



PLACEMENT TEST 2024

Name(s) and Surname(s): Course: 3rd

PART A: Reading

A) Read the text and tick (✓) true or false:

Is technology bad for our brains?

by James Sanders

Nowadays, many useful gadgets (small machines) are advertised as 'smart'. This 'smartness' generally means that the machine can change how it works to suit the user's needs, learn our preferences, and make intelligent choices for us. Smartphones can now take photos, play songs, send emails, and do a thousand other useful things, such as shopping online or assisting us with our homework. We used to need lots of machines to help us to do these things, but not anymore. They fit in our pockets, but contain more data than we could ever possibly need, or remember.

If you asked most people, they would say that smart machines have improved life. Not everyone agrees, however. A few scientists are worried about the effect of using machines to do things that we used to do for ourselves. For example, we don't have to remember people's contact details any more, as our phones store this information. We can also find information instantly, via internet search engines like Google. A few studies have shown, surprisingly, that people in their 50s and 60s are better than teenagers at studying and memorizing information, because they've always worked this way.

Technology has changed our expectations and made us very impatient. Now we want our news in tiny soundbites, and get bored if we actually have to read or listen for more than a minute or two. Scientists reported recently that the internet was changing how we think and learn. One author even said that Google was making us stupid! It's certainly true that we often do two or three things simultaneously when we are online, and it's harder and harder to focus on one thing. Maybe technology is bad for our brains, and our memories, and we should stop depending on it all the time. But if you tell me to give up my smartphone, sorry, I won't!

Example: Gadgets nowadays can be very useful.

True ☒ False ☐

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| 1 'Smart' gadgets work differently for different users. | True ☐ False ☐ |
| 2 Gadgets can do more things now than in the past. | True ☐ False ☐ |
| 3 We don't need many machines any more. | True ☐ False ☐ |
| 4 Most people think that 'smart' technology is bad for us. | True ☐ False ☐ |
| 5 Older people are better on 'smart' technology. | True ☐ False ☐ |
| 6 Teenagers are better than older people at remembering information. | True ☐ False ☐ |
| 7 We are not happy to wait for news. | True ☐ False ☐ |
| 8 Using the internet changes young people's brains more than older people's. | True ☐ False ☐ |
| 9 We find it more difficult to concentrate on one thing than we used to. | True ☐ False ☐ |
| 10 James Sanders wants to stop using modern gadgets. | True ☐ False ☐ |

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B) Choose the correct option:

- 1) The “gadgets” tend to be SMALL - BIG
- 2) The smartphones CAN - CAN’T help us with our homework.
- 3) The gadgets are “smart” because they can make our lives EASIER - MORE DIFFICULT.
- 4) Scientists think that these gadgets CAN - CAN’T affect people’s brains.
- 5) OLD PEOPLE - TEENAGERS are good at memorising things.
- 6) Nowadays, people NEED TO- DON’T NEED TO remember things like phone numbers or details.
- 7) Technology has made people more PATIENT - IMPATIENT.
- 8) SMARTPHONES - THE INTERNET can change the way we think.
- 9) When people are online they can do MORE THAN ONE THING - ONLY ONE THING at the time.
- 10) We SHOULD - SHOULDN’T depend on technology all the time

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PART B: Use of English

A. Choose one option:

Example: If I had / have money, I’d buy a new car.

- 1) Joe **cleans** / **is cleaning** the floor twice a week.
- 2) What will you do if you **pass** / **passes** your exam?
- 3) A. I didn’t really **like** / **liked** that film.
- 4) You **must** / **mustn’t** listen to your teachers when they explain a new topic.
- 5) Tom is **more tall** / **taller** than Mary.
- 6) A: Why are you going out? B: I **post** / **’m going to post** this letter.
- 7) Jill **was** / **is** there at the time of the robbery yesterday.
- 8) If they **get** / **got** here before 7 pm, we’ll go and see that film.
- 9) I think Tom **will pass** / **is going to pass** the exam
- 10) When I saw her, she **was driving** / **drove** her new car.
- 11) You **don’t have to** / **mustn’t** pay to enter the museum. It’s free.
- 12) If she’s sick, she **can** / **should** go to the doctor.
- 13) Is Dominic good at **playing** / **play** the piano?
- 14) Hugh **will** / **is going to** get married next month.
- 15) I saw Tom while I **waited** / **was waiting** for the bus.
- 16) What **are you doing** / **do you do** tonight?
- 17) George **is loving** / **loves** sailing.
- 18) She didn’t hear the doorbell because she **was having** / **had** a shower
- 19) The new Bond film is fantastic! You **have to** / **must** watch it
- 20) If it **don’t** / **doesn’t** rain, we’ll have a picnic.

