Passage 2

File Sharing

A. Torrent sharing is a method wherein people are able to transfer large numbers of files in a shorter period of time. When using torrents, a complete file is first made available to peers. This is called a seed. When a file has been downloaded, the seeding process will start. Seeding makes the file more available and faster to download. To illustrate, ten people who want to download a file at 10 kB/s will download the file at 1 kB/s each. After everyone finishes downloading the file, the file can then be seeded at a total speed of 110 kB/s. The speed by which a file can be downloaded increases exponentially, depending on whether or not people allow files to finish seeding.

B. Conversely, torrents contain metadata of the file that one wants to download. This is not the file itself. The metadata contains information about the file, including file name, file size and trackers. When using torrents, the file that one needs is not downloaded from a site. The file is instead downloaded from a computer that contains the file. In order to download a '.torrent' file, a person has to download torrent applications, like BitComet.

C. Torrents have undeniably made the downloading of many types of files, like games, videos or movies, very fast and easy. However, this style of file sharing is quite controversial as many torrent users continue to violate intellectual property rights by spreading copyrighted files to peers. This has spurred many organizations to act on the problem.

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Questions

Look at the following descriptions (Questions 1– 4) and the list of terms in the box below.

Match each term with its correct description.

NB You may use any answer choice more than once.

FS	File Sharing
SD	Seed
IN	Internet
SG	Seeding
TO	Torrent
MD	Metadata

1. Is a complete copy of a specific torrent that a person wants to download
2. Exponentially improves downloading time
3. Includes information about the file that a person would like to download
4. Is downloaded from other computers and not from a website

Approach

STEP 1 Identify the keywords and question focus in each numbered statement in the list.

STEP 2 Find out the relevant information in the passage.

STEP 3 Match the numbered statement with its corresponding lettered item.

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