

UNIT 12: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

PART 2: Cue Cards Task 8: Technology in the Future

Describe a piece of information technology that you think will be important in the future.

You should say:

- what it might be
- how people will use it
- how it may change daily life
- and explain why it will be important.

Sample 1: Artificial Intelligence (AI)

boost productivity	diagnose illnesses	handle routine tasks
reduce human error	tailor learning content	

A piece of information technology that I believe will be extremely important in the future is artificial intelligence, or AI.

AI is likely to be used in many areas of daily life, such as healthcare, education, and transportation. For example, intelligent systems may help doctors (1) _____ more accurately, while in education, AI-powered platforms could (2) _____ to individual students. In everyday life, people may rely on AI assistants to (3) _____ and make better decisions.

I think AI will be important because it has the potential to save time, (4) _____, and (5) _____. As this technology continues to develop, it could significantly improve the quality of life and change the way people work and learn.

Sample 2: Smart Home Technology

automating routine tasks	cut down on	focus on	in real time	play a major role
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One type of technology that I think will (6) _____ in the future is smart home technology.

In the future, people are likely to use smart devices to control household appliances remotely, including lighting, heating, and security systems. These technologies can help homeowners (7) _____ energy consumption and improve safety by monitoring their homes (8) _____.

This technology will be important because it makes daily life more convenient and efficient. By (9) _____, smart home systems allow people to (10) _____ more meaningful activities, which could greatly enhance their quality of life.

Sample 3: Virtual Reality (VR)

affordable and accessible real-life scenarios	engaging and effective referred to as	immersive experiences take part in
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A piece of information technology that I believe will become increasingly important in the future is virtual reality, often (11) _____ VR.

VR is expected to be widely used in areas such as education, training, and entertainment. For instance, students could (12) _____ virtual classrooms, while professionals might use VR to practise (13) _____ in a safe environment. This could make learning more (14) _____.

I think VR will be important because it offers (15) _____ that traditional methods cannot provide. As the technology becomes more (16) _____, it is likely to transform the way people learn, work, and interact.

Technology Used by Older People

Describe a piece of technology that older people use.

You should say:

- what the technology is
- how older people use it
- what difficulties they may have
- and explain whether it is helpful for them.

Sample 1: Smartphone

complicated settings look up	feelings of isolation stay in touch	keep in contact user-friendly
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A piece of technology that many older people use nowadays is the **smartphone**, especially basic models designed to be (17) _____.

Older people mainly use smartphones to (18) _____ with their family and friends through phone calls or messaging apps. Some also use them to (19) _____ information, watch videos, or make video calls with their children or grandchildren. However, many elderly users find it difficult to get used to touchscreens and (20) _____.

Despite these challenges, smartphones are extremely helpful for older people because they reduce (21) _____ and allow them to (22) _____ with loved ones easily. Overall, I think smartphones play an important role in improving older people's quality of life.

Sample 2: Smart Television

access online content	advanced technical skills	figure out
keep up with	suitable technology	video-streaming platforms

One type of technology that is commonly used by older people is the **smart TV**.

Many elderly people use smart TVs mainly for **watching programmes**, but some also use them to (23) _____, such as news channels or (24) _____. Compared to smartphones or computers, smart TVs are easier for older users to (25) _____, as the screens are larger and the controls are more familiar.

This technology is helpful because it provides both **entertainment and information**. It also helps older people (26) _____ current events without needing (27) _____, which makes it a (28) _____ for this age group.

Sample 3: Video-Calling Apps

certain features	face to face	increasingly important
social connections	stay connected	video-calling apps

A form of technology that is particularly useful for older people is (29) _____, such as Zoom or WhatsApp.

Older people use these apps mainly to (30) _____ with family members who live far away. For example, they can take part in virtual family gatherings or talk to relatives (31) _____ without travelling. However, some older users may struggle to **set up** the apps or remember how to use (32) _____.

Even so, video-calling apps are extremely beneficial because they help elderly people **maintain** (33) _____ and feel less lonely. In my opinion, this technology has become (34) _____ in modern society.

◊ **Sample 1: Artificial Intelligence**

1. **handle routine tasks** → deal with everyday or repetitive work
2. **save time** → reduce the amount of time needed
3. **boost productivity** → increase efficiency or output
4. **reduce human error** → lower the chance of mistakes made by people

◊ **Sample 2: Smart Home Technology**

5. **cut down on (energy consumption)** → reduce the amount used
6. **in real time** → immediately, without delay
7. **focus on (more meaningful activities)** → give attention to something important

◊ **Sample 3: Virtual Reality**

8. **take part in (virtual classrooms)** → participate in
9. **practise real-life scenarios** → train using realistic situations
10. **transform the way (people learn, work, and interact)** → completely change how something is done

◊ **From Sample 1: Smartphone**

1. **stay in touch** → keep communicating with someone
2. **look up (information)** → search for information
3. **get used to** → become familiar or comfortable with something
4. **keep in contact** → maintain communication

◊ **From Sample 2: Smart Television**

5. **figure out** → understand how something works
6. **keep up with (current events)** → stay informed or at the same level

◊ **From Sample 3: Video-Calling Apps**

7. **stay connected** → continue communicating despite distance
8. **take part in** → participate in an activity
9. **set up (an app/device)** → install or prepare something for use
10. **maintain social connections** → keep relationships active