Summary Completion

Exercise 5

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Passage 5

Biometrics

A. In today's society, technological advancement has made it possible for important private information to land in the wrong hands. Individuals and organizations see a greater need to protect such kind of information. This is where biometric technology comes in.

B. Biometrics refers to the system of identification and verification on the basis of a person's biological characteristics. Certain physical features such as the face, fingerprint, hand and palm geometry, iris or retina, and voice are acquired from an individual and stored in a system. When a person goes through a biometric system, the stored data is retrieved to see if the recorded trait matches the person seeking access.

C. Biometrics has varied uses and applications. A biometric system can be used to prevent unauthorized access to key data such as financial accounts or social security numbers. An automated trait recognition system can also enhance security in a building and protect housed confidential information from being hacked or stolen. Many countries are also using biometrics systems in their visa or passport authentication to manage foreigner entry.

D. Despite its advantages, the employment of biometric technology has been questioned by some people. Many are concerned about how it would affect people's right to privacy since what is required of them is sensitive personal data. Also, once a person's biological information has been stored, it is saved permanently. Some people say that this can be detrimental to the individual as there is a possibility that the data could be stolen or misused by others.

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Questions

Complete the summary with the list of words A – H below.

Write your answers in boxes 1 – 4 on your answer sheet.

Biometrics is a method of __1__ based on an individual's physical traits. Under this technology, physical features like the fingerprint, palm patterns, or voice are collected and recorded in a database system for matching later. Biometric systems, such as reading devices, prevent __2__ access to important data owned by individuals or corporations. Many countries are now using biometric technology to ensure data authenticity. However, some people __3__ whether the use of biometric systems will not violate privacy rights. They also argue that stored personal information can be prone to __4__ or misuse.

A. doubt	E. authentication
B. steal	F. unacceptable
C. illegal	G. confirm
D. certification	H. theft

Approach

STEP 1 Identify the keywords and question focus before and after each gapped sentence.

STEP 2 Find out the relevant information in the passage, paying close attention to paraphrases or synonyms of the keywords in the gapped sentences.

STEP 3 Choose the given letters representing the correct answers or choose words from the passage as your answers.

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