PRACTICE 7

Read the text below. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences **(A – H)** *to fit each gap* **(1 – 6)**.

Cyberbullying

In the past, bullying was confined to harsh words, shoving in the cafeteria and extortion of food. **(1)** ____



Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place over mobile phones, computers and tablets. **(2)** ____ The goal of cyberbullying is to embarrass, hurt or intimidate another person by spreading harmful lies.

Cyberstalking, spreading rumours and compromising pictures or videos are examples of cyberbullying. **(3)** ____ The bully will pretend to be someone else usually by using the other person's number or identity to harass or cyberstalk.

(4) ____ In addition to this, distance too, has emboldened the bullies to engage in this despicable act because they don't have to see people face-to-face. **(5)** ____

Cyberbullying has devastating effects on the victims. **(6)** ____ They also suffered from emotional distress, depression and if the bullying is out of control, they may have suicidal thoughts.

A Cyberbullying can happen through SMS, social media, online gaming and forums.

B This horrid act is easy to accomplish because the bullies hide behind anonymous screens.

C These victims are known to have low esteem and perform poorly at school.

D Today, however, bullying is more intense, it can be done to anyone and from anywhere, due to the rapid development of technologies like mobile devices and social media platforms.

E It is important for parents to prevent cyberbullying from happening.

F They can say anything they want and get away with it.

G Masquerading is also categorised as cyberbullying even though some kids think this as fun prank.

H They may feel the need to act out to intimidate other students.

[6 *marks*]

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