

**Read the following passage about 'uni-tasking' and 'multi-tasking'.**

The human brain evolved to focus on one thing at a time. This enabled our ancestors to hunt animals, to create tools, and to protect their **clan** from **predators** or invading neighbours. In parallel, an attentional filter **evolved** to help us to stay on task, letting through only information that was important enough to deserve disrupting our train of thought.

But a funny thing happened on the way to the twenty-first century: The **plethora** of information and the technologies that serve our brain changed the way we use it. Increasingly, we demand that our attentional system try to focus on several things at once. **Uni-tasking** is getting harder and harder to do. The information age now buries us in data coming at us from every which way. We are **bombarded with** more information than at any time in history – the equivalent of 175 newspapers a day, five times as much information as we took in thirty years ago.

If we want to be more productive and creative, and to have more energy, the science suggests that we should tame the multi-tasking and **immerse ourselves in** a single task for sustained periods, say 30 to 50 minutes.

*According to the author, are the following statements correct?*

*Answer **YES**, **NO**, or **NOT GIVEN**.*

1. The human brain is set up to perform many tasks at once.
2. The information age is characterised by our exposure to an abundance of data.
3. Multi-tasking may reduce human performance.

Hoàn thành bảng từ vựng sau:

Sort elements

làm một việc một lúc

làm nhiều việc một lúc

bộ lạc, gia tộc, bè đảng

nhấn chìm, tấn công, làm choáng ngợp (bằng  
vô cùng nhiều thông tin, câu hỏi, sự chỉ trích,...)

tiến hóa

kẻ săn mồi, động vật ăn thịt

nhiều, số lượng lớn đến mức thừa thãi

đắm chìm

plethora (noun):	
uni-tasking (noun):	
bombard somebody/ something with something (verb):	
predators (noun):	
multi-tasking (noun):	
clan (noun):	
immerse oneself in something (verb):	
evolve (verb):	