READING COMPREHENSION – TEXT 2

Read the text and choose the correct alternatives to answer the questions.

Issac Asimov, a science fiction writer, once said, «I do not fear computers. I fear the lack of them». These days, most people cannot work without a computer. However, is its use always beneficial?

Without doubt, there are several advantages. First, they help people to work faster. For example, word-processing is much faster than writing by hand and can help you avoid spelling and grammar mistakes. Moreover, employees can organise their file into folders so that they can find what they need easily.

However, using computers at work also has some disadvantages. One disadvantage is that is not safe to store all your work on a computer. Documents can get lost if the computer breaks down.

To sum up, using computers can be both advantageous and disadvantages. Despite the problems, however, I believe that they are an important tool at work.

Question 1
The main point made by the passage is that computers

a) have pros and cons
b) can be dangerous
c) have a lot of uses
d) really changed lives

Question 2
As it is used in the passage, the verb break down means

a) start over
b) stop working
c) reboot
d) get lost

Question 3
The passage states all the following as advantages but

a) people get more word done when using computer.
b) many people lose their jobs because of computers
c) spell and grammar mistakes are usually corrected.
d) work in the office is better organized for recovery

Question 4
You can infer from the passage that Asimov_____ computers_____

a) found – very fearful tools
b) used – for writing his works
c) never used – for his works
d) dreamt about using – at work

Question 5
The author of the passage will possibly agree with which of the following?

a) Computers will be substituted someday.
b) Computers should be used only at home.
c) Computers are the best invent ever made.
d) Computers will replace people at work.

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GRAMMAR QUIZ

52.1 **Complete the sentences with a tag question**

6.- Helen has lived here a long time, ...?	Yes, 20 years.
7.- I shouldn't have lost my temper, ...?	No, but that's all right.
8.- You can speak German, ...?	Yes, but not fluently.
9.- Don't forget to call me, ...?	No, I won't forget.
10.- She's from a small town in China, ...?	But of course!
11.- She doesn't work in a hotel, ...?	Actually, not.
12.- They don't take Chinese classes, ...?	Yes, they find it difficult.
13.- She doesn't cook very often, ...?	No, she dislikes.
14.- You don't like spicy food, ...?	No, I can't stand it.
15.- John's a very good student, ...?	Yes, he's the best.
16.- You aren't from Brazil, ...?	Of course.
17.- I like chocolate very much, ...?	Yes, I love it.

61.3 **What do you say in these situations? Use I'm (not) used to...**

13.- You sleep on the floor. It's OK for you. You have always slept on the floor.

FRIEND: Wouldn't you prefer to sleep in a bed?

YOU: No, I.....

14.- You have to work long hours in your job. This is not a problem. You have always done this.

FRIEND: You have to work long hours in your job, don't you?

YOU: yes, but I don't mind that. I.....

15.- You've just moved from a village to a big city. It's busy and you don't like the crowds of people.

FRIEND: How do you like living here now?

YOU: it's different from living in a village.....

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