Exercise 10

Read the following text for questions 1-6.

CHANGES IN READING HABITS

For centuries, reading has been one of the main ways people gain knowledge, enjoy stories, and explore new ideas. However, in recent years, reading habits have changed greatly due to the rise of technology and the fast pace of modern life.

In the past, people spent hours reading books, newspapers, or magazines. Today, many people still read, but they often do it in different ways. E-books and audiobooks have become very popular because they are easy to carry and use. Some people enjoy listening to books while driving or exercising, which saves time. E-books are convenient because readers can store hundreds of titles on a single device. However, some readers still prefer traditional paper books because they like the feeling of holding a book and turning its pages.

The internet has also changed the way people read. Instead of reading long books or articles, many now prefer to read short pieces of information online, such as blog posts, social media updates, or news headlines. This type of reading is often done quickly and is sometimes called "skimming," which means reading only the most important parts. As a result, people may find it harder to concentrate on longer texts because they are used to reading short, simple messages.

Another change is the kind of content people choose. In the past, reading was mostly connected to education or personal interest. Now, reading is often done for entertainment. People read online comments, game instructions, or funny stories shared by friends. While this can be fun, some experts worry that it may reduce the time people spend reading more serious materials that help develop deeper thinking skills.

Young people today are growing up in a world full of technology, so their reading habits are often very different from those of their parents. Many schools are trying to encourage students to read books regularly, as this is believed to improve vocabulary, imagination, and understanding of the world.

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Despite these changes, reading will likely continue to be an important part of human life. The ways we read may change, but the need for stories, information, and ideas remains the same. Understanding how reading habits evolve helps us prepare for the future and find ways to keep reading meaningful in a digital world.

For questions 1-4, fill in the missing information in the numbered spaces. Write no more than ONE WORD and/or A NUMBER for each question.

Some people choose **(1)** _____ because they can listen to books while doing other activities.

Many readers now prefer to read short pieces of information on the **(2)** _____.

The habit of reading only the main points of a text is known as **(3)** _____.

Reading books is thought to help students improve their imagination and **(4)** _____.

For questions 5-6, choose the correct answer A, B, C, or D.

5. What is one reason why people like e-books?

A) They are cheaper than paper books.
B) They are easier to carry and store.
C) They help people read faster.
D) They are recommended by experts.

6. What is the main purpose of the text?

A) To explain why people read fewer books today
B) To suggest ways to teach reading to young children
C) To compare reading books with watching videos
D) To describe how technology has changed reading habits

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