

Part 4

Read the text below and answer questions 25 – 34.

CASHLESS WORLD?

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Ever heard of going cashless? Welcome to this new technology. A cashless society may sound impossible but our country is already making a move towards having this kind of exchange into a reality. Just imagine that we do not have to carry money during our shopping trips to the mall or to the local market just down the road.

Our country has not reached the stage where all transactions are made without cash although Sweden and India are among the countries that aim towards making this change a reality. There are several benefits of not using cash but the disadvantages have to be taken into consideration, too.

An advantage of going cashless is a reduce in the number of crime rate. People are tempted to steal especially when there is a lot of money involved. Illegal transactions are carried out using cash because a record of payment as proofs will not be available. Another advantage is for people who often visit other countries. They do not have to worry about the rate exchange of the different currencies.

Nevertheless, paying via electronic devices means less privacy as payment information may turn up in unpredictable places. There is also the possibility of hackers. If it happens, a person will be left without any source of money. Another disadvantage is that some people can find difficulties in controlling their expenses because they do not see the amount of money leaving their hands. In addition, some very old or very poor people can be powerless to pay and receive payments just because they may not have bank accounts or appropriate devices to do so.

However, problems arise when there is even a little glitch in technology that can cause the inability of doing transactions. Imagine a dead battery, no electricity, people in remote places or old people who do not use smart phones!

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Questions 25 – 32

Answer the questions below.

Choose **no more than five words and/or a number** from the text for each answer.

For each question, write your answer in the space provided on your answer sheet.

25. It is possible for the nation to have a _____

[1 mark]

26. These two countries are moving towards making transactions without using money.

_____ [1 mark]

27. Going cashless can help in reducing _____

_____ [1 mark]

28. When money is not in use, tourists and travellers do not worry about the difference in the

_____ [1 mark]

29. Hackers can cause people to be left _____

_____ [1 mark]

30. Some people find it difficult to control their spending because they cannot see the

[1 mark]

31. Some unlucky people are not able to do any transaction just because they may not have

[1 mark]

32. What problem that can happen when there is a glitch in technology?

[1 mark]

Questions 33 and 34

Complete the table below with a word from the text.

For each question, write your answer in the space provided on your answer sheet.

| Meaning | Word |
|------------------|-------|
| 33. unauthorised | _____ |
| 34. malfunction | _____ |

[10 marks]