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6 Fore Street, Kensington, London
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Dear Editor,

I am writing with regards to the article 'Is the TV Dead?' that appeared in your newspaper on March 4th. The author claimed that with the rise of the Internet, the TV was becoming less and less significant in our lives.

I find it very difficult to agree with this view. The TV is still the main way most of us get our entertainment at home. It offers us the chance to see top musical artists, great films and documentaries and occasionally, thanks to important televised events, it has the power to bring the whole nation and all ages together in a way the Internet never could.

Your article was particularly critical of the TV for the poor quality of programmes available on the many channels we now have. It is certainly true that many of the channels offer nothing more than repeats or low budget programmes. However, I would argue that the majority of content on the Internet is also of questionable quality. I agree with the writer that it is easy to keep up-to-date with the latest news on the Internet, but I'm sure most of US still enjoy sitting down to the News on TV in the evening just as much.

The writer is correct in stating that the Internet has become our major source for research and I think this is its main strength. However, criticising the TV for not being as good is totally unfair. Information programmes like documentaries are made for their potential as entertainment not as research tools and as such will continue to be popular with viewers.

So in conclusion, I don't think the writer should be so quick to write the TV off. On the contrary, I think it has many more years left in it!

Yours sincerely,
Samantha Johnson

Question 1: Why is Samantha Johnson writing this letter to the newspaper?

A. to offer a different point of view

B. to make a complaint

C. to encourage people to watch more TV

D. to persuade people not to use the Internet

Question 2: What do we learn about Samantha's opinion of the TV?

A. It is suffering because of the Internet.

B. It is a main source of entertainment.

C. The quality of programmes is a problem.

D. It is useful as a reference tool.

Question 3: Which of the following is seen as a problem with the TV?

A. its poor use as a reference tool

B. its unpopularity with younger people

C. the lack of entertainment programmes

D. the quality of some of the programmes

Question 4: What does Samantha think is the best use of the Internet?

A. to find things out B. to get the latest news

C. to buy products D. to be entertained

Question 5: Which of the following words describes how Samantha feels about the TV?

A. confused B. excited C. pleased D. worried

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