

PRACTICE 1

Read the text below. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences (A - H) to fit each gap (35 - 40).

Cyberbullying

In the past, bullying was confined to harsh words, shoving in the cafeteria and extortion of food. (35) ____

Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place over mobile phones, computers and tablets. (36) ____ The goal of cyberbullying is to embarrass, hurt or intimidate another person by spreading harmful lies.

Cyberstalking, spreading rumours and spreading compromising pictures or videos are examples of cyberbullying. (37) ____ The bully will pretend to be someone else usually by using the other person's number or identity to harass or cyberstalk.

(38) ____ In addition to this, distance too, has emboldened the bullies to engage in this despicable act because they don't have to see people face-to-face. (39) ____

Cyberbullying has devastating effects on the victims. (40) ____ They also suffered from emotional distress, depression and if the bullying is out of control, they may have suicidal thoughts.

- A Cyberbullying can happen through SMS, social medias, online gaming and forums.
- B This horrid act is easy to accomplish because the bullies hide behind anonymous screens.
- C These victims are known to have low esteem and perform poorly at school.
- D Today, however, bullying is more intense, it can be done to anyone and from anywhere, due to the rapid development of technologies like mobile devices and social media platforms.
- E It is important for parents to prevent cyberbullying from happening.
- F They can say anything they want and get away with it.
- G Masquerading is also categorised as cyberbullying even though some kids think this as fun prank.
- H They may feel the need to act out to intimidate other students.

[6 marks]