READING PART

TEXT 1

The School of the Air

PART 1

In some parts of the world, students cannot go to school because there isn't a school near their home.

In Australia, some of these students go to the 'School of the Air'. The School of the Air isn't a real school. It's an internet school. The students have lessons, watch DVDs and videos, talk to their teacher and to other students. They do all this on computers. This is also called 'e-learning' or electronic learning.

PART 2

Frank is twelve years old. He hasn't got any brothers or sisters. He lives with his mother and father on a farm in the centre of Australia. There isn't a town or a school near his house, so Frank goes to the School of the Air.

He gets up at six in the morning and helps his dad on the farm and then, after breakfast, he sits at his computer and waits for his first lesson to start. He can see his teacher on screen and his teacher uses an interactive whiteboard. This helps Frank to understand the lesson. Then he can save the documents from the interactive whiteboard to his computer and read them again after the lesson. Frank's got a microphone and headphones so he can hear and talk to the teacher and to the other students in the class. His teacher's got a webcam.

At the end of the lesson, the teacher gives Frank some homework and a project to do before the next lesson.

Frank studies for about five hours a day and his mum and dad help him with his homework and his lessons. He uses videos from the internet and different websites to help him learn. His teachers also send him books to read.

In the summer, Frank meets some of the other students. They go to camp and have fun together for a week.

a) *Read the text and answer the questions.*

1) What is the name of the Internet school?
2) What can students do there?
3) How old is the boy of the text?
4) Who does he live with?
5) Where does he live?
6) Why does Frank go to this type of school?
7) Has he got a teacher?
8) Can he communicate with the teacher? How?
9) When does he see his classmates?
10) Would you like to be a student in this kind of school? Why or why not?

b) *Find words in the text for the following definitions of technological elements*

a) Learning through Internet or electronic devices is called: _ - _ _ _ _ _ _ _ G

b) The part of the computer where you can see the texts and pictures: S _ _ _ _ _

c) It's a board connected to a computer: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ board.

d) We put these on or in our ears to listen to music : H _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

e) This is an internet camera: _ _ _ _ _ M

TEXT 2

a) *Read the text and put the paragraphs in order:*

1	Samiya was born in Nigeria on 18th August 1993, in a village near Lagos.]
	When she was fifteen she went to university and studied information technology. In her fourth year at university she met her future husband, Obi, and after they finished university they got married.
	Her parents didn't have a lot of money, and the family lived in a small house. Samiya's father worked as a taxi driver and her mother was a teacher.
	Their apps made a lot of money and with the money, Samiya bought her parents a new house.
	In her childhood, Samiya was shy, but her parents knew she was very intelligent; she was really good at maths and computer games.
	Samiya and Obi had some great ideas for apps and together they started a company. The company made apps for teaching children maths and English.

b) Read again and write TRUE or FALSE:

1) Samiya comes from a rich family.   *TRUE   or   FALSE*

2) Her father drove a car for work.   *TRUE   or   FALSE*

3) She got married when she finished university.   *TRUE or FALSE*

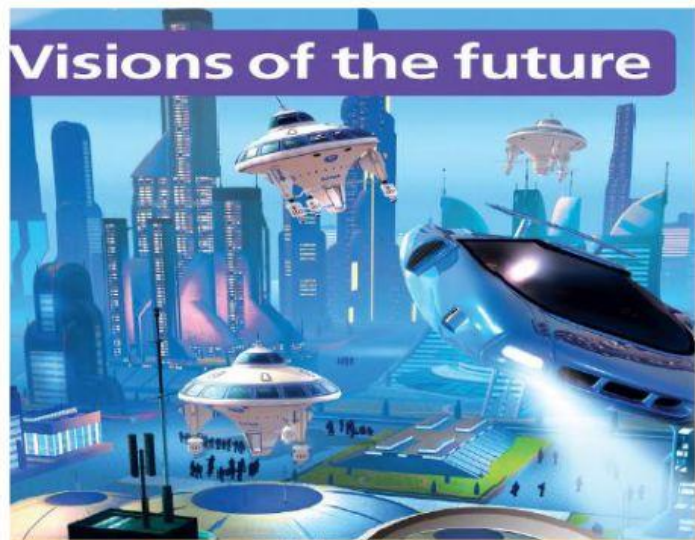4) She became a programmer and designs apps.   *TRUE or FALSE*

5) She didn't make a lot of money with her work.   *TRUE or FALSE*

TEXT 3

Read about Peter's future predictions and correct the sentences:

Visions of the future

by Peter Brown

In my opinion, many things will be the same in the future. Children will live with their parents. People will watch television and they will go to the cinema.

But some things will be different. I think people will do all their learning on the internet. They will decide what lessons they want and send the list to a teacher. Then the teacher will send all the information and exercises to the student's computer. In my view, this will be good because people won't need to travel to school.

I think houses will change a lot too. Future homes will be very tall and they will have huge windows for the sun. They will have solar panels for power. They will have gardens with plants and trees on the roofs. Houses will have a lot of voice-controlled machines. You will say ON and the machine will start. You will say OFF and it will stop.

In general, I think life will be better in the future. You won't need to tidy your bedroom. Robots will do all the boring housework instead. People will have more free time to have fun.

a) Peter thinks that nothing will change in the future.

b) People will travel to school.

c) Futuristic houses will have electrical power.

d) Houses will have remote-controlled machines.

e) Computers will do all the housework.