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Read the IELTS Writing Task 2 question.

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*The internet has changed the way friends communicate. What effects does the internet have on friendships? Are these effects good or bad?*

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Read the information. Then read the student's essay. Highlight five unnecessary pieces of information in the conclusion.

In IELTS Writing Task 2, the conclusion is a summary of the essay, so you should not add any new information.

It is certainly true that the invention of the internet has transformed communication within friendships. In my opinion, overall it has had more good consequences than bad. In this essay, I am going to discuss the effects that the internet has had on the way friends communicate.

Before the internet was invented, friends used to speak on the phone or meet each other to talk. Sometimes they even used to write each other letters. Now they email, send messages on smart phones or communicate on online networking sites. On the one hand, this means that friends can easily keep in regular contact with each other. However, on the other hand, it means that they might not see each other as often.

The web has, therefore, had both a good effect and a bad effect on how friends communicate with each other. A positive example is that friends who you have not seen for a long time can contact you online after several years, so you do not forget about each other. A negative example is that friends might spend a lot more time alone now because they do not arrange to meet each other as often. Even though you get a lot of texts or emails, you can still be lonely.

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To conclude, I use two laptops, so I know that communicating through email or websites means that friends can easily keep in contact but might not see each other as often. I email my friend in Shanghai every day. The internet has, therefore, had both positive

and negative effects on friendships. Another negative effect is that people spend too much time looking at a computer screen. At the end of the day, however, I believe that it offers more good points than bad points. Another good point is that email is very quick. Another bad point is that phones or laptops can break.