

READING

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to choose the word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

A POWERFUL INFLUENCE

There can be no doubt at all that the Internet has made a huge difference to our lives. Parents are worried that children spend too much time playing on the Internet, hardly => 1) _____ doing anything else in their spare time. Naturally, parents are curious to find out why the Internet is so attractive, and they want to know if it can be harmful for their children. Should parents be worried if their children are spending that much time staring at their computers?

Obviously, if the children are bent over their computers for hours, => 2) _____ in some game, instead of doing their homework, then something is wrong. Parents and children could decide how much use the child should make of the Internet, and the child should give his or her => 3) _____ that it won't interfere with homework. If the child is not holding to this arrangement, parents can take more drastic steps. Dealing with a child's use of the Internet is not much different from negotiating any other sort of bargain about behavior.

Any parent => 4) _____ is seriously alarmed about a child's behavior should make an appointment to discuss the matter with a teacher. Spending time in front of the screen does not necessarily affect a child's performance at school. Even if the child is => 5) _____ crazy about using the Internet, he or she is probably just going through a phase, and in a few months there will be something else to worry about!

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| 1. A. always | B. rarely | C. never | D. ever |
| 2. A. supposed | B. occupied | C. absorbed | D. involved |
| 3. A. word | B. promise | C. vow | D. claim |
| 4. A. whom | B. who | C. which | D. whose |
| 5. A. absolutely | B. absolute | C. absolution | D. absolutism |

The United Nations is an international organization => 1) _____ in 1945. It is currently made up of 193 member countries. Its main goal is to bring different nations together to promote peace and justice in the world. The UN also works to make the world a safe and => 2) _____ place. It is important to remember that the UN is not a "world government". This means that the UN does not make laws for different countries to follow. However, the UN does hold regular votes on global policies and issues.

The main branch of the UN is called the "General Assembly". All members of the United Nations are represented and have their votes. If there is a problem in a certain area of the world or a particular country, the UN will vote on => 3) _____ to best solve the problem. At least two-thirds of all member countries must agree on how to resolve the problem in order for the UN to take action. If less than two-thirds of the voting countries agree, no immediate action is taken.

Another branch is => 4) _____ Security Council. Its main purpose is to maintain international peace and keep the world secure. This branch has only fifteen members, five of which are permanent, including China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The other ten members are elected by the General Assembly for two-year terms. If the council feels that international peace is being threatened, the fifteen members will try to outline a way to resolve the => 5) _____ in a peaceful manner.

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| 1. A. found | B. founded | C. was founded | D. was found |
| 2. A. peaceful | B. beautiful | C. secure | D. lovely |
| 3. A. how | B. which | C. what | D. that |
| 4. A. a | B. no article | C. an | D. the |
| 5. A. work | B. situation | C. nations | D. war |

When Malaysia takes the ASEAN chair next year, it will face a huge challenge. Too few of us know enough => 1) _____ this grouping we call the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. We do not know what it means to be a part of ASEAN and => 2) _____ it is important to us. At the same time, pressure is mounting to reinvent ASEAN to make it more people-centric and less government-centric. The Heat speaks to Global Movement of Moderates CEO Saifuddin Abdullah on why ASEAN should mean more to us than just acronyms.

ASEAN people do not feel like they are a part of the => 3) _____ of Southeast Asian nations. This statement, backed up by survey findings, is pretty bizarre, and extremely hurtful too, considering that ASEAN is 47 years old today. "Interview 10 persons on the Street and you would perhaps get only one of them who => 4) _____ about ASEAN," says Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah. This CEO of Global Movement of Moderates => GMM) is not running down ASEAN; he's confronting the truth as it

impacts the project he has been entrusted with. Here's more, in 2012, the ASEAN Secretariat => 5) _____ a survey that showed only 34% of Malaysians had heard of the ASEAN community. This compares with 96% of Laotians. Malaysia chairs ASEAN next year, and GMM is a member of the national steering committee organizing the ASEAN People's Forum => APF), a platform designed to bridge the gap between governments and civil society.

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| 1. A. in | B. on | C. for | D. about |
| 2. A. why | B. which | C. what | D. that |
| 3. A. world | B. community | C. life | D. area |
| 4. A. knew | B. known | C. knows | D. has known |
| 5. A. conducted | B. conduction | C. conductive | D. conductor |

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

In 1812 a young man called James Barry finished his studies in medicine at Edinburgh University. After graduating he moved to London where he studied surgery at Guy's Hospital. After that the popular young doctor joined the army and over the next forty years had a brilliant career as an army medical officer, working in many far-off countries and fighting successfully for improved conditions in hospitals. It was a **remarkable** career - made even more remarkable by the discovery upon his death that *he* was in fact a *she*, James Barry was a woman.

