

Speaking (20 pts)

- A. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions giving your opinion about “The future of Technology”. Use the Language for speaking box to help you.

The future of technology will include smarter AI, powerful quantum computers, and more connected devices. Faster 5G networks, advanced biotech, and renewable energy will change many fields. Blockchain will secure transactions, and new materials will improve industries. Enhanced human-computer interaction and space exploration will also expand our capabilities. These advancements offer big benefits but also present new challenges.

1. How will AI make our lives easier?
2. Do you like the idea of smart homes? Why?
3. Can renewable energy stop climate change?
4. Would you want to live on another planet? Why or why not?
5. What problems might new technology bring?

LANGUAGE FOR SPEAKING asking for and giving opinions

Giving your opinion

As far as I'm concerned, ... *I'm convinced/certain ...*
If you ask me ... *Personally ...*

Talking about other people's opinions

Some people say that ... *According to (someone), ...*

Asking for someone's opinion

- 1 Negative questions (we expect someone to agree)

Don't you think ...? *Shouldn't ...?*

- 2 Other ways:

What do you think (about) ...? *How do you feel about ...?*

What are your views on ...?

Listening (20 pts)

- B. ▷ Listen and choose the two key words in each sentence.
1. I really like shopping for clothes on the internet.
 2. Fabio buys all his music online.
 3. The first thing to do is create an account.
 4. I only check my emails once a day.
 5. Sarah designs websites and she loves her job.
- C. ▷ Listen to two friends talking about smartphones. Are the underlined words key words? Choose 'yes' or 'no'.

Lucia Is that your new ¹smartphone?

Jorge Yes, it is. Do you like it?

Lucia Yes, I do. It ²looks great. Are you pleased with it?

Jorge Yes, I am. I absolutely love it!

Lucia Why do ³you like it so much?

Jorge Mainly because I can listen to ⁴music on it on my way to work.

Lucia I think I ⁵might get one soon. I still have an old-fashioned mobile.

1. Yes / No
2. Yes / No
3. Yes / No
4. Yes / No
5. Yes / No

Writing/Grammar (25 pts)

D. Complete the sentences with the present simple, present continuous or present perfect form of the verb in brackets.

1. I _____ (know) Ahmet for three years. We met when we were at school together.
2. Tariq isn't at home because he _____ (spend) all day at the beach and won't be back until later.
3. Ana's quite shy and so she _____ (not/like) loud people.
4. Our friend Yun travels a lot for his new job and _____ (go) to eight different countries since he started.
5. Some people _____ (talk) with their friends every day, even if it's only through social media sites.
6. Sorry, but you've missed Daniel – he _____ (just/go) for lunch with his brother.
7. Ellen _____ (call) last night to say that unfortunately she can't come to the cinema tomorrow.
8. Piotr and Yulia had an argument yesterday and they _____ (not/speak) to each other since.
9. I _____ (not/meet) my colleague Johanne because we only communicate through email so I don't know what he looks like.
10. Fernando is at his French class. He _____ (learn) the language for his trip to France next month.

E. Choose the correct answer from the words in italics.

1. Excuse me, but that bag *belongs / is belonging* to me!
2. We asked several people but none of them *was knowing / knew* where the post office was.
3. Unfortunately, most local shops *are / are being* more expensive than supermarkets.
4. **A** How was your trip to Venice last month?
B It was fabulous! We *really loved / were really loving* it!
5. If you *think / are thinking* about getting a new car, you should take advice from someone first.
6. She bought the red shirt because the blue one *didn't feel / wasn't feeling* as comfortable to wear.
7. I might be at the shops for most of tomorrow because I'll *be looking / look* for some new shoes for work.
8. **A** Why didn't you answer when I called you earlier?
B Sorry, I must have been studying and I *didn't hear / wasn't hearing* the phone ring.
9. *Doesn't it seem / Isn't it seeming* unusual that no one else has turned up for the meeting?
10. If we *owned / were owning* a bigger house, I'd fill it with beautiful furniture!

F. Complete the sentences with a word/phrase from the box and the correct form of the verb in brackets.

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1. Nina is very popular so she _____ with everybody in her language class. (get)
2. We try to _____ with our best friends every weekend to have dinner together. (meet)
3. I _____ with my brother; he loves sport and music but I prefer reading and the cinema. (have)
4. Pat is feeling sad because he _____ with his friend Raul. (fall)
5. Since my girlfriend has been away, I _____ with her every day by email. (keep)

Reading (20 pts)

- G. Read the article about meeting people on the internet. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F). If there is no information about this, choose 'not given' (NG).

Meeting again... on the internet!

For most people, the internet is part of our daily lives. There are so many things it can be used for; from shopping online to studying for a degree, or researching your family history. But for some people, sites like Facebook or YouTube have had a much more dramatic effect. Here are the stories of two people whose lives have been dramatically changed through the power of the internet.

Tomoko's story

Tomoko was one of two twin girls born in Tokyo in 1987, but separated at birth and adopted by two different families. When she was four years old, Tomoko moved with her new parents to Scotland. Years later, while she was studying there at university, she received a strange phone call from one of her friends. It turned out that he'd had seen a girl that he'd thought was Tomoko on a YouTube video. The similarities were astonishing, apart from the fact that the other girl spoke with an Australian accent. When Tomoko watched the video for herself, she was amazed, and decided to find out more about this intriguing 'double'. She eventually discovered that Jade, the girl in the film, is a singer, and had recently moved to the United States. Like Tomoko, she had been born in Tokyo, on exactly the same day. The girls finally met up in London a few months later, and medical tests proved that they are actually sisters.

Annie's story

Imagine meeting your daughter again after a gap of sixty-eight years. Hard to believe, but that's exactly what happened to Annie Walberg from Connecticut, USA. Annie was only sixteen when she gave birth to her precious daughter and was unable to keep her, so one-day-old Fiona was given to another family in 1945. For the next twenty-five years, Annie wrote hundreds of letters to the daughter she missed so badly, but Fiona's new family thought it was best not to pass them on to her. Naturally, as she grew up, Fiona assumed that her real mother didn't want to know her or have any contact with her, but nearly seventy years later she received a friend request on Facebook ... from an eighty-four-year-old! After many years, Annie had finally managed to find her daughter by searching the internet, and using the few details she knew about the family who had given her a new home. They have now met several times and are in regular contact. The lost letters cannot be replaced, but they can now talk about all the lost years.

1. The internet has helped thousands of people find lost friends and relatives.
T / F / NG
 2. Tomoko has made a video to try to find her sister.
T / F / NG
 3. It isn't certain yet if Jade is Tomoko's twin.
T / F / NG
 4. Annie had been looking for her daughter for a long time.
T / F / NG
 5. Fiona found her real mother through reading a letter.
T / F / NG
- H. Read the article again and complete the sentences. Use one, two or three words from the text for each answer.
1. Tomoko has spent most of her life living in _____.
 2. The girl in the video looked like Tomoko but her _____ was different.
 3. Jade travelled from _____ to meet Tomoko.
 4. Fiona's _____ didn't let her read Annie's letters.
 5. It wasn't true that Annie wanted no _____ with her daughter.