

Task 4. Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (17 - 22). There are two choices you do not need to use.

Hooked-up babes.

Now that there is a mobile phone for every adult in the UK, it's the children's turn to join the mobile revolution. In Tokyo, for example, one-quarter of all four to fifteen-year-olds has a mobile phone. Half the children surveyed recently said their lifestyle 'required' them to have a mobile phone, while 41.5% said their parents 'forced' them to have one.

Another interesting poll was conducted on the Tokyo streets by Japan Today magazine, however, suggests (17) _____ It is not the content of the communication but the act of staying in touch that matters. Emi Inoue, 17, agrees, adding: 'It's great for talking to friends about gossip I don't want my parents to hear.'

Parents were also surveyed and more than a third felt their children spent too much time on the phone, (18) _____. Tokyo parents may have good reason to be worried, since 26% of the children said they were regularly corresponding with people they had never met.

Such growth in the mobile phone market, especially among the young, has lead to a new type of neurosis, say sociologists. Japanese teenagers, in particular, have become fanatical about being 'always available'. 'If I can't find my phone I feel really isolated from my friends,' says 16-year-old Asuka Maezawa. Indeed, many become extremely uneasy (19) _____, fearing they are becoming socially isolated,' writes the sociologist Hisao Ishii.

If this trend continues, he adds, such thing is likely to happen. Mobile phone addiction, (20) _____ forming and maintaining relationships without the help of mobiles.

An extreme view, perhaps, (21) _____ of the mobile revolution's negative impact on children. Moreover, academic performance may also be affected: 68% of children who responded to one survey and owned a mobile phone said their grades were poor, compared with 49% of those without mobiles, (22) _____.

- A** that the nations' teenagers have other reasons for keeping hold of their best electronic friend'
- B** if unable to contact their peers countless times each day
- C** who said they were doing well
- D** but the success of wireless web phones in Japan shows more evidence
- E** while 23% said the mobile made it difficult for them to keep track of who their children were communicating with
- F** as services improve, mobile phones could soon replace laptops among teenagers.
- G** where a person is incapable of
- H** where mobiles have been common among the young for some time