

1 In 2004, a Chinese boy jumped from a building after playing Warcraft for 36 hours. His suicide note stated that he jumped to 'join the heroes of the game he worshipped'. Later in 2005, a child died from neglect as her parents were across the street café playing Warcraft for 5 hours. Online game addiction may lead to life-threatening consequences. The world of Internet gaming is so varied and vast. Through an Internet portal, we can explore outer space or an entire score of magical worlds. Anyone can be transported to an alternative reality in a matter of minutes. We can escape not only from our surroundings, but from ourselves, as well.



2 I asked doctor Keith Bakker what can make gaming dangerous. He explained the aspects that really make online gaming so serious. The first factor is the chemical rush from Dopamine, the body's accomplishment chemical. Those little or sometimes huge buzzes we get when we do something well. You can get lots of these particularly in combat games. Whenever we kill an enemy, we get a bigger dopamine rush. Keith pointed out, "What they get hooked on is the Dopamine not the game."

3 The second is the social aspect. With Warcraft, for example, players form clubs with up to 60 players. To beat another club, every member has to be online. Keith explained, "If you're not there, the pressure is enormous from the rest of the club members. We need you, you're one of us." Some of these kids have been playing for 3 to 4 years and they don't have any interpersonal relationships anymore with human beings. They think they are having all sorts of friends, but the friends they have are online. For many of these kids, it's the first time in their life that they are good at something.

4 Moreover, these kids are in terrible physical condition because they haven't got off their chairs for years and they have totally failed at school, because they have been playing games when they should be doing their homework. Online gaming creates a completely new person who can conquer and destroy. And we can communicate with someone we can be certain to share at least one interest with. Computer game addiction can massively affect young people's development with symptoms that range from irritability and sleep deprivation to poor health and violence.



5 In general, there's nothing wrong with gaming on its own. It can be a fun recreational activity for 80% of the population. The problem is that there is a large number of people in the world who have this predisposition for addiction; and whether it's gaming or alcohol, they're going to get hooked on something. My advice to anyone who spends too long playing games is that they must have a life outside the virtual world too. Because they never know when the plug might be pulled out, and they could find themselves quite rudely awakened.

I COMPREHENSION (15 POINTS)

{Base all your answers on the text}

A Which of the following would be the best title for the text? Tick (✓) the correct one. (1pt)

- 1 The story of a Chinese boy
- 2 The symptoms of Internet addiction
- 3 Internet addiction in China
- 4 The threats of online gaming

B Answer the following questions. (3pts)

- 1 When does our body produce Dopamine chemical?
- 2 What are some effects of online gaming?
- 3 What makes the world of Internet gaming different from the real one?

C Are these sentences True or False? Justify. (2pts)

- 1 When children play Internet games, they explore a world which has no limits.
- 2 The writer believes that gaming can be positive.

D Complete this chart from the text. (4pts)

When	What happened	Why
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E Find in the text words or expressions that mean the same as the following. (2pts)

- 1 didn't succeed (parag 5):
- 2 influence (parag6):

F Complete the following sentences from the text. (2pts)

- 1 In Warcraft game, if a member is absent,
- 2 The doctor's advice to those who spend a long time playing games is.....

G What do the underlined words refer to in the text? (1 pt)

- 1 these (parag 2)
- 2 It (parag 5)

II LANGUAGE (15 POINTS)

A Rewrite the following sentences as suggested. (3pts)

- 1 The children are going to play online games.
Online games.....
- 2 Some skilled people left their home countries because they did not get appealing jobs.
If
- 3 "Try to use the computer in a good way," the teacher advised us.
The teacher advised us

B Put the verbs between brackets in the correct tense. (2pts)

- 1 By the year 2020, a new generation of online games (replace).....the actual three-dimensional games.
- 2 Our neighbours(live)in Fez before they moved to Ouarzazate.

C Join the pairs of sentences with the linking words given. (2pts)

- 1 The Internet has a lot of benefits. It can sometimes be dangerous. (in spite of)
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- 2 Some women suffer from inferiority. They suffer from violence too. (not only.....butalso)
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D Put the words between brackets in the correct form.(2pts)

- 1 Street children live a difficult life. Most of them are (home)
- 2 During the last few years many world countries were suffering from a (finance) crisis.
- 3 It is (law) to marry a second wife without the permission of the first one.
- 4 The Moroccan government is making a lot of efforts to fight (employ)

E Fill in the blanks with the appropriate phrasal verbs.(2pts)

look after take after find out come across make up

- 1 He could not the secret his wife has been hiding.
- 2 The babysitter's job is to the babies.

G Match the sentences with the appropriate functions. (4pts)

Sentence		Function	
1	Enough is enough! I can't tolerate your behaviour anymore.	a	asking for advice
2	If I were you, I wouldn't waste my time chatting.	b	complaining
3	I should have thought well before taking that decision.	c	responding to good news
4	Sounds great! You managed to find the right girl.	d	expressing regret

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III WRITING (10 POINTS)

The combination of life in a big city and the accessibility of technological inventions provide young people with the opportunity to benefit from their free time and make good use of it. Write an email to your e-friend in which you list the types of leisure activities that youths who live in Casablanca do in their spare time and their benefits.

June 3rd

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