My name is: _____ Class: _____

UNIT 5: INVENTIONS

Task 1: Choose the words into groups according to the position of primary stress.

Stress on the 1st syllable: invention, display, useful , practical, apply, generous, device , laptop , driverless, donate

Stress on the 2nd syllable: invention, display, useful , practical, apply, generous, device , laptop , driverless, donate

Task 2: Complete the sentences using the correct forms of the words in brackets.

a. Computer is one of the most important ..... of 20th century. **(invent)**
b. I think it would be ..... writing to the company – they haven't even returned my calls. **(use)**
c. Students will learn more ..... with the help of technological gadgets. **(effect)**
d. It's ..... to think that men have actually stood on the moon. **(amaze)**
e. With the huge range of computers on the market, it's easy to get ..... **(confuse)**

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Task 3: Circle the correct answer.

1. They **just installed** / **have just installed** some interesting software on the school computers. The programs are working very well and everyone enjoys **to use** / **using** them.
2. Smartphones allow people **sending** / **to send** information over long distances. **Learn** / **To learn** with a smartphone is fun as well.
3. Since television **was invented** / **has been invented**, TV designs **changed** / **have changed** a lot.

Task 4: Complete the sentences using the words or phrases given.

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1. Word processing _____ is a program that creates text – based documents.
2. Michael has made a(n) _____ contribution to our company's success.
3. There are several sites that offer free _____ for your pictures.
4. This app is perfectly _____ for children who want to learn a foreign language.
5. This _____ enables deaf people to telephone by typing a message instead of speaking.

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Task 5: Read the text and choose the correct answer.

At the beginning of the 20th century, television didn't exist. In the evenings, people talked and played games. They looked at books. Some people played musical instruments. After 1920, some people listened to the radio, Life was very different then.

In 1926, a Scottish engineer called John Logie Baird demonstrated the first working television in the UK. The images on the screen were in black and white, and they weren't very clear, but it was an important moment in the development of television technology.

In the 1930s, there were two hours of television programmes every day in the UK. But most people didn't have a television at home. Television wasn't popular. People preferred the radio,

In 1953, lots of people wanted to buy a television because they wanted to watch the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Suddenly, television became popular.

In 1967, for the first time, some television programmes were in colour.

In 2000, 96% of homes in the UK had at least one television,

Today, in the 21st century, televisions are much better than in the past. They've got flat screens and the images are very clear. There are many different channels and various types of programmes to watch. Some people think we now watch too much television. What do you think?

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1. Which of the following is the best title for the text?

A. The popularity of television in the 21st century.
B. The history of television in the UK.
C. John Logie Baird and his great inventions.
D. Popular leisure activities in the past

2. Which of the following is TRUE about life at the beginning of the 20th century?
A. People didn't rely on technology for entertainment.
B. People had nothing to do in their free time.
C. People did the same things every evening.
D. People were bored because they didn't watch TV.

3: Which of the following is NOT TRUE about the first working television?
A. It became popular as soon as it was invented.
B. It was far less popular than the radio.
C. Few people had a television at their home.
D. The images on the screen were of low quality.

4. Why did the television become popular in 1953?
A. Because people were fed up with listening to the radio.
B. Because the images on the screen were much better.
C. Because people wanted to watch an important event.
D. Because people wanted a new form of entertainment.

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