Paper 3: Use of English (45 minutes)

PART 1

For questions 1–12, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

0 A seriously B extremely C absolutely D intensely

0	A	B	C	D

Multitasking children

The trend for children to multitask by juggling all sorts of electronic gadgets at the same time is 0 _____ damaging their levels of concentration, scientists have warned. 1 _____ use of the Internet, iPods, mobile phones and DVDs 2 _____ behind that finding. Scientists have 3 _____ the belief of many parents that it is impossible to concentrate on more than one thing at the same time. They found that children 4 _____ homework while sending messages via the Internet can 5 _____ up spending 50% longer than if they had done each task 6 _____.

David E Meyer, Professor of Cognitive Psychology at the University of Michigan, said that true multitasking is 7 _____ possible for simple activities such as ironing and listening to the radio. He 8 _____ experiments demonstrating that young adults who had to 9 _____ from one maths problem to another wasted significant amounts of time. Meyer said: 'For situations 10 _____ more complex tasks, especially those requiring language, the total time taken to get all the tasks done will increase 11 _____. Over long periods, this kind of multitasking can stress you out and 12 _____ to mental and physical exhaustion.'

1	A Rocketing	B Heightening	C Ascending	D Leaping
2	A stands	B rests	C lies	D sits
3	A assured	B guaranteed	C authorized	D confirmed
4	A engaging	B tackling	C attending	D undergoing
5	A turn	B come	C use	D end
6	A separately	B distinctly	C apart	D aside
7	A merely	B purely	C only	D simply
8	A set	B put	C took	D ran
9	A alter	B switch	C interrupt	D exchange
10	A consisting	B containing	C involving	D meaning
11	A largely	B greatly	C widely	D highly
12	A result	B proceed	C lead	D bring

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