

SECTION I – GRAMMAR AND USAGE

INSTRUCTIONS:

Read the following passage carefully, then answer the questions that follow.

Children and the Internet (Tips for Parents)

The internet is a global network of computers that links people and organizations worldwide. It provides fast access to information and pictures, from news and sports to movie reviews and airline fares. It also provides quick and reliable ways to communicate with others around the world.

The majority of the "Net" contains positive information that is useful for children; however it is not controlled by any particular organization. This means that there are no checks or limits on the kind of information that children can access over the internet. This creates some risks for children using the internet. These risks include:

- Access and exposure to inappropriate information
- On-line harassment
- Potential for physical harm

Parents and guardians can help minimize the risk by placing the computer in a common room, (kitchen, family room, etc.), instead of a bedroom. This allows parents to be able to supervise their children while they are on the "Net". Consider developing a "contract" with your children that outlines their rights, responsibilities and consequences for breaking the contract. The following are some recommended guidelines to consider in a contract with your children:

- Do not give out identifying information (name, address, phone number, etc.) over the computer.
- Do not arrange a "face to face" meeting with someone over the internet without parental permission.
- Do not respond to messages that are obscene or threatening.
- Remember that the persons you meet on-line may not be who they claim they are. A 13 year old girl on-line may be a 44 year old man in real life!
- Always tell your parents if you get a message that makes you feel uncomfortable or scared.

With the help of parents and guardians, children and teenagers can safely enjoy the internet.

Adapted from *Child Safety Hand Book*,
Special Olympics, Bahamas

Fill in the blanks in each of the following sentences with a single word so as to complete the sense. The word you use should be made out of a word already used in the passage.

The internet is a global network of computers that links people and organizations worldwide. Information and pictures from news and sports, to movie reviews and airline fares are easily (1) _____. It also provides quick and reliable ways to communicate with others around the world. The majority of the net contains positive information that children have

(2) _____.
(line 4)

However, it is not controlled by any particular organization and this would (3) _____ that there are no checks or limits on the kind of information that children children can access over the internet. Some risks children face while using the internet include:

- Being (4) _____ to inappropriate information.
(line 8)
- On-line harassment
- Potential for physical harm

By placing the computer in a common room, parents can have better (5) _____ of their children while they are on the "Net". A contract should be developed with children which outlines their rights and teaches them how to be (6) _____.
(line 12)
(line 14)

Following are some (7) _____ when considering a contract with your children:
(line 15)

- Do not give out identifying information over the computer.
- Do not arrange a "face to face" meeting with someone over the internet without parental permission.
- Do not give a (8) _____ to messages that are obscene or threatening.
(line 19)
- Remember that the persons you meet on-line may not be who they claim they are.
- In (9) _____ a 13 year old girl on-line may be a 44 year old man.
(line 21)
- Always tell your parents if you get a message that does not make you feel (10) _____.
(line 22).

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