LIFE ADVANCED_UNIT 7C_A HACKER'S LIFE

READING PRACTICE

Task 1: True / False / Not Given

(Write T if the statement agrees with the information, F if it contradicts, NG if it is not given.)

1. Hackers at DefCon mainly focus on illegal activities such as breaking into government systems.

2. The experiments at DefCon can help companies improve the security of their products.

3. A bio-lock using fingerprints was easily defeated by a paper clip during one presentation.

4. At DefCon, participants compete in events where they must hack into or defend a system.

5. The author describes DefCon as a place where people are judged by their social class and appearance.

6. The "Capture the Flag" competition is held once every two months.

7. Some DefCon participants try to escape from a locked 'cell' in one of the challenges.

8. The writer believes that ordinary internet users are generally better informed about online security than DefCon attendees.

9. According to the writer, companies also try to collect personal data from internet users.

10. The text suggests that the general public has many effective tools to protect themselves online.

Task 2: Multiple Choice Questions

(Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.)

1. What is the main purpose of DefCon?
A. To recruit hackers for the government
B. To allow hackers to present their skills and test security systems
C. To punish hackers for illegal activities
D. To advertise new security devices

2. What does the author suggest about hackers at DefCon?
A. Most of them are criminals.
B. They are mainly teenagers hacking from their bedrooms.
C. They play an important role in identifying weaknesses in security systems.
D. They work only for big businesses.

3. Why does the author mention the bio-lock example?
A. To show that all electronic locks are useless
B. To prove that DefCon hackers are dangerous
C. To illustrate how security systems can be flawed
D. To criticize companies for using new technology

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4. In “Capture the Flag,” hackers:
A. try to access or defend systems against attacks
B. play a traditional outdoor game
C. learn how to unlock filing cabinets
D. compete to design the best new password system

5. What is the author’s attitude towards DefCon participants?
A. Critical – they waste their time on useless games
B. Admiring – they have more knowledge than average internet users
C. Neutral – they are no different from ordinary people
D. Negative – they are dangerous to society

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