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SKILL BUILDER: READING + WRITING

A. EXTRA VOCABULARY

- CLASSWORK

No.	New words	Meanings	No.	New words	Meanings
1	perfect one's skills (collocation)	hoàn thiện kỹ năng	4	make it to the top (collocation)	đạt đến đỉnh cao
2	get in on the action (collocation)	tham gia vào cuộc, không bỏ lỡ cơ hội	5	here to stay (collocation)	đã trở thành một phần không thể thiếu, sẽ không biến mất
3	prize pool (n)	tổng giải thưởng	6	stay sharp (collocation)	duy trì phong độ, giữ vững sự bén nhạy

- HOMEWORK

No.	New words	Meanings	No.	New words	Meanings
1	fool oneself (collocation)	tự lừa dối bản thân	4	a habit left over from sth (collocation)	thói quen còn sót lại từ thời kỳ trước
2	too pleased with oneself (collocation)	tự mãn, tự cao	5	anonymity (n)	sự ẩn danh, không bị ai biết đến
3	be cut off from (collocation)	bị cô lập khỏi			

B. CLASSWORK

READING

The Rise of E-sports



Reading Text

E-sports, or electronic sports, is a huge thing right now. If you've ever sat down to watch someone play a video game, you might have noticed it's not just for fun anymore. People all over the world are watching professional gamers compete in **tournaments** for big prizes and it's becoming a serious business.

E-sports can be a bit confusing at first, especially if you've never really been into video games. But it's kind of like watching football or basketball, but instead of people running around on a field or court, players are sitting at their computers or consoles, playing games like League of Legends, Counter-Strike, or Fortnite. Players need to be **competitive**, it's not just about playing for fun, it's about winning. They spend hours training and perfecting their skills, so they can be the best.

Now, you might be thinking, "Why would anyone want to watch this?" Well, it turns out there are millions of people who enjoy watching E-sports just as much as traditional sports. There are huge **spectator** crowds at live events and even more watching online. The best players often **stream** their games on platforms like Twitch, where viewers can watch in real-time and

even chat with the players. Some people enjoy watching because they love the games and others just like the excitement of competition.

One of the reasons E-sports has grown so fast is the money. Big companies want to get in on the action, so they offer **sponsorship** deals to players and teams. These companies pay to have their logos on team uniforms or event banners and in return, they get a lot of visibility. It's like any big sports event—you see the ads everywhere! And the money in E-sports isn't small. The prize pools for major tournaments can be massive. For example, the prize pool for the Dota 2 International tournament reached over \$25 million in 2018. That's a lot of money for people who spend most of their time sitting in front of a computer screen!

The life of an E-sports player isn't easy though. Many players spend up to 12 hours a day practicing and they have to stay sharp to stay competitive. But for those who make it to the top, it can be a very rewarding career. Some players even become well-known celebrities, with fans cheering for them like any other **champion** athlete.

E-sports is not just about the players, though. It's also about the fans. People are so into it that there are now professional commentators, just like in traditional sports. You can find live broadcasts of games on places such as YouTube or Twitch and many fans tune in just to hear the commentators talk about the action. Some big events even sell out arenas, with thousands of fans filling the seats to watch the game live.

So, even if you're not into video games yourself, it's easy to see how E-sports has become a big part of modern entertainment. It's exciting, it's competitive and it's something that people are starting to take seriously. Whether you're a gamer or not, E-sports is here to stay.

I. Read the text and decide if the statements are True or False.

- E-sports players do not need to train much because playing games is not physically demanding.
→ _____
- Big companies pay to have their logos on team uniforms in order to get more visibility. → _____
- Most E-sports players find it easy to build a successful career in gaming. → _____
- Some fans watch E-sports online not to see the games, but to listen to the commentators. → _____
- According to the writer, you need to be a gamer to appreciate why E-sports has become so popular.
→ _____

II. Read the text and fill in each blank with ONE word.

- E-sports players spend hours training and perfecting their _____ so they can be the best.
- Big companies offer _____ deals to players and teams in exchange for putting their logos on uniforms and banners.
- The best players often _____ their games on platforms like Twitch, where viewers can watch in real-time.
- Some big E-sports events sell out arenas, with thousands of fans filling the _____ to watch the game live.
- For those who make it to the top, E-sports can be a very _____ career.

WRITING

Would you like to become a professional gamer? Why or why not?

