Writing Task 2

1 Read this Writing task and underline the main points.

> Write about the following topic:
>
> *The use of electronic media has a negative effect on personal relationships between people.*
>
> *To what extent do you agree or disagree?*
>
> Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your knowledge or experience.

2 What *must* your answer include? Write *Yes* or *No* in the spaces next to each choice.

A a mention of at least one kind of electronic media .....

B your opinion on whether the statement is true or not .....

C your favourite kinds of electronic media .....

D how the use of electronic media can affect personal relationships .....

E which forms of electronic media are the most expensive .....

F a comparison between young people and older people .....

G how people interact using electronic media .....

H a prediction about future use of electronic media .....

3 Which of these notes for the above task are relevant and could be included in an answer and which are not? Write *Yes* or *No*.

A people don't speak to each other face to face .....

B people sometimes don't read or reply to emails and texts .....

C some electronic gadgets quickly become old-fashioned .....

D some people make lots of friends on social networking sites .....

E some electronic gadgets are more popular than others .....

F people sometimes send messages without thinking first .....

G people can keep in touch regularly using electronic media .....

H some people don't know how to use electronic media .....

4 Now write your answer for the Writing task above.

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Grammar

However, although, even and *on the other hand*

Student's Book unit 4, p44

1 Decide which of the following sentences about using the Internet for research is correct. Sometimes more than one choice may be correct.

1 A The Internet is often a good place for research, however other sources of information can be better.
  B Although the Internet is often a good place for research, other sources of information can be better.
  C The Internet is often a good place for research. Even though, other sources of information can be better.

2 A There's a lot of information on the Internet. On the other hand, some of it isn't accurate.
  B There's a lot of information on the Internet. Although, some of it isn't accurate.
  C There's a lot of information on the Internet. However, some of it isn't accurate.

3 A You can find a lot of useful information on the web, although it can take a long time to find it.
  B You can find a lot of useful information on the web, even though it can take a long time to find it.
  C You can find a lot of useful information on the web however it can take a long time to find it.

4 A However internet research is useful, it's not always the best kind of research.
  B Internet research is useful on the other hand it's not always the best kind of research.
  C Even though internet research is useful, it's not always the best kind of research.

Articles

2 Choose the correct options.

1 I really want to go to *a /an* university in the U.S.
2 *A / The* music industry in Britain wants *the / a* government to stop illegal downloading.
3 I spend *a / an* hour on Facebook every morning before I go to college.
4 My sister starts *a / –* university in September.
5 Can you imagine *the / –* life without *an / the* Internet?
6 I found *a / the* brilliant website last night. I've emailed all my friends about *the / a* site.
7 Do you have *the / –* arguments with your family about who can use your home computer?
8 *The / A* first thing to do when you want to start a blog is to decide on the topic.
9 *– / The* quickest way to contact *the / –* friends is by texting them.
10 *– / The* young are always keen to try new technology.

3 Complete the following paragraph with *a, an, the* or – (if there is no article).

It is extraordinary how quickly (1) ...the... Internet and email have become (2) ..... enormous part of everyone's lives. Not so many years ago, people didn't have (3) ..... PCs and (4) ..... computers were very big objects that only existed in (5) ..... big companies and organisations. When it was (6) ..... new invention, only (7) ..... rich could afford (8) ..... PC. But now almost everyone has (9) ..... home computer and they have changed (10) ..... people's lives. Instead of making (11) ..... phone call or writing (12) ..... letter, they send (13) ..... email. They use them at (14) ..... work and (15) ..... children use them at (16) ..... school. In a very short time, they have become (17) ..... most important tool in (18) ..... world.

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