

ICFES TEST

ACTIVITY 11

Reading

Complete the following report about frequent accidents people are facing now. Choose the best word for each space (12-16).



Psychologists called it "Ipod oblivion, divided attention and inattention blindness." These are all words that refer to a deficit of attention caused _____ (12) the use of earphones plugged into high tech devices such as Ipods, music players and cell phones. It happens when people _____ (13) on their earphones, plug _____ (14) into their ears and turn _____ (15) the volume while doing activities that demand their complete attention like driving, cycling and crossing streets. "Clearly this is causing not only ear problems but it's putting their lives at risk," says Jenny Perks, a police officer, who has witnessed this kind of accidents many times. People should know that earphones are _____ (16) to block all external sounds and that is what makes them dangerous to use if you're walking, cycling or driving. According to national and world reports, a high number of accidents involving pedestrians and drivers _____ (17) caused by the inappropriate use of electronic devices under such conditions.

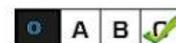
Example:

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| o. | A. by | B. on | C. for |
| 12. | A. turn | B. put | C. take |
| 13. | A. it | B. out | C. them |
| 14. | A. down | B. on | C. up |
| 15. | A. designing | B. designed | C. design |
| 16. | A. is | B. have | C. are |

Choose the correct answer.

Example:

- o. What kind of text is this?
- A. a wiki
 - B. a news article
 - C. an anecdote



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| 17. What is the problem ? | 19. Where does it happen? |
| A. Attention deficit | A. at home |
| B. Driving problems | B. on streets |
| C. Ear problems | C. at offices |
| 18. Who is involved? | 20. Why does it happen? Because users... |
| A. police officers | A. drink and drive at the same time |
| B. high tech-users | B. walk and text at the same time |
| C. people in general | C. use earphones inappropriately |