I. Writing checklist

Section	What to include	Useful language
Introduction	Introduce the topic and state your position clearly	Many people believe... / It is often said that... / In my opinion... / Personally, I think...
Reason 1 + Example	Give your first reason and a short example	First, ... / One reason is... / For example...
Reason 2 + Example	Give your second reason and a short example	Also, ... / Another reason is... / Besides...
Conclusion	Sum up your opinion and give a final thought	Overall, I think... / In conclusion... / For these reasons...

II. Model essay

Personally, I think becoming a professional gamer would be an amazing career choice. Although many people see gaming as just a hobby, I believe it can be a serious and rewarding job.

C. HOMEWORK

GRAMMAR (20 questions)

I. Con học thuộc nghĩa của từ, chính phát âm theo từ điển và chép mỗi từ ở phần A. Extra Vocabulary (trang 1) 1 dòng vào vở ghi.

II. Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition from the table, then match the two parts of the sentences based on their meaning.

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1. She has been waiting _____ the queue for over an hour	1-	a. cancelled _____ the heavy rain that started in the afternoon.
2. The outdoor E-sports event was _____	2-	b. from all over the world for its creativity and sustainability.
3. The coach walked _____ the diving board to _____	3-	c. just to get the limited-edition trainers.
4. The design _____ the new stadium was praised by architects	4-	d. demonstrate the correct technique to the group.
5. Sales figures tend to rise sharply _____ the holiday season	5-	e. as people rush to buy gifts for their families.

III. Fill in the blank with the correct forms of the words given in the box.

just receive	train	not sleep	not visit	already warn	study	never try	wait
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- She _____ an email from her coach about the next competition, so she is reading it now.
- I _____ diving before, but after reading about Karina, I really want to give it a go.
- He _____ us that the exam will be very difficult, so we need to prepare carefully.
- My brother _____ our grandparents recently, even though they only live nearby.
- Karina _____ for six hours today and she still has not finished her session.
- I _____ for this test since Monday and I feel much more confident now.
- She _____ well lately because she is so nervous about the upcoming competition.
- How long _____ you _____ here? The bus was supposed to arrive twenty minutes ago.

IV. Complete the following sentences in reported speech.

- "I have been training for this competition for six months," Karina said.
→ Karina said _____ .
- "Did you watch the E-sports tournament last night?" my friend asked me.
→ My friend asked me _____ .
- "We will announce the results of the competition next week," the organiser said.
→ The organiser said _____ .

4. "Why have you not finished your assignment yet?" the teacher asked Tom.
→ The teacher asked Tom _____ .
5. "I am practising my diving techniques right now," Karina told her parents.
→ Karina told her parents _____ .
6. "Can you help me carry these shopping bags?" she asked me.
→ She asked me _____ .
7. "I signed up for a beginners' class two weeks ago," Jake told his friend.
→ Jake told his friend _____ .

CAMBRIDGE READING PRACTICE (11 questions)

Lưu ý:

1. Khi làm bài tập có từ mới, các con phải tra từ điển. Sau khi tra từ điển, các con chép mỗi từ mới **1 dòng** để ghi nhớ.
2. Các con gạch chân các từ khoá chính trong bài.

I. FCE Part 1

You are going to read an article about travel. For questions 1–6, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

The experience of travelling

I have just come back from a long weekend in Lisbon, where I went to enjoy the warm southern European weather. I stayed in the old part of the city, which is right at the heart of Lisbon, and walked long distances uphill to explore different parts of the city – the kind of areas that travel bloggers on the internet seem to love. I ate badly at the usual tourist restaurants but also had some truly wonderful meals cooked by talented chefs. I visited the well-known monuments in the centre and also discovered some less obvious, more hidden places along the industrial part of the Lisbon waterfront. I covered a lot of ground, as you tend to do in any large city with a rich cultural history.

Lisbon is a wonderful city that welcomes visitors warmly, and I liked it enough to want to go back. I felt relaxed and happy to have a break from thinking about work. But did I come back a wiser or better person? No. In my experience of travelling, I rarely do, and I am not sure anybody really does. The more of the world I see, the less certain I am that travel has any natural power to educate or improve you. It is worth doing simply because it is enjoyable. Travel is something for the senses, not for building your character. Enjoyment is a perfectly good reason to do something, as long as we do not fool ourselves into thinking that something deeper is happening.

