UNIT 12: ROBOTS

F. READING

I. Complete the passage with the words from the box.

freely	used	schoolwork	more	robots	transmits	health

I have had my robot for 3 years now, and it has helped me enormously with my (1)_____. I can't go to school because I have a (2)_____ condition. So I send my robot to school in my place. The robot (3)_____ information to me in real time and I can ask it to perform a number of functions. It asks and responds to questions from teachers, can move (4)_____ around the school, and it even interacts with my classmates. I am really happy with it and my grades have improved dramatically (5)_____ I have had it.

Although it was pretty difficult to get (6)_____ to using the robot at first, I realise I am really lucky to have him. I was reading in the paper the other day that a lot of kids want (7)_____ to learn or play with, or help them with their chores. I suppose a lot (8)_____ people will have robots in the future as this type of technology continues to develop at a frightening pace.

II. Choose the best option A, B, C or D to complete the passage.

Many people (1) _____. attending the international robot show in Ho Chi Minh City today. Young people are very interested (2) _____ home robots. These robots can cook, (3) _____coffee and tea, make bed, do the washing up clean the floors and toilets and do the gardening.

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The children like teaching robots. These robots can help students **(4)** _____ Teaching robots **(5)** _____.teach students mathematics, music and other subjects. They can help children speak, write, read and listen English **(6)** _____ Adults like worker robots **(7)**_____they can build houses, big buildings and bridges and they can build cars, doctor robots can help to find out the diseases for sick people and space robots can build space stations **(8)** _____ the Moon.

1.	A. will be	B. is	C. are
2.	A. at	B. in	C. for
3.	A. makes	B. make	C. making
4.	A. study	B. studies	C. studying
5.	A. will	B. can	C. could
6.	A. good	B. well	C. quick
7.	A. that	B. so	C. because
8.	A. in	B. on	C. at

III. Read the following passage and answer the questions below.

Would you like a robot in your house? It is now generally accepted that in the future robots will take over many of our tasks, especially jobs of a repetitive nature. But it is doubtful if robots will ever be able to do many of the more creative types of work - or indeed if people would want them to. At the home robots would probably be used to do the cleaning, table laying, scrubbing and washing up, but it is considered unlike so far that they will be used to do cooking - at least not in the near future. Robots in the home might not be creative enough to do the cooking, plan the meals, and so on. They

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would be used as slaves, thereby freeing people to do more of the things they wanted.

1. What kinds of jobs would a robot take over?

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2. What are the types of creative jobs?

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3. Can robots do creative work? Why? (Why not?)

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4. What would people use robots for?

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5. Would you like a robot in your house? Why? (Why not?)

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