Matura Practice Unit 8

READING

1〉 Read the four texts in exercise 2 and choose the correct answer.

What are the four texts about?

a problems caused by playing video games
b how to get a high score in popular video games
c ways to make money by playing games
d good websites for playing games

2〉 Przeczytaj cztery teksty na temat gier wideo. Do każdego pytania (1–6) dopasuj właściwy tekst (A–D). Uwaga! Dwa teksty pasują do dwóch pytań.

Which paragraph mentions

1 a few tricks to develop a character in the game?
2 many players trying to be noticed?
3 ideas for solving your possible problems with a game?
4 people earning less than we believe?
5 the repetitive and time-consuming aspect of a job?
6 selling your knowledge to other players?

A 'Let's play' videos on YouTube show people playing popular video games and adding their own commentary about the characters and action on the screen. But since hundreds of players upload their videos to earn money, there's huge competition. To become successful, you need something that will make you stand out from the crowd, like a sense of humour or your own personal charm. Just don't try to sound too cool or repeat the same jokes all the time as people will not like it. Also, it takes time and hundreds of various videos before you get enough viewers to start making any money.

B In multiplayer online games such as *World of Warcraft* you need to create strong and rich characters to compete with others. To do that you need to play a lot to learn new skills or earn points. If you spend a lot of time playing, you may also find gold or some of the unique items such as the amulets, rings or weapons that are hidden in the game. Many players start to collect these things and build strong characters and then sell them to other players for real-world money. Nowadays, the rules forbid this but many people decide to disregard them in order to make money.

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C If you want to get your hands on the latest games before they appear on the market, you don't have to get them illegally. Just become a game tester and you'll play them without breaking the law. This way to make money may sound exciting, however, testers often claim that it really isn't. First of all, contrary to the popular myth of testers' riches, the pay is actually average. Secondly, a tester's job is to find all the possible problems with the game. To do that, they need to play the same scenes hundreds of times for weeks. It can soon become boring, especially since the games are chosen for them by their employer.

D Writing game manuals is the perfect way of earning money for people who are good at putting their thoughts into words. Moves that help to develop a strong character, beat the opponent or faster complete a level can be turned into manuals. There are websites, such as Killer Guides, where such manuals for particular games can be created in the form of e-books. Of course, some say that the guides spoil the fun of beating the game yourself. However, many players will gladly pay to be told about tricks they didn't notice themselves.

WRITING

Na forum edukacyjnym toczy się dyskusja o korzystaniu w szkole z nowych technologii. Zredaguj wpis na forum (100–150 słów) i:

- przedstaw swoją opinię na temat używania smartfonów jako pomocy naukowych na lekcjach;
- napisz, jakie nowoczesne urządzenia znajdują się w Twojej szkole i w jaki sposób są wykorzystywane;
- opisz problem, który powstał, gdy takie urządzenie zawiodło;
- zaproponuj, jakie jeszcze urządzenia szkoła powinna zakupić i dlaczego.

Rozwiń swoją wypowiedź w każdym z czterech podpunktów. Oceniana jest umiejętność pełnego przekazania informacji (4 punkty), spójność i logika wypowiedzi (2 punkty), bogactwo językowe (2 punkty) oraz poprawność językowa (2 punkty).

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