

## UNIT 9 THE DIGITAL WORLD 2A

### A. LISTENING

1. Listen to two teenagers talking about their electronic devices. For questions (1-5), choose the correct options (A, B, C or D).

<p><b>1 Nick got a new</b></p> <p>A. Smartphone</p> <p>B. MP3 player</p> <p>C. Laptop</p> <p>D. tablet</p>	<p><b>2 When did he get it?</b></p> <p>A. Today</p> <p>B. this week</p> <p>C. yesterday</p> <p>D. last week</p>
<p><b>3 Who told Nick that a smartphone was useful?</b></p> <p>A. his parents</p> <p>B. his friends</p> <p>C. his mum</p> <p>D. Cathy</p>	<p><b>4 What device has Cathy got?</b></p> <p>A. a smartphone</p> <p>B. an MP3 player</p> <p>C. a tablet</p> <p>D. a laptop</p>
<p><b>5 Cathy DOESN'T use her device to</b></p> <p>A. chat online</p> <p>B. send messages</p> <p>C. play games</p> <p>D. watch videos</p>	

2. You will hear an interview with two trainee teachers, called Amy and John, **about students using smartphones in school**. Click on the link [here](#) and scroll to **LISTENING PART 3**:

<p><b>15 Amy would like schools to teach students</b></p> <p><b>A</b> to be aware of advertising on smartphones.</p> <p><b>B</b> about the negative effects of overuse of smartphones.</p> <p><b>C</b> how to avoid being distracted by smartphones.</p> <p><b>D</b> to decide for themselves when to use smartphones.</p>	<p><b>16 Amy and John both say that some parents</b></p> <p><b>A</b> don't always follow their own rules about phone use.</p> <p><b>B</b> buy smartphones for quite young children.</p> <p><b>C</b> fail to set a good example of smartphone use.</p> <p><b>D</b> don't know which sites their children use on their smartphones.</p>
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<p><b>17 John agrees students can use smartphones in class in order to</b></p> <p>A take photos of their work.  B look up information.  C record a conversation.  D use the calculator.</p>	<p><b>18 What happened when smartphones were banned in one school?</b></p> <p>A the police had fewer cases of stolen phones.  B Teachers spent more time on the content of lessons.  C Students soon accepted the situation.  D Most parents welcomed the decision.</p>
<p><b>19 John mentions workplaces to point out that company rules regarding smartphone use</b></p> <p>A change depending on the type of job.  B should be reviewed regularly.  C are hard to make people follow  D accept that phones are valuable tools.</p>	<p><b>20 What does Amy conclude about the debate on the topic of using smart-phones in school?</b></p> <p>A shows parents and teachers think very differently.  B It is being used to hide more serious problems.  C It reflects significant changes in society.  D It will soon seem old-fashioned.</p>

3. You will hear five short extracts in which **people are talking about digital books**. For questions **19-23**, choose from the list **A-H** what each speaker says. Click on the following link: [link](#) and scroll to LISTENING PART 3:

<p>A I can see the words very clearly.  B I only read digital books when I travel.  C I can't always find what I want in digital format.  D I wouldn't consider replacing all my paper books with digital books.  E I always have a new digital book ready to read next.  F I like the quality of the pictures.  G I don't find digital books particularly convenient.  H I appreciate all the extra features.</p>	<p><b>19</b> Speaker 1  <b>20</b> Speaker 2  <b>21</b> Speaker 3  <b>22</b> Speaker 4  <b>23</b> Speaker 5</p>
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## C. READING

Read and choose the correct answer:

### Georgina Johnson writes about the mobile phone

Looking back to when I was younger in the 1980s, I can remember dreaming of two inventions I thought would change my world but were probably not likely to happen in my lifetime. One was a tiny video camera that I could carry around in my pocket and film moments whenever I had the opportunity. The other was something I could use to see and speak to people miles away. I often saw them in science fiction films, and they didn't even need to be plugged in!

I find it incredible that during my adult life these two dreams have become a reality. And not even two separate inventions. Just one phone, small enough to keep in my pocket so that I hardly know it's there. I can video call or chat to friends and relatives, catch up with the latest news, watch videos of my favourite bands, check the weather forecast or send messages. Thanks to satnav I never have to worry if I get lost when I make a journey somewhere I have never been before. I can shop as much as I want and even take a course in any subject I want ... the list goes on.

Along with the internet, the mobile phone must be the biggest change in technology ever. So why do many of us feel slightly worried about how much time we spend on the phone in our lives? It's strange that the opportunities it has offered us for communication seem to have limited the time we actually spend talking to each other. We are all used to seeing friends and families who are always looking at their screens and taking very little notice of those around them.

The mobile phone is here to stay and we have to find a way of dealing with the problems it might create. I believe these are challenges we have to solve individually rather than expecting something or someone else to come to our rescue. It's up to us to be careful about the time we spend online and remember that it's good to talk with those sitting nearby. We can still feel amazed to have such a powerful piece of technology available when we need it.

### 1 What does Georgina say about the 1980s?

- A She didn't have a TV.
- B Some inventions seemed a long way in the future.
- C People were always watching science fiction films.
- D She had friends who lived a long way away.

### 2 Georgina says that a mobile phone

- A is easy to carry.
- B can be hard to know how to use.
- C is easy to lose.
- D is helping her with her studies.

### 3 What changes does Georgina say the mobile phone has created?

- A We now depend on the internet.
- B It stops us seeing friends and relatives as often.
- C We communicate with people in a different way.
- D We spend more time communicating with people.

### 4 Georgina thinks that people who use a mobile phone

- A don't realise how powerful it can be.
- B should speak to others for help.
- C are beginning to wish it hadn't been invented.
- D are responsible for using it sensibly.

### 5 What would be a good introduction to this article?

- A Georgina Johnson explains how her dreams have come true now the mobile phone has made her life so much easier.
- B Are you spending too long on your mobile phone? Georgina Johnson warns of some of the dangers.

**C** One of the greatest inventions of all time or something we should be a little concerned about? Georgina Johnson gives her views on the mobile phone.

**D** Do you dream about what the future may be like and what technological inventions will occur? They are unlikely to come true says Georgina Johnson.