

- 1 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.
- 2 Forty-six per cent of British parents believe their children spend less time with their friends; they are so busy playing with computers. Besides, 55 per cent of parents feel apprehensive that their children will become info-addicted at an extremely early age.
- 3 The report cites the example of Alexander Feldman, 13 years old from West London, who switches on his PC as soon as he returns from school, often spending several hours, staying up late to take part in chat groups on the Internet.
- 4 Alexander said, "It is sometimes hard to switch off because there's so much thought-provoking information on the Internet. 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 e-friends from different countries, *I've* learnt to type, speak and write in many languages."
- 5 Author Mark Griffiths, psychology lecturer at Nottingham Trent University, claimed the report showed that information is becoming "the drug of the millennium". He added, "Have we become facts-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."
- 6 The survey of the business people found that 53 per cent longed for electronic information and 5 per cent got "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.

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**I COMPREHENSION (15 POINTS)**

{BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT}

**A** Answer the following questions with information from the text. (2 pts)

- 1 Which negative effect does the use of the Internet have on teenagers, according to Alexander Feldman?  
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- 2 Why can't people feel how much information they are being exposed to?  
.....

**B Are the sentences TRUE or FALSE? JUSTIFY. (3 pts)**

- 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.  
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- 3 The survey found that few Internet users suffer from information excess.  
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**C Fill in the chart with the right information from the text. (3 pts)**

Cause	Effect
Children are busy playing with computers.	Children prefer their computers to their friends.
There is so much information on the Internet.	.....

**D Tick (✓) the right title for the text from the list given below. (1 pt)**

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

**E Find words in the text which mean approximately the same as the following. (3 pts)**

- 1 fear (paragraph 2): .....
- 2 interesting (paragraph 4): .....
- 3 collect (paragraph 6): .....

**F What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (1 pts)**

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

**G Complete the following sentences with information from the text. (2 pts)**

- 1 Alexander Feldman stays up late to take part in chat groups on the Internet **despite** .....
- 2 Children should be able to relate to each other, communicate and get the physical exercise they need to develop **along with** .....

II Language (15 POINTS)

A Fill in the blanks with the right word from the list. (3 pts)

          censorship    altruism            stereotype    initiative            sanctions    lobbying            violation

- 1 The country has been subject to UN ..... as it does not respect the international resolutions.
- 2 The judge sentenced the criminal to two years of prison for ..... of the law.
- 3 Muslims show their sense of ..... by helping indigent people.

B Rewrite the following sentences as suggested. (4 pts)

- 1 Ali caught a bad cold because he took off his warm clothes.  
Ali should .....
- 2 The UN has sent soldiers to restore order in Libya.  
Soldiers .....
- 3 Maria was pregnant. Because of this, she was absent from work.  
Due to .....
- 4 Foreign workers are still leaving Libya because of the political instability.  
By the end of this month, all foreign .....

C Choose a verb from the list to report the following sentences. (2 pts)

          told                    advised            asked            confessed            suggested            warned

- 1 "Did you hear the latest news?" Leila said to Amine.  
.....
- 2 "Yes, it was my fault; I was driving very fast," the driver said.  
.....

D Fill in with the right phrasal verb from the list. (2 pts)

          long for            set up            pick up            put off            set for            bring up

- 1 There is no sign that the rain will cease. I think they will ..... tomorrow's match.
- 2 After spending fifteen years abroad, Mohamed came back to Morocco and ..... his own business.

E Fill in the blanks with the appropriate linking words. (2 pts)

          as well as            what's more            despite            whereas            since            however

- 1 It took me two hours to answer the exam questions ..... the others finished in less than an hour.
- 2 He donates large amounts of money to the poor and orphans ..... volunteering in many environmental campaigns.

F What do these sentences express? (2 pts)

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|---|--|---|-------------|
| 1 | I'm a little dissatisfied with your service. | a | apologising |
| 2 | You'd better abide by the law.               | b | advising    |
|   |  | c | complaining |
|   |  | d | requesting  |

1 ..... 2 .....

