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READING AND LISTENING COMPREHENSION

A. READ THE ARTICLE

The reality of communication today. Communication changes

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Teenagers love their cell phones and social networking sites, but there's conflict at home because of it. I talked to kids, parents, and experts to find out what's going on.

1. ____ "My cell phone is a great way for me to communicate with my friends," student Sarah Davis says. Sarah explained that she wanted to hang out with her friends after school – at the mall or in the park – but these days it wasn't easy. She said her mother, Becky, worried about her going out alone. "so, we go to social networking sites and hang out together that way." Becky isn't happy about it. "That's all she does," she complains.
2. ____ In the past 30 years, parents have become more concerned about security issues. Becky explained that kids in her generation hung out together every day. They rode their bikes to the mall, to each other's houses, or to the park. "But I just don't think that's safe anymore," she says.
3. ____ Psychologist Dr. Richard Turner said that conflict about cell phone use is becoming a common problem in families. "These kids grew up with cell phones. At the same time, parents are uncomfortable with the constant cell phone use. Obviously, families need to find a balance between safety concerns and a teenager's need to be with friends."
4. ____ Students are busier than they used to be. This is another reason why they spend time on social networking sites. "Universities like students who are active and engaged," student Mike Owens explains. That means that Mike does sports or other activities every day after school. "there's just no time to hang out with my friends. We use social networking sites instant," Mike laughs. He said that his parents sometimes get upset about this. "But what can I do? It's the reality!"

B. READ THE POSSIBLE PARAGRAPHS HEADINGS FOR AN ARTICLE. WHAT DO YOU THINK THE ARTICLE IS ABOUT?

- a) Conflict in families
- b) Then and now
- c) Good and bad things to communicate
- d) No free time
- e) A great way to communicate

C. READ THE ARTICLE. MATCH THE HEADINGS (A – D) IN EXERCISE B WITH THE PARAGRAPHS IN EXERCISE B.

D. READ THE POSSIBLE PARAGRAPH HEADINGS FOR AN ARTICLE AGAIN. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. Why isn't it easy for Sarah to hang out with her friends at the mall?

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2. Why does Becky complain about Sarah's cell phone use?

 3. Where did Becky and her friends hang out 30 years ago?

 4. What does Dr. Turner say is becoming a source of conflict in many families?

 5. What kind of students do universities look for?

 6. What does Mike do after school?

E. LOOK AT THE PICTURE. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.



1. Where are the people?

2. What is the relationship between the people in each picture?

3. What do you think they're talking about?

F. LISTEN TO FOUR SHORT CONVERSATIONS. MATCH THE PICTURES TO THE CONVERSATIONS.



- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

G. LISTEN AND MATCH

- a) Nicole • She was wearing too much makeup.

- b) Joe • He said that they could meet the band
- c) Rachel • She wants to talk to her friend.
- d) Greg • He's texting Steve about school tomorrow.

H. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE CORRECT WORDS.

blog post	chatting	email	forum	microblog post
phone call	text message	video chat	social network post	

1. My brother doesn't like to express himself in really short sentences, so he won't write a _____. He writes a long _____ every week, though, about whatever he's interested in.
2. I can hear you pretty well, but I'm having trouble seeing you. I don't think the _____ is working. Let me send you an _____ instead.
3. There was an article about the dress code on the school's online _____ today. I was _____ with Lisa about it in class, and Mr. Brown asked us to be quiet.
4. It's been so long since I made a _____. I don't like to talk that much. I'd rather send a _____ from my phone.
5. I like to write a _____ a few times a day to say how I'm feeling or to share funny videos with my friends.