

Read the text below. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences (A – H) to fit each gap (1 – 6).

### Cyberbullying

In the past, bullying was confined to harsh words, shoving in the cafeteria and extortion of food. (1) \_\_\_\_

Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place over mobile phones, computers and tablets. (2) \_\_\_\_ The goal of cyberbullying is to embarrass, hurt or intimidate another person by spreading harmful lies.



Cyberstalking, spreading rumours and compromising pictures or videos are examples of cyberbullying. (3) \_\_\_\_ The bully will pretend to be someone else usually by using the other person's number or identity to harass or cyberstalk.

(4) \_\_\_\_ 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. (5) \_\_\_\_

Cyberbullying has devastating effects on the victims. (6) \_\_\_\_ 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 media, 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]