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FINAL EXAM

1. **Read the following article and answer the questions below.**

Online shopping

Everyone is talking about computers these days and the new craze is online shopping or e-shopping. This is not shopping for computers but buying goods through the Internet and paying for them with a credit card.

Internet fans say that the Internet provides everything. This idea is true in many ways. You have very quick access to all kinds of information and you can contact anyone instantly: friends, companies, shops. These are undeniably the great advantages of the Net.

As far as shopping is concerned, both having quick access to information and being able to contact anyone instantly means you have a huge variety of things to choose from and you can order goods straight away.

But what are we missing out on when we shop by ordering things through the Net and what are people going to do with all the time and energy? The answers to both questions give us an idea of the dangers of shopping online. First of all, we miss out on the human contact we get when we go shopping. We also miss out on interacting with the goods we are buying because we cannot hold them, smell them, or try them on. As a result, problems are more likely and more difficult to solve, for example when clothes do not fit and need to be returned.

As for using the time saved by not going shopping, there are of course many possibilities. People could use it to pursue sports activities or hobbies. However, it is more likely that people will spend that time sitting in front of the screen exploring the ever wider choice of things to buy on the Net.

The convenience of computer shopping for many kinds of goods is obvious, but we must be careful not to become slaves to consumer choice. If we do, we are looking at a future in front of a screen removed from other people.

1. Only computers can be bought through online shopping.

TRUE FALSE

2. What are some of the advantages of online shopping?

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3. What are some of the disadvantages of online shopping?

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4. Problems occur more often when shopping online than they do when going to a shop.

TRUE FALSE

5. What does the writer think people will do with the time saved by shopping online?

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