

UNIT 5: TECHNOLOGY AND YOU

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Millions of people are using cellphones today. In many places, it is actually considered unusual not to use one. In many countries, cellphones are very popular with young people. They find that the phones are more than a **means** of communication - having a mobile phone shows that they are cool and connected.

The explosion in mobile phone use around the world has made some health professionals worried. Some doctors are concerned that in the future many people may suffer health problems from the use of mobile phones. In England, there has been a serious debate about this issue. Mobile phone companies are worried about the negative publicity of such ideas. They say that there is no proof that mobile phones are bad for your health.

On the other hand, medical studies have shown changes in the brain cells of some people who use mobile phones. Signs of change in the tissues of the brain and head can be detected with modern scanning equipment. In one case, a traveling salesman had to retire at young age because of serious memory loss. He couldn't remember even simple tasks. He would often forget the name of his own son. This man used to talk on his mobile phone for about six hours

1. The most suitable title for the passage could be_.

- A. "The Reasons Why Mobile Phones Are Popular"
- B. "Mobile Phones. A Must of Our Time"
- C. "The Way Mobile Phones Work"
- D. "Technological Innovations and Their Price"

2. According to the passage, cellphones are especially popular with young people because_.

- A. they make them look more stylish
- B. they are indispensable in every day communications
- C. they keep the users alert all the time
- D. they cannot be replaced by regular phones

3. The changes possibly caused by the cellphones are mainly concerned with_____.

- A. the mobility of the mind and the body
- B. the resident memory
- C. the arteries of the brain
- D. the smallest units of the brain

a day, every day of his working week, for a couple of years. His family doctor blamed his mobile phone use, but his employer's doctor didn't agree.

What is it that makes mobile phones **potentially** harmful? The answer is radiation. High-tech machines can detect very small amounts of radiation from mobile phones. Mobile phone companies agree that there is some radiation, but they say the amount is too small to worry about. As the discussion about their safety continues, it appears that it's best to use mobile phones less often. Use your regular phone if you want to talk for a long time. Use your mobile phone only when you really need it. Mobile phones can be very useful and convenient, especially in emergencies. In the future, mobile phones may have a warning label that says they are bad for your health. So for now, it's wise not to use your mobile phone too often.

4. According to the passage, what makes mobile phones potentially harmful_____.

- A. their radiant light B. their power of attraction
C. their raising power D. their invisible rays

5. According to the writer, people should_____.

- A. never use mobile phones in all cases
B. only use mobile phones in medical emergencies
C. keep off mobile phones regularly
D. only use mobile phones in urgent cases

6. The man mentioned in the passage, who used his cellphone too often_____.

- A. suffered serious loss of mental ability
B. had a problem with memory
C. abandoned his family
D. could no longer think lucidly

7. The word "potentially" in the passage most closely means:

- A. obviously B. possibly
C. certainly D. privately