I had been sitting at the computer for six hours. In that time, I had read and written emails, played several games and surfed aimlessly for ages, but I still hadn't even started to do the homework I had sat down to research!

I didn't sell my computer, though. I could never do that – besides, I need it for my school work. What I did do was uninstall all the games and programs that I didn't really need – things that were distracting me. Now, I only surf the Net when I need to, and the only programs I have installed on my computer are to do with music because I keep all my MP3s there. **5** _____. And if you want to communicate with me, you'll have to phone me because I don't have email anymore!

But I've just got my exam results, and they're excellent. My parents are very pleased. I have some great friends (I didn't have time for friends before – only the electronic kind!) I've also just joined a football team and I'm getting in training for the start of the season. If you ask me, there's nothing wrong with television, and there's nothing wrong with computers either. But there are other things that are more important. I think computers and televisions should come with a health warning!

Section 2 - Vocabulary

B. Read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

Technology

Humans have always tried to **(1)** _____ their standard of living using technology. With the first humans, many thousands of years ago, this was through the **(2)** _____ of simple tools and weapons. Later, agriculture and the wheel were **(3)** _____. All these are examples of technological **(4)** _____. And this scientific **(5)** _____ has continued up to the **(6)** _____ day.

Every day almost, new products are **(7)** _____ out which make what we want to do faster, more **(8)** _____, more effective and often cheaper. So is technology always a good thing? Can't we point to nuclear weapons and guns and say that they are essentially **(9)** _____? Perhaps it **(10)** _____ on how you look at the **(11)** _____. Some people argue that guns don't kill people – people kill people. It's how we use the technology that determines whether it is **(12)** _____ to society or not.

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| 1 A multiply | B improve | C grow | D rise |
| 2 A production | B delivery | C distribution | D sale |
| 3 A renovated | B discovered | C manufactured | D developed |
| 4 A motions | B advances | C movements | D actions |
| 5 A increase | B progress | C addition | D travel |
| 6 A existing | B current | C present | D contemporary |
| 7 A made | B given | C taken | D brought |
| 8 A complicated | B traditional | C obsolete | D efficient |
| 9 A pessimistic | B disapproving | C critical | D harmful |
| 10 A depends | B matters | C questions | D balances |
| 11 A condition | B situation | C appearance | D state |
| 12 A informative | B beneficial | C reliable | D responsible |

C. Complete the text using the correct form of the words in bold.

For some women, the most important day in their life is their wedding day. The bride wants everything to go (1) _____ (**PERFECT**). All her (2) _____ (**RELATE**) will be there to help her start her new life. She has personally chosen the flowers, the dresses and the food and even the (3) _____ (**ENTERTAIN**) for the party afterwards. Nothing must go wrong.

On the other hand, a lot of men find the idea of getting married absolutely (4) _____ (**TERROR**), for a (5) _____ (**VARY**) of reasons. Perhaps men fail to see (6) _____ (**MARRY**) as the chance to spend the rest of your life with someone you love, even when the alternative could be a life of (7) _____ (**LONELY**). There is an (8) _____ (**ARGUE**) that men see it as the end of something rather than the beginning. But then, men have a different attitude towards the idea of (9) _____ (**FRIEND**), too. But as the old (10) _____ (**SAY**) goes, you'll never know until you try it.

D. Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

- 1 Could you go to the **corner/edge** shop and get some milk?
- 2 We always take our bottles to the bottle **bank/sink** for recycling.
- 3 We're going on a school **excursion/trip** next week.
- 4 Jenny and Lance had a serious **argument/criticism** over films.
- 5 Have you seen Colin's new **movable/mobile** device?
- 6 My mum's away on a business **trip/journey** at the moment.
- 7 It's going to be the holiday of a **life/lifetime**!
- 8 Why don't you take some time **off/out** work. You deserve it!

Section 3 – Grammar

E. Complete each sentence with one word.

- 1 I don't know what to do on Friday, so we should sort something _____.
- 2 Just because you're in a bad mood, you shouldn't take it out _____ me.
- 3 Something has come _____ at the last minute and they have to cancel the dinner party.
- 4 Thanks for that advice. You saved me _____ making a terrible mistake.
- 5 You can't prevent me _____ marrying him! I love him!
- 6 Most people believe _____ the power of love.

- 7 My school does not approve _____ teachers hitting children.
- 8 It's not a great meal – it's just something I put _____ with what I could find in the kitchen.
- 9 He says he doesn't want to get in the way _____ her happiness.
- 10 They look so happy together I don't think they will ever split _____.
- 11 Just because you lost the match you shouldn't give _____; keep practising and you'll win eventually.
- 12 Weeks of training paid _____ and Martina won the final with ease.
- 13 The weather was so bad that the match was put _____ until the following weekend.
- 14 I hope the weather clears _____ before tonight's barbecue.
- 15 Why don't you ask them if you can join _____ with their game?
- 16 The darts player had to drop _____ of the competition when he broke his finger.
- 17 Although I ran faster than I've ever run before, I still couldn't catch _____ with Angela. She's an incredible runner!
- 18 It's a difficult challenge, but we're ready and willing to take it _____.
- 19 I had a quick flick _____ that magazine. It looks quite interesting.
- 20 My biggest ambition is to set _____ my own business selling computer games.

F. Write the words in brackets in the correct form to complete each sentence.

- 1 _____ (Ellie / have) a bath at the moment so can you call back a bit later?
- 2 As _____ (it / rain) quite heavily, we decided not to go to the castle.
- 3 _____ (Sean / never / live) away from home before, so we're all a bit worried about him.
- 4 Three people _____ (bite) by poisonous snakes in the last month.
- 5 If _____ (you / not / want) to go to the party tomorrow, you should tell Simon beforehand.
- 6 I'd buy a new CD player if _____ (I / have) enough money.

G. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

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1 'You should visit me in the summer,' my pen friend wrote.

visiting

My pen friend _____ in the summer.

2 'I have never been here before,' said Patrick.

he

Patrick said _____ before.

3 'I am the best singer in the whole class,' claimed Sam.

be

Sam _____ the best singer in the whole class.

4 Vincent doesn't want to go out tonight.

rather

Vincent _____ out tonight.

5 It was announced that the flight had been cancelled.

made

Someone _____ that the flight had been cancelled.

6 The film and the book were equally funny.

as

The film _____ the book.

7 Maureen lent me the money.

borrowed

I _____ Maureen.

8 We'll probably get to the match at about half past two.

arrive

We should _____ the match at about half past two.

9 What's the score?

mind

Would _____ the score is?

10 I'm sure Derek wasn't playing on Saturday as he's got a broken leg.

been

Derek _____ on Saturday as he's got a broken leg.

11 I imagine you're expecting to win the next round easily.

must

You _____ to win the next round easily.

12 My great-grandmother would sing to me every night.

to

My great-grandmother _____ to me every night.

13 I've changed my mind about buying a new bag because I don't have enough money.

afford

I _____ a new bag so I've changed my mind.

14 Don't leave any rubbish in the park.

avoid

Please _____ rubbish in the park.

15 7 Scientists now know why the disease spreads so quickly.

figured

Scientists _____ why the disease spreads so quickly.

GOOD LUCK!