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B. Match the halves. Choose the correct option

Example:

If I miss the last bus, **D**

1. If you leave now,
2. If you go to bed late,
3. That was the
4. Is watching films more
5. The most

a- romantic film I saw was Love actually.

b- interesting than reading books?

c- best party I went to

d- I'll get a taxi.

e- you will catch the 8.00 train.

f- you'll be tired in the morning.

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C. Choose the correct option. Complete the sentences with one word from the box. There are EXTRA words:

~~into~~ – was – enough – because – of – on – although – up x 2 – If – mind – wears – had – for – won't – carries
– into – best – mustn't – has – will – have – neither – so – like – should – gets – slow – out – to buy – too

Example: The boy ran into the street to catch his ball.

- 1) I have piano lessons _____ Mondays.
- 2) The hours in my job are long, but I don't _____ working late, so that's okay.
- 3) She went home _____ she had a headache.
- 4) _____ it was raining, they went to school.
- 5) Her class is in room 12 on the first floor. Go _____ the stairs and turn left.
- 6) _____ you pay that man, he'll sell you the tickets you need.
- 7) I used to play a lot of tennis, but I gave it _____ last year, and now I play basketball.
- 8) Nina is really afraid _____ spiders.
- 9) If it rains, we _____ go out. We'll stay at home.
- 10) My aunt always _____ a handbag.
- 11) A I don't like early mornings at all. **B** _____ do I!
- 12) Ben doesn't look _____ his father. They're completely different.
- 13) If you're tired, you _____ go to bed.
- 14) Leo _____ on very well with Alex. They're good friends.
- 15) You _____ chew gum at school.
- 16) I need _____ some new clothes.
- 17) He went _____ of the house.
- 18) Do you eat _____ vegetables?
- 19) It's the _____ film I've ever seen.
- 20) If you finish your homework, Sara _____ come to play with you.

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D. Choose the odd word out.

Example

duck

Eagle

swan

mosquito

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| 1) | flood | earthquake | hurricane | windy |
| 2) | temple | harbour | touristy | market |
| 3) | moving | gripping | unrealistic | sitcom |
| 4) | tall | small | large | hot |

5)	tired	Bored	boring	relaxed
6)	through	Into	across	of
7)	frosty	sunny	tiny	foggy
8)	repetitive	creative	stressful	tiring
9)	relaxing	Annoying	tired	exciting
10)	invent	Watch	discover	design

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E. Match the opposites.

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| 1. turn on | a) remember |
| 2. get up | b) boring |
| 3. stand up | c) bottom |
| 4. forget | d) turn down |
| 5. interesting | e) difficult |
| 6. turn up | f) turn off |
| 7. drought | g) sit down |
| 8. easy | h) go to sleep |
| 9. bored | i) interested |
| 10. top | j) flood |

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F. Complete the sentences with one word from the box:

UP- THROW- SPECIAL EFFECTS - COST - OVER - CONFIDENT - HOW- DON'T - WILL - WHEN -SELFISH

Example: I woke up very early this morning.

- I need to buy milk. It probably won't _____ much.
- A** Sorry this is taking a long time. **B** That's OK. I _____ mind waiting.
- I couldn't eat the meat because it was _____ cooked.
- If you want, I _____ take you to school tomorrow.
- Don't _____ away that old newspaper. I haven't read it yet.
- _____ did Lena burn her hands?
- The _____ of the movie are spectacular.
- _____ I got to the classroom, the class had already started.
- She is very _____. She doesn't think about other people.
- If you are _____, I think you will get the job.

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Total score: 100

Your score: _____