

I. VOCABULARY

A) Choose the correct option a, b or c.

- 1 Have you seen the exhibition by that new artist, Barrio? It's at the b now.
a landmark b art gallery c square
- 2 I think San Francisco has one of the most beautiful ___ in the world.
a cycle lanes b skylines c traffic jams
- 3 Leo lives in the most expensive ___ in the city.
a art gallery b landmark c neighbourhood
- 4 We have to build more ___ so that people can leave their cars at home.
a traffic jams b neighbourhoods c cycle lanes

B) Choose the correct adjectives to complete the sentences.

- 1 Because he works so hard and doesn't relax, Paul has a very ___ lifestyle.
a stressful b fun c sociable
- 2 It's ___ to live near the sea because there are so many activities you can do.
a unhealthy b easy-going c fun
- 3 I think I have a ___ lifestyle. I eat healthy food, go to bed early and exercise.
a sociable b busy c sensible
- 4 José needs to see his friends more. At the moment, he isn't very ___.
a fun b sociable c simple

C) Match 1–7 with a–g.

- 1 My old phone was so complicated. ___
- 2 Electrical goods don't break so often these days. ___
- 3 The assistant was friendly and helpful. ___
- 4 I thought the restaurant was poor value for money. ___
- 5 It's an old washing machine and not environmentally friendly. ___
- 6 Kate's TV is really high quality. ___
- 7 My old car was so poorly designed. ___

a It uses a lot of electricity and water.
b They're far more reliable than in the past.
c The dishes were small and the food wasn't tasty.
d This one is much easier to use.
e The picture is sharp and the sound is perfect.
f It's a shop with excellent service.
g When it rained, water came in through the windows!

II. GRAMMAR

A) Write sentences using the present perfect simple or past simple.

1 I / see / a great / action film / last night.

2 They / not see him / since last winter.

3 What / Ben / do / yesterday morning?

4 You / ever / play / chess on a computer?

5 We / already / clean / our bedrooms.

B) Complete the sentences with the correct article a, an, the or – for zero article.

1 I think _____ people come here because it's so beautiful.

2 There's _____ apple on the table behind you. Can you pass it to me, please?

3 Tonight is special because _____ moon will look extra big and bright.

4 Can you open _____ round window? It's so hot.

5 Doctors believe we shouldn't put _____ sugar in our tea and coffee.

6 Is that _____ new coat? I didn't know you went shopping today!

7 You can't miss it. It's _____ tallest building in the city.

C) Complete the sentences with the superlative form of the words in the box.

bad friendly good important popular

1 I think that was the _____ hotel I've ever stayed in. I'll write a very negative review of it.

2 What do you think is _____ tourist site in France? I think it's the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

3 Jamal believes Ronaldo is _____ footballer in the world, but I think it's definitely Messi.

4 This article says that Bolivia is _____ country in South America. People invite you into their homes for dinner.

5 Your passport is _____ thing to remember when you go abroad.

III. READING

A) Read the post. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1

We've advanced so much in education since I started teaching in the 80s and it's mostly thanks to technology. I have an interactive whiteboard and learning is much more interesting. Of course, there are always disadvantages. I often get messages from colleagues at the weekend

about new teaching policies or questions about marking! In addition, technology is not 100% reliable, but for me, there are more pros than cons. I enjoy teaching much more today.

A grateful teacher, 50

2

We have more choice now with shops. I do everything online; from booking holidays to buying clothes and food shopping. It makes my day-to-day life much easier because we are a family of five and there's always so much to buy. Now I have everything pre-ordered, so with a click of a button all my groceries for the week are sent and delivered in 24 hours – so simple! My life would be much more stressful without these services that didn't exist 20 years ago. I don't know how my mother managed!

A working mum, 47

3

I've lived and worked abroad for 20 years and catching up with friends and family is so important. We don't always speak on the phone, but sometimes a message is enough. Communication is so simple these days. Wherever you are in the world you can be in contact with your loved ones and this, for me, is really important. I also think there's more opportunity to meet people. We're sociable, but in a very different way from our grandparents.

A travel lover, 38

4

I've worked in the entertainment industry for many years and it has changed a lot – mostly for the good. I do worry a little about the future of entertainment, however. The quality and choice available has improved in so many ways, but people are choosing to watch series over films, which is a worry. We don't want to lose our cinemas. Today, I think there are a range of genres of programmes, so everyone can find something they like. This is definitely positive.

A modern traditionalist, 60

5

In my local supermarket there are six brands of coffee! It makes choosing difficult, so I'm not sure all this choice is positive – I spend longer at the supermarket than I used to. However, I do enjoy the great range we have nowadays and I wouldn't go back! I also think because there are so many different brands, products are of a higher quality than when I was younger. Online reviews also mean that companies and services have to be very careful, but I'm not sure that all this has improved customer service. You either get excellent or awful service. There's definitely more quality control today and the consumer has much more power than before.

A forward-thinking 70-year-old

1 The new teaching policies are an example of the positive impact of new technology in education. (paragraph 1) _____

2 Everyday life is easier. Now you can do all your shopping from your computer. (paragraph 2) _____

3 We are sociable, but not in the same way as before. (paragraph 3) _____

4 In terms of entertainment, people are going to the cinema now more than ever. (paragraph 4)

5 More choice means sometimes our shopping takes longer. (paragraph 5) _____

IV. WRITING

A) You're going to write a biography of somebody important to you – a celebrity, a person from history or a family member. Write 190 words.

V. LISTENING

A) Listen to five people talking about things they couldn't live without and match speakers 1–5 with objects below.

- 1 Luke _____
- 2 Amy _____
- 3 Paul _____
- 4 Jo _____
- 5 Clem _____

- A computer
- B walking boots
- C book
- D online shopping
- E phone