1 Choose the correct option A, B, or C to fill in each blank in the following passage.

A Survey on Future Communication

In a recent survey, TechNews asked young people to (1) _____ how they will talk to each other in 30 years' time. The results are not (2) _____. Only 10% of the respondents think people will still send letters and postcards to each other (3) _____ 2050. About 30% think holography and telepathy technologies will allow them to communicate in (4) _____ time with their friends. Most people say that they will connect through supersmart devices (5) _____ of in person. Meanwhile, more than half of the respondents express their (6) _____ about future communication. They say that if children spend most of their time (7) _____ on the Internet, they may also not be able to communicate face to face very well (8) _____ 30 years.

1.	A. expect	B. predict	C. check
2.	A. surprising	B. surprised	C. surprise
3.	A. on	B. by	C. for
4.	A. personal	B. private	C. real
5.	A. more	B. instead	C. rather
6.	A. concerns	B. feelings	C. gratitude
7.	A. interacting	B. surfing	C. using
8.	A. for	B. by	C. in

2 Read the passages and tick (✓) the way of communication for each sentence. Sometimes you can tick both.

Future Ways of Communication

Video conferences

With the development of webcams, video conferences are becoming more and more popular. Thanks to this technology, people from different corners of the world can meet online for discussion and learning. It saves them a lot of time and money while travelling. However, there are some drawbacks to video conferences.

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First, participants need high-speed Internet connections to clearly experience the meeting's sound and images. Second, it is easy to set up a video meeting, so companies may require their employees to meet outside of office hours.

Translation machines

Advances in artificial intelligence has increased the accuracy of machine translation. Translation devices can translate in real time, so they help people from different countries communicate more quickly and easily. As a result, many people think that language barriers will disappear soon. However, this situation might lead to interpreters losing their jobs. Besides, people may not feel the need to learn a new language. This may also make them less likely to learn more about other cultures.

	A video conference	A translation machine
1. It makes distant communication easier.		
2. It makes use of a webcam.		
3. It may affect the job market.		
4. It may lead to employees working overtime.		
5. It saves time.		
6. It may decrease people's motivation to learn a new language.		

3 **Read the passage and do the exercises on page 85.**

When Smartphones Become Even Smarter

Mobile phone technologies have developed rapidly over the last decades, and experts are making interesting predictions about smartphones of the future. They say that by 2035, smartphones will be able to change their shapes to meet the users' needs. For example, you can fold your phone like a sheet of paper and put it in your wallet. Similarly, you can bend it and wear it as a watch. Moreover, new generations of smartphones can send and receive holographic pictures. By using holography, you will be able to participate in meetings without having to be at the meeting venue in person. You will also be able to interact in computer games as if you were a character in it. Besides, smartphones will have super strong sensors to read your mind and complete some tasks, such as making to-do lists and shopping online. They will be able to sense your mood, give advice and play suitable music. In the near future, many people may consider their smartphones their best friend, and they may interact with them even more than they do with their human friends.

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a. Choose the correct answer A, B, or C.

1. The passage describes predictions about future smartphones offered by _____.
   A. companies B. experts C. users
2. According to the passage, what can a user do to his / her smartphone by 2035?
   A. Change its shape. B. Wear it as a necklace. C. Make it into a wallet.
3. According to the passage, future smartphones may use _____ to help their users interact in computer games.
   A. sensors B. generators C. holography
4. Which of the following tasks can a super smartphone NOT do for its users?
   A. Check to-do lists. B. Shop online. C. Give advice.
5. According to the passage, people may treat their super smartphones as _____ in the near future.
   A. their servants B. their colleagues C. their best friends

b. Complete each gap in the note below with no more than THREE words.

- Smartphones of the future can ...
  + (1) _____ according to their users' demand.
  + exchange (2) _____ pictures.
  + (3) _____ their user's mind.
  + sense their users' (4) _____ and play appropriate music.
- In the near future, people may interact with their phones more than they do with their (5) _____.

E Writing

1 Make sentences using the words and phrases below to help you. You can make changes to the words and phrases, and add more words if necessary.

1. we / talk / phone / more / an hour / yesterday.

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2. near future, / mobile phones / run / solar energy.

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3. telepathy devices / become / popular / 30 years.

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4. if we use / our phones / much, / become dependent / them.

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5. many teenagers / prefer / chat / Internet / meet / their friends / person.

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