No one was more surprised at this discovery than her many friends and colleagues. One officer had even objected to her appointment as a medical assistant because he could not believe that Barry was old enough to have graduated in medicine. But no one had ever seriously suggested that Barry was anything other than a man.

So why did James Barry deceive people for so long? At that time a woman could not study medicine, work as a doctor or join the army. Perhaps Barry had always wanted to do these things and pretending to be a man was the only way to make it possible. Whatever the reason, Barry's deception was successful. By the time it was discovered that she had been the first woman in Britain to qualify as a doctor, it was too late for the authorities to do anything about **it**.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
A. Gender discrimination among doctors in London
B. James Barry pretended to be a man to become a doctor
C. James Barry and her career overseas
D. Punishment for James Barry's deception
2. The word "remarkable" in line 5 is closest in meaning to _____.
A. noticeable B. commented C. rewarding D. focused
3. According to the passage, all of the following are true EXCEPT _____.
A. all people were surprised at the discovery B. people remarked upon her small size
C. many people suspected that she was a woman D. people noticed her slight build and smooth pale face
4. According to the passage, when did people know James Barry's real sex?
A. during her work time B. before her death
C. during her study time D. after her death
5. In paragraph 3, the word "it" refers to _____.
A. Barry's choice B. Barry's career C. Barry's deception D. Barry's reputation

Death of the classroom: The New Wave of Online Education

Picture a society where learning can happen at any time, in any place and can be completed without ever going to class. This could be the essence of education and the internet technology now exists to support such a system. The virtual classroom is here. If you are interested in English, or Civil Engineering, then head to the university and click yourself a degree. Well, maybe it's not that easy, but you would be on the right track. The flexibility of studying at your own pace and the money you save with online courses are two of the main attractions.

The Web is a powerful educational tool. Yet some feel that virtual classrooms will isolate students from each other, which will result in problems developing interpersonal relationships and that these skills are much more important than computer skills. Should teachers teach kids how to behave in society, how to respect others and how to cooperate or should kids have already learned this from their parents? No one is saying that social skills aren't important, however, virtual classrooms are far about more than just computer skills. Some strongly believe that education can be taught via the Web and social skills can be gained from joining sports teams, summer camps, or just hanging out! Others argue

that this virtual classroom may place pressure on students: to become computer literate or be left behind in life.

1. What is the author's overall attitude towards a virtual classroom?
A. He is enthusiastic. B. He is skeptical.
C. He is indifferent. D. He is disapproving.
2. Why are people attracted to online education?
A. Because it is cheap and flexible. B. Because it is fashionable and new.
C. Because it is powerful and easy. D. Because it is unlimited and fast.
3. What do the opponents of online education maintain?
A. The virtual classroom will result in dramatic changes.
B. The virtual classroom will place a burden on students.
C. Students' academic performance will suffer.
D. Students cannot ignore the reality of the computer age.
4. The word "**computer literate**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.
A. computer based B. unable to use computer
C. computerized D. able to use computer
5. What is the main idea of the text?
A. online education B. traditional education
C. educational tool D. educational way

WHAT IS YOUR LEARNING STYLE?

If you find yourself learn better by making notes during the lecture, or when the teacher uses a new word, you want to see **it** written immediately, then you are very likely to be a more **visual** learner. You prefer to see the written words. You learn by reading and writing. Visual learners often think in pictures. If you find a particular task or text difficult, look for sources that will suit your learning style, e.g. sources with illustrations, charts, tables, or videos.

If you prefer recording the lecture and listening again to taking notes, or you memorize something by repeating it aloud instead of writing it out several times, you are probably a more **auditory** learner. You prefer to learn by listening and speaking. Auditory learners often learn best from lectures, discussions, by reading aloud, and by listening to audio material.

You prefer dancing, doing things while learning. Kinesthetic learner may need to take breaks when learning. They remember best what was done and not what they heard or thought of. Their common characteristics are moving a lot when studying, participating or doing things instead of reading or listening.

However, it is probably that you, like most people, learn through a mixture of styles. Sometimes you may prefer to learn by reading, at other time by listening. Ask yourself which is the best style for the particular task you are doing.

1. Which of the following is probably **NOT** preferred by a visual learner?
A. reading aloud B. sources with illustrations
C. sources with videos D. sources with charts
2. What does the word "**it**" in paragraph 1 refer to?
A. the lecture B. the new word C. the note D. the written word
3. What is the text about?
A. learning style B. learning tool C. learning method D. learning knowledge
4. Which of the following statement is **TRUE**?
A. Kinesthetic learners hate taking notes.
B. Kinesthetic learners prefer to learn by listening and reading.
C. Most people are kinesthetic learners.
D. Kinesthetic learner prefers doing, moving while studying.
5. The word "**auditory**" in paragraph 2 can be best replaced by _____.
A. discussive B. noisy C. audible D. recordable