

VOCABULARY SET 38: INVENTIONS

Vocabulary:

1. **ancient era** (np): thời cổ đại
2. **cornerstone** (n): viên đá đặt nền, nền tảng
3. **counterpart** (n): người / bộ phận / tổ chức tương ứng
4. **disseminate** (v) - **dissemination** (n): gieo rắc, phổ biến, phát tán
5. **diversity** (n) - **diverse** (adj): đa dạng
6. **enable somebody to do something** (collocation): cho phép/tạo điều kiện cho ai làm gì
7. **era** (n): thời đại, thời kì, kỷ nguyên
8. **facilitate** (v): làm cho dễ dàng, làm cho thuận tiện
9. **get in touch with** (collocation): liên lạc, liên hệ
10. **hydropower** (n): thủy điện
11. **industrial era** (np): thời đại công nghiệp
12. **lay a foundation for** (collocation): đặt nền móng cho vấn đề gì đó
13. **locomotive** (n): đầu máy xe lửa
14. **solar-powered** (adj) - **animal-powered** (adj) - **human-powered** (adj): sử dụng năng lượng mặt trời - sử dụng sức động vật - sử dụng sức người

Exercises:

Task 1: Write sentences from given cues. Make changes to the cues when needed.

1. translator / facilitate / conversation / immigrant / attorney.

2. they / work / peace / during / long / era / conflict.

3. he / still / continue / fruitless / effort / get in touch / her

4. one / organisation / aims / disseminate / information / disease.

5. good / attitude / foundation / life / success.

Task 2: Translate from Vietnamese to English

1. Bởi vì niềm tin là nền tảng cho hôn nhân hạnh phúc, các cặp vợ chồng cần tin tưởng lẫn nhau.

2. Sau cuộc bầu cử tổng thống, không mất quá nhiều thời gian để truyền thông phổ biến kết quả đến từng phòng khách trên toàn thế giới.

3. Tại Mỹ, trung bình một người dân sử dụng lượng nước gấp bốn lần so với một người tương ứng tại Ấn Độ.

4. Mạng đầy tính đa dạng, khu phố của tôi dung chứa những con người từ nhiều sắc tộc khác nhau.

5. Bởi các trang mạng xã hội cho phép cá nhân chia sẻ tin tức nhanh chóng, nhu cầu dành cho báo giấy trở nên thấp hơn.

Task 3: Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases

ancient era (np)	facilitate (v)
cornerstone (n)	get in touch with (collocation)
counterpart (n)	hydropower (n)
disseminate (v) - dissemination (n)	industrial era (np)
diversity (n) - diverse (adj)	lay a foundation for (collocation)
enable sb to do sth (collocation)	locomotive (n)
era (n)	solar-powered (adj) - animal-powered (adj) - human-powered (adj)

There have been many inventions in human history, such as the wheel. Some people think the most important thing is the internet. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

In the 1_____, the human race discovered how to create fire, invented the wheel and 2_____, today's printing technology. Later on, in the 3_____, they built more complex machinery and started to use motorised vehicles. Although all these facilities have proved their great significance to all mankind throughout history, some state that the single most important invention is the Internet. From my perspective, such a statement is an exaggeration, despite some benefits of the Internet.

In this digital era, the Internet helps store, communicate and 4_____, information in a fast and convenient way. As a key method of storing data, there is an increasingly high number of people uploading their files onto the Internet. Microsoft's OneDrive, for example, is a cloud storage that provide file storage services for tens of millions of people. Furthermore, as an important means of communication, the Internet 5_____, their friends easily. This can be clearly seen in the case of SnapChat, a messaging application with millions of users monthly. Finally, the Internet serves as an important tool that 6_____, the 7_____, of information. An excellent example of this is Facebook, a social network that acts as a virtual platform helping one spread their ideas whenever and wherever they want.

Although the power of the Internet cannot be overstated, I firmly believe that there are even more valuable inventions. The first is electricity, without which almost all electronic devices cannot function. In

other words, the Internet could be of no use if there were no electricity. The second is engines, which can be seen in a great 8 _____, of facilities, from the old 9 _____, to today's luxury 10 _____, aeroplanes. If there were no engines, people would have to use 11 _____, or 12 _____, vehicles, which are often much slower than their motorised 13 _____. To illustrate, the top pace of an average camel is 30 miles per hour, half that of a car on a highway. The final and most important discovery, from my point of view, is mobile phones, which are the physical platform for various forms of digital communication. Today, billions are using mobile phones to make calls and send text messages on a daily basis, a much greater number than that of those using the Internet for the same purpose.

To sum up, the Internet has some enormous advantages for the human race, but there are even more significant discoveries, including electricity, engines and mobile phones. I predict that along with the Internet, these three inventions will still be the 14 _____, of future humanity.

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