

ĐỌC HIỂU CHUYÊN SÂU

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 1 to 5.

The latest addiction to trap thousands of people is the Internet, (1) _____ has been blamed for broken relationships, job losses, financial ruin and even one suicide. Psychologists now recognize Internet Addiction Syndrom (IAS) as a new illness that could (2) _____ serious problems and ruin many lives. Special help groups have been set up to offer suffers help and support.

IAS is similar to (3) _____ problems like gambling, smoking and drinking: addicts have dreams about the Internet, they need to use it first thing in the morning; they lie to their partner about how much time they spend online; they wish they could cut down, but are unable to do so. A recent study found that many users spend up to 40 hours a week on the Internet; although they felt guilty, they became depressed if they were (4) _____ to stop using it.

Almost anyone can be at risk. Some of the addicts are teenagers who are already hooked on computer games and who find it very difficult to resist the games on the Internet. Surprisingly, (5) _____, psychologists say that most victims are middle-aged housewives who have never used a computer before.

(Source: Adapted from www.docsity.com)

- Question 1:** A. that B. whom C. which D. who
Question 2: A. cause B. lead C. affect D. take
Question 3: A. other B. the others C. another D. others
Question 4: A. let B. made C. had D. allowed
Question 5: A. therefore B. moreover C. however D. in addition

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 6 to 10.

A report from the United Nations given at the conference unveils how worrying the pollution caused by plastic utensils, especially plastic bags, is becoming. In a single minute, the world consumes one million plastic bottles; in a year, the world consumes five billion single-use plastic bags, according to Vietnamplus. The scary fact is that such plastic bottles and bags are not properly treated, as each year, the world discharges 300 million tons of plastic waste, accounting for some 10% of all solid waste, putting the environment and human health under tenterhooks, according to the news site.

The conference also drew attention to another fact: “For a plastic bag that can be used for five minutes, it takes five seconds to produce, one second to discard, but 500 to 1,000 years to become totally decomposed,” says Vietnamplus.

In another message given by the UN General Secretary and delivered at the conference, it is reported that since more than eight million tons of plastic bags end up in the oceans each year, “microplastics in the seas now outnumber stars in our galaxy.” “If present trends continue, by 2050 our oceans will have more plastic than fish,” Dan Tri reports, quoting Caitlin Wiesen, country director of the UN Development Programme in Vietnam.

These above-mentioned fearful facts, however, are not merely global issues, but domestic problems as well, according to local media. Many local news outlets, when relating data from the conference, point out that white pollution – a term used to indicate the overwhelming discharge of plastic bags into the environment – is even getting worse in Vietnam than elsewhere.

(Source: <https://english.thesaigontimes.vn>)

Question 6. Which of the following could be the main idea of the passage?

- A. White pollution is getting worse and worse.
B. White pollution – a new type of pollution.

C. The facts about plastic bags are scarier than what we can see.

D. The problems caused by white pollution are increasing.

Question 7. The word “tenterhooks” in the first paragraph mostly means _____.

A. The feeling of happiness to know the good results.

B. The possibility of harm or death to someone.

C. Worry or nervousness about something that is going to happen.

D. A statement about what you think will happen in the future.

Question 8. The following are the facts about white pollution, EXCEPT _____.

A. Five billion is the number of single-use plastic bags consumed by the world population in one year.

B. Plastic waste makes up about one tenth of the solid waste on the Earth.

C. It is as effortless to decay plastic bags as to manufacture them.

D. Every year over eight million tons of plastic bags are littered in the oceans.

Question 9. What does the phrase “present trends” in paragraph 3 refer to?

A. Microplastics in the seas now are much more than the stars in the sky.

B. Million tons of plastics bags are discharged into the oceans.

C. It takes 500 to 1,000 years to decompose the whole plastic bags.

D. There are more plastic bags in the oceans than fish.

Question 10. What does the author imply in the last paragraph?

A. White pollution in Vietnam is almost out of control.

B. Vietnamese should solve this environmental problem themselves.

C. The state of plastic pollution in Vietnam is becoming the worst in the world.

D. To reduce pollution, every country in the world has to join hands together.

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 11 to 17.

Telecommuting is some form of computer communication between employees' homes and offices. For employees whose job involve sitting at a terminal or word processor entering data or typing reports, the location of the computer is of no consequence. If the machine can communicate over telephone lines, when the work is completed, employees can dial the office computer and transmit the material to their employers. A recent survey in USA Today estimates that there are approximately 8.7 million telecommuters. But although the numbers are rising annually, the trend does not appear to be as significant as predicted when Business Week published “The Portable Executive” as its cover story a few years ago. Why hasn't telecommuting become more popular?

Clearly, change simply takes time. But in addition, there has been active resistance on the part of many managers. These executives claim that supervising the telecommuters in a large work force scattered across the country would be too difficult, or, at least, systems for managing them are not yet developed, thereby complicating the manager's responsibilities.

It is also true that employees who are given the option of telecommuting are reluctant to accept the opportunity. Most people feel that they need regular interaction with a group, and many are concerned that they will not have the same consideration for advancement if they are not more visible in the office setting. Some people feel that even when a space in their homes is set aside as a work area, they never really get away from the office.

(Source: <https://coursehello.com>)

Question 11: With which of the following topics is the passage primarily concerned?

A. The failure of telecommuting

B. An overview of telecommuting

C. A definition of telecommuting

D. The advantages of telecommuting

Question 12: How many Americans are involved in telecommuting?

- A. More than predicted in Business Week B. More than 8 million
C. Fewer than last year D. Fewer than estimated in USA Today

Question 13: The phrase “of no consequence” means _____.

- A. of no good B. irrelevant C. of no use D. unimportant

Question 14: The author mentions all of the following as concerns of telecommuting, EXCEPT _____.

- A. the opportunities for advancement B. the lack of interaction with a group
C. the work place is in the home D. the different system of supervision

Question 15: The word “them” in the second paragraph refers to _____.

- A. systems B. telecommuters C. responsibilities D. executives

Question 16: The reason why telecommuting has not become popular is that the employees _____.

- A. are worried about the promotion if they are not seen at the office
B. feel that a work area in their home is away from the office
C. need regular interaction with their families
D. are ignorant of telecommuting

Question 17: The word “reluctant” in the third paragraph can best be replaced by _____.

- A. willing B. opposite C. typical D. hesitant