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READING QUIZ

A. Read the article and choose the correct answer.

Work at Home, Play at Work

Thanks to the Internet and other relatively new technological tools, more and more employees work after hours. They check their e-mail before they go to bed at night, take business calls while out to dinner with friends, and check their PDAs at family picnics. Nowadays, if you're sick, you don't have to take a day off. Why waste a day sleeping and watching movies when, with a laptop and an Internet connection, you can work from home? It seems that the line between work and leisure has become blurry and that more technology for work has meant less time for ourselves.

However, technology has not only helped work invade people's leisure time, but it has also allowed people to engage in leisure-time activities at work. With the computer on your office desk, you can leave work virtually. You can check the score of last night's game, do a little shopping, catch up on the news, order concert tickets, plan a vacation, chat with your friends, or just browse the Web. You can appear to be working hard—plugging away at your computer—when in reality you're reading a fashion magazine online.

According to a recent survey by California-based Websense, more than half of the employees questioned said they spent between one and five hours a day surfing the Internet at work for personal reasons. There are even websites dedicated to keeping bored workers amused while they wait for the end of the work day. A psychotherapist who treats Internet addiction explains, "It's like having a TV at everyone's desk. People can watch whatever they want and do whatever they want."

Perhaps a more definite separation of work and home life would be better not only for employees but also for employers. It's not healthy for workers to have access to work 24/7*. And maybe if employees weren't busy working at night and on the weekends, they wouldn't have to e-mail their friends while they're at work.

* 24/7 = 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

1. According to the text, why has the line between work and leisure become blurry?
 - a) Because employees work fewer hours per day
 - b) Because the Internet and new technological tools allow people to work outside regular working hours
 - c) Because employees are required to work more days per week
 - d) Because work meetings are held in leisure locations
2. Which activity is NOT mentioned as something employees can do at work during their free time?
 - a) Watch movies
 - b) Check sports game scores
 - c) Do online shopping
 - d) Read fashion magazines
3. According to the survey by Web sense, how much time do most employees spend surfing the Internet at work for personal reasons?
 - a) Less than one hour per day
 - b) Between one and five hours per day
 - c) Between five and eight hours per day
 - d) More than eight hours per day

4. What explanation does the psychotherapist give about using the Internet at work?
- a) It is a way to reduce work stress
 - b) It is like having a TV at everyone's desk, allowing people to do whatever they want
 - c) It helps to be more productive at work
 - d) It is necessary for communicating with clients
5. According to the text, what benefit would a clearer separation between work and personal life bring?
- a) Employees would receive lower salaries
 - b) Employers would spend more money on technology
 - c) It would be better for both employees and employers
 - d) Employees would work longer hours per day
6. What is stated about having access to work 24/7?
- a) It is good for employees' health
 - b) It is not healthy for workers
 - c) It is only possible for management positions
 - d) It reduces free time for employers
7. What result could come from a better separation between work and personal life?
- a) Employees would send more emails to their friends while at work
 - b) Employees would not need to work at night or on weekends
 - c) Employees would use more electronic devices at work
 - d) Employees would stop using the Internet in their free time
8. What example is given to show that people work outside regular working hours?
- a) Attending work meetings on weekends
 - b) Checking emails before going to bed or taking business calls while dining out
 - c) Working longer hours during weekdays
 - d) Doing office tasks while traveling for work