The people I know who travel most are not noticeably wiser or more intelligent than anyone else. At worst, travel can make people slightly too pleased with themselves. They tend to rely heavily on their own personal stories: whatever they personally saw or experienced in a place becomes, in their mind, the whole truth about that place. They also tend to overlook the personal growth that happens at home through everyday difficulties – arguments, disappointments, and learning from mistakes. And unfortunately, the culture around us tends to encourage these mistaken beliefs.

Imagine you are an employer looking at two job applications that are exactly the same in every way except one. Candidate A spent a gap year between school and university travelling around the

world – paid for by their parents. Candidate B spent that same year working in a local supermarket. One of these two candidates showed independence, commitment, the ability to work with others, and a sense of maturity. That person is Candidate B. Yet we still live in a world that tends to reward the gap-year traveller with the well-paid job – a world where having travelled widely is still seen as a sign of intelligence.

In some ways, travel is a habit left over from a time when very few people went abroad and when most people had very little knowledge of the wider world. Back then, even doing a couple of international trips could make someone feel that they had achieved something important – they felt more cultured and more informed than those around them. That era came to an end in the mid-1990s when the internet arrived. We can now not only read in great detail about any place on earth, but also watch high-quality videos of it instantly. Our ability to be genuinely surprised or educated by visiting a place has therefore become much smaller. I would go so far as to say that anyone who claims to be constantly 'discovering' new things through travel is simply someone who does not pay much attention at home, and is not very observant when they are abroad either.

In today's world, the only way to truly learn a great deal more about a place than you could from a distance is to actually live there for a long period of time – paying local taxes and using local services like everyone else. Simply travelling through a place does not give you any great understanding of it. This leaves just one good reason to travel: it is fun. And that is enough. I personally enjoy travel, including the parts that many people find unpleasant. I enjoy the slightly dull atmosphere of airports, the quiet anonymity of hotel rooms where nothing distracts you, and the useful sense of being cut off from the world on a long-haul flight. If I had the money, I would regularly take long flights just to have uninterrupted time to read and finish interesting books. But precisely because I take so much personal pleasure from travelling, I can easily recognise when others are trying to make it sound more noble or meaningful than it really is.

Questions:

1. The writer says that internet reviewers seem to rate Lisbon highly on the basis of

- A. the unusual layout of the city.
- B. the wonderful food available there.
- C. how easy and pleasant it is to walk around.
- D. the interesting areas away from the city centre.

2. What point is the writer making in the second paragraph?

- A. We cannot expect travel to always be enjoyable.
- B. We should not pretend that travelling makes us better or wiser people.
- C. We cannot expect a place to feel the same when we return to it.
- D. We should not see holidays as a way to escape from everyday life.

3. The writer believes that people who travel a lot

- A. fail to learn from the mistakes they have made.
- B. choose to ignore the less pleasant sides of travelling.
- C. believe that their own opinions and experiences must always reflect the truth.
- D. think that everyone around them will be interested in their travel stories.

4. The writer implies that students who travel around the world on gap years

- A. should go to university if they want to be seen as intelligent.
- B. are wrong to think that employers will automatically be impressed by them.
- C. would benefit more from staying at home and earning their own money.
- D. usually end up finding lower-paid jobs than other candidates.

5. What is the writer criticising in the fifth paragraph?

- A. The belief that travelling abroad gives you a deeper cultural understanding than other people have.
- B. The fact that some people see travel as a complete waste of time.
- C. The way that digital technology has changed the travel industry.
- D. The way some travellers show off when they are abroad.

6. In the final paragraph, what part of travel does the writer personally enjoy?

- A. The feeling of living somewhere completely different for a long period of time.
- B. The idea that travel makes him a kinder and better person.
- C. The chance to be alone and free from distractions.
- D. The sense of being as far away from home as possible.

II. Extra Reading

Read the text again and decide if the statements are True or False.

1. The writer believes that travelling regularly makes people more intelligent and open-minded than those who stay at home. → _____
2. The writer thinks that enjoying travel is a sufficient reason to do it, even without any deeper purpose. → _____
3. According to the writer, the internet has made it harder for travellers to feel genuinely surprised or educated by visiting a new place. → _____
4. The writer argues that spending a gap year working locally shows more personal maturity than travelling abroad. → _____
5. The writer dislikes airports and hotel rooms but accepts them as a necessary part of travelling. → _____