The Internet: Advantages and Disadvantages

1. Words to know:

Advertisement - реклама
To promise – обіцяти
To suggest – пропонувати
Available – доступний
In search of – у пошуках
Dozen – дюжина
To join – приєднатися
Obviously – безперечно
To exist – існувати

2. Read and translate the text. ***Advantages and Disadvantages of Using the Internet***

Advertisements for the Internet promise you a world of information, entertainment, on-line shopping and e-mail services. However, the real world of the internet may not be as perfect as the advertisements suggest.
Using the internet offers many advantages.

For example, all of the latest information is available to you, in your home, at any hour of the day or night. It is much faster and easier to surf the net in search of information from all over the world than to travel to libraries in dozens of countries.

Also, on-line shopping makes it possible to search through catalogues to find exactly what you want at the best price, saving both time and money. By joining a newsgroup or chat group, you can share your hobbies and special interests, and perhaps make friends all over the world.

Finally, e-mail is popular because it is faster than sending a letter and cheaper than a telephone conversation.

On the other hand, the internet has several disadvantages.

Firstly, with so much information available, finding what you want can take you hours. Multimedia web pages with photographs, music and video are attractive, but they make downloading slow and boring. What is more, there is too much advertising instead of real information. As for internet friendships, sitting at home in front of a computer making 'chat friends' is not the same as actually meeting people.

In conclusion, the internet obviously has both good and bad points. Fortunately, the system is improving all the time, and any problems which still exist can be solved. Whether we like it or not, the internet is here to stay, so we have to make the best possible use of it.

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Do the tasks.

3. Match the words/phrases to the definitions.

The Internet	moving from one document or web site to another, to find information
The Web	copying information from a web site to your own computer
A web site	the system on the Internet that allows you to find and use information that is held on computers all over the world
Surfing the net	a computer system system that allows millions of computer users around the world to exchange information
e-mail	the place on the Internet where a company or an organization stores its documents
downloading	electronic messages sent to someone over the Internet

4. Choose the correct variant.
Advantage is…

a) a good feature or quality that something has

b) something that causes problems

5. Choose the correct variant.
Disadvantage is…

a) a good feature or quality that something has

b) something that causes problems

6. Choose the correct variant.

There is too much advertising …. real information.

a) because of b) due to c) instead of d) thanks to

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7. Next to each sentence, choose "A" (advantage) or "D" (disadvantage).

1.	Web pages with photographs, music and video make downloading slow and boring.	**A / D**
2.	The latest information is available to you at any time, quickly and easily.	**A / D**
3.	On-line shopping can save you time and money.	**A / D**
4.	With so much information available, finding what you want can take you hours.	**A / D**
5.	You can share your hobbies and special interests with newsgroups and chat groups	**A / D**
6.	There is too much advertising instead of real information.	**A / D**
7.	You can make new friends in chat groups.	**A / D**
8.	Making 'chat friends' is not the same as actually meeting people.	**A / D**
9.	You can send mail fast and cheaply.	**A / D**

*8. Answer the question. In your opinion, what is the **main advantage** of the internet?*

*9. Answer the question. In your opinion, what is the **main disadvantage** of the internet?*

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