

Unit 8 | Group A

I. VOCABULARY

Match the sentence halves.

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| 1. It's easy to cut | a | your trash can. |
| 2. HD stands | b | in the conversation. |
| 3. We'd like to join | c | left, you'll see the answer. |
| 4. You should empty | d | and paste text into the document. |
| 5. If you swipe | e | on the image to expand it. |
| 6. You can tap | f | for High Definition. |

II. GRAMMAR

Choose the correct option. Sometimes both answers are correct.

- I enjoy *learning* / *to learn* about famous inventors.
- I love *sharing* / *to share* photos with my friends.
- My friend decided *watch* / *to watch* the film on his video console.
- Do you prefer *playing* / *to play* 3D games or 2D games?
- I don't mind *reading* / *to read* books about science.
- We might *to do* / *do* an experiment in the lesson tomorrow.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the first conditional.

0 If you save (save) your photos, you won't lose (not / lose) them.

- If you _____ (go) to bed now, you _____ (not / be) tired tomorrow.
- I _____ (lock) the door if I _____ (go) out.
- If Sam _____ (have) time, he _____ (download) the new app.
- If we _____ (click) on this virus, it _____ (destroy) our computer.
- I _____ (get) very cross if you _____ (not / switch off) that computer now.

III. USE OF ENGLISH

Complete the text with the correct form of the words in capital letters.

I enjoy reading ⁰ educational (EDUCATION) books. I've just finished reading a book about famous ¹ _____ (SCIENCE) who discovered important things. I learned about Charles Darwin. He was an English ² _____ (NATURE) and ³ _____ (GEOLOGY) who is famous for his theory of evolution. I also found out a lot of interesting ⁴ _____ (INFORM) about Albert Einstein. He was a ⁵ _____ (PHYSICS) who is famous for his theory of relativity.

Complete the text with the correct option A, B, C or D.

Hi Sue,

You know I always enjoy ⁰ ___ time on my computer. Well, I just updated my ¹ ___ page on Facebook. I ² ___ a few things about my birthday and I ³ ___ some photographs of my party. Check it out!

Looking forward to our holiday! If I ⁴ ___ time tomorrow, I'll send you the details about our hotel. Send me a quick ⁵ ___ if I forget!

Tina

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|---|-------------------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| 0 | A <u>spending</u> | B to spend | C spend | D spent |
| 1 | A icon | B profile | C date | D person |
| 2 | A swiped | B had | C pasted | D posted |
| 3 | A shared | B split | C stuck | D shut |
| 4 | A have | B will have | C had | D am having |
| 5 | A file | B message | C post | D cloud |

IV. LISTENING

Listen and choose the correct answer A, B or C.

1 You will hear a girl talking about the future.

The girl is thinking about

- A what job she might do in the future.
- B what she might study at university.
- C what she might do in the summer.

2 You will hear two people talking about computers.

The boy needs help with

- A posting something on Facebook.
- B reading his friends' updates on Facebook.
- C storing photos in the cloud.

3 You will hear a boy talking to his mother in a hotel room.

What problem does the boy have?

- A The sockets in the hotel room don't work.
- B He can't plug his gamepad into the sockets in the room.
- C He forgot to take his gamepad on holiday.

4 You will hear a girl talking to her grandmother about a computer game.

The aim of the computer game that the girl is playing is to

- A find the answers to clues.
- B jump over walls and fly.
- C win the race.

5 You will hear a boy talking about his phone.

The boy is feeling

- A upset because he can't see any of the messages on his phone.
- B worried because he's lost all his photos.
- C disappointed because the girl isn't going to get him a new phone for his birthday.

V. READING

Read the text. Choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

Is modern technology bad for our health?

If you look around you, you'll see how important technology is in all areas of our lives. But is it bad for our health? I am certain about my opinion on this subject.

Firstly, we talk to each other less than we used to. We prefer to communicate via social media or text messages rather than face to face. This means that our friendships have changed. It's more important to get 'likes' on social media than to have real friends. In fact, nowadays, some people prefer to stay at home by themselves instead of going out. They shut themselves away from the world. This can't be good for their health.

Also, we don't sleep as much as we used to. The bright light from screens makes it harder for us to get to sleep. A professor at the University of California explained that 50 years ago the average adult got eight and a half hours sleep, but now we get less than seven hours a night. In addition, looking at screens all day is very bad for our eyes. Scientists at The Vision Council say that many people have sore eyes after using screens for more than two hours.

Finally, technology has made everything too easy for us. We can click on one device and get entertainment, we can tap on another device to order food and we can use our voices to turn the lights on and off or turn the heating up. We never have to get up from the sofa! This means that we are more likely to sit around all day and become unfit or overweight.

In conclusion, some people say that technology has made our lives better, but I disagree. I just hope that we learn to make some changes before it's too late...

Posted by: Charlotte_Eco

Today's discussion question is this: is modern technology bad for our health? The answer seems obvious to me.

First of all, we are living longer lives than we used to. In the UK, men live for an average of 79.1 years and women for an average of 82.8 years. This is longer than people have ever lived before and this is because of developments in technology in medicine. For example, machines, such as MRI machines help us to find health problems much earlier than we used to.

What's more, technology isn't just helping us to live longer lives, it's also helping us to lead healthier lives. There are a lot of fitness apps that you can download onto your phone. Other forms of technology tell us how many steps we take each day or how fast our hearts are beating.

In addition, technology helps us to connect with people all over the world. In the past, some people found it hard to find friends in their local area and felt lonely. Now everyone can find someone to connect with, even if they're on the other side of the world.

Finally, virtual reality can have a positive effect for some people. For example, virtual museum tours can improve the quality of lives of elderly or disabled people who aren't able to make the journeys to the real museums.

To sum up, some people say that technology is dangerous, but I don't agree. In fact, I believe the opposite!

Posted by: TechnoKat

1 Both Charlotte_Eco and TechnoKat talk about how technology

- A has influence on how long we live.
- B can have an impact on our relationships with other people.
- C affects our sleep patterns.
- D has changed how much physical activity we do.

- 2 In Charlotte Eco's opinion, how has technology affected our relationships with others?
- A We communicate more than we used to.
 - B Real friends are now more important than friends we make online.
 - C We go out more easily to make friends.
 - D Our friendships rely on social media.
- 3 Charlotte Eco says that
- A the bright light of screens helps us to wake up.
 - B we sleep longer than we used to.
 - C modern technology has made our sleep habits worse.
 - D had no real effect on our sleep habits.
- 4 Which of these sentences reflects TechnoKat's opinion?
- A Modern technology hasn't affected how long people live.
 - B Fitness apps are difficult to use.
 - C People are more isolated than they used to be.
 - D People can do museum tours by virtual reality.
- 5 What would be a good introduction to this webpage?
- A Good health is more important than technology. Here, two doctors tell us their opinions.
 - B Is technology really bad for us? Here, two people share their different opinions.
 - C In this article, two people explain how technology can affect how long we live.
 - D Share your ideas about how technology has made the world safer and more connected.