

LISTENING

PART 1. Listen and choose the correct options

1 Sophie

- a) Is a teacher.
- b) Works with technology.
- c) Is a schoolgirl.

2 Sophie thinks people concentrate better

- a) When they use technology.
- b) Without technology.
- c) When they wear headphones.

3 Luis doesn't like

- a) Newspapers and food in the tube.
- b) Food at work.
- c) The government.

4 What punishment does Luis suggest?

- a) Cleaning the tube.
- b) Paying some money.
- c) Cleaning the streets.

5 Pamela loves

- a) Her older friends.
- b) Being old.
- c) Technology.

6 What punishment does Pamela suggest?

- a) Reading emails from her.
- b) Writing spam messages.
- c) Reading spam messages.

PART 2. Listen and complete Robert and Miriam's statements

(one word).



Robert

1. I think they're already _____ the way we live.
2. This has made me a more _____ person.
3. I spend most of my free time talking to other people with the same _____.
4. These days I find it easier to _____ to people I don't know.

Miriam

5. I don't spend all my time on the _____
6. And I think a lot of people are like _____
7. In our free time we _____ to do other things.

READING

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PART 1. Complete the summary with one or two words in each gap.

Gangnam Style is a (1) *music video* which has had over two (2) _____ views. The song is about the Gangnam area in (3) _____, South Korea, and the people who go there. There is a _____ which goes with the song, called the Horse Trot. It took Psy a month to create. Many (5) _____ have also tried the dance. The song has been very successful and helped bring a lot of (6) _____ into the South Korean economy. It has also helped change the world's _____ industry.

PART 2. Read the text again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)

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1. The video reached two billion views in 2012. T / F
2. The song make a joke about people in the Gangnam area. T / F
3. Psy thinks he is really "Gangnam style". T / F
4. The Gangnam Style dance tries to copy a panda and a kangaroo. T / F
5. Ban Ki-moon thought the song was a good thing for the world. T / F
6. *Gangnam Style* is a difficult song to forget. T / F