



English test 2/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

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**READING COMPREHENSION**

**INTERNET FANATICS**

An English report has recently revealed that children are becoming so fanatical with the Internet that really half prefer their computers to their friends. **It** claimed that a generation is growing up using the Internet at an early age.

Forty-six per cent of British parents believe their children are so busy playing with computers that they spend less time with their friends. At the same time, 55 per cent of parents fear their children will become info-addicted.

The report cites the example of Alexander Feldman, 13, from west London, who switches on his P.C. as soon as he returns from school, often spending several hours, staying up late to take part in chat groups on the Internet.

Alexander said: "There's so much interesting information on the Internet that it is sometimes hard to switch off. It is an easy way to make friends and stay in touch with people **I** know in different countries." But he denied that he was addicted to the Net. "I could stop but I would be frustrated and upset about it because I have friends all over the world and like to communicate with them." He is convinced that chat enables him to acquire many skills. "Thanks to chatting with different e-friends from different countries, I learnt to type, speak and write in many languages."

Author Mark Griffiths, psychology lecturer at Nottingham Trent University, claimed the report showed that information is becoming "the drug of the third millennium." He added: "Have we become fact-fanatics and info-junkies? There is a very fine line between having enough information and getting too much. As well as computer skills, children should be able to relate to each other, communicate and get the physical exercise they need to develop."

The survey of business people found that 53 per cent longed for electronic information and 5 per cent got a "high" when they found what they wanted. Sixty one per cent believed they were victims of information overload while 80 per cent of managers gather more facts than they use.

**COMPREHENSION ( 15POINTS)**

Base your answers on the text

**A. ARE THESE SENTENCES TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY (3points)**

1. All British parents worry about their sons playing with the computer for a long time. ....
2. Alexander refused to say that he was obsessed by the Internet.  
.....
3. The survey found that few Internet users suffer from excess.  
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**B. FILL IN THE CHART WITH THE RIGHT INFORMATION FROM THE TEXT: (6pts)**

<b>CAUSE</b>	<b>EFFECT</b>
.....	Children prefer their computers to their friends.
Children are busy playing with computers.	.....
There is so much information on the Internet.	.....

**C. CHOOSE THE RIGHT TITLE FROM THE LIST GIVEN. (1point)**

- 1- Third millennium invention.
- 2- An electronic means of information.
- 3- A modern addiction

**D. WHAT DO THE UNDERLINED WORDS IN THE TEXT REFER TO? (2points)**

- 1- It (paragraph 1):.....
- 2- I (paragraph 4):.....

**E. FIND WORDS IN THE TEXT MEANING APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AS: (3points)**

- 1- excessively enthusiastic (paragraph 1):.....
- 2- defeated or disappointed (paragraph 4):.....
- 3- collect (paragraph 6):.....

**LANGUAGE 15 POINTS**

**A. Fill in the blanks with the right words from the list. (2points)**

- 1- When using the Internet we should tolerate the (believe)..... of others.
- 2- We should have a good character with positive and (ethics) ..... traits.

**B. Fill in the blanks with the right phrasal verbs from the list given. (2 points)**

**Put off - take off - pick up - look up - back up**

- 1- You should always .....important files and documents so that you won't lose all your work if something goes wrong with your computer.

2- Young children .....the web jargon quickly and easily.

C. **Match the words that go together to make appropriate collocations. (2pts)**

1- High	a. growth
2- Economic	b. science
	c. technology

D. **Rewrite these sentences as suggested. (2points)**

- 1- "Have we become fact-fanatics and info-junkies?"  
Author Mark Griffiths questioned.....
- 2- Alexander missed an audio chat with his friend because he didn't log in on time.  
Alexander  
wishes.....

E. **Join the pairs of sentences with the suggested words. (4points)**

- 1- Alexander is addicted to the net. He does his homework regularly.(despite .....
- 2- 60/ of children are victims of information overload. 5/ benefit a lot from the net. (whereas).....

F. **Match the sentences with their functions. ( 3points)**

Sentences	Functions
1- A blog refers to a journal that is available on the web.	a- Cause and Effect
2-Alexander stays up late in order to take part in chat groups on the net.	b- Defining
3-Children's Internet addiction is due to parents' carelessness.	c- Purpose

