Reading:

Read and match paragraphs a – e to the headlines below.

Modern Technology

a. Modern technology is changing the way we live our lives. Clever gadgets make everyday activities easier and enable people to use their time effectively. But what impact will this change have in the future and is it really a positive thing? People are busier than ever before. Technological advances mean that things are often possible with the touch of a button. A hundred years ago, however, things were very different. Everyday jobs, like doing the laundry, would take a whole day, and the telephone was a new invention! Nowadays, almost every household has a washing machine and a dishwasher, and there are more than 70 million mobile phones in use in the United Kingdom alone.

b. Research shows that around 28% of children in the UK are overweight or obese. Some people are concerned that this is because young people spend too much time online and not enough time socialising with their friends and playing outside. In the past, nearly all children walked to school because their parents didn't have a car. They didn't have all the luxuries that many children have now, so they used their imaginations and played outdoors in the fresh air.

c. Years ago, when people wanted to stay in touch with their friends and family, they wrote letters. These days, however, E-mail communication and social networking sites, such as Facebook, allow instant, free international communication.

d. Online banking and shopping make essential activities possible from the comfort of our own homes. But what effect will this have on town centres and shops? In some towns and cities, many shops are now empty, and a lot of people think this is because more and more people choose to use the Internet for shopping.

e. There are many benefits of using technology but we need to be responsible in the choices we make. Modern equipment is often very expensive and does not last a long time. It is important to consider how much we really need these things and the impact they have on our health, the environment and society.

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1. Our responsibility when choosing to use modern technology. _____

2. The impact of modern technology on everyday life over the past century. _____

3. How modern technology has changed communication. _____

4. The effect of modern technology on young people. _____

5. Modern technology in relation to shopping and retail. _____

Use of English:

Match these two columns.

SCROLL DOWN	THE VOLUME.
LOG IN	TO YOUR EMAIL.
TURN UP	THE WEBPAGE.
CLICK ON	THE ICON.

Choose the correct option to complete the sentences below.

1. Why did you change the channel? I _____that movie.

a.watched

b.was watching

c.had watched

2. When he entered the room somebody _____him in the head.

a.hit

b.was hitting

c.had hit

3. The burglar _____to open the safe when he _____ the owner come in.

a.was trying / heard

b.tried / heard

d.tried / was hearing

4. Have you _____ to New York?.

a. ever go

b. ever been

c. was ever been

    5. I haven't made any plans for Easter. I_____ at home.

a. am going to stay

b. will probably stay

c. am staying

    6. 'The phone's ringing.'

       'OK, I_____ it.

a. 'll answer

b. am going to answer

c. am answering

    7. I_____ for my exam on Sunday afternoon.

a. will revise

b. am going to revise

c. am revising

    8. I'm going home. I_____ you tomorrow. Bye!

a. will see

b. am going to see

c. am seeing

    9. Can you lend me five hundred dollars? I _____ you back on Friday.

a. am going to pay

b. am paying

c. will pay

    10. You took too long to get ready! The film _____

a. already started

b. was already started

c. has already started

Listening:

<u>Listen to an interview in a science programme. Are these sentences
True or False? Choose the correct answer.</u>

1. Judy thinks it's very small for a computer. **True / False**

2. You use the computer with the screen on a laptop. **True / False**

3. The computer is expensive and difficult to use. **True / False**

4. Scientists created the computer for schools. **True / False**

5. 'Code' is the language people use to program computers. **True / False**

5. Paul created a music program yesterday with the computer. **True / False**

Writing:

Write a short paragraph (120-150 words) stating your opinion about the role technology in our society. What are the pros and cons of living in a highly technological society? Do you think that technology will be more or less important in the future? Do you think that robots will be better at our jobs than us? If so, What kind of jobs do you think that robots will and won't be able to do?

Escribe un párrafo de 120-150 palabras expresando tu opinión sobre el rol que cumple la tecnología en nuestra sociedad. ¿Cuáles son los pros y contras de vivir en una sociedad altamente tecnológica? ¿Piensas que la tecnología va a ser más o menos importante en el futuro? ¿Piensas que los robots van a ser mejores en nuestros trabajos que nosotros? Si crees que si, qué tipo de trabajos pensás que los robots van y no van a ser capaces de